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IWA Changeover edition

Welcome to our changeover edition of the Inner Wheel Australia Newsletter. This edition has been compiled from my laptop in the UK through the magic of the internet and a lot of help from my IW friends. I hope you enjoy reading it. Ed.



Don't miss out on the Early Bird registration—it closes soon
IWA Conference 2024 in Bathurst NSW
October 16th -19th
Registrations now open—visit the [IWA website](#)

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International Inner Wheel Theme 2024-2025



IIW President **MAMTA GUPTA** has announced that our theme this year is Heartbeat of Humanity.

As we embrace this theme we are reaffirming our commitment to be a powerful force for good in the world. We take a pledge to remain the Humanity's Heartbeat forever.

President Gupta has also laid out her goals for the year which are available in detail on the IIW website.

Your Inner Wheel Australia Committee for 2024-2025

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President Julie with some of her Council members for 2024-25 at the IWA Changeover dinner

IWA President Julie Brzowski's message

Welcome to a new Inner Wheel year. I am so honoured to be able to take on the role of IWA President. I'm looking forward to another exciting and fun year ahead – working with an amazing executive – Christine, Jenni, Susan, and Clare.

I am so grateful to have guidance from Past President Susan and my Inner Wheel friends.

Your executive will continue to work together as a team to encourage each and every member to be amazing!

"...The room was filled with laughter and chatter like so many Inner Wheel functions..."

Time has flown since the IWA Changeover at the beautiful Lake Tinaroo Resort. Over 120 members, family and friends attended this special occasion. Yellow was the colour of the night. The room was filled with laughter and chatter like so many Inner Wheel functions.

Just a little about me. I'm a woman of few words. I have been a member for nearly 3 decades and yes at times I live and breathe Inner Wheel and as some of my friends say "It's all Julie's fault that we are in Inner Wheel."

I reply back, "You wouldn't be in Inner Wheel unless you weren't having fun and forming friendships that last a life time." Nothing is more powerful and inviting than seeing women laughing and having fun!

"...we need to harness this excitement and spread the word about Inner Wheel..."

Where to now? After the excitement of our recent conference at Phillip Island and the International Convention, I feel we have a renewed energy. We need to harness this excitement and spread the word about Inner Wheel. Open your clubs up to new ideas! Let your community know about all the wonderful projects your clubs have undertaken, our national project, Cord Blood Research and support for international projects.

We have a new website underway. The Strategic Technical & Data Management Team have been working on this since returning from the Manchester Convention. Our Media Administrator Alwyn is co-ordinating this project. We are desperately seeking quality photos, posed or otherwise, to utilise on our site.



We are very excited about this project as it can be used as a tool to help attract new interest and membership.

A recent communication from IIW President Mamta Gupta, "In the spirit of friendship and to strengthen our mission, I have a special request for each one of you. Let us take this opportunity to grow our Inner Wheel family. Membership Growth—EACH ONE BRING ONE—I encourage you to bring one of your friends into your club. By doing so, we can double our membership and amplify our impact in our communities. Imagine the power and potential of doubling our efforts and extending our reach to touch even more lives! As we preach, "Every Beat counts — Every Action matters."

We have all been able to "shine a light" last year, now we need to look to our future and embrace humanity and join as a cohesive unit to support each other and our community.

IWA President's Award

One of the many highlights at the recent IWA Changeover was the presentation of the Inner Wheel Australia President's Award. On her travels through the country President Susan heard of many members who give above and beyond for Inner Wheel, each in their own unique way. Susan has chosen to institute an award to recognise one of these members.



Congratulations to Maree Budweg - recipient of the IWA President's Inaugural Award. Maree, from the Inner Wheel Club of Wandin, District A61, was recognized for her "Consistent and outstanding personal fundraising efforts in support of Cord Blood Research".



This award was passed on to Maree at the recent A61 Changeover.

Like most dedicated members, we probably only hear about a small portion of the time, effort and personal commitment involved in the work that she has done over many years.



National Project

National Project Co-ordinator Eluned keeps us all up to date through her Read the Read Newsletter which is available on the [IWA website](#)

This year she has issued a challenge to us for our Two for Ten walk:

In 2022/23 we raised \$29,571.50 In 2023/2024 \$35,222.24 was raised.

Can we raise enough for a full research grant in 2024/25 just through our walk?

It's never too early to start planning! Can you find a local identity who would walk with you, they may need a bit of notice before their calendar fills up, have you set a date yet?

Honoured Active awards

Recently, two members of IWC of Toowoomba, (District A77) received an Honoured Active badge for their work in Inner Wheel.

