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IWA Changeover edition

Welcome to the July edition of the Inner Wheel Australia Newsletter. This edition features the IWA changeover event held at Mingarra on NSW Central Coast in June.





IWA Conference 2023 in Cowes, Phillip Island October 11th -14th

Registrations now open—visit the <u>IWA website</u>
Register by 4th August and receive an entry into the Early
Bird draw—you could win \$250

International Inner Wheel Theme 2023-2024



Our theme and logo this year has been announced:

IIW President Trish Douglas encourages us to Shine a Light on all the amazing work that we do in the name of Inner Wheel around the world.

We can do our part here in Australia by sharing our achievements through this newsletter—Ed.

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IWA President Susan Chisholm's message

I'm looking forward to the coming year and the challenges, new experiences and fabulous fun it will bring, and I'm looking forward to working on a team with Julie, Lynne, Melissa and Jenni.

I can guarantee we'll always endeavour to get it right, and we may make some mistakes - and I know this because we are human and it's what we all do. I know from experience that mistakes are not always met with compassion and understanding but rest assured that in everything we do, we will be mindful of what is best for our organisation as every IWA Executive has been in the past.

"....Inner Wheel is bigger than one member, one Club, one District..."

I acknowledge there would be no Inner Wheel without members, but it's also important to remember that Inner Wheel is bigger than one member, one Club, one District, and it's the job of the Executive – who, at the end of the day, are also members, just like you - to ensure that the organisation as a whole is cared for. It's a responsibility we don't take lightly.

I have often said that the DNA of Inner Wheel, the essence of what we do, will never change, but the way we do some things does need to change. Old ways won't open new doors. I understand we have an ageing membership and the value of all that accumulated wisdom, experience and talent is invaluable and highly treasured.

"...we can respect and build on the past while looking ahead..."

However, it must be accepted that changes need to be made if Inner Wheel is going to remain relevant in Australia and that won't happen if we are expected to hang on to the way things have always been done. The comfort zone can feel like a beautiful place, but no growth takes place there.

We can respect and build on the past while looking ahead. Older and wiser doesn't necessarily mean better. We must remember that we have newer members who also have wisdom, experience and talent in many areas, and we also want to attract more new members, and younger members, all of whom have different expectations and ideas which need to be embraced and encouraged. After all, it is these members who are going to determine the direction of Inner Wheel in Australia in the years to come.



I would like to see members come together as a cohesive, supportive force of women who have confidence in themselves, their Clubs & Districts, and their IWA Executive as we work together to begin the process of rebranding Inner Wheel in Australia as a relevant, recognisable and attractive organisation to which others want to belong.

We have worked wonders this past year, as we do every year, in our tireless support of countless community organisations both here and overseas, and of course Cord Blood Research. Now, in the Centenary Year of Inner Wheel, we are being asked to 'Shine a Light' on all the work we do in the name of Inner Wheel. We are very good at doing what needs to be done to help others, usually with no fuss or fanfare. We need to get better at promoting ourselves and Inner Wheel; we need to 'Shine a Light' on everything we do and on the people and organisations who benefit from our support, so people in the wider community have the opportunity to learn about our organisation. This will help guarantee our growth and existence into the next century of Inner Wheel and I look forward to working with you all as we strive to achieve that.

Awards and Diary Dates

The Kings Birthday 2023 Honours List included a couple of names some of our members will be familiar with:

Congratulations to **Mary Howlett**, on receiving an **OAM**. Mary has been a member of **IWC Warragul** in A62 since 2014 and has been given the award for her service to the community and to education. Mary has worked as an Educational Consultant, Principal, Specialist Teacher and Classroom Teacher. Her contribution to music has been as an organ player in two parish churches, as well as president of the West Gippsland Glockenspielers. She has played the piano at Lyrebird Aged Care Village for ten years. She has been president, vice-president, course coordinator and tutor of U3A, and a board member and chairperson at Mawarra Centre. Well done Mary what an amazing contribution you have made to your community.





