



# INNER WHEEL AUSTRALIA MAGAZINE

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*What a great idea!: Toowoomba has establishment two beds of Inner Wheel roses at the Sate Rose Garden in Toowoomba, This is the Club's special Centenary Commemorative Project. Special plaques will be unveiled at a morning tea event for Inner Wheel, Day 2024.*

## **Inner Wheel Australia**

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## **Inner Wheel Australia**

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## **Inner Wheel Australia**

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## IWA President Lynne's thoughts



Greetings across Australia, I hope your year is travelling well and great new strides are being made for those who you are so generously serving in your Inner Wheel life.

My contribution to our Autumn issue is mostly about my recent visits to another four Districts. My weeks have been filled with driving to my sister Joanne's home where I leave my car and stay with her overnight to then be taken by her to the airport to catch my flight to whichever destination is current and then collected on my return. My sister has been a wonderful Inner Wheel member providing these generous acts of service to make it easier for me to carry out these trips.

I have thoroughly enjoyed my visits to the four Districts in March. A77, A70, A51 and A40. The welcomes I received from each District were most appreciated.

I was delighted when A51 was able to fill the Executive positions needed to continue into another year and, I believe they will feel rejuvenated to grow into the future. The generous hospitality of Melissa Freeman in her beautiful home was wonderful. I knew I was welcome when the beautiful Versace graced me with her feline snuggles. Our drive south with Vice President Susan to Sydney was interesting, I saw a lot of NSW that I hadn't before.

Past President Liz Ralston spent time speaking of the history of one of our oldest Districts, a most interesting trip down memory lane, reminding us of past ladies who laid out the ground work for us all to follow on. A reflection on those who have gone before us shines the light on the path forward for us to continue the good work we all share in.

I was warmly welcomed to A77 where many kilometres were travelled to attend the District meeting in Boonah, then to Toowoomba and back to Brisbane. I was delighted to be able to present Honoured Active Awards to two very deserving members from the Sunshine Coast Club, Leeanne Ballinger and Cheryl Leddy.

I was generously home hosted by Zelma and Eric Hanley in their beautiful home looking down the amazing valley. After the meetings and activities were finished, I was driven to see the Toowoomba Rose Garden which is beautifully situated in this great regional city. Our two Inner Wheel roses are front and centre and lovely show pieces. I was kindly escorted around by the ladies of A77 who are deservedly proud of this salute to Inner Wheel.

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My journey across our great continent to Western Australia to visit A40 was most impressive. I gazed upon the Great Australian Bite for the first time, an amazing sight, I have only seen the land beneath us from a plane in previous trips to WA. Hospitality was again abundant with the beautiful drive to Rockingham for the District meeting which was in the Naval Club at HMAS Stirling. Again, warm hospitality with Chairman Coralie Deshon and her husband Fred. I was introduced to an Australian Marsupial called a Quenda which is a Bandicoot. They live in home gardens and can also appear in pubs during dinner which we laughingly experienced, they can be confused for a rat. Coralie also took the time to show me the beach at Cotesloe and then to Scarborough where my son Tim was living until his move to Germany. We enjoyed beautiful views of the great Indian Ocean in the warm sunshine.

My final trip, to A70 in South Australia was again, a warm, hospitable experience. I was hosted by Chairman Rosalie De Lurant and her gorgeous dog Ruby. I knew I had made a best friend when Ruby chose my knee to nestle on.

Several walks along the Torrens River were welcome, after much sitting, exercise is important. Rosalie spotted a Koala up a tree in one park we visited, very special. The animals I have met on my visits have made me feel very at home Except the Koala, it didn't engage very well with us. A variety of cats, dogs and a chook, I have many beautiful reminders of them on my camera.

I was very honoured to attend a service in the Uniting Church which is regularly attended by several of our members. The service included a tribute to Inner Wheel, and I was invited to be included in the prayers during this lovely occasion. A great opportunity to share in what we all do.

After nine District visits, I am looking forward to my three Victorian visits in April after our Executive meeting in Tullamarine, then finally a quick trip to Launceston to visit our Tasmanian ladies who are making a special effort to catch up with me.

Paul and I wish each and everyone of you a warm and peaceful Easter as we take time to reflect on what our purpose is in this life. The service each of our members contribute is a great reflection of the generosity exhibited towards the never-ending need for service. Your individual acts of kindness will be remembered and appreciated by those who you reach out to.

Thank you all for what you are doing and keep Working Wonders.

*Lynne*

Lynne Davine IWA President





# Inner Wheel Australia Inc

## Changeover 2023

The Inner Wheel Australia President and Executive  
invite you to join them  
for a weekend of friendship and celebration  
at

*Mingara Recreation Club,*  
12 Mingara Drive, Tumby Umbi, NSW

16 & 17 June, 2023

### FRIENDSHIP EVENING

Friday 16 June, 2023

5pm to 7pm

Enjoy canapes and  
entertainment, and a  
drink on arrival

\$40 per person

Drinks at bar prices

Dress: Smart casual

Should you wish to dine, at  
your cost, in the Club with  
friends afterwards, dining  
options are:

- Hadley's (casual dining)
- The Roasted Berry Cafe
- Ming Dragon

Bookings recommended to  
avoid disappointment.

