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As we move towards our 100th birthday anniversary, many of our clubs and Districts have been celebrating in one way or another. This edition features many stories and photos from our Districts.

IWA President Susan has been around the country visiting our members—you'll find some photos of her travels here too.

Have you been following *President Susan's Travel Diary* on *Inner Wheel Australia's* Facebook page?

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International Inner Wheel Theme 2023-2024



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.

IWA is making efforts to Shine a Light—with facebook groups, YouTube videos and this newsletter.



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Back row: Council members
Front row: Executive committee

IWA President Susan Chisholm's message

Time really does fly when you're having fun and as a result, the last few months seem to have gone by in a blur! November and December last year saw my Official Visits to A77, A76, A50, A54 and A53, and this year I have been to A40, A55, A51 and A70 with each District showcasing its uniqueness – in terms of both the personality of the District, and the beautiful part of the country it calls home.

In between official visits I celebrated Inner Wheel Day in Melbourne with the combined Victorian Districts and attended my own District's celebration of the Centenary of Inner Wheel. And of course, there was Christmas amongst all that, which was made even more special as it was our granddaughter's first.

"...Seeing and hearing about, firsthand, the incredible array of good works done by our members everywhere has been inspiring, humbling, and nothing short of amazing...."

I have cut and eaten birthday cakes celebrating 100 years, proposed toasts, given speeches and advice and dressed as a 1920s flapper on more than one occasion; I have asked questions and answered many more, been shopping and sight-seeing, walking, boating and swimming, and I have been hosted by very generous members and learned so very much.

Seeing and hearing about, firsthand, the incredible array of good works done by our members everywhere has been inspiring, humbling, and nothing short of amazing. It has certainly renewed a fierce sense of pride in our organisation.

Each visit adds something special to the rich tapestry of memories being created and the thread that joins everything together is friendship, shown and celebrated in all its forms in all corners of Inner Wheel. Thanks to the generosity of Clubs and Districts in supporting the IWA Disaster Fund, the IWA Executive team was able to act quickly to the disasters created by Cyclone Jasper in A76, and the ferocious storms in A77. Inner Wheel members on the ground in those areas were able to direct the money to local organisations, confident in the fact that every cent would go to people left in dire need by these awful events.

Thank you to all members for your support in the past of the IWA Disaster Fund, and thank you in advance for the support to come in the future. Of course, at this time of year we turn our attention to "Walk 2 for 10". National Project Coordinator Eluned and I hope our Oscar-worthy video has inspired you to gather sponsors and walk with your club members, family and friends to raise money for our Cord Blood Research Grants.



"...Thank you to all members for your support in the past of the IWA Disaster Fund, and thank you in advance for the support to come in the future..."

Make sure you share your walks or other fundraising events on Facebook or send the photos to Media Administrator Alwyn who will be only too happy to post them for you.

In just a few weeks I will have completed my official visits and will be winging my way to Manchester, part of the contingent of 80+ Aussies who will be celebrating the "Big 100" at the IIW Convention with members from across the globe.

I hope you enjoy what is left of this Inner Wheel year, remember to grasp every opportunity you can to serve your Club or your District and your community, and revel in the knowledge that in doing so, you make a significant difference.

Keep smiling!

Susan



Diary dates at a glance

Date	Event	Location
Nov '23—April '24	IWA President Susan's visits to Districts and ND clubs	All
May 7th—10th	IIW 19th Convention	Manchester UK
June 14th -16th	IWA Changeover	Lake Tinaroo
Oct 16th—20th	IWA Conference	Bathurst

Congratulations to Associate Professor Dr Ngaire Elwood on her most deserving award on Australia Day, a 'Member of the Order of Australia'.



Dr Elwood, a survivor of childhood cancer saw first hand the need for better therapies for cancer.

Her studies took her to London in U.K and North Carolina in U.S. before returning to Australia. She is currently the Director of the BMDI Cord Blood Bank and Head of the Cord Blood Laboratory at the Murdoch Childrens Research Institute.

Dr Elwood was one of the early recipients of a IWA Cord Blood Research Grants in 2003, and has received several more over subsequent years. There are more details of grants awarded and her specific areas of Cord Blood studies on the IWA website.

We wish Dr Elwood every success with her future work in this very important area.