Congratulations also go to Margaret Whitchurch, on receiving an OAM. Margaret has been a member of Inner Wheel for more than 40 years, starting at Emerald in Qld, and this year is Secretary of her club Rockhampton Sunset. She has held many high profile position in Inner Wheel including District A77 Chairman, IWA Present and IIW Board member. Margaret has volunteered with the Heart Foundation for 30 years and served as a crisis support worker for Lifeline since 1994. A parishioner at St. Joseph's Catholic Parish, Margaret is on the the parish bereavement team, assisting grieving families organize funerals. Margaret was a founding member of the Royal Flying Doctor Service's Rockhampton Auxiliary and served as the groups President for 10 years, and currently serves as Director on St Ursula's school board, where Margaret once attended as a student. Margaret is the recipient of several other prestigious awards, including The Margarette Golding Award, Lifeline's Lifetime Achievement Award, Zonta club of Rockhampton Living Treasure Award and the National Emergency Medal (Queen's Medal) for her work with Lifeline Community Recovery, starting with the Emerald floods.

Although Margaret was reluctant to talk about her award, preferring to wait until after the presentation ceremony later in the year, an interview with her local paper CQToday in June cited Margaret's numerous achievements and helped me in preparing this.—Ed.

	Diary dates at a glance		
Date	Event	District	More details
August 19th	Bendigo Club's 90th	A60	Page 16
September 17th	IW Club of Macquarie Charter Luncheon	A53	Page 16
October 11th—14th	IWA Conference	A62	Page 19
2024 May 7th—10th	IIW 19th Convention	Manchester	Page 10









The Changeover Dinner was a formal affair. Tables were beautifully decorated with sprigs of wattle and gum leaves on crisp white tablecloths.

We took our seats to familiar tunes provided by Hannah Newton once again.

IWA Treasurer Lorraine Hyde lit the flame of friendship, A62 Council Member Alwyn Williams read the Objects of Inner Wheel, IWA National Editor Chris Wickes proposed the Loyal Toast and A53 Vice Chairman Julie Thorp led us in grace.

The entrée (alternate servings of Asian Style Beef salad and Moroccan Chicken salad) was followed by Apologies, Greetings and Roll Call led by IWA Secretary Pauline Brewster.

Our Main Course comprised of either Macadamia and Herb Crusted Salmon Fillet or Beef Tenderloin.

TIW Board Director Elizabeth Tooke proposed a Toast to International Inner Wheel before IWA President Lynne Devine gave her President's address and made a presentation to outgoing Officers and Council Members.

The Induction of 2023-24 IWA President Susan Chisholm was followed by Susan presenting Lynne with her Past President's badge.

Susan then Introduced her Executive Committee, Council Members and Elected and Appointed Officers before giving her President's Address and closing the proceedings.

The Flame of Friendship was Extinguished by IWC Wyong President Dorothy Morgan (Susan's mother).

CHANGEOVER DINNER

Saturday 17 June, 2023

6.00 for 6.30pm

Drink on arrival course dinner, tea and chocolates

75 per person

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The Flame of Friendship, The Goals of

Inner Wheel and The Toast to IIW























International Inner Wheel news



Introducing the Executive Committee of International Inner Wheel for 2023-24

What an exciting time to be a member of this wonderful organization. Celebrating 100 years next How will you celebrate Please let us all know, we'd love to share it around

year, we are

all encouraged to play our part and commemorate this milestone in one way or another. And, the 19th International Inner Wheel Convention 2024 is now open for registration.

Registration is available online at the 'engage' page of the <u>IIW website</u>

Early bird registrations are open now and this offer ends on 1st December.