Visit [www.mingara.com.au](http://www.mingara.com.au)  
to view menus and to book,  
or phone 02 4349 7799

### CHANGEOVER DINNER

Saturday 17 June, 2023

6.00 for 6.30pm

Drink on arrival  
2 course dinner,  
coffee, tea and chocolates

\$75 per person


Drinks at bar prices

Dress: Wear something that makes  
you feel

*Fabulous!*

R.S.V.P 17 May, 2023 using Registration Form  
to IWA Treasurer Lorraine Hyde

*We look forward to  
seeing you there!*





# Inner Wheel Australia Inc

## Conference 2023



**Cowes, Phillip Island**  
**11th –15th October**  
**2023**



Your intrepid penguins have been very, very busy since January. We took a special trip to “The Island” (as the locals call it). Moving on from San Remo, over the bridge and on to Cowes.

The new Gymnasium at the Cowes Primary School is a fabulous place to base our Conference. Set in a beautiful native garden and not far from the centre of Cowes it is a perfect setting for our major gatherings during the day and our celebrations in the evening.

Guest speakers have been confirmed, entertainment booked and caterers engaged.

On the Wednesday evening a special dinner and visit to the world famous Penguin Parade has been organised as an optional extra.

There is a variety of accommodation; guest houses, motels, caravan parks with powered sites and cabins as well as a huge selection of Airbnb properties which often allow a number of people to both share the accommodation and the cost.

If you are a regular conference attendee, why not invite someone from your club who has never been before.

Phillip Island is a magnificent place to visit and the Conference will stimulate and inform you.



## National Project Report

It is very heartening to see the many photos on Facebook of club members from around the country enjoying the "Inner Wheel Two for Ten". The initiative and foresight of past National Project Coordinator Dallice Robbins continues to bear fruit. The groups look great in the red polo shirts advertising the project and getting our name into the public arena. I know many sponsored funds will be gathered all of which will be put to excellent use by our researchers. I expect our next Read the Red will receive a big boost.

The Polo shirts have been a great success with over 100 purchased by members around the clubs. We are currently compiling our 3<sup>rd</sup> order which will be our last for this financial year.

Some District coordinators have advised me that they have sold all their allocation of pens. Which is a great result. It is anticipated that a rerun will be needed for the Cord Blood handbag brochure which has proved popular.

Our District Coordinators continue to meet monthly via Zoom. This is an excellent means of keeping in touch, sharing ideas, asking questions and solving problems.

National Representative Susan, has assured me that as soon as feedback and reports are available from our last group of researchers, the information will be available to share with all members.

I expect this is my last report to the Inner Wheel Magazine and would like to take this opportunity to thank the District and Club Coordinators who are the backbone of our National Project.

*Robyn*

Robyn Gillespie

National Project Coordinator.





## District A40

### *Abany*

Greetings to all Inner Wheel members.

Friendship Day was celebrated at Emu Point with a breakfast.

Feb meeting was our 27<sup>th</sup> Birthday and guest speaker was a student from St. Joseph College whom we sponsored.



### *Avon*

2023 began for us when members and husbands/partners gathered for breakfast at BB's Café to celebrate Inner Wheel Day. We always get together on the Sunday closest to 10<sup>th</sup> January.



We celebrated our International night with some guests attending who are keen to find out more about Inner Wheel. Wendy, our Social Convenor has organised monthly Sunday Drives for members and their families to various locations in the Avon Valley and so far members have visited Slater Homestead near Goomalling, York Open Gardens and Avonbrook Wines at Clackline. Those members who have been able to do the drives have really enjoyed them.

### *Gosnells*

Our current President and past President presented two year 12 students from Southern River College with Colin Waters scholarships for their commitment to their studies and academic success.

The Scholarship resulted from Colin's wish that The Inner Wheel Club of Gosnells be presented with the gate



takings of a Bring and Buy, the money to be used as needed in the community. It was decided to form a scholarship in his name and used to pay the fees of two upper school students who were deserving of a helping hand.

### *Kalamunda*

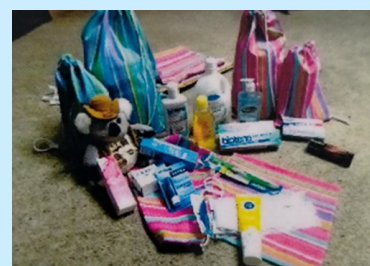
In March Robyn Fittall provided us with a very thought-provoking account of some of the problems facing the homeless and disadvantaged in the hill's areas.

Dorothy Smith and Heather Simon are still conducting craft mornings at Parry House Age Care. We know they work hard. Thank you both for your efforts.

Our fundraiser for Wheelchairs for Kids is to held on 25<sup>th</sup> March.

### *Kalgoorlie-Boulder*

Our wonderful club is fortunate to have such generous members who have donated three gold nuggets to raffle. These nuggets have been fashioned into a beautiful necklace and earring set. Raffle proceeds allow us to purchase products for local patients who are undergoing cancer treatment. These products help to minimise the side effects of chemotherapy and radiation, whilst also relieving the burden on patients to have to source and purchase themselves.



### *Karrinyup*

Our club celebrated the 90<sup>th</sup> birthday in December of our lovely member Gwen Mott. This was followed by our sausage sizzle in January.

Since then, we have had our function for the International Project, Wheelchairs for Kids. One of our very talented members, Maija White, organised

an 'Airing of the Quilts', and donated a beautiful patchwork quilt as a raffle prize. Other members and friends donated patchwork items for show (and airing) and a wonderful afternoon was held with tea, coffee and biscuits provided. A Scarborough Rotarian brought along one of the wheelchairs and gave a talk on the history and the aims of the organisation. It was an extremely successful day.



