



*IWA Conference Edition*



Welcome to the November edition of the IWA Newsletter. This edition features the IWA conference, held at Bathurst, NSW. More than 280 registered for the Conference, and nearly 250 attended the Gala dinner.

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*International Inner Wheel theme: 2024-2025*

*Heartbeat of Humanity*



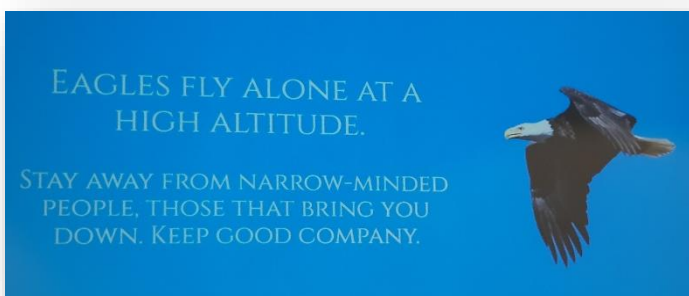
IWA President Mamta Gupta attended the Conference in Bathurst, where she explained the significance of the theme, with a powerful presentation.

President Mamta would like us all to reach for a better world, increase our numbers, and inspire others through "authentic human connection"



President Mamta gave an inspiring talk on "Life Lessons from an Eagle", featuring tips like "Eagles have a strong and accurate vision- Have a powerful vision and always remain focused regardless of the obstacles and you will succeed". Ending the presentation with "Be an Eagle in your life. Face the challenges and never give up"

She also encouraged us to think about increasing membership with e-clubs.



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Back Row: Council members  
Front Row: Executive Committee

### *Diary Dates for 2024-2025*

IWA Changeover: 20 – 21<sup>st</sup> June 2025, Gosford RSL, NSW

IWA Conference: 16<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup> October 2025 Corowa NSW

President Julie's visits to all Districts and ND clubs:

November 2024 – April 2025

IWNZ Conference 2025: 2-4 May 2025 Blenheim

## *IWA President Julie's Message*

**W**ow! How wonderful and inspiring was the 56<sup>th</sup> Inner Wheel Australia Conference in Bathurst. I am so grateful to have had such awesome support from the Executive and the ever-smiling members of the IWC of Bathurst and A50.



**O**ur mission was clear: to ensure that members left with smiles, inspiration, and a spirited boost for the year ahead. Mission accomplished! From our distinguished international guest, IIAW President Mamta, to the inspiring Jill O'Grady, a truffle-growing visionary, members found themselves invigorated and occasionally "exhausted" by the remarkable tales of achievement.

**S**o many stand out moments! During the Gala Night, a breathtaking vision draped in red, attendees were treated to heartwarming videos of two grant recipients who could not join us in person. I encourage all members to view the videos of Professor Suzie Miller and Professor Richard D'Andrea through the links shared by our National Project Co-ordinator Eluned on Read the Red and

our website. The most exciting news from the conference was our National Project, Cord Blood Research, receive a resounding vote of confidence.

**C**ameron Sharp the young performer on the night, passed on his appreciation to members for the invitation and the encouragement he felt at the Gala Night. Gen Croaker spoke about the local charity Can Assist. \$1600 was raised from our conference raffle. Thank you all for your generosity.

**I** extend my deepest thanks to everyone for making this a standout moment of my year as IWA President, a memory that will forever sparkle in my heart.

As I close, I leave you with this thought:

What is Christmas?

*It is tenderness for the past, courage for the present, and hope for the future.*

*Julie Brzozowski*



**M**ay this Christmas Season and the year 2025 bestow upon you and your family boundless happiness and joy.

# IWA CONFERENCE 2024



## BATHURST

56<sup>TH</sup> Annual Conference

16<sup>TH</sup>-20<sup>TH</sup> October 2024



### *Day 1: 16 October: Registration and House of Friendship*

Registration at the Panthers club where Conference Registrar Melissa Freeman and members from District A50 welcomed all attendees with open arms, warm smiles, and a bag full of goodies. Trade tables were laden with all sorts of enticing items to buy, there were Raffle prizes galore, and the Cord Blood table looked magnificent. Members caught up with old friends and made many new ones! Such a wonderful warm atmosphere ensured a great start to the Conference.