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International Inner Wheel 19th ConventionManchester 2024



The Margarette Golding Rose

The Rose has been developed to mark the centenary of Inner Wheel. Its development was initiated by Past Association Presidents Zena Coles and Thelma Pacsoo, bred by Philip Harkness of Harkness Roses, and launched at the Chelsea Flower Show on 25 May 2023. Read more about the launch here

IWA Executive Committee

I invited IWA Executive Committee; Susan Chisholm, Julie Brzozowski, Melissa Freeman and Jenni Bennett to tell us a little bit about themselves. Here's what they had to say:

Susan

I grew up on the NSW Central Coast and moved to Sydney in 1986 when I began work as a Probationary Constable at Darlinghurst Police Station – where I met my training buddy, Norm. We have now been married for 32 years. Our son still lives in Sydney and 3 daughters moved with us when we moved to the Central Coast 10 years ago. I have worked in retail and aged care, have taught scrapbooking for 20 years and am learning to quilt and paint.

My Inner Wheel adventure began 25 years ago when we were living in Castle Hill and Mum, an Inner Wheel member since I was very young, rang to tell me about a new club forming locally.



Wanting to do something to give back to our community after being so well supported following the loss of our eldest daughter, I started attending meetings of IWC The Hills and was a Charter Member in November 1998. At the time I was 33, with 3 children under 4, and I never envisioned what was ahead.

I later became a Charter member of IWC Sydney Inner West and when we moved from Sydney I transferred to Mum's club, Wyong.

Our first grandchild was born in February and she is a constant reminder of the importance of family, which always comes first.

Julie

I arrived into the world on 3rd February 1958 much to the adoration of my parents Alice & Walter James. Yes – my maiden name was James. My Dad was a primary school principal and Mum was our strength.

As a family, we ended up on the Gold Coast in 1969 where I went to Broadbeach State School and then to Miami High.

Skipping ahead to 1977 when I met and married my husband Mike whom I met on a South Pacific cruise. We married a nearly a year later. We have two children – Kerri and Nick – ten years apart and four grandchildren. They are my world!

Although I trained as a teacher, I preferred administration/bookkeeping which I did for a number of years before we moved to Cairns in 1990 to undertake the running of a security business. North Queensland has become our "forever home". In 1995 I began my Inner Wheel journey.

We were kept busy throughout those years with the business and raising our children until we sold and retired in 2018. The Tablelands became our home in 2015. I enjoy going away in the caravan, cricket, reading, and AFL. We adore our Birman cat – Puddin.



IWA Executive Committee

Melissa

proud Queenslander by birth, I currently live in The Hunter Valley in NSW. My father was in the RAAF so we moved around in my primary school days. My first school was at Fanny Bay in Darwin (prior to 1974 cyclone) and from there I lived in Raymond Terrace (near Newcastle).

I lived in Cairns FNQ from 1973 to 2010 where I finished grade 6 onwards. After high school I was accepted into Queensland University where I had great intentions of becoming a Barrister. I deferred for a year, and after a small stint in a lawyer's office, decided that was not for me! I soon found a job as a Girl Friday in a real estate office in 1980.

I was a director of a large real estate company in Cairns for some 35+ years and now currently have my own business, consulting to 3 real estate offices and a lawyer. I have one child James who was born in Cairns – he is my greatest achievement. I am now blessed to have a granddaughter Ella who is 4 months old, and she is the biggest joy!



My dream was to live on a vineyard and I am now surrounded by them. I am a passionate AFL fan and love to cheer on my team The Giants, love most sports and of course wine tasting!

Jenni

was born and raised in the Southern Vales area of South Australia. My parents had a farm, and Mum was a teacher – until she got married! After 21 years, she went back teaching and loved it.