## ***Mandurah***

The Inner Wheel Club of Mandurah began the calendar year by celebrating Inner Wheel Day. Our President, Jacqui Horn hosted a brunch. Jacqui and her band of helpers served a delicious meal to members and their partners. It was a great way to celebrate Inner Wheel Day.

At our January meeting we celebrated Australia Day with a barbecue at the home of Gail and Reg Matthews. Members provided salads and desserts and Reg cooked mouth-watering meats. With very full tummies we participated in skill testing games provided by Yvonne and Bill Cavazzi. Another very successful meeting for members and their partners.

## ***Melville***

The members of Melville Inner Wheel were pleased to have a guest speaker from the local chapter of Days for Girls. The talk was very interesting and the proceeds of material and funds have sorted another 75-100 extra kits.

Our support has also assisted the Buckets of Hope, where donations of everyday cleaning items in a bucket are distributed to women in crisis seeking some dignity in a safe place they can call home.

## ***Rossmoyne***

At our Christmas Party last year, we had a special guest from New Delhi, India, join us. Archana Rigam brought greetings from her club. Their club is active in looking after many children from slum areas, teaching them literacy and life skills.

Members at our March meeting welcomed a visit from District A40 chairman, Coralie Deshon. We

enjoyed her talk which covered many aspects of Inner Wheel activities worldwide.

Our best wishes to all IWA clubs.



## ***Scarborough***

Our March meeting was a great success when we belatedly celebrated International Women's Day with a special afternoon tea and a photograph of us all "embracing equity" - the slogan for this year. It was exciting and fitting that we had 3 international guests for the meeting, and one local visitor who may join as well.

Two of the international guests belong to Inner Wheel clubs in their home countries.



## ***Swan Valley***

In January we held a very successful "Sundowner" at our President's home to raise funds for her local Charity for the homeless and less fortunate - Dreambuilderscare.



We all enjoyed the visit from our District Chair Coralie in February, an inspirational lady both with family and Inner Wheel.



At our March meeting our guest speaker was Penny from Days for Girls. Her talk was extremely well received by our members.



## Wanaroo

In February a few of our members attended the membership forum held by District A40. Our thanks to Eluned for her excellent presentation making it an enjoyable and interesting day. All clubs had the opportunity to put forward suggestions to encourage new members and our members came away, all fired up, ready to take these ideas to our February meeting.



Marg Bain, Yvonne Goodacre & Linda de Grussa

## District A50

### Cowra

Australia Day Official morning tea is hosted each year by I W Club Cowra. We assemble jammed and creamed scones, serve anzacs and cut up and serve the Australia day cake. The top icing is photographed separately. Cowra's official Australia day Ambassador was Mr Eren Incekara, a Little Wings Pilot (of course he is certainly not little). Money paid by Cowra Council is part of the donation we make for A50's International Project for 2021-23, WASH (Water and Sanitation, Hygiene) in Timor Leste.



Photo shows some of the members doing a taste test on the scones.



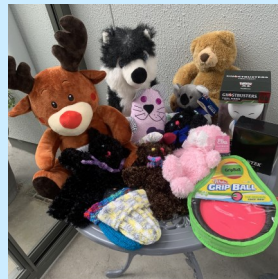
## Tamar Valley

Our club is a mixture of experienced IW members, Past District Chairman and new members who have bought new friendships and ideas.

Our fundraising was a Bunnings Barbeque, Savouries and Drinks and a donation from a past member, who has made us the recipient of her fundraising fashion parade.

We have donated goods to Women's Crisis Centre and Christmas Shoe Boxes.

We have filled all positions for 2023-24 giving us a great sense of optimism.



Some of the donated goods to the women's shelter.

## From the Editor

After three disrupted years this sadly is my last Inner Wheel Australia Magazine as editor, I would like therefore to take this opportunity to thank all those who have contributed to the magazines over the years. To editors, photographers, Club correspondents, Inner Wheel Executive, District Chairman and writers of special articles I give you my thanks. My special thanks to Presidents Elizabeth Tooke and Lynne Davine and Special Events Photographer, Judith Banks.





## District A51

Sadly, two of our long serving members and dear friends, Jennifer Furness (IWC Belrose) and Judy Singh (IWC Sydney Inner West), passed away over recent months. Both had served on the A51 District Executive and were familiar faces around Inner Wheel gatherings.

### *Balmain*

Balmain Club celebrated Christmas with members and friends with dinner and entertainment provided by our wonderful President Maggie Kent and guest piano accordion player and the drawing of our monster Christmas Hamper Raffle.

One of our members generously welcomed us into her home for a cocktail party in February, which was fabulous evening and a fun way to start our fundraising for the year.



**Celebrating Christmas at the Messey Park Golf Club  
Belrose**

Belrose club's PP Liz Ralston's presentation on A51's history at our recent District Meeting saved the District from folding. A full range of office bearers put their hands up to serve. Phew!elrose club's I.W. Day was combined with a Husbands & Wives bi-monthly lunch, so we all feel connected. Our Club's 30<sup>th</sup> Year was celebrated by inviting EX-members to share 'a cuppa' – a very happy morning.

Our club's member age now places a larger emphasis on **Friendship** – the First Object of Inner Wheel.

### *Camden*

Our major fundraising event was held in February. Fifty members and their guests enjoyed a wonderful High Tea and spent the morning in friendship, sampling homemade treats provided by

executive committee members who cooked favourite recipes including scones, lemon meringue tarts, chocolate slice, matchsticks, fruit tarts and mini cheesecakes.