*Day 2: Thursday 17 October: Council Meeting*



*President Julie with IIV President Mamta Gupta and IPP Susan*



*Executive members came Revved up in their "Race Gear"*



*Clare receives her Vice President badge from President Julie*



## *Day 3: Friday 18 October: District Chairman's Breakfast, Opening Ceremony, and Gala dinner*



*Chairmen, VC and JVC all enjoyed a scrumptious brekky*



Today's program included:

District Chairman's Breakfast (for District Chairmen, Vice Chairmen and Junior Vice Chairmen at the Panthers club), the Opening Ceremony including Banner presentation by District Chairmen, guest speaker Julie O'Grady, and 'entertainment' by "the House of Baggs". The afternoon Forum Q&A turned out to be anything but questions and answers!



*The Mayor of Bathurst, Robert Taylor, welcomed everyone to Bathurst.*



*The Flame of Friendship was lit by Council member Dianne Allen, A62.*



*Executive members with partners and dignitaries at the opening Ceremony. IWA PP Robyn Gillespie was MC for the day*

*Below right: Guest speaker Jill O'Grady was absolutely brilliant! She told us about her journey to open a Truffle Farming business alongside her husband Neil. Her tenacity, sheer determination, and grit was inspiring, to say the least. We need her in Inner Wheel!*



*Council members*



*Banner Presentation by District Chairmen*



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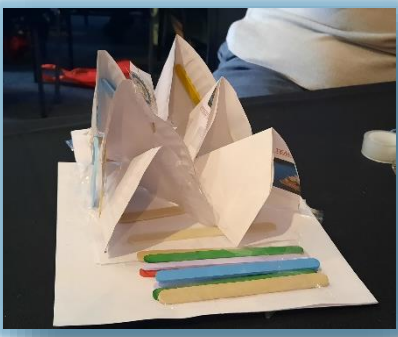


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In the afternoon, the *Forum Q&A* turned out to be “bags of Laughter” when the IWC of Orange presented “The House of Baggs”. Hilarious act causing belly-aching laughter. We were delighted to hear more about IIW President Mamta, received some tips on Media and how to approach local newspapers from Jenny Barrett, and the Inner Wheel Clubs of Sutherland, A51 and Boroonia, A61 were recognised for their 40 years of service. Christine Gallagher, A55 then put us through an exercise in Teamwork and engineering skill, building the Sydney Opera House with only a paper plate, some toothpicks, ice cream sticks, and sticky tape. More laughter ensued.



## Friday Night's Gala dinner



*IWA President Julie with IIFW President Mamta, IIFW Vice President Kay Morland and partners*



Friday night's Gala dinner was held at the Goldfields with the theme "a touch of Red". The décor was beautifully done, and everyone had a great time. Entertainment was provided by Cameron Sharp. New friends were made, emails and addresses exchanged, many photos were taken, and the night was a huge success.



*IWA Vice President Clare Swaan was MC for the night.*



*IPP Susan and National Project coordinator Eluned Clark announced this year's Cord Blood Grant Recipients: Prof. Suzie Miller and Prof. Richard D'Andrea.*



*Prof. Richard D'Andrea: Optimistic cord blood natural killer cell therapy for childhood acute myeloid leukemia.*

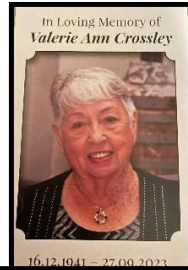


*Prof. Suzie Miller: Neonatal umbilical cord blood therapy to improve neuronal structure and cognitive function.*



## *Day 3: Saturday 19 October: Business Meeting*

Saturday's Business Meeting was opened by President Julie and the Flame of Friendship lit by Council member A70 Rosalie De Lurant. Business was dealt with in a timely manner, followed by the **Rose Ceremony**. IIW President Mamta spoke about the need to increase members, and inspired everyone with her wonderful presentations.