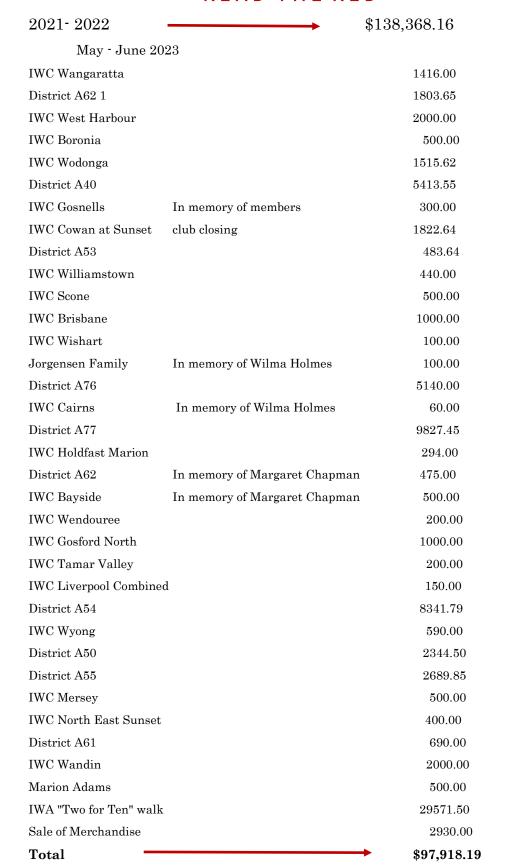
I attended the local primary and high schools. Both Mum and Dad were very involved in the local Community, and my two sisters and I continue that legacy, although we no longer live in the Willunga area. Interesting fact, Willunga, back in the 70's, was the largest nut (almonds) producing area in the southern hemisphere!! Luckily I was born in the 50's!! Now days, its wine and olives!

I worked in the Commonwealth Bank for many years, where I met my best friend and husband, Michael. It is our 42nd Anniversary this August. We have three children. I taught patchwork and applique while the children were little, and in the mid 90's, we had a children's wear shop and I made a lot of the stock. For a while a friend and I had market stalls selling handcrafts – it was great fun. Most of my 'real' jobs have been bookkeeping and administration orientated.

When I am not working on IWA Treasurer, or IWC Trinity After Dark tasks, I love the tropics, coffee, crochet/knit, cook, read (mostly mysteries) and do things with our family. And ... love reading "decluttering tips" – always worth a laugh!!

Inner Wheel Australia National Project

READ THE RED



2022-2023

BANK BALANCE AS AT 30TH JUNE



ongratulations on a great effort



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\$248,439.99

Let's meet some of the District Chairmen

District A40 WA 14 Clubs

Chairman Josie Jamieson

(Gosnells)

Our District Changeover was held at the Rockingham Naval Club on Saturday 8th July. Unfortunately, on the Thursday evening our incoming Chairman - Josie Jamieson - tested positive for Covid so could not attend her own induction. How-



ever, we still had a successful day with 13 of our 14 clubs being represented.

About Josie:

I was born in a small village in Southwest Wales. My parents owned a small farm, my father continued with his building and undertaking business. I am an



only child and had an idyllic childhood with plenty of freedom. After attending the local Grammar school, I attended Teachers College in London. After qualifying, I taught Home Economics at a school in Lon- About Julie: don's East End.

In the meantime, I met my husband David, a New when I was a small girl when Zealander. We travelled extensively around Europe my mother was an Inner before moving to Perth in 1973. It was then on to New Zealand in 1974 and returned to Perth in 1975.

We have three children, two daughters and a son and nine grandchildren. I returned to the workforce in 1985, teaching Home Economics. I'm now enjoying retirement.

I joined Inner Wheel in 1987. I have been President Five times, International Service Officer, Social Convenor as well as assisting in other positions over the years. At District of Cord Blood Coordinator, International Officer and Vice Chairman.