Over \$1,700.00 was raised and will go to the Chris O'Brien Lifehouse for further research and treatment of all types of cancer.



### *Northern Beaches*

Northern Beaches Inner Wheel enjoyed morning tea at Flower Power Warriwood in February and continue meeting and assisting the Beach 2 Beach raffle. We have had a couple of members with illness and injury who are now doing well.



Northern Beaches members enjoying morning tea at Flower Power Warriwood.

## Balmain

Several of our ladies attended a fundraising breakfast to support Orana Women's Health Centre. The centre provides information, referral services, and support for women facing domestic violence services.

We held a very successful Christmas Stall in December at the Engadine Rotary Markets.

To celebrate Inner Wheel Day, we held a Church Service at Caringbah Presbyterian Church followed by lunch. A wonderful and successful day!



Sutherland members at one of their monthly morning teas.

## Woolongong

Our last endeavour for the year was to assemble care packages to donate to Women Illawarra, who support women in crisis.

Coffee mornings are mostly held at the Botanic Gardens unless the weather prevents us.

We celebrated our changeover at Murphy's restaurant. Barbara Williams was inducted as President.

Christmas was celebrated at Centro Restaurant in Wollongong and some members saw the New Year in at Heather and Wal Jenkins home.

# District A53

## Beecroft

Club meetings continue with good attendance and friendship. We have enjoyed a Melbourne Cup Lunch, Christmas Lunch prior to Christmas, a Greek Luncheon for our International Day function and various get togethers between members from time to time.

Support for our District and A53 Clubs attending District Meetings, A53 Club Special Events, Fund Raisers, Friendship Day, Birthdays etc. Enjoying the addition of Central coast Clubs North Gosford, Tuggerah Lakes & Wyong to our District.

## Blacktown City

IWC of Blacktown City started the year once again with its regular monthly Craft Days where it began new project supporting a "Golden Oldies" organisation for the rescue of older dogs. Recycled pillowslips are filled with quilting scraps and flannelette scraps to make soft pillows for the dogs to rest on. Several members attended International Women's Day events. One weekend catering for volunteers at the Blacktown Show.



## Gosford North

The Inner Wheel Club of Gosford North is a vibrant club that always strives to "Work Wonders" and offer the hand of friendship to those in need.

We have raised money through stalls, morning teas, trading tables and via donations



to support the following charities and institutions over the past twelve months: We Care Connect, NG Central School, Flood Victims in Lismore, Afghan and Ukraine refugees, Peter Weerasekera Orphanage, Sri Lanka, Kincumber Neighbourhood Centre, LIFELINE, Fred Hollows Foundation, Grandparents Raising Grandchildren, Days for Girls and Pink Ribbon Morning Tea.



## Happy Birthday Gosford North

We were very privileged to have a Charter member, Joan Williams, A53 Chair Carol Leaver, members from other clubs in our district and partners join us to celebrate our 50<sup>th</sup> birthday at a luncheon party on 8<sup>th</sup> March.

During the luncheon Kath McGrath placed our new Club Ribbon on President Christine Hiron's neck. Kath was presented the ribbon by IIW President Zenaida Farcon at last year's Conference.



## The Hills

We started our year with a wonderful Australia Day at the home of one of our members.

Our club's charity is Breast Cancer research and we make silky pillows in support of this.

We continue to make blankets for Wrap With Love. We have received a lot of squares knitted by friends of friends and this has swelled the number of blankets we can complete.

Last month, we donated three bicycles to Reech Cambodia from our fund raising efforts.

Now we are working up to Friendship Day, March 23<sup>rd</sup>. It is our turn to co-host this event with Tuggerah Lakes Club.

## Liverpool Combined

Our Inner Wheel year started off getting together with our partners for International Inner Wheel Day at an Italian restaurant.

At our February meeting we welcomed a new member to our club. All positions for the Inner Wheel year 2023-2024 were filled. Our club members enjoy attending District meetings and functions, as well as our own special events. We have been corresponding with clubs in South Africa, India, New Zealand and Italy. All these clubs have responded and sent their good wishes for our Inner Wheel year.

## Wyong

Inner Wheel Day was celebrated with a friendship luncheon at The Entrance. IWA Vice President Susan welcomed everyone and read an excerpt from IIW President Zeny's message. Past Wyong member Grace Litchfield, currently President of the IWC of Tamar Valley, joined us.

Our March meeting had a St. Patrick's Day theme, with members dressed in many shades of green, green-iced cupcakes to celebrate a special 'O' birthday and green-wrapped prizes for the winners of our Irish competitions. A new member was inducted during the meeting.





## District A54

### Corowa and District

Corowa and District have inducted four new members since the start of the year. In January we celebrated Friendship Day with Yarrawonga-Mulwala Club. On 4<sup>th</sup> March we welcomed members to the A54 Picnic Meeting and Luncheon, and once again enjoyed great food and friendship. We organised our first ever International Women's Day event where we welcomed 97 ladies, guest speakers and enjoyed another great lunch at the Corowa Golf Club and we hope this will become an annual event.



### Griffith

Griffith East has had a great start to 2023. We spent IIW Day with Leeton and Yenda Clubs at the Leeton Museum and Art Gallery, where some of our members took a trip down memory lane. Our club will also be combining with Yenda Club once again to participate in the two for ten walk fundraiser towards cord blood. Members have also enjoyed brunch at the Bell & Bull restaurant at the Gem Hotel. Our club looks forward to what 2023 has to offer.



