IWA EXEC NEWS

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WELCOME TO OUR NEWEST CLUB

On 8th August the Charter Luncheon for our newest club, the Inner Wheel Club of Canberra was held. Situated inside the new boundaries of District A54, the new club is being mentored by the District and the IW club of Wagga Wagga.



IWA President Yvonne Romp inducted the new members present on the day and A54 District Chairman Tonianne Hawthorne handed our newest members their club badges. National Rep. Clare Swaan presented the new club President with the club Charter. One of the many gifts generously sent to the new Canberra Club was the bell from the previous Canberra-Belconnen Club, which was presented in person by a past member to the new Canberra Club's President.

Congratulations to the new Canberra Club. We know they will love being a part of Inner Wheel and Inner Wheel Australia is proud to welcome them.

Members and guests from across the country attended the event.



CONFERENCE REGISTRATIONS CLOSED

This years conference is shaping up to be a fabulous event. Hosted by District A77 and being held in Maroochydore on Queensland's Sunshine Coast, the conference is an opportunity to catch up with members across Australia.

We have a great program lined up, with guest speakers, forum, partners tours, business session, entertainment and dinners.

We hope you have now registered and are looking forward to being a part of the magic!

IWA PRESIDENT

The last two months have been a busy time, not only for the IWA Executive but also for all our Club Presidents, who have now held their first few meetings and begun sending invitations to the many wonderful functions they have planned for the year ahead.

A lot of my time has been spent at the computer or and/or on the phone talking with Inner Wheel members. The talking to members is the part of the job that is both enjoyable and rewarding.
I have also had great pleasure of working alongside our Conf26 Coordinator, Leeanne Ballinger, and her very hardworking Conference team. They have so much planned for this year's Conference, and I am very excited and grateful to be a part of it. I know the team is putting an enormous amount of time and energy into making Conf26 a memorable occasion for everyone.

The IWA Executive held its first meeting for the year in beautiful Canberra. Although we didn't have much opportunity to see the city, we were very fortunate to attend the Charter of the newest Inner Wheel Club of Canberra. It was a great occasion and an opportunity to meet many of the new members. Their enthusiasm and excitement at becoming part of Inner Wheel and beginning their journey with us was truly infectious. It was lovely to see such friendship and fellowship already developing within this new Club.

A Little Inner Wheel Adventure!



The night before the Charter of the Inner Wheel Club of Canberra. We were staying at the Belconnen Way Motel when, at approximately 5.30am, the alarm was suddenly set off with the familiar announcement: "Evacuate, evacuate, evacuate!" Three of the Executive members, along with the other guests, quickly gathered what we thought was most important and headed outside the building, all in our jammies!
Clive's comment afterwards was that Inner Wheel members will take every opportunity to hold a meeting! How true! And what did I save in the evacuation? Of course, the essentials: ***my IWA Collar, my speech for the Charter and, naturally, my handbag!*** *Some things simply cannot be left behind!*

GREAT NEWS!

After seven long months, we have finally received notification from IP Australia that our Trademark application for the new Cord Blood Research logo has been released.
This now means that our National Project Coordinator can now move forward arranging for Cord Blood Research merchandise to be produced featuring our new logo.
It is exciting to see this next step finally happening, and I know we will all look forward to seeing our new logo proudly displayed as we continue to support this very important project.

Looking forward to seeing you in Maroochydore sharing some of the magic of Inner Wheel

Yvonne

IWA VICE PRESIDENT

Mon's Musings: Hi all, firstly, congratulations and thank you to all members who heard and enacted IIWPP Kay Morland's theme of Step Up and Lead, and took club, district and IIW positions. I know we will all "Grow and Flourish" in our new roles and will have a new understanding of the workings and achievements of Inner Wheel.

Secondly, a quick introduction as I am now privileged to be your IWA VP. I live in Cairns, Far North Queensland, with my husband Andrew and our 2 dogs. We have two, by blood, adult children Joshua and Kazzandra. Joshua is married to Lisa, who we class as another child of ours, and they live around 40 minutes' drive south of us at Belenden Ker. Kazzandra lives in Emerald, 11 hours drive away. We also have my niece Casey-Jade, her husband Justin, and their children, my honorary grandkids, Connor and Peyton, who we call our children as well and they live in Mackay. Andrew has a very large immediate family so family occasions can be often and large. As Andrew and I own our own business as well, life can be hectic and challenging.

I joined Inner Wheel as a charter member of Trinity After Dark but had been involved prior to this as my mother-in-law was a member of the Inner Wheel club of Cairns and we were frequently roped in as "volunteer labour". When it was put forward that Cairns was looking to start a club that met at night the point became mute. I have

learnt so much during my time with Inner Wheel and have been blessed with meeting wonderful ladies from all over Australia and actually the world. Some of these are now counted amongst my closest friends and sounding boards. I would never have met these ladies without Inner Wheel.