I have taken the opportunity to visit many overseas clubs and made new friends in several countries. I find it an honour to be part of Inner Wheel, a vibrant group that Margaret Golding would be very proud of. Josie Jamieson

A40 District Chairman

District A50 N&W 8 Clubs

Chairman Janet Power

(Blayney)

District A51 N&W 7 Clubs

Chairman Sandy Guy

(Balmain)

District A53 NSW 12 Clubs

Chairman Julie Thorp

(The Hills)

Our District Changeover was held at the Rydges Hotel in Norwest on Thursday 29th June. Our guests on the day were representatives for our chosen charity "Grace's Place" who were very grateful to receive our cheque. Other special guests included incoming IWA President Susan Chisholm whose IW club is in our District. Exciting times ahead as we welcome a new club to our district—the IW club of Macquarie will hold their Charter Luncheon on 17th September.

Our Chairman this year is Ju-

lie Thorp.

My life in Inner Wheel started Wheel member.

I joined the Inner Wheel club of Ryde in 2008 when my great friend Rose Rocca requested that I attend one of



their meetings. When Ryde club closed I moved to The Inner Wheel club of The Hills. In both clubs I have been involved in many roles including Presi-

In Inner Wheel District I have had various roles and continue to enjoy my involvement.

I have a close relationship with Rotary and am involved in many activities as well as being coordinator of the IWA conference in Sydney in 2022.

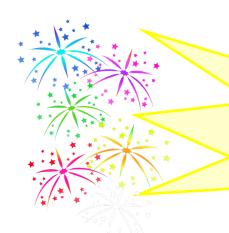
I am married to Stephen with two daughters and my two lovely granddaughters

My motto for the year is working together in fun and friendship.

Julie Thorp A53 District Chairman

Let's meet some of the District Chairmen





WE HAVE A NEW CLUB FORMING!

Inner Wheel Club of Macquarie (A53)
Charter Luncheon 17th September 2023
Invitations have gone out to all club secretaries

District A54 N&W 8 Clubs

Chairman Carolyn Alkemade

(Wagga Wagga)

I was born and raised in Melbourne, Victoria and married my husband Stan in 1969. We moved to NSW in 1985. In my younger days I worked as Secretary, General Store owner and finally as a Diversional Therapist at Narrandera Hospital in Allied Health. After



retirement and sale of General Store I joined Narrandera Inner Wheel. I held positions of Vice President and President and also ISO at District level A54. In 2013/2014 I was District Chairman A54 and was very proud to be chosen for this position. In 2018 we made a move to Wagga Wagga and I transferred from Narrandera to Wagga Wagga Inner Wheel. Presidency of this club followed, also District ISO for 3 years. I am now currently District Chairman for A54. Inner Wheel has definitely given me the chance to help serve my local community. Awareness of worldwide suffering and how I can help through Inner Wheel and most of all I have gained a circle of loving and caring friendships.

Carolyn Alkamade

A54 District Chairman

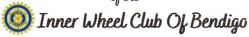
District A55 NSW 9 Clubs

Chairman Christine Gallagher
(Alstonville)





President Gwen Rankins & Members of the



Invite you to help celebrate their 90th Birthday!

When: Saturday 19th August 2023 Where: Quality Hotel Lakeside 286 Napier Street Bendigo

Time: 11.30am for Noon

Let's meet some of the District Chairmen



District A60 Vic 6 Clubs

Chairman Marlene Sullivan

(Bendigo)



My growing up years were in Brisbane, then worked as a high school teacher on the Sunshine Coast. Married in 1971, we lived in London for 15 years, where I worked for an international computer company, in the very early days of personal computing. It certainly gave

me a taste for business, and when we returned to Australia in 1991, I established my own retail business. I became a founding member of the IWC of Maryborough, Queensland and had our first son, plus restoring a classic Queenslander - a busy few years! About 8 years later we were on the move again, this time to Victoria— eventually to Bendigo, and established in Gippsland one of the first fully digital radiology businesses in Australia. Became a member of the IWC of Bendigo, President in 2015-17, and District Chairman in 2018. My husband decided in 2020, the first year of Covid, that he wanted a separate life back in Queensland, so I am looking forward to 2023 as the beginning of a new phase in life and, whilst being A60 District Chairman, renewing many Inner Wheel friendships.