**IT TAKES A LONG  
TIME TO GROW  
AN OLD FRIEND.**



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### Leeton

Leeton has inducted three new members so far in 2022-23. We held a stall at the Leeton show in October to attract new members and also entered the local Lions Club Christmas Tree Festival competition to advertise Inner Wheel. We have organised activities with other clubs including a "sporting challenge" with Yenda Club and hosted IIW Day with Griffith East and Yenda Clubs, where a lot of fun was had at the children's lego pit.



Griffith East, Leeton and Yenda members celebrated Inner Wheel Day in Leeton.

### Yarrawonga

March is an extremely busy month for Yarrawonga-Mulwala Club. Our very successful "Two for Ten" Walk was held on the 19th, and 2 major fundraising events to raise money for local charities are also happening. We are raffling an original oil painting by our member Maureen Holgate and have been busy selling tickets around town. We are also catering for a Casserole Night for the Rotary Club, a fundraiser we do three times a year.



A talented member donates a painting to be auctioned.

## District A55

### Alstonville

Alstonville Inner Wheel has had a busy time the last few months engaging in new projects. In September and October members attended a Stoma Kit Packing Training Day. These stoma kits are sent to New Gunia where they are desperately needed.

In November we participated in the It's in the Bag program, packing fifty-three emergency bags for women escaping domestic violence. We catered for a SES Awards Function providing afternoon tea for a hundred SES workers.



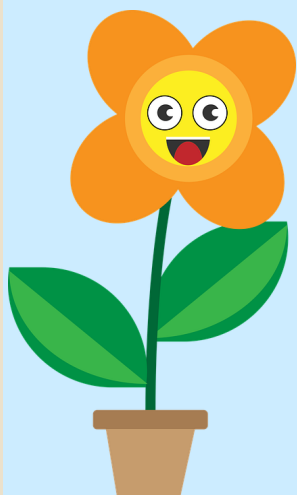
SES afternoon tea



It's in the bag

### Ballina

JANUARY 10th IINNER WHEEL International Morning tea was successful, it was Ballina's turn to Host it. 25 attended, Ballina Club 9, Lismore 11 and Alstonville 5. It was held at St. Mary's Anglican Church, plenty of Food and Friendship. . It was wonderful to catch up with our Friends from other Clubs and enjoy our Love and Friendship and to share our International Relationships.



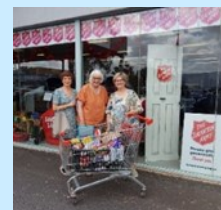
### Grafton

January saw us celebrate Inner Wheel Day with morning tea at the home of Cathy Woods. These home meetings are always relaxing and promote much discussion regarding future plans and the direction we wish the club to take.

Some members have expressed their desire to step down from Committee and the Club will move forward with a reduced number of Committee positions.



Mah-jong Christmas morning tea and donations.



### Inverell

January saw us start with our monthly birthday lunch which just happened to fall on Inner Wheel Day but had the main event at Maureen and Chris Newbigin's home "Dinner on the Deck". Plans are underway for an afternoon tea in February where we have invited 18 to 20 ladies along to tell them all about Inner Wheel with the hopes that a few may join.



### Lismore

The Inner Wheel Day Morning Tea on the 10<sup>th</sup> of January was organised by the Ballina Club, eleven of our members attended along with members of the Alstonville Club. A lovely morning of friendship was held and very much enjoyed by everyone who attended. We are looking forward to our International Night on the 1<sup>st</sup> March which this year is Vietnam.





## *Narrabri*

Wee Waa and Narrabri combined to have a Birthday celebration and Founders Day Celebration at Marinda Nursery and Café. A beautiful birthday cake was made by Anna Baird. Happy Birthday Inner Wheel.

President Pat and exec committee outlined Narrabri's guest speakers and our International Yum Cha at the last meeting.



## *Port Macquarie West*

The 98<sup>th</sup> District Meeting was held at Port Macquarie in November 2022. We were delighted to welcome our A55 Executive and all members who travelled to join us and, in particular to meet IWA President Lynne Davine.

Inner Wheel Day took place at a local restaurant where a number of us celebrated the day. Our numbers are smaller due to some members experiencing health problems but we support each other on a daily basis. Friendship is the motto of Inner Wheel and we all try to follow that theme.

## *Tamworth*

Each year at our Christmas function we place envelopes on the tables for members to contribute towards our chosen charity and this year it was St Peter's Church who provide meals to those in need. Inner Wheel Day was celebrated at the home of President Heather and husband Ross. We chose this day to present backpacks (which we had filled with school essentials such as exercise books, pens, pencils, textas, water bottles, lunch packs, folders, rubbers, glue and for the senior students, scientific calculators) to The Smith Family.



## *Wee Waa*

Narrabri and Wee Waa clubs joined together in Wee Waa to celebrate Inner Wheel's Founder Day. Wee Waa member made a beautiful birthday cake for us to enjoy.

At the first meeting of the year, plans were put into motion for the coming year. Their International night will be a Mexican Night this year. These nights are always well attended and a must do on the Social Calander of Wee Waa.



## **District A60**

## *Bendigo*

We assisted Rotary to sell tickets for their Christmas Trailer raffle and also at their BBQ for "Carols by Candlelight, two very worthwhile fundraisers for us.

We happily inducted 4 new members at our December meeting.

In Bendigo this year 130 people became Australian Citizens, we donated a native plant to each family.