District A40

Albany, Avon, Geraldton, Gosnells, Kalamunda, Kalgoorlie-Boulder, Karrinyup, Mandurah, Melville, Rockingham Kwinana Districts, Rossmoyne, Scarborough, Swan Valley, Wanneroo



The Inner Wheel Club of Kalgoorlie Boulder celebrated on Saturday 13th January with an evening at President Mary's home.



To celebrate Inner Wheel Day the IW club of Mandurah didn't disappoint. We held a poolside breakfast at the RAAFA Retirement Village in Meadow Springs. The area was festooned with 100 balloons and the bunting depicted International Flags. The day was a fundraiser for Days for Girls, and two representatives spoke to the gathered guests including District Chairman Josie, members and friends.

Melville IW club celebrated the day at the Heathcote Reserve in Applecross. Claire Brockway and another member from IW Club of Rossmoyne, IW A40 District Chairman Josie from Gosnells and Pauline James attended. The cake was made by Helen Edinger and cut by Rhonda Johns—Melville's two longest serving members.



The IW club of Swan Valley hosted their Inner Wheel Day lunch at The Brook in Ellenbrook. Members from four other clubs—Wanneroo, Scarborough, Rockingham/Kwinana and Kalamunda. Our guests also included Rotary District Gov-



District A40 cont'd...

This year Kalamunda Club decided to forego their lunch at the Kalamunda Hotel, which they have hosted for many years, and joined with the Inner Wheel club of Swan Valley at their lunch at The Brook in Ellenbrook. Some of their members shared a table with members from Wanneroo.



Inner Wheel club of Wanneroo met at the home of club Treasurer Alina for their Inner Wheel Day lunch.



Susan's visit

Extracts from 'Susan's Travel Diary: A40'

I have had some busy, but most enjoyable days in A40 ahead of the District Meeting tomorrow - I have seen giants, dolphins, thrombolites and an estuary twice the area of Sydney Harbour; I have dined with Mandurah members and the A40 executive, attended the exec meeting, featured in a short film 😊 and swum in the Indian Ocean.

More busy days in A40 - the District Meeting hosted by IWC Scarborough, another swim at Mettams Pool, lunch in Rockingham with the Past District Chairmen, fish & chips in Fremantle, exploring the Swan Valley and afternoon tea with members.

I visited [Wheelchairs for Kids](#) in Wangara, WA, with some members of IWC Scarborough. WOW! What a wonderful experience!

Started 27 years ago by the Rotary Club of Scarborough, the organisation is now known worldwide for donating rough terrain wheelchairs to children living with disabilities. We were shown a short video of children in East Java who were recently given their wheelchairs - and there were tears!

WFK benefits from ongoing support from IWC Scarborough and has also received support from District A40.

District A50

Bathurst, Blayney, Cowra, Dubbo, Lithgow, Oberon, Orange, Orange Minkie



IW club of Orange celebrated their 60th birthday in March. Pictured left to right are Sue Brown A50 Immediate Past District Chairman, Susan Chisholm IWA President, Lesley Williams IWC Orange President, Lesley Carter A50 Council Member, Meryl Usback A50 Badge Officer, Lorraine Hyde Past National President.



IWA President Susan cutting the cake with Orange Charter member Valda Bromhead, and longest serving member of IWC Orange, Devina Harrison



Susan's visit

Extracts from 'Susan's Travel Diary: A50'

24th November: It was wonderful to meet up with friends old and new at a friendship dinner at Club Dubbo.

25th November: District Meeting with a Christmas theme in the Savannah Room at Western Plains Zoo, hosted by IWC Dubbo. So good to see so many familiar, friendly faces and meet many more for the first time. Following the District Meeting and lunch we were entertained by 'Team Dubbo' with their fun rendition of 'Six White Boomers'. The audience helped with singing the chorus and everyone also participated in a rousing rendition of 'Aussie Jingle Bells' - a great day that finished up with a casual dinner with the Dubbo executive.

The fun continued on Sunday 26th Nov with a walk through the Japanese Gardens in Dubbo, lunch at Devil's Hollow Brewery, a visit to the Western Plains Cultural Centre to see the exhibition and have afternoon tea, home for a nanna nap (did I say that out loud?) then to the home of Dubbo member Denise for a special display of fabulous art and craft by the very talented Denise, Diane and Jean before dinner at Meryl's.