Sheryl Weston epitomises what it means to be an Inner Wheel member. She believes in the organisation and the values that underpin it. She lives her life through these values – giving of her time to help the less fortunate through her involvement in her Club and the wider community.

She is a passionate and dedicated member of IW. She has maintained her deep interest, involvement and service throughout the years since being inducted in 2010, being on the Executive Committee each year from 2011 through to 2019 – Editor for three years, Club Correspondent and finishing her time on the committee in the third year of her three years as Club Secretary. She is a regular and consistent attendee at Club meetings and in the past District meetings.

Her attitude to being a member of her Club is that it is not enough to just turn up to the monthly meeting but that one must be involved and contributing. So, she willingly expresses her point of view in discussions affecting the Club and the District. Although no longer on the committee, she continues to contribute whenever and where possible. She is happy to join sub committees to help with the organisation of fundraising events: finding raffle prizes; bringing friends along or providing food for these occasions.

Rarely a social event occurs without Sheryl there. Some of what she has done and still does is unseen - keeping contact with our older members and those who maybe struggling or helping members in need. A true Inner Wheeler. She is such a positive, happy and friendly member of our Club and her genuine manner draws you to her just as she seeks out others, particularly new members, to ensure they feel welcome.

Delsey Banks has been a member of Inner Wheel since 1992. Joining first Emerald IW club before moving to Toowoomba club. She has held most position on the committee, some several times over.

Her commitment to Inner Wheel, her club and the community generally is unwavering

and she has been instrumental in teaching crafts and starting craft groups to provide much needed Premmie Pillows while encouraging others in the community to participate.

When the Toowoomba Club needs a trade or craft stall, the first contact is always Delsey and she volunteers not only her time but many items she has paid for herself. She is always willing to organize our stalls for the Club, whether at District level or Club.



L to R Desley Banks, Toowoomba club President 23-24
Wendy Orth, Sheryl Weston

Inner Wheel Australia changeover weekend



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 * The Friendship Evening was a *
 * casual gathering. Formalities *
 * were kept to a minimum allow- *
 * ing more time for members to *
 * catch up over dinner. *
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Inner Wheel Australia changeover weekend



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Call to Order	IWA Secretary Melissa Freeman	Toast to International Inner Wheel	National Representative Lynne Davine
Welcome & Introductions	IWA President Susan Chisholm IWA Vice President Julie Brzozowski	Entertainment Mark Both	Coffee & Tea In Service
Flame of Friendship	A76 Council Member Helen Crossley		
Objects of Inner Wheel	A50 Council Member Lesley Carter		
Grace	A77 Council Member Christine Bush	President's Address Presentation to outgoing Officers and Council Members	President Susan
Loyal Toast	A61 Council Member Pauline Barrett	Induction of 2024/25 IWA President	President Susan Chisholm
		Presentation of Past President's badge	IWA President Julie Brzozowski
		Introduction of 2024/25 Executive, Council Members and Elected & Appointed Officers	President Julie Brzozowski
		President's Address and Close	President Julie Brzozowski
		Extinguish Flame of Friendship	FNQ Tablelands President Jenny Todd



Main
Grilled Fillet of Seaclipper Snapper
With lemon, parsley and paprika sauce and Mediterranean
Colourful tossed salad with buffalo mozzarella and balsamic v

Grilled Chicken Breast
With basil and semi-dried tomato pesto
Roasted Garlic, Parmesan and Rosemary Potatoes
served on a platter

Entertainment
Mark Both



Thank
You



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Welcome to all the 2024-25 IWA Council Members

Welcome to the 2024-25 IWA Executive Committee



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International Inner Wheel news



It was a challenge to get all the Australians in one place at one time, but this is most of those who attended the IIW Convention in Manchester in May. More photos can be found on IIW website.



And here are the partners/paparazzi who were always on hand to help with carrying our bags or taking a photo for us.

IWA Committee

Last July we got know a little about Susan Chisholm (IPP), Julie Brzozowski (President) and Jenni Bennett (Treasurer); so this year I asked Christine Laws (Secretary), Wendy Bennet (Merchandise Officer) and Allwyn Williams (Media) Here's what they had to say:

Christine

I would like to introduce myself as your new National Secretary. I take on this task with enthusiasm and support for my very good friend Julie. It was on Julies' suggestion 23 years ago that my Inner Wheel journey began. My life began many years before that in Mackay as the daughter of a CSR mill working moving around Queensland, Fiji and Northern NSW. My schooling was in Brisbane living in Jindalee. Moving to higher ground following the 74 floods I meet my husband Mark in Toowoomba.