Preparations are underway for our 90<sup>th</sup> BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS ON AUGUST 19<sup>th</sup>!! Bendigo is the longest serving Inner Wheel Club in AUSTRALIA!! with Charter No 1



Bendigo members receiving cheque from Rotary for assisting selling raffle tickets

## *Swan Hill*

Members from Inner Wheel Club Swan Hill joined along with 200 people in the Walk Against Family Violence on 25<sup>th</sup> November. This was the first day of Activism Against Gendered Based Violence. This drew attention to the extremely high rate of violence within our community and the urgent need for Safe Shelter for victims fleeing violence.



Inner Wheel is represented on a committee along with BPW, two Rotary Clubs and Lions Club

Membership is rising with support for ABMT, CB Research, Safe housing for DV Victims and local community needs



Deomstration of computer and stand donated by Swan Hill Club.

## Wendouree

Many members, along with members from other Victorian districts, Inner Wheel day in the Botanical gardens Melbourne while, others celebrated meeting at the Yacht club by the lake Fund raising events have been Melbourne Cup celebrations, Movie days and Blue Illusion fashion parades Membership has declined and we have sent letters to all Rotary clubs inviting wives/partners but to no avail. Club president Elize Shutt and husband Stephen celebrated their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary.



## Warrnambool

Hi from Warrnambool!

We have had a busy Christmas period and have managed to get our partners to our Christmas Party! Not the first time we've invited partners, but they have been very enjoyable.

Our December breakup at the Allansford pub was also a great way to celebrate the news that our President Kaye Slater is now married to her childhood sweetheart, Peter Sheppard! Congratulations Kaye and Peter.



## District A62

### Bairnsdale

Fundraising for 2023 is already underway with many members attending the home of member Dorothy Fenning who provided a delightful morning tea. Members had the opportunity to invite friends along and with perfect weather a wonderful morning was had by all who attended. Our thanks to Dorothy for a fantastic effort in organising this very successful fundraiser.

### Berwick



In November we hosted an Oak's Day fundraiser. Our beautifully attired guests enjoyed good company, "Fashions on the Field", race sweeps, trivia questions and a lovely meal. Many took home a hamper from our raffle.

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## Latrobe

Recent months have revolved around a lot of social and friendship activities. A balmy evening in mid-January enabled us to catch up together, with our partners, at Barb and Endel Vallak's home. Sharing of food and stories in a relaxed, light hearted atmosphere allowed us to check in with each other after events of the previous year, and to look to new adventures and challenges to be undertaken in the new one. It was also a contribution to our fundraising.



## Moe

On Sunday, 13<sup>th</sup> November, we held our 'Silver' themed 25<sup>th</sup> birthday celebrations at Old Gippstown Café in Moe. Almost 30 people attended and we welcomed guests including, IWA Directory Editor, Maria McEwen; District Junior Vice Chairman Erica Peck; District Secretary Yvonne Romp and other members from Warragul, Narre Warren and Cranbourne. Highlights were presentations by Yvonne Romp to Charter members Sandra Demagistris and Suzanne Somerville with 25yr badges; History speech by Sandra and Suzanne; cutting of the cake; a speech by Jenny Snape IWC of Warragul, who also won the main prize in Pass-the-Parcel.



## Narre Warren

The IWC of Narre Warren has focused on 'Community Capacity Building' this year. This has enabled our members to develop strong bonds and deeper friendships. It brought our members back as a productive community after COVID and it helped to create an inclusive unit for our new members and the years ahead. We held a very successful

International Women's Day luncheon for Cord Blood Research and developed a money tree for Foodbank Victoria. Locally we have supported "A Better life for Foster kids" and 'Buddy Dolls' for "Beyond the Violence".



## Pakenham

The Innerwheel Club of Pakenham joined the Rotary Club of Pakenham again this past year in having our Christmas Trailer Raffle. Tickets are sold at our various shopping centres around Pakenham for 8 weeks before Christmas. Again we were amazed at the money raised.

Another social event we introduced this year was a "Progressive Dinner" (with a difference) helping to raise funds for Cord Blood Research. A Japanese restaurant was booked for Entre and just a small walk down the street to the Thai Restaurant for main course.



## Phillip Island

The 14<sup>th</sup> January saw us celebrating Pat Taylor's 90<sup>th</sup> birthday at the Phillip Island Rotary Club Headquarters. Pat is a Charter Member of the IWC Phillip Island, and has been active within the club for many, many years.

The following weekend, we held our Annual Mega Garage Sale, once again hosted by Chris Wickes in her driveway and garden. Members provided goods including books, clothing, kitchenware, homewares, toys electrical goods, sporting goods, etc... and we were delighted to raise over \$1000 for our Kids of Phillip Island Project.





## Warragul

The Inner Wheel Club of Warragul, which is situated in West Gippsland, Victoria now has a membership of forty- seven. Each month we have a dinner meeting at “The Black Tie Restaurant”, enjoying friendship - and fun. Our club recently hosted Friendship Day, embracing the theme of “Elvis”. This was to honour Di Blackwood our A62 District chairman. Fund raising activities include Bunnings BBQ’s where the funds are given to Cord Blood Research.



## District A70

### A70 celebrating Inner Wheel Day

District A70 members joined together with partners to enjoy a tour, luncheon and international banner exchange at Carrick Hill on Sunday January 8 to celebrate Inner Wheel Day, officially 10th January each year.