Monday 27th - I was driven to Orange for morning tea with members of IWC Orange, then went to Bathurst with DC Janet for lunch with Bathurst members at

The Hub. It was wonderful to have a chance to catch up with Nita, for whom I was secretary when she was President of IWC The Hills. This was followed by a lovely couple of hours with Bathurst President Judy & Rob, seeing some of the sights of Bathurst before catching the XPT back to Sydney.

District A51

Balmain, Belrose, Camden, Northern Beaches, Sutherland, Sydney Inner West, Wollongong

Balmain IW club members enjoyed a Morning Tea in a member's garden to celebrate 100 Years of Inner Wheel. Very enjoyable, delicious



Celebrating Inner Wheel Day in Camden
January 10th 2024



On January 10th this year many members were still away on holidays but a small group were able to meet in Camden for coffee and a catch up to celebrate Inner Wheel Day.



Wollongong IW club celebrated the 100th anniversary of International Inner Wheel with a delightful lunch at Three Flamingos Restaurant in Albion Park. Heather Jenkins, a talented member, created a specially crafted, delicious carrot cake for the occasion. The event was a heartwarming gathering, bringing members together in festive spirit, commemorating a century of Inner Wheel's impactful presence globally.



These are Belrose and Northern Beaches Clubs members, with our local Mayor wearing her Collar. We were hosted to a High Tea at the Council Chambers to celebrate the Centenary of Inner Wheel.

Just a moment before the photo was taken, somebody enquired "Have you put your Lippy on?" which brought out these wonderful smiles.

Susan's visit

Extracts from 'Susan's Travel Diary: A51'

My flapper dress had another outing today, this time to the A51 District Meeting held at the Canada Bay Club in Sydney's Inner West.

There was a fascinating display of A51's history, showcasing the strong and inspirational women who have gone before us and it was wonderful to see another group of strong and inspirational women who today accepted positions on the A51 Executive, ensuring the legacy continues. PDC Marion gave an enlightening talk on Margaret Golding so we could learn more about the woman she was, and of course there was birthday cake!

District A53

Baulkham Hills, Beecroft, Blacktown City, Campsie, Gosford North, Liverpool Combined, Macquarie, Norwest, The Hawkesbury, The Hills, Tuggerah Lakes, West Harbour, Wyong

IW club of The Hills members have enjoyed a wide range of activities over the past few months. We have celebrated Christmas with lunch, IIW Day at a Chinese restaurant, Australia Day with brunch at a member's home and a wonderful celebratory lunch for one hundred years of Inner Wheel at Graces Place. Lots of friendship and opportunities to realise how special it is to belong to Inner Wheel.

IW Club of Tuggerah Lakes have been celebrating our 100th celebrations on a couple of occasions since the beginning of the year.



In January we joined for dinner at Bamvino at Erina Heights for dinner and then in February several members attended a District luncheon at Grace's Place, Doonside. What a wonderful celebration it was! Sparkly wine, lunch and entertainment, followed by a tour of this amazing facility which will sadly be well utilised for temporarily rehoming children who have been removed from traumatised environments.



IW club of The Hawkesbury's Social Convenors Gillian Wilkins and Annie Dyke organised a wonderful celebration for the 100th Anniversary of Inner Wheel which included Australia Day.

The room was beautifully decorated to add to the ambiance. Our clever Social convenors wrote and performed an Inner Wheel song for this special event.

President Sue Pedersen inducted 2 new members and presented each with a Red Rose of Friendship. Margarette Golding (in disguise) welcomed our new members during the 100th Year of Inner Wheel.



Blacktown City IW club has had a busy year so far with Celebrations for the 100th anniversary of Inner Wheel, Craft days where we



made pillows for rescue dogs, bags for Days for Girls, and hats from recycled Christmas Cards for the Seniors Christmas Party. We also participate in catering at the Blacktown

Show. We have inducted a new member with the prospect of another lady joining the club.

District A53 cont'd...

Baulkham Hills, Beecroft, Blacktown City, Campsie, Gosford North, Liverpool Combined, Macquarie, Norwest, The Hawkesbury, The Hills, Tuggerah Lakes, West Harbour, Wyong

The IWC of Liverpool Combined celebrated their 30th Birthday in November. Our guests included members from the A53 District Executive, members of other Inner Wheel clubs, past members, current members, family and friends. Also in attendance were 6 Charter members who gathered together to cut the beautiful cake provided by club member Judith Banks and decorated by our newest member Janice. It was a very special day and attended by the ladies of West Harbour club who were our mother club. The history of our club was given by Aileen White who was the A53 District Chairman when we were Chartered and also by Judith Banks who was a Charter member. Four of our Charter members are still active members today.