We continued moving living in Mount Isa and Townsville before settling in Cairns. I have a daughter living in Sydney and a son in Brisbane. My weekends are spent on the Atherton Tablelands where I do enjoy switching off the computer and pottering in my garden. I believe the reason my plants do so well is that I only tend to them on weekends. We are not far from Tinaroo Dam on which I have enjoyed water skiing with the family. The occasional walk around Lake Barrine and Lake Eacham endeavouring to keep fit. I look forward to more overseas travel in the years to come. I'm looking forward to making new Inner Wheel friends. Please say hello in Bathurst.

Allwyn

I have been a member of the Inner Wheel Club of Pakenham for 24 years and have held most positions during that time. We are in District A62 where I have been District Editor and District Chairman which then led to my appointment as Council Member. As District Chairman I used the mantra "Strong women look a challenge in the eye and give it a wink". This came back to bite me when I mentioned I had been approached about the IWA Media Administrator's position. I accepted the challenge and have been learning ever since. I was a primary teacher in a previous life, trained for teaching Home-crafts in Specialist Schools but most of my career was spent in the Prep grades with children in their first year of school. In my final years of teaching I was also Deputy Head of our Junior School. I have been married to Terry for almost 53 years and have three adult children who all have families of their own. We enjoy caravanning and have travelled extensively throughout Australia including three stints as volunteers in outback Queensland assisting children living remotely with their schooling. We also enjoy overseas travel, especially in Europe, as our youngest son has lived in the Netherlands for the past 16 years. I enjoy the research and planning before we go, certainly our time away and then preparing the essential photo book when we return.



IWA Committee

Wendy

In the coming year I am once again Merchandise Officer for IWA, a challenging but very rewarding position doing what I love - helping fellow members to reward themselves with something special in the name of Inner Wheel.

May I remind you all about our Merchandise Website where you can browse our selection of items suitable for your Club use and see ideas you might like to treat yourselves.

I am sourcing new ideas with our Logo on them which will be nice to present to guest speakers, new members, or for yourself to wear at Inner Wheel functions.

Hopefully you are attending our Conference in Bathurst, I will be waiting to see you with a smile and present a wonderful selection of all sorts of merchandise for you to take home as a memento of your time there.

Remember the Conference at Phillip Island, with the beautiful selection – well again I hope to take you all on a new interesting journey that will help our Inner Wheel organisation and give you our members pleasure. Cash and Card available.

Don't forget to raid your rainy day savings before you come

One never knows what you might find – just around the corner !



A massive thank you to IWA Events photographer Judith Banks for her photos and to my daughter Deanna for sending them on to me.

Thank you also to Alwyn Williams for sending me her photos.

-Ed.



IWA Districts 2024-2025

Let's meet some of the District Chairmen



District A40 W.A

Chairman Catherine Whitelaw

District A51 NSW

Chairman Sandy Guy
(Balmain)

District A53 NSW

Chairman Leigh Smith
(Blacktown)

District A76 Qld

Chairman Chris Jarvis



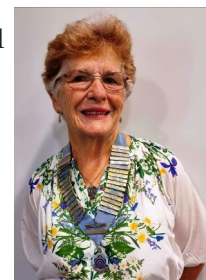
District A77 Qld

Chairman Leeanne Ballinger
(Sunshine Coast)

Leeanne joined the Inner Wheel Club of Sunshine Coast in 2010 – and since that time has held club positions as International Services Officer, Club Correspondent, Treasurer, Secretary, Social Convenor and President (albeit up to three consecutive years at times).

During the past five years Leeanne has also taken on district roles as International Services Chairman, Secretary, Junior Vice Chairman and Vice Chairman.

Leeanne says that she is committed to the objects of Inner Wheel as they fit snugly into her very own value system, which in turn keeps her grounded with a willingness to help make a difference to those in need when and where she can. She would also say that since becoming a member of Inner Wheel her life has been enriched with true friendship and an enhanced sense of belonging.



Leeanne lists her interests as family (first and foremost), travel and grey nomading in their caravan, live theatre and musicals.

Over the past seventeen years Leeanne has also been heavily involved with supporting her husband Phil in the Mooloolaba Rotary Club (often taking on the role of organising social activities for Rotary Partners and the club's social calendar).

Leeanne is the proud mum of two sons, their wives and five precious grandchildren.



Rev up for



BATHURST 2024

Early Bird Registration closes 9th August
More details and Registration forms available [online](#)

Conference dates 16th—19th October 2024

Bathurst, NSW

WE WOULD LOVE TO SEE YOU THERE



Objects of Inner Wheel

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

