



## Light News

From the IWA Executive - March 2024



CELEBRATING 100 YEARS  
International Inner Wheel - 19th Convention  
Manchester 2024



### From President Susan...

Last month I attended my own District's celebration of the IW Centenary at a birthday luncheon held at Grace's Place in western Sydney. During the function we had the privilege of touring Grace's Place, which is a world first trauma recovery centre that supports NSW children aged 3-18 affected by homicide, and provides them with ongoing counselling and temporary accommodation.

My Official Visits have begun again and I am currently enjoying the wonderful hospitality and scenery of A40. If you haven't seen my Facebook post I have included a few photographs of beautiful Mandurah for you to enjoy.



With A53 DC Julie and a representative from each A53 club



I am now in Perth and have attended the A40 District meeting where it was wonderful to meet more of our West Australian members and hear about the different projects and organisations they support. I am in awe of the amount of good work being done by our Inner Wheel members and we should all be proud of ourselves and each other. I have a few more days in WA before heading off to Tamworth for the A55 District meeting.

I hope you will all support Walk 2 for 10 in the coming weeks and I encourage you to ask friends and family to join you in walking, and to sponsor you. The money we raise for Cord Blood Research is invaluable and very much needed.

Wishing you a Happy Easter with your family! 😊



### from Secretary Melissa...

Well the year is marching on, and the Inner Wheel year is ramping up! We have just concluded our February Exec meeting, which was very productive and I am pleased to report there was no burning of my cat Sachi's tail! 🐱🐱🐱

- Invitations, registration and accommodation for IWA Changeover 14-16 June 2024, in beautiful FNQ have been emailed
- A reminder that Club and District information for 2024/2025 IWA Directory are due to be completed online (Forms 43 & 44) no later than 15th March 2024
- Proposal & Motion booklet: no proposals were received for this year's Business Session at 2024 Conference in Bathurst. There are 2 motions proposed by the IWA Governing Body; a reminder that the deadline for any amendment to these motions must be received no later than 7 April 2024. (The form does say 31 March 2024, the date has been extended by one week).
- IIW Governing Body Voting: All Clubs have been emailed directly from IIW, regarding test voting. IWA have not received any information on electronic voting to pass on.

With Easter starting at the end of the month here are some facts!

- **The original "Easter Hare" would judge kids to see if they were naughty or nice.** Yup, just like Santa Claus, the first Easter bunny was created to ensure kids were well-behaved before Easter started. Treats were only given to good kids, while those who were naughty were left with empty baskets.
- **The most expensive chocolate Easter bunny cost \$49,000.** It also contained 548,000 calories so best to eat with a whole bunch of friends. The most expensive feature was the two solitaire diamond eyes.
- **Most adults prefer milk chocolate to dark.** Adults are actually twice as likely to prefer the milky stuff, so keep that in mind if you're buying a sweet Easter surprise. Or try making a homemade treat instead.
- **Giving eggs is a symbol of "rebirth" in many cultures.** The egg symbolizes new life, fertility, and rebirth in many places around the world. Thanks to the rounded shape, it's also been used as a symbol of the earth and our connection with nature.
- **Americans will consume more than 16 million jelly beans.** That's enough jelly beans to circle the globe not once, not twice, but three times — or to fill a plastic egg the size of a nine-story building.
- **World's largest chocolate egg was made in Italy.** The world's largest chocolate Easter egg was made in Italy in April 2011. It measured 34 feet and 1.05 inches in length, and weighed approximately 15,873 pounds.
- **Most people bite off the ears of a chocolate bunny first.** In fact, a whopping 76% say that's where they take their first mouthful, followed by 5% who eat the feet first, and 4% who eat the tail first.





From Vice President Julie...

**The IWA Changeover on the Atherton Tablelands is around the corner - June 14-16. Have a fun weekend or enjoy an extended holiday in North Queensland. Information has been sent!**



**Lots to see and do! Enjoy a glass or two with friends at local wineries.**



**Keep your eyes peeled for a Cassowary strutting with his chicks. But remember, no sudden movements!**



**Yummy chocolate and coffee at Coffeeworks**



*Have an Eggeptional Easter*

From Treasurer Jenni...