The 100th Year of International IW is a time to reflect on all the extraordinary women who have been, and are members, of this wonderful organisation. Beecroft Club has supported the celebration of this anniversary by attending the 100th birthday celebration at Grace's Place, a Charity supported by A53 District and Clubs.

Our Club continues good attendance and great friendship at our monthly meetings and various outings. We support local organisations and enjoy having representatives of same speak to our members.

Charter members 2004



Current members 2024

Susan's visit

Extracts from 'Susan's Travel Diary: A53'

7 December: a day trip to Norwest, Sydney, for my official visit to the Christmas meeting of my own District, A53. It was a very festive day complete with the opportunity to do a bit of Christmas shopping! Thank you for a lovely day spent with my A53 friends.



District A54

Albury, Corowa District, Griffith East, Leeton, Narrandera, Wagga Wagga, Yarrowonga

The Inner Wheel Club of Griffith East celebrated the 100 years with great enthusiasm and joy. Our club hosted the district picnic meeting at the Anglican Cathedral in Griffith. Members from our district gathered for the special occasion, enjoying a lovely morning tea and lunch together. The highlight of the celebration was the 100-year cake, symbolizing a century of friendship, service, and cherished memories. It was a day filled with joy, laughter, and reflections on our club's journey over the past 100 years.



Inner Wheel Clubs of Griffith East, Leeton & Yenda celebrated with a High Tea at Myall Park Hall, Griffith Pioneer Park on Saturday 13th January 2024. Hosted by Yenda Club.

25 Members joined together in friendship, to shine a Light on Griffith in the 1920's Presented by Jason Richardson (Park curator) & to Shine a Light on Inner Wheel.

This included a PowerPoint presentation that focused on the history, the symbols & practices that we use in Inner Wheel. Local photos of previous IIW day celebrations were also included.



Members of the IW club of Yarrowonga Mulwala got together on Wednesday 10th January at Bonnie's Restaurant at All Saints Winery in Wahgunyah. The food was delicious and the company even better with a great mixture of ladies from both our clubs.



A beautiful day to celebrate a great milestone, 100 years of Inner Wheel legacy and service on Founders Day, 10th January 2024 at the picturesque Botanical Gardens restaurant, Wagga Wagga.

Celebrating remarkable courage empowered 100 years ago by founder Margarette Golding and her Committee.

Wagga Wagga IW club members attending the luncheon remembered Inner Wheel friendships formed over the years, service to the community and strengthening international relationships.

An incredible journey working together as one giving power, strength and encouragement to each for the benefit of others.



District A54 cont'd...

Albury, Corowa District, Griffith East, Leeton, Narrandera, Wagga Wagga, Yarrowonga

Narrandera Inner Wheel Club celebrated 100 years of Inner Wheel with members gathering at a local coffee shop for a lovely morning tea.

Lots of discussions about the early formation of our Club as we still have two founding members Mary Phillips and Pat Mulholland, who have been members for over fifty years.

Our Club was also nominated by the Rotary Club of Narrandera for "Organisation of The Year", in our Shires Australia Day Awards. Although unsuccessful, our Club gained great exposure on the day.



Albury IW club celebrated 100 years of Inner Wheel with our members enjoying breakfast at 'Cafe 2640' with lots of chatter and catching up for the new year.



Susan's visit

Extracts from 'Susan's Travel Diary: A54'

1 December: After boosting the local economy with lunch and shopping in the pretty town of Temora we arrived in Griffith and enjoyed lots of country hospitality and friendship during dinner with the A54 Exec and some husbands, followed by the executive meeting.

2 December: Hosted by IWC Yenda, we enjoyed morning tea, the District meeting and a wonderful Christmas lunch at beautifully decorated tables.

Thank you to DC Carolyn and all members for making me feel so welcome.



Norm Chisholm and Christine (Corowa IW club President) draw the raffle



These hearts are hand-made by IWA PP Robyn Gillespie and given to each new member to the District

District A55

Abstonville, Ballina, Grafton, Inverell, Lismore, Narrabri, Port Macquarie West, Tamworth, Wee Waa



Tamworth IW Club members enjoyed days of friendship making decorations for our A55 District March meeting.

We used the IIW theme of flowers from England – Rose, Ireland – Shamrock, Scotland - Thistle, Wales – Daffodil in a wreath sitting on our IW Emblem.