For the next year I am looking forward to supporting Yvonne in her role as IWA President, assisting where possible and learning and formulating our forward momentum. I am also organizing Changeover in Cairns next year and working with the committee for Conference 2027 in Fremantle.

I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible in Maroochydore in October to enjoy friendship, learning about new projects and meeting our corporate responsibilities.

See you soon,

Mon

IWA IP PRESIDENT & MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN

Firstly, a warm welcome to the members of our newest club, the Inner Wheel club of Canberra. I was delighted to be able to celebrate with them at their charter luncheon on 8th August, with more than 50 members and their partners from around the country in attendance.

This year's theme of **Grow and Flourish** fits perfectly with the work Inner Wheel Australia is continuing when it comes to membership. We are supporting our current members, providing opportunities for them to grow and flourish within their clubs and their communities. We are also looking at growing our membership, encouraging like-minded women to join in the fun and benefit from the friendships our clubs provide. I have held two membership meetings on zoom, these meetings are a wonderful opportunity for our District leaders to share ideas, discuss challenges and formulate solutions together. They stand ready to support any Clubs who might need it.

Our *membership funding* is running again this year. Applications opened on 1st September 2026 and will close on 31st March 2027. The application forms are available from your District Membership Officer. They are also available on the website (look for Form 50). Completed forms must come back to IWA via your District Membership officer. NDC please forward your completed forms directly to IWA.

The *IWA Facebook page* is continuing to grow in terms of its followers. If your Club or District is planning a *fundraising event*, make sure you send a copy of the invitation (suitably edited) through for it to be placed on the IWA Facebook page as well as your own Club and District's. If you need help with this, don't hesitate to contact your District Membership Officer (NDC please contact me). This takes the reach of the promotion of your event – and Inner Wheel - so much further.

Inner Wheel Australia is excited to be hosting an *Inner Wheel Information Function* immediately prior to the conference in October. An afternoon tea will be held on Wednesday 14th October at Maroochydore RSL for anyone wanting to learn more about Inner Wheel.

Also at the conference, the motion to proceed with the concept of providing a scholarship to University students will be voted on during the Business Session. If successful, this is another way our organisation can **Grow and Flourish** in the community.

Clare
IWA Membership

IWA SECRETARY

Well, here I am again, tucking another IWA year into my back pocket like a stray napkin from morning tea. I enjoyed last year as IWA Secretary so much — especially working alongside such beautiful, capable, occasionally mischievous ladies — that I practically leapt at the chance to do it all again. (Yes, that *is* laughter you hear. I can hear it too.)



And already we're off and running. We've just wrapped up our first Executive meeting of the year — eventful, industrious, and tragically under-caffeinated. 😊

Our new Vice President Monique and Treasurer Tricia have been welcomed into the fold, and like all good Inner Wheel women, we'll support them with enthusiasm, encouragement, and the occasional gentle nudge disguised as a suggestion.



Now we turn our attention to the Conference, Business Session and AGM — where all you lovely ladies will keep us in line or, at least pretend to while we try our best. I also want to shine a spotlight on our fabulous 2026 Conference Committee. They are doing an amazing job, and I'm convinced this will be a Conference talked about into the future… possibly with dramatic reenactments.



So let's all get behind it — because when Inner Wheel women get behind something, it tends to move at great speed, with great style, and with snacks.

With best wishes and Inner Wheel hugs
Shazzie

IWA TREASURER

Hello Everyone,



I would like to thank all those who have encouraged and supported me in this job as IWA Treasurer, I have very big shoes to fill, figuratively speaking of course! It is a very big learning curve; I am getting there one day at a time.

It is Capitation time and the members' lists and forms are coming in as we speak. I just need to say please ladies make sure you use the correct and current forms. All available on IWA Website. Please DOUBLE CHECK THE ACCOUNT Before you send any money to IWA, all forms have the correct bank details and who to send them too. So far most have been good, there have been just a couple of hiccups, but easily sorted.

Enough of the lecture, Conference is coming up and I am looking forward to meeting those District treasurers who will be there, it will be nice to put faces to names and getting to know you through the year.

I am not sure I will have any recipes or wise words of wisdom for you all in the coming months, but I do wish you all well in your positions in club or district. Whatever job you are doing it is important to the wellbeing of your club/district.

I hope you are enjoying this lovely spring weather, where I am (Orange NSW) it is still cold in the mornings and evening but lately we have had lovely sunny days lots of daffodils, blossoms and Magnolia out in bloom.



Enjoy the spring.
Friendship and Cheers

Tricia