We were honoured to exchange banners between A70 District Chairman Rosalie De Lurant and IWC of Palanpur City Committee Member and Past President Neelam Shah. A wonderful example of fostering international friendship and understanding on this occasion of IIW Day.

IWC of Palanpur City committee member, ISO and Past President Neelam Shah presented A70 District Chairman Rosalie with her banner.



## Holdfast Marion

To round off the year, our Christmas meeting was one of fun and quizzes. On each table, there was a Christmas stocking which was closed at the top and members had to try to identify the contents by ‘feel’. Another challenge was the quiz with 17 questions varying from the names of the reindeers and Wise Men to where the original Santa Claus was born. Barbara Chantrell, our President completed the evening by giving out a bag (each with a variety of goodies) to each member. The members had already given their gifts of food to the Marion Life group, and they managed to fill one of the members’ cars with them.



## Mobilong

Mobilong hosted the annual Combined Service Club dinner in October this year. This dinner is a major event for the Service Clubs of Murray Bridge and there is representation from eight clubs on its committee. The clubs take it in turn to host the event, 2022 was Inner Wheel’s turn to Chair and host. We had over 60 people attending along with our local member for Murray Bridge and our guest speaker Jill Chapman, the founder of MOSH (Minimisation of Suicide Harm). She gave us an informative talk on mental health and her own personal experiences.



## North East Sunset

There was no formal meeting in December as we had our Christmas dinner at the Clovercrest Hotel on 10 December. A lovely festive time was had, with a wonderful two course meal, and beautiful Christmas decorations on the table. A great way to end the year.



## *Tea Tree Gully*

We enjoyed various interesting and educational speakers over the latter months of 2022. – We heard from the Stroke Foundation when we were reminded of all the ways to check for stroke symptoms.

– A Conservation SA speaker updated us on how many mature trees are being removed from our suburbs, and the deleterious effects of this on the environment.

– We also enjoyed a presentation from David Jarman about our home grown true blue Australian hero, Hubert Wilkins.

## *The Adelaide Hills*

In October, we ran a successful Spring Fashion Parade showcasing outfits from Simply Style plus morning tea, with this year's summer fashions modelled by some members and friends. Some 50 attendees enjoyed the day. A lovely way to run a fund raiser.



Model Chris



Model Rae



DC Rosalie

At another meeting we were entertained by an Antiques and Collectables dealer. It was interesting to hear about each of our special pieces which we brought along for appraisal.

## **District 76**

### *Cairns*

CAIRNS held a successful Melbourne Cup Lunch fundraiser. The Sheridan Motel was the venue for their Christmas Lunch. On IW Day they joined with TAD and held a successful event to celebrate 99 years of IW at the Brothers Leagues Club

## *FNQ Tablelands*

FNQ TABLELANDS Tickets sold out for their fundraiser—a performance of 'Mama Mia', a local production by the Ma landa Theatre Company. More funds were raised that night with their Gala Night Raf fle. The Club took part in 'It's in the Bag' - a Christmas Appeal by 'Share the Dignity'. Nationwide 73,428 bags were collected yet thousands more were needed

### *Innisfail*

INNISFAIL hosted the last District Meeting which was attended by IWA President Lynne Davine and arranged an informal District Dinner in the evening. They held a Fun Meeting in November with competitions and time to talk. A social outing took them to Morning Melodies—Elvis Presley. They held a Christmas Luncheon and in January celebrated IW Day . A tree was planted in memory of Connie Riera at Warrina Lakes, an 'Ivory Curl' tree. Their \$100 fundraiser at Brothers did well.

### *Townsville*

TOWNSVILLE celebrated Christmas with a morning Tea at the RSL Club with friends also invited. A \$100 fundraiser did well. Like FNQ Tablelands, members took part in 'It's in the Bag', delivering 31 bags to Bunnings for distribution by 'Share the Dig nity' to needy women and girls. Cases of Covid caused the cancellation of their planned IW Day Morning tea on 10 January however they've just had a fun social 'Fish and Chips' evening on the Strand instead.

### *Trinity After Dark*

TRINITY AFTER DARK joined with Cairns to celebrate IW Day with a morning tea. Their first meeting of the year was on Valentine's Day and they took the opportunity to start the process of making felt hearts for the 1000 Hearts Project. Cairns and TAD will be holding their combined Cord Blood Two for Ten walk again this year at Yorkey's Knob, Sims Esplanade from 8am on the 22nd April to be followed by a Sausage Sizzle BBQ.



## District A77

### Boonah

On the 8<sup>th</sup> of January four of our members joined with Toowoomba and Brisbane West Clubs to celebrate International Inner Wheel Day at Marburg. Our January meeting was held at Jan Miles's place at Harrisville on as it coincided with my birthday. A few members were still on holiday but those who were able to attend enjoyed the evening. On the 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> of March we hosted the A77 District Meeting. A great attendance and was thoroughly enjoyed by all.

### Brisbane

We welcomed a new member at our 37th Birthday Celebration in February. Our *Bring a Plant Day* has been successful and interesting. Members bring plants along to the meeting, whether home grown or purchased, giving details or history if any, and then the plants are for sale. We invited a speaker from the Police Crime Prevention who gave useful information and advice re personal safety and distributed "Safer Living" Booklets. Members have donated baby clothing to The Young Parent's Program, our major project for this year.

