



Light News

From the IWA Executive - September 2023



From President Susan...

It's Spring - that wonderful time of the year when everything seems to be filled with optimism, promise and the possibility of new beginnings. New growth can be seen everywhere and gardens are a riot of colour. To continue to flourish, our gardens need to be lovingly tended; new growth won't happen unless we plant the seeds and continue to look after those seeds until they take root and grow. We can look at our membership in much the same way. Each one of us is responsible for growing our membership and ensuring that our clubs are vibrant and attractive, growing and evolving as new members take root and grow. This also means embracing change - which can be scary, I know - but change is necessary for growth, and essential if we want to see our organisation grow into the next century of Inner Wheel.



So, think about what you can do to share Inner Wheel with others - invite someone to a function; ask someone with the skills you need to help with something your club is doing; listen to what others say and figure out how Inner Wheel could help fill a need; have a '30 second commercial' ready to go for when someone asks "What is Inner Wheel?"; wear an IW pin or brooch to encourage conversation; have brochures in your bag, complete with your name & contact number; invite someone to a meeting - one that you know is going to be interesting with a great guest speaker, fun activity etc...not one where elections are being held or lots of business is on the agenda! Above all, just be yourself and share Inner Wheel in your own genuine style.

We often say Inner Wheel is a best-kept secret...let's work to change that!

Have a great month, make it your mission to Shine a Light on Inner Wheel with someone new, and keep smiling! 😊

From Vice President Julie...

After attending the Bendigo 90th, I was inspired by the club donating trees for the Australia Day new citizen ceremony. Because of this we thought how fabulous it would be if clubs Australia wide contacted their local councils to offer to do the same. Then one step further, add a tag to the trees with the Inner wheel logo and contact to welcome the citizens. Also, the tag could have the council logo on the other side. This could be our 100th celebration "Shine a Light" project.



Speaking of "Shine a Light" VP Julie and Mike are travelling south with their caravan, which Julie has turned into a mobile advertisement for Inner Wheel.

If you happen to see them on the road, make sure you say g'day!



Spotlight on...
IWA Conference

Don't forget...Registrations close on Friday 8 September. The penguins are working really hard to make this a fabulous Conference and you don't want to miss out!

This month the Exec members have shared photos of flowers in their gardens - we hope you enjoy!



Friends are like Spring flowers - they give pleasure by just being...



from Secretary Melissa... 😊



In my garden right now, the beginnings of Spring are just sprouting with my first tiny rosebuds making an appearance - after living in FNQ most of my life it is such a pleasure being able to grow roses successfully. I have red, pink, apricot, white and yellow roses, some with the most amazing fragrances! What I am enjoying the most right now are the rainbow lorikeets having a ball snacking on the grevillea in my garden.

Lucky me got to spend the afternoon wine tasting at 2 Hunter cellar doors on the weekend. The vines are just starting to awaken after a long sleep during winter. It was fabulous to see the vines sprouting baby leaves & buds.

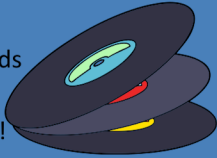
Budburst marks the beginning of the new growing season, when the vines awaken from their winter dormancy and begin to produce new shoots and leaves. Spring is the time when wineries in the Hunter Valley come alive with wine

tastings, it's the perfect opportunity to sample newly released wines from the latest vintage!



Treasurer's Light

Here are some old records that are worth keeping FOREVER!



Here are some that are not! You don't need to keep paper copies of everything! In fact on the ATO website it says that you can keep paper or electronic copies of supporting documentation, as long as the copies are clear and in English. If not in English then they need to be in a language that is easy to translate. Most records for Not For Profit organisations need to be kept for seven years. State bodies, such as Office of Fair Trade in Queensland will have some requirements that you will need to follow. ALWAYS keep a backup of your electronic records on a secure external memory stick, this will help when changing positions within your Club, District or Executive committees.



No recipe this month from me – too busy gardening!
Did you know that you can get edible begonias? Pretty and tasty!



Did you know...

In 1972, the ECOSOC (Economic and Social Council of the United Nations) confirmed the admission of Inner Wheel on the Roster of Organisations and IIW currently has seven IW members accredited at the United Nations offices in Geneva, Vienna and New York.

Through these members, IIW holds consultative status in the United Nations. Clubs provide information on their projects which support the UN commissions, particularly on the UN's Sustainable Development Goals concerning Human Rights, Rights of the Children, Conditions of Women, the Family and the Elderly, and Substance Abuse, focusing on Health, Education, Empowerment and Opportunity. The Inner Wheel representatives in the UN follow and assist the work sessions of these commissions and report to the IIW Vice President on the activities of the Committees and Conferences.

They are our link with UN organisation, and in turn must report to the UN on what we do in Inner Wheel. Copies of the annual reports from National Representatives are sent to our UN Representatives to keep them informed about the work of our members.



From IPP Lynne...

In case nobody told you today:
You are Beautiful
You are Strong
You are Loved
You are Enough
Exactly as you are



"To plant a garden is to believe in tomorrow"

- AUDREY HEPBURN

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Spring is nature's way of saying,
‘Let's party!’
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ROBIN WILLIAMS



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