The A55 District Meeting theme - Roaring Twenties, to celebrate the 100 year Centenary.

All members attending dressed to the occasion, the function centre was decorated in Black, gold, white balloons. IWA President Susan joined in our celebrations.

IWA President Susan with VP Ros



Susan's visit

Extracts from 'Susan's Travel Diary: A55'

Thank you for making me feel so welcome in Tamworth.

A55 holds a forum before the District Meeting and this time DC Christine challenged members to build the Sydney Harbour Bridge using straws. There were some interesting creations with resourceful members using items such as glasses and salt & pepper shakers!

The Saturday night dinner was a celebration of 100 years of Inner Wheel with everyone in attendance embracing the 1920s dress theme.

It was a privilege to meet the guest speaker - semi retired magistrate and member of Tamworth West Rotary Malcolm Macpherson - who spoke about his long involvement with Youth Insearch, Australia's leading peer-led youth trauma recovery organisation, dedicated to supporting at-risk youth aged 12-25.

Tamworth West Rotary Club was an early and long term supporter of Youth Insearch and Malcolm has continued to be heavily involved in the programme which now runs in NSW, Queensland and Victoria.



District A60

Bendigo, Echuca, Geelong, Swan Hill, Warrnambool, Wendouree

In this Centenary Year of Inner Wheel, Bendigo IW club are proud to be the oldest Club in Australia, having just celebrated our 90th Birthday last August. Chartered in 1933, we are still going strong with 25 members. Three are traveling to Manchester in May to join in the International celebrations. Finishing 2023 with a magnificent effort at the Rotary Carols by Candlelight BBQ; kicking up our heels at a Christmas Lunch; joining with Melbourne members celebrating International IW Day at the Skydeck and in April enjoying an A60 District Friendship Day. Thank you Inner Wheel for Friendship and Fun!



IW club Warrnambool supports Emma House, our local women's refuge, but would not be allowed to take photos or report on anything there.

As a club, we meet monthly for morning tea, but have not had a formal meeting so far this year. It has been difficult since the sudden passing of our President last year. Our next meeting is planned for April 8th, when we will discuss a small project involving women and children. We held a very successful movie night on February 8th, all arranged in one week, to support local projects.

Swan Hill IW club members deliver Meals on Wheels, giving us a chance to chat with those living alone. The meals are cooked daily from the hospital which recipients appreciate.

Celebrating 100 years is so special and one of our members is attending celebrations at Manchester convention. A day spent experiencing life for early settlers at our popular tourist attraction the Swan Hill Pioneer Settlement was enjoyed by the members. A very nostalgic year.



District A61

Boronia, Bundoora, Kinglake Ranges, Wandin, Wangaratta, Whorouly, Williamstown, Wodonga

Recognizing 100 years, IW club of Bundoora installed a plaque in Bundoora Park on a barbeque donated previously.

Photo shows Club Members with District A61 Chairman Margaret Ferguson from left in brown hat and Club President Merle Maunder on right.

Our Club has been supporting a local primary school and we had the pleasure of presenting a red rose for their garden.

Celebrations on 10th January 2024 with A61 and A62 Members and our National President Susan Chisolm at Melbourne Skydeck were a highlight.



Susan's visit

Extracts from 'Susan's Travel Diary'

Another fabulous day in Melbourne! This morning I met with over 70 Inner Wheel members from Victoria at the Eureka Skytower, 88 floors above the city to celebrate Inner Wheel's 100th anniversary. We also had some IW members from India and Sri Lanka attend.



District A62

Bairnsdale, Bayside, Berwick, Cranbourne, Latrobe, Moe, Narre Warren, Pakenham, Phillip Island, Warragul



Bayside IW Club

Club President Carolyn with their cake to celebrate 100years of IW.

Inner Wheel Club of Cranbourne

Seven Cranbourne members travelled by train from Cranbourne to Melbourne. Joining Inner wheel members from Districts A60, A61 & A62 for a wonderful day of friendship & celebration at the Eureka Tower Melbourne Skydeck on Southbank. Taking in amazing views of Melbourne from the 88th floor. A few of us walked out onto the Edge, suspended above the Street below in a transparent glass cab.



Inner Wheel Club of Narre Warren

The Narre Warren Inner Wheel Club has focused on friendship and community service this year. We've had a special emphasis on Food Security and Cord Blood Research. Our club held an enormous gala event raising money for Foodbank, which is the largest hunger relief charity in Australia. Funding Cord Blood Research has been a major part of our monthly meetings, where we collect funds through our special food tree and raffles.