*Celebrating Inner Wheel Day.*



### Brisbane North

Our Progressive Dinner was hosted at three homes. Ten members and Partners attended at each house for the main meal cooked by the host. A guest attending each house was asked to bring nibbles and another to bring a dessert. Following the main meal, the guests from two houses joined the third house for desserts and coffee. It

was a night of fun and friendship. Proceeds from a raffle went to our District Project "Drought Angels".



### Brisbane West

We celebrated IW Day this year by joining two other clubs: Toowoomba and Boonah Clubs with a Luncheon at the Historic Marburg Woodlands Estate. This year we raised funds for Cord Blood Research early, with the IWA 2 for 10 walk in February, and a Morning Tea in



March. We have raised a total of \$ 2345 this IW year and gave \$1000 to the flood victims of cyclone Gabrielle in NZ.

### Broadbeach

President Phia presented our founding Chairman Carol Allan, with a photo album of memories of her times in Inner Wheel. We distributed 50 tins of biscuits to the Meals on Wheels Broadbeach, as



gifts for elderly/lonely. At our November Meeting Members made cards for each of the tins of biscuits. A special birthday Luncheon was enjoyed celebrating founding member Corrie Forrester's 90<sup>th</sup>.



*Celebrating Christmas by giving.*

### Bundaberg Sunset

We welcomed our new club president Simone Mylrea and her committee at our Changeover. Our social activities since changeover have been a break from all the (also social) working bees we held in preparation for our High Tea & Trivia Night, held earlier this year. We were able to donate \$3000 to Bundaberg Health Services, \$1000 to Eden House & \$500 to the Cord Blood Project as a result.

*Our Club Members at Afternoon Tea supporting Bundaberg Central Rotary Club's Polio Plus fundraiser.*



### Gold Coast North

We hosted the November District A77 Meeting held at Southport Sharks Football Club. This was satisfying for our members who worked hard for many weeks preparing items for the trade table. In January, a breakfast was held at the Ross Evans Garden Centre for Inner Wheel Day. It was special to have District A77 Chairman Christine share breakfast with us. All moneys raised are to support Drought Angels, the District Project.



### Hervey Bay

The Club had a visit from Letizia Ra (Sicily) who belonged to the Niscemi Club, District 211. Banners





were exchanged and contact continues with Letizia. Martha de Ruiz was inducted into the Club. Members attended the IWA Conference and International Women's Day. Inner Wheel Day was celebrated with the two Bundaberg Clubs. The Christmas Stall and Raffle was very successful with funds going to Cord Blood Research.

## Rockhampton Sunset

With the sun shining and the sparkling blue seas rolling in, our 22 members and husbands celebrated Inner Wheel Day with a luncheon. This month we're holding a Bunnings sausage sizzle to raise funds for Cord Blood and in April a Trivia afternoon with funds going to Our Rainbow House. At our March meeting enjoyed the company of four new prospective members. Bravo!



Rockhampton Sunset ladies celebrated our International Night by members wearing bright coloured clothes to recognise the Inner Wheel Club of Lusaka in Zambia.

## Strathpine

Beanies for the mission to Seamen in Pt Headland and twiddle muffs for many nursing home dementia patients were delivered. It was quite heartening to receive thank you notes from the homes that appreciated the muffs. We celebrated IIW day with a delicious San Choy Bao meal at Beulah's home. On Australia Day, we gathered for a sip and paint afternoon. A lot of fun was had by all.

## Sunshine Coast

We celebrated International Women's Day by hosting a Combined Women's Service Clubs and Volunteer's Dinner, held in Buderim, on the Sunshine Coast, to thank women for all the tremendous work they do in supporting various



charities Locally, Nationally, and Internationally. The evening included a very inspiring presentation by Mitch Witherington into Drought Angels, along with Fiona Simpson, MP speaking about Inspiring Women.

## Toowoomba

Our Club joined with members from Boonah and Brisbane West Clubs to celebrate Inner Wheel Day. Raffle funds were donated to the District Project, Drought Angels, on behalf of the three clubs. The establishment of two beds of Inner Wheel roses at the Sate Rose Garden in Toowoomba, is our Club's special Centenary Commemorative Project. Special plaques will be unveiled at a morning tea event for Inner Wheel, Day 2024.

Muriel Burrell, Charter Member of the Inner Wheel Club of Toowoomba, was awarded an Honorary Active Membership Badge at our February 2023 Meeting.

Background: Muriel joined *Toowoomba Inner Wheel* on the 24<sup>th</sup> November 1984 as a charter member.

Muriel has held positions of Committee member, Social Convenor, Vice President, Past President and was President of the Toowoomba Club from 1998 – 1999. After 39 years as a member, she rarely misses a meeting or event even now.

Both she and her late husband Rex were consistent supporters of the club and functions over decades. Many functions were hosted at their home in West Street. Together, they attended many District Meetings and National conferences and encouraged others to also attend. Muriel was a delegate on occasions even attending an International Conference in Nice.

As *Inner Wheel's* main objective is to promote friendship, Muriel has been a gracious example and a character role model for our club. She quietly seeks out those who may be standing on their own and she puts people at ease with her gracious presence.

Although not a vocal member, her opinions are thoughtful and considered. She is pillar in our club and a fitting role model for the principles that Inner Wheel represents.



## Wishart

As members were away on IIW day we celebrated with a friendly toast from where we were. Our February meeting was the Clubs 26th Birthday, visit by DC Christine Bush, induction of 2 new members and an Honoured Active Badge presented. Our projects are going well. 112 Days for Girls Packs donated to Drought Angels and 200 Birthing Kits packed for New Guinea.





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