Valerie Crossley



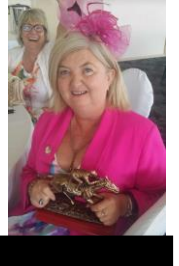
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Laurel O'Connell



Linda Harris



Bernie Keegan



Margaret Unwin



Jenny Ducie



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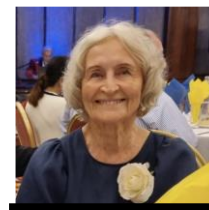
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Jan Hollands



Gloria Pietrobon



Judyth Langford



Valerie Cutcliff



Lee Fleming



Rosemary Whitfield



Barbara Wilson



Patreena Ayton



Betty Byrne OAM



Joan Nicholas

## Saturday evening Friendship dinner "Winners are Grinners"

Saturday night was a Fun night, with everyone rocking up in their best 'Rev up Gear'

Members and partners danced the night away to songs from the 60's to the 00's by the Mud Monkeys, with Dave Newstead on Guitar, Greg Bell on Bass and Andrew Elliot on Drums. Julie showed some hidden talent when she took up the guitar, and absolutely "rocked it"! A great night for Friendships to be cemented, and letting loose after a very successful conference.



## *Honoured Active Awards, Paul Harris Fellows awards, and other awards received by IW members*



*Irene Jackson Honorary Active member of Boronia A61, who will be turning 104 years old during the month of November. Irene resides in a nursing home and phones Club members of Boronia, who then knit Trauma teddy bears to give to the new residents when needed.*



*Maree Budweg IWC Wandin, A61, received the IWA President's Inaugural Award for ongoing work raising money for Cord Blood Research.*



*President Suzanne Lee-Archer presents Vicky Belcher, IWC Sunshine Coast A77 with her Honoured Active award on 11 September*



*President Helen Ware presents an Honoured Active Member Brooch & Certificate To Camilla Barker, IWC Wishart A77*



*Margaret Whitchurch, IWC Rockhampton Sunset A77 received a Paul Harris Fellow award on 5 July 2024 from the Rockhampton North Rotary Club.*



*Suzanne Lee-Archer received a Paul Harris Fellow award AND a Sapphire Award on 27<sup>th</sup> June at their club changeover, presented with the award by Rotary Caloundra Pacific.*



*Presentation from Wishart Rotary Club of Paul Harris Fellow to Claire Cameron A77*



*Marion Collins, President of Rockhampton Sunset, A77 received an Honoured Active award at their changeover dinner on 20<sup>th</sup> of July.*



*Sheryl Weston received a Paul Harris Fellow award on 15th June 2023*

*Bernadette Storer member of the Bendigo IW Club, A60, received a Paul Harris award from the Bendigo/Sandhurst Rotary Club on 19<sup>th</sup> August 2023*



*Gwen Rankins from IW club Bendigo A60 receiving a Paul Harris fellowship award On 19<sup>th</sup> August 2023 from Rotary Club of Bendigo/Sandhurst*



## Membership Badges



25-year badges were given to Felicity Burfitt and Sonja Goldsbury from IWC Hervey Bay, A77, both have been members of IW for over 30 years.



3 Members from District A77 received 50-year Membership badges this past year.

Norma Kendall: Bundaberg club

Jeanette Williams: Gold Coast North club

Jan Keevers: Brisbane club

## Milestone Birthdays

During the A61 District meeting, 3 Clubs celebrated Charter milestones. IWC Boronia celebrated 40 years on 9th October, Kinglake Ranges 10 years on 27<sup>th</sup> April and Wandin 30 years on 10th September.

District A51, IWC Sutherland celebrated their 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

IWC Toowoomba and Broadbeach, A77 celebrated their 40<sup>th</sup>, and 30<sup>th</sup> anniversaries respectively.



IWC Swan Valley, District A40, celebrated their 10-year Anniversary

*“Our 10<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebration was Dinner held at Stewart’s Restaurant in Upper Swan. We started the celebration with a complimentary glass of Bubbly at 6.00pm and time to catch up with past members, friends and members from a few other clubs.*

*During the evening District Chairman, Catherine Whitelaw, inducted 4 Ladies into the Club, and welcomed back two original Charter members.*

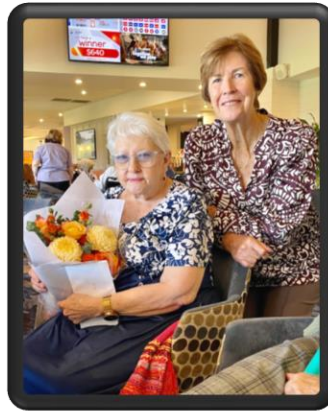
*In Honour of 10 years of service, 6 of the 7 Original Charter members were presented with a commemorative 10-year badge.”*