Inner Wheel Club of Pakenham

To celebrate IW 100 years the IW Club of Pakenham held their Annual Fairy Dell Breakfast, held in the garden of one of our members Alwyn. This is the 10th year we have held this breakfast.

Those in attendance were our own members/husbands plus numerous members from other IW clubs plus we were privileged to have our District Chairman Dianne Allen and Secretary Yvonne and their husbands in attendance.



District A70

Holdfast Marion, Mobilong, North East Sunset, Tea Tree Gully, The Adelaide Hills

To celebrate Inner Wheel Day and 100 years of Inner Wheel, District A70 Chair Cathie Rumbelow organised an exciting, guided tour of the David Roche Foundation House Museum (Fermoy House) followed by lunch just down the road at the Lion Hotel, North Adelaide. Some 26 ladies representing all our five clubs and 6 partners enjoyed the day.



In February the IW club of Holdfast Marion had the pleasure of hosting two visitors from Italy - Letizia Ragona of Club Niscemi, District 211, and her husband Stello. Stello was invaluable as he was the translator for us, as Letizia spoke no English.

There was a happy atmosphere between us during the evening showing that we could "Shine a Light" in both directions. Banners were exchanged with Letizia also holding a 100-year banner to celebrate IW's 100 years.



The Inner Wheel Club of Mobilong celebrated the 100th anniversary of Inner Wheel with a social lunch held at the home of one of our long-term members. A small number of members were present, but we had a lovely afternoon enjoying fellowship in the beautiful environment along the River Murray. We then enjoyed a walk along this beautiful river to raise funds for Cord Blood.



Members of the IW Club of The Adelaide Hills, partners and friends enjoyed a very relaxing three-hour cruise along the River Murray on The Captain Proud Paddle Boat in January. Boarding at Murray Bridge, they were also served lunch as they enjoyed the leisurely cruise. A wonderful social meeting to begin the Inner Wheel Centenary year.

President Linda was proud to represent the IW Club of North East Sunset in February when presenting four Cordelia children's books to North Eastern Community Hospital CEO Cara and Glynde Maternity Ward Unit Manager Emily on the occasion of our Inner Wheel Centenary Year and to commemorate the closure of this ward on 2nd March.

Many of our club members have a long connection to this local hospital with the birth of their own children and their grandchildren.



The Inner Wheel Club of Tea Tree Gully held their movie fundraiser at the Regal Theatre recently. *Force of Nature: The Dry 2* was enjoyed by members, partners and friends with proceeds from ticket sales and the raffle supporting Lions Hearing Dogs Australia. A Grand Fundraiser to kick off the Centenary Year.



District A76

Cairns, Far North Tablelands, Innisfail, Townsville, Trinity After Dark

Cairns IW Club welcomed the New Year with their 100 Year Celebration of Inner Wheel. They were joined by members of Trinity After Dark Club for a very enjoyable morning tea at Cazaly's Restaurant. At their following meeting, in celebration of the Centenary, the Club presented the video of founder Margarete Golding explaining how she commenced Inner Wheel.



FNQ Tablelands IW Club held a 1920s Luncheon with members dressing up in the theme to celebrate 100 years of IW. There was also a beautifully decorated Cake. To incorporate an international perspective, each member brought an unlabeled souvenir from overseas or Australian travel and then had a competition to guess which country the item came from. The respective 'attached' member then provided the answer, often with an interesting back story, or cultural perspective.



Innisfail IW Club celebrated the 100th birthday of Inner Wheel at the Crown Hotel with their husbands and their invited guests – 21 members attended. A specially made anniversary cake was cut by President Anna Bertei, Vice-President Robyn Di-Palma and District Chairman Mary McDowall. Most members proudly wore their new club shirts, gathering around the cake and wishing Inner Wheel a Happy Birthday. 14 members represented the Club at the Shire Hall to celebrate International Women's Day 2024.



Townsville IW Club's Centenary Celebration was a morning tea at the home of President Ann. Like IIW President Trish Douglas she is Scottish so guessing the International theme was easy especially with tartan on the table together with the 'taste of Scotland' menu and whisky, heather and thistle teas. The anniversary cake was a Dundee cake and the member closest to 100 was invited to cut it. A multiple choice quiz 'Translating the Vernacular' increased 'international understanding'!