Yours in Friendship,

Marlene Sullivan IWC of Bendigo

District A61 Vic 8 Clubs

Chairman Margaret Ferguson
(Bundoora)

District A62 Vic 10 Clubs

Chairman Dianne Allen (Bairnsdale)

2023
55th Annual Conference
will be hosted by A62
and held on

Phillip Island,
Victoria

11-14 October 2023

Mark it in your calendar!



Let's meet some of the District Chairmen



District A70 &A 5 Clubs

Chairman Cathie Rumbelow (North East Sunset) ship growth, and of course witness how our District members will "Shine a Light".

Karen Winters

District A77 Chairman: 2023-2024

District A76 Qld 5 Clubs

Chairman Mary McDowell (Innisfail)

District A77 Qld 13 Clubs

Chairman Karen Winters (Brisbane North)



Our District Changeover was held on Saturday the 15th of July. We have 13 Clubs in A77 with a membership of 334. I joined Inner Wheel in 2002 when my Club chartered, the first position I took in the Club was Club Delegate, my learning about Inner Wheel began then and each day I feel that I learn a

little more about our members and the organization. I have held many Club and District positions throughout the years and have been fortunate to also serve on the IWA Governing Body. My District is blessed to have a full committee of dedicated members who represents a good section of our District Clubs. During this coming year we will have a focus on our Centenary with each of the District Meetings highlighting the 100th anniversary theme.

We will continue to shine a light on the objects of Inner Wheel with friendship being a focus. I know that we have a group attending the IWA Conference later in the year and others are preparing to travel to Manchester for Convention where they can immerse themselves in the very history of our organization, while sharing some international understanding as we engage with our Inner Wheel sisters from around the world.

I am grateful to be given this opportunity to serve the District and I am looking forward to sharing the Club's plans for this special year, ideas for member-

Our Non-Districted clubs:

Burnie TAS 16 members President Elayne Ransley

Clarence TAB 27 members President Lexie Bray

Lismore N&W 21 members President Margaret Frith

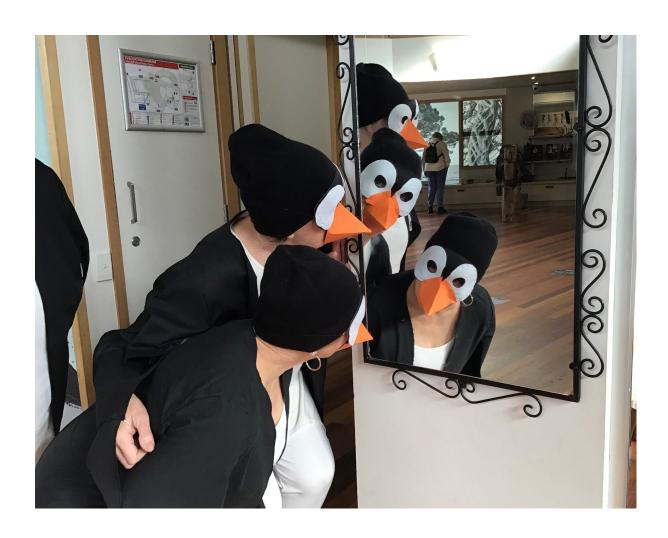
Mersey TAS 14 members President Tricia Hollister

Scone NSW 19 members President Elizabeth Coughlan

Tamar Valley TAS 19 members President Dot Smith

IWA 2023 Conference—Cowes, Phillip Island





Early Bird Registration closes 4th August More details and Registration forms available <u>online</u>

Conference dates 11th—14th October 2023

Cowes, Phillip Island

WE WOULD LOVE TO SEE YOU THERE



Inner Wheel Australia https://innerwheelaustralia.org.au





Objects of Inner Wheel

- To promote true friendship
- To encourage the ideals of personal service
- To foster international understanding

