



# Light News

From the IWA Executive - May 2024

## From President Susan

April was a wonderful month, filled with all things Inner Wheel. It began with lunch in Muswellbrook with members of IWC Scone, then we had our Executive meeting where we welcomed incoming VP Ros and incoming Secretary Christine as observers. After that it was straight down to A62 before I flew to Launceston where I enjoyed a lovely lunch with the Tasmanian clubs amidst a few relaxing days. My visit to A61 followed before flying home for a few days before returning to Victoria for my final official visit, which was to A60 in beautiful Bendigo. As I write, I am in the midst of packing for our trip overseas, the main purpose of which is, of course, the IIV Convention but which will also include some time with family before and after the Convention. Keep an eye on the IWA Facebook page where you are sure to see lots of photos and news from the Convention!

Until next time,



Keep smiling!

Susan

## IWC Burnie



## IWC Mersey



## District A61



## District A62



## District A60



## IWC Scone



## IWC Clarence



## IWC Tamar Valley



## From Secretary Melissa

Wow the Inner Wheel year is fast coming to an end with only 1.5 months left to go! Still so much to do! I am looking forward to escaping the winter cold for our IWA Changeover in Far North Queensland next month. We hope to see you there!

It has been great to see our Aussie's abroad at IIW Convention, in the spirit of all things Australian here are some fun Aussie animal facts...

### 1) Australia is home to all three types of mammals.

It has over 300 native mammals, including marsupials, monotremes and placental mammals.



### 2) Lord Howe Island stick insect was thought extinct until 2001!

Only 9-35 adults remain in the wild at Ball's Pyramid, Lord Howe Island.



### 3) It's home to the inland taipan, the most venomous snake in the world

The venom in one bite is thought to be enough to kill 100 adults.

### 4) The population of kangaroos outnumbers humans.

The human population of Australia is around 25,704,340. In 2009/2010, The Australian Govt counted 27 million kangaroos across New South Wales, Queensland, South Australia, and Western Australia

### 5) The introduction of cane toads was an ecological disaster.

In 1935, humans introduced the cane toad to Australia to help eradicate the cane beetles that were eating all of the sugar cane crops. The plan backfired. Cane toads increased in numbers and territory, killing predators and depleting food sources for native species.

### 6) It's home to the world's happiest animal

Quokkas love to approach the humans who visit Rottneest with their cheeky grins. As well as giving them the cute factor, a quokka's smile helps them cool down.

### 7) The Female Funnel-Web is one of the world's most deadly spiders

Death can occur in humans within 15 mins.



### 8) In Australia, it is estimated that insects make up almost 70% of the biodiversity (CSIRO, 2005).

Did you know? Insects are the only invertebrates with wings.

### 9) Australia is home to the largest species of reptile.

The salt-water crocodile grows to 6m or more and has the world's highest jaw pressure: 3,000 pounds per square inch.

Registration  
Open now!



Ask your Club Secretary or download  
Registration forms & information under  
Conferences on IWA website



Treasurer Jenni is  
hard at work  
looking for clues  
for bank deposits  
with no reference  
or email!

Help her out – when you make a deposit to IWA  
please send Jenni an email to let her know what

the deposit is for



Jenni will be posting hearty winter recipes in  
next month's newsletter

From Vice President Julie



After long flights we arrived in London totally exhausted! We stayed with friends in Bath then boarded our home for the next twelve days - Regal Princess. We had beautiful weather and caught up with Dianne and Arthur Allen onboard. As you can imagine - lots of laughs. 76 Aussies on board along with New Zealanders attended the ANZAC Day memorial.

So what brings people together? Fun, friendship, purpose and laughter! Inner Wheel members going to Manchester, attending the IWA changeover and then sharing their stories at the IWA Conference in Bathurst makes for enthusiasm to grow our amazing organisation.

It's not too late ....  
Don't miss out!  
There is still time to  
register for the IWA  
Changeover 14-16 June.  
Registrations now open  
to **22 May 24.**  
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From IPP Lynne

You can feel it in the air, the excitement that has been generated through the ether, The skies are full of amazing people, flying off to Manchester for the International Convention. So many exhilarating experiences to be had. We wish everyone a magnificent and productive time over the next few days, and for some, weeks, and months of exploring all the wonders of the world.

Then there are those of us who have stayed home for one reason or another. We don't mind, we can share in the wonderful stories they will bring home to us.

We will keep the home fires burning, taking care of business that will keep arriving from near and far.

Many clubs have completed their "2 for 10 walks" and we look forward to this annual fundraising events outcomes. Our Cord Blood Research project just gets better and better. Congratulations to all who have taken part in their own way.

Many plans are already in place for the upcoming Changeovers around Australia, another Inner Wheel year has flown by so quickly, Thank you for all those ladies who have put themselves forward to take on positions in all categories, have a fabulous year, service always is its own reward.

Sadly, we have said goodbye to some clubs, and we hope those members who wish to, can find another to join to continue their Inner Wheel life of friendship and service.

There are also clubs who are growing and making great strides forward with their activities locally, nationally, and internationally.

Our Conference in Bathurst will soon be upon us also, so do not forget to register soon. While the cat's away, us mice at home will play on and look forward to exciting times ahead.