*Grace Cox member of Bendigo Club celebrated her 90<sup>th</sup> birthday on 19<sup>th</sup> August 2023. Grace has been a very active member of the club for 55 years*

*Katey Milne and Joan Green from IWC Macquarie turned 60 and 80 respectively this year.*


*Sally from Gold Coast North celebrated her 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday, and Barbara her 80<sup>th</sup>.*



*Bev from Rockhampton Sunset turned 80 on October 19<sup>th</sup>.*



*Linda from Rockhampton Sunset turned 80 this year*



**INNER WHEEL CLUB OF BALMAIN**


Documented in the NSW Parliament Legislative Assembly Hansard on 20 June 2024

I would like to congratulate the Inner Wheel Club of Balmain for being a wonderful community organisation who are passionate advocates for local Causes. This year, The Inner Wheel Club celebrates its 33rd birthday, with a proud legacy of supporting our local community.

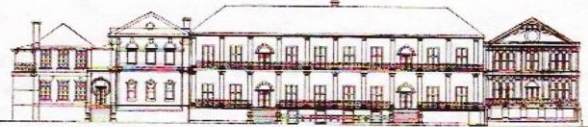
A few months ago, Inner Wheel hosted a fundraiser for Cord Blood Research. The club hosted a "2 for 10" fundraiser at Quarantine Reserve, Abbotsford in which members were challenged to walk two kilometres for every \$10 raised followed by an afternoon tea in our community. The campaign was successful in raising over \$900 for Cord Blood Research, which is Inner Wheel Australia's national fundraiser.

I would like to acknowledge some notable members of the Inner Wheel Club of Balmain, including Suzie McLeod, Leslie Byrne, Franca Rodilosso, Corinne Collins and Joyce Duncan.

I want to extend my congratulations and thanks to the Club Executive Committee for their hard work and dedication. I thank the Inner Wheel Club of Balmain for hosting and organising local community events important causes and wish all members the very best.



**Stephanie Di Pasqua MP**  
Member for Drummoyne



*Inner Wheel Club of Balmain A51, recently received this Award from the NSW parliament, which in particular honours several members of the club, as well as the club itself. A Great Honour.*

Corowa's the *VIBE* in 2025

District A54 invites you to join us for the Inner Wheel Australia  
57<sup>th</sup> Conference

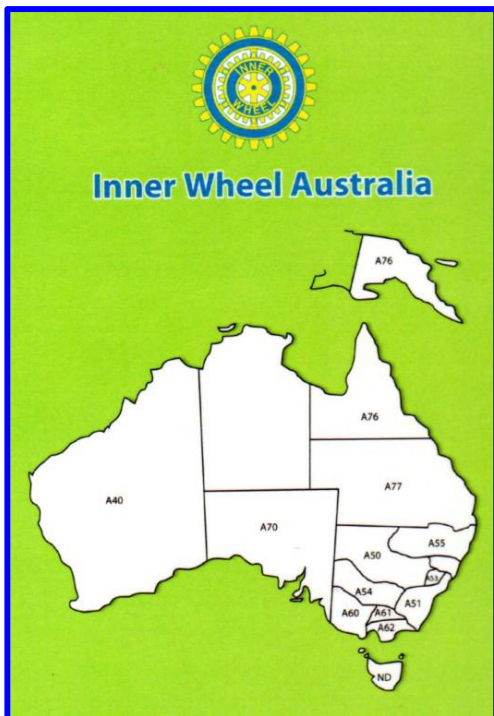
16<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> October 2025

At Club Corowa, Betterment Parade, Corowa, NSW

**Corowa - "the Birthplace of Federation"**



*A hilarious rendition of "Federation" by Club Corowa*



- OBJECTS OF INNER WHEEL
- TO PROMOTE TRUE FRIENDSHIP
  - TO ENCOURAGE THE IDEALS OF PERSONAL SERVICE
  - TO FOSTER INTERNATIONAL UNDERSTANDING