IW Club of Trinity After Dark (TAD) members joined Cairns Club on the 10th January to celebrate 100 Years of Inner Wheel with a very sumptuous morning Tea at Cazaly's Restaurant. TAD also held a successful IGA 'BBQ & Bric-a-Brac' stall at a beach market together with a huge Christmas Raffle on two consecutive weekends in December. Then Cyclone Jasper arrived and, with its subsequent flooding, completed their very busy month!

District A77

Boonah, Brisbane, Brisbane North, Brisbane West, Broadbeach, Bundaberg, Bundaberg Sunset, Gold Coast North, Hervey Bay, Rockhampton Sunset, Sunshine Coast, Toowoomba, Wiskart



A77 District Chairman Karen, IWC Toowoomba President Wendy & IWA President Susan behind the rose bed in Toowoomba Rose Gardens.



Susan's visit

Extracts from 'Susan's Travel Diary: A77'

10 November - after being met by DC Karen Winters & David at Brisbane Airport we drove to Maryborough (with a stop at the Christmas shop at Tiaro). 🌲 Afternoon drinks and nibbles with members preceded an informal dinner where I met many members who had travelled to Maryborough for the "Girls Just Wanna Have Fun" District Meeting weekend.

11 November - District executive meeting, lunch, and a well run District meeting, afternoon drinks and a fabulous Roaring 20s themed friendship dinner including wonderful entertainment and dancing (hopefully all incriminating video evidence of questionable dancing will never see the light of day!)

Members participated in a competition to decorate a friendship candle and/or a tea towel depicting 100 years of Inner Wheel. It was wonderful to meet so many members and their husbands and I thank each and every one for making me feel so welcome.

14 November: Visit to Australian Red Cross Lifeblood.

A77 District Chairman Karen and I visited one of our recent Grant Recipients, Dr Sara Chiaretti and her team where they explained the process of growing red blood cells from the stem cells in umbilical cords of pre-term babies. The intention is to create an end product of red blood cells compatible with the blood cells in pre-term and low birth weight babies, ensuring safe transfusions.

The team was delighted to be presented with a cord blood bear. We were then taken on a short tour and had a glimpse into a small part of the lab where the research funded by our grant is taking place.



Non Districted clubs & Members at Large

Non-Districted clubs: Tamar Valley, Mersey, Clarence, Burnie

Tamar Valley club have been busy preparing Samaritans Purse boxes. They also support their local Womens Crisis Centre by providing thoughtful gifts.



During the centenary year Clarence Club has focused on women in our local community who are experiencing disadvantage. In particular we have sought to understand the challenges faced by those in the older age group. A major project has been the preparation of gift bags to donate to the Hobart Women's Shelter. Suitable items have been sourced from donations and also purchased with funds raised. Attractive cloth bags were thoughtfully sewn, filled and packed by members.



Members at Large: Barbara Smith, Jacqui Bayley, Brenda Bowden, Betty Breese, Valda Bromhead, Jeanette Burniston, Henny Gofton, Barnara Holton, Irene Treble

Our Inner Wheel Club of Southern Highlands closed on 2022 after 25 service to the community.

We still meet in friendship and I organised this with two other Members at Large and all past members of our Inner Wheel Club besides myself.

On the left hand side is Jeannette Burniston (red jacket) & Jacqui Bayley (Black Hat) and I am on the RHS with the large brimmed hat. We had High Tea in Dormie House which is not quite 100 years old but tied in with our celebration beautifully.



Thank You

For all your news and photos and whilst I have tried to include everything I was sent please accept my apologies in advance for any omissions— Ed.

Inner Wheel Australia Conference



REV UP FOR BATHURST

56th Annual IWA Conference

16th- 20th October 2024

Mark it in your calander now

Rev Up For Bathurst



Be part of our PIT CREW! October 16-20.
Don't forget your gear for an absolute **blast!**



IWA Changeover
14-16 June 2024
Lake Tinaroo Resort



CELEBRATING 100 YEARS

International Inner Wheel - 19th Convention
Manchester 2024



Going to Manchester?

IWA has set up a Facebook group

[Aussies Going to Manchester 2024](#)

Be sure to join it to stay in touch and up to date

- Order your green IWA shirt—your club has an order form
- Apply to participate in the global choir
- Purchase your IWA merchandise online now





Objects of Inner Wheel

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