Here's a few points to keep everyone in the loop!

- The International Directory will not be published again this year. There is a link on Forms 40 & 41 which will take you to IIW website to enable you to gain information via the Request for Contact Information.
- Club Badge orders need to be sent to the District for collation and then to Badge Officer Margaret for processing no later than 15 March. PAYMENT must be made before your order is dispatched. POSTAGE must be included in the payment - if it does not show on your District Form 32 or Non-District Form 31, then you are using an old form. Make sure you are using the current form by checking the IWA Website.
- Keep those New Member forms and Capitation fees coming! Make sure they have been completed and signed.

*It will soon be Bunny Season - here are some cute cupcake decorating ideas from Pinterest - Enjoy!*



**Happy Easter to you and your family 🐰**

P.S...

Did you stock up on Easter Eggs this month? Melt some plain chocolate eggs, and add broken pieces of chocolate eggs. Throw in some Smarties, filled eggs, maybe even a finely chopped scotch finger biscuit, and a jelly snake. Heat up some almond or peanut butter and swirl it around the chocolate. Go crazy!! Refrigerate until firm. Easter bark or rocky road!!



From IPP Lynne...

Amazingly, another month has chased us down. Time for an update on all things Membership. It's been great getting together via Zoom again with our National Membership Chairmen. We are lucky to have so many enthusiastic and innovative thinkers on our team. Lots of great discussions prompted ideas on how to attract new members.

Firstly, personal contact is a given. Let your friends know about Inner Wheel, hand them a brochure, which I know you all carry with you. This should prompt queries which I'm sure also, you will be ready to respond to. Interactive Workshops run by A55 Chairman Christine Gallagher, who is experienced in running these workshops, described the SWOT principles: Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, and Threats. These were circulated amongst our Membership team, and I hope they will find an opportunity to showcase them. A61 Membership Chairman Patti Stafford shared her incredible outcomes of their recent Membership drive in which 15 new, younger ladies, signed up at the first meeting they attended. This lady is a living dynamo, and full of great ideas and innovations.

I have received eight "interest in joining Inner Wheel" messages via our IWA Website and all have been passed on to the relevant District or Club with follow ups requested to see how we are tracking.

Currently we have approximately 2,428 members within Australia, including all District, NDCs and Members at Large. Treasurer Jenni is a wonderful font of Inner Wheel figures.

Keep up the good work everyone, we have so much to give and share and the world needs us.

Another of my responsibilities as IPP is the Cord Blood Research Grant Applications. The process has begun as we reach out to those who have been recipients before, and also some newer applicants. We will soon start receiving the applications which will be passed on to the Assessment Panel and eventually, we will learn who the successful grant applicants are who will then be presented at the Conference in Bathurst.

We were delighted to discover that Associate Professor Ngaire Elwood, a previous grant recipient, was made a Member of the Order of Australia on Australia Day, for her ongoing work with stem cell research. Many congratulations were sent to Ngaire from all in Inner Wheel.

Much time has been spent preparing the Spreadsheet for the upcoming IIW convention for the official Delegates and Proxies for Australia. A mammoth task for all involved and I'm sure the team at headquarters are working very hard to prepare for what will be an amazing occasion for our Centenary.

I close now and wish you all a wonderful and blessed Eastertide and hope you all find some down time to enjoy family, friends, or just your own company.

Cheers and Blessings,  
Lynne



*Spotlight on...*



**Are you all ready,  
are you RED, RED, ready,  
are you RED, RED, ready  
let's go!**

Once you get the tune in your head it sticks there all day so my apologies. Though I don't think the RED is the type they are talking about. I'm trying to get ready for my club's Two For Ten walk. I think I've overdone it a bit as climbing the steps at Optus Stadium then dancing to Pink is not ideal preparation I've discovered. But seriously I do hope you are joining in with our major national Cord Blood fundraiser. Wear something RED and walk two km for \$10. My son says he'll double his sponsorship if I run. NO CHANCE!  
Eluned Clark (National Project Coordinator)

