



Inner Wheel Australia Inc Newsletter

Edition January – February 2011

Special Message

To all those who have been through the devastating floods from Rockhampton right down the eastern seaboard to Victoria and the floods and bushfires in Western Australia and now to all the cities and towns affected by Cyclone Yasi. Please take heart in the knowledge that all IWA members have you in their thoughts and prayers and hope that soon things will start to return to normal again. Those of you who have helped your fellow members, neighbours, friends or even complete strangers, clean up, restock or give comfort and support to, I thank you from the bottom of my heart. For without people like yourselves it would be so much harder for those affected by any disaster to pick themselves up and start over again. How true is the International President's Theme,

Commit with

conviction, compassion, consistency

With much Inner Wheel love and friendship

President Pam

Message from President Pam



With Christmas and New Year behind us, I hope everyone had a lovely time with family and friends. I have also taken the opportunity to have a rest, although with all the family home for the holidays, it is a constant stream of people, meals and drinks, but it's been wonderful. Thank you to the many who sent Greetings and Best Wishes to myself and the IWA Executive and their families, it was wonderful to hear from you all and we really appreciated your thoughts for the Christmas and New Year Season. Now with batteries recharged you are all ready to plan your new Inner Wheel year. February is always busy after the Christmas break, with the voting both IIW and IWA and filling Club and District positions, the meeting also has extra correspondence to deal with.

Since Conference I have visited seven Districts having visited A40 in September before Leeton. With husband Kevin I was away for seven weeks and travelled 10,000 km Sea, Road and Air. I am now looking forward to visiting the remaining Districts and Clubs and meeting more of you, and attending your meetings. I have really enjoyed the informal part of my visit, where I get to meet members and partners in a relaxed way. I have made many friends, people I would probably never have met had it not been for Inner Wheel. During our journey Kevin and I have been home hosted by an amazing group of Inner Wheel friends, without exception we have been made very welcome and have been wined and dined and been introduced to family members and friends. Our sincere thank you to you all.

I know I speak for all IWA members when I say our thoughts and prayers are with those of you who have lost crops in the heavy rain in October-December and more recently members in A77 who have been affected by the devastating floods which have caused so much loss of property and those who have been isolated by the rising water level. We hope the rain stops soon and the damage can be repaired quickly.

A special thank you to IWA Secretary Henry, who has been nursing husband Larry now home from hospital after a horrific accident which for a time Doctors' weren't sure if he would lose his leg. Thank goodness things turned for the best and the leg was saved. Now after extensive skin grafts a long period of recuperation and rehabilitation is ahead of him. Henry has continued to carry out her Secretarial duties, sometimes a little later than she would have expected, but I know you have all understood any delay you may have experienced in replying to your queries. We wish Larry a speedy recovery.

Six months over already and I can't believe we will be in Sydney for Changeover in the blink of an eye. Until then and we meet again, have a wonderful year of fun and friendship along with the care a concern you all give to your community.

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With much friendship,

Pam

**2011 INNER WHEEL AUSTRALIA -
ANNUAL CONFERENCE
WESTERN AUSTRALIA
5TH TO 9TH OCTOBER 2011**



Secretary's Corner

"Days of Our Lives" has nothing on what has happened in the past three months here at Scottsdale, let alone Australia wide with floods, fires and a cyclone. First the computer decided to pack it in, then Larry had his tractor accident and then two new grandchildren arrived, one in the car on the way to hospital but I happy to say that that I have come through all of that very well, even with some down days.

Larry and I would like to thank all our Inner Wheel friends for all the support and good wishes, it is very much appreciated and to the IWA Executive for their understanding during this time.

I need to remind all secretaries that any directory changes for the NEW Club Executive for 2011/12 are to go into Directory Changes.

Important Message

Districts need to send the names of their incoming District Chairman and Executive to IIW for inclusion in the 2011-2012 International Inner Wheel Directory. **Clubs** also need to send the name of their incoming Secretary 2011-12 for the IIW Directory. Closing Date is 31st March 2011

Take the Challenge

If you would like a challenge this year why not think of doing a role of secretary or another executive position for your Club or District, I am sure that you are all capable ladies and would enjoy the role let alone have the satisfaction of doing the work and then you have achieved something for yourself.

Treasurers Notes

and Reminders.

Happy New Year to you all. Even though it has not been very happy for a lot of people. January and February has been such a disaster for Australia. Flooding in the Easter



States, floods and fire's in Western Australia and the cyclone in North Queensland. I am sure all members and families who have been affected by these disasters will have felt the caring and friendship from Inner Wheel members.

Thank you for your donations to the New Zealand Earthquake Appeal. Because of your generosity we were able to donate AUS \$ 24,700.

Donations are still being received for Cord Blood Research Project. See Read the Red for the latest.

It is easy to see all Inner Wheel Australia members are working to achieve International President Pallavi Shah theme

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Reminders: Deadlines for Directories and Constitutions are approaching fast.

In Friendship

Annette Nielsen

PRECIS OF COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN LEETON OCTOBER 2010

- IWA Conference at Leeton was most enjoyable, the Council Members performed their duties with much thought and was appreciated by all members. Registration was 421 which was deemed a most successful Conference.
- Cherie Wallace a members of the Kalgoorlie Boulder Club has been appointed by IWA as assistant Webmaster to Margaret Unwin. Check out all the latest Inner Wheel information and news at www.innerwheelaustralia.org.au
- District A56 has now been officially dissolved and the 6 now non-districted clubs are doing a great job and continuing strongly.
- The IWA Conference 2011 in Perth will be held 5-9th October, a little earlier than usual due to the Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting [CHOGM] being held later in the month.
- Membership in Australia stands at 3563 with 145 Clubs. Worldwide there are 98,173 members in 3691 Clubs in 168 Districts.
- Only 4 out of 17 Margarett Golding Awards were given by IIW in 2009/10 due to the tightening of guidelines when submitting an application make sure all community work done by the applicant is noted in full.
- Forms – all forms have been updated in 2010, destroy any forms dated before this.
- A projector will be purchased by IWA for use when doing Cord Blood Presentations and will be used by National Project Coordinator Anne McGill and her Club Cord Blood Officers.
- The official IWA scarf was displayed, with a very positive reception. The colours representative of the Australian landscape.
- There were no Cord Blood research grants presented in 2010 due to the standard of the applications not meeting the Assessment Panel's high standards, new guidelines will be sent out to future applicants.

On Australia Day an Award was presented to the Inner Wheel Club of Leeton who won the Award for the Event of the Year – Congratulations to the Leeton Conference Committee and all Inner Wheel Members in District A 54 for a great achievement

REMEMBER THAT INNER WHEEL AUSTRALIA HAS OPENED AN APPEAL FOR THE FLOOD VICTIMS – In what form this will be distributed will be discussed at the Executive Meeting in February and Clubs and Districts will be notified

2011 IWA Changeover
17-19 June
Sydney New South Wales
2011-2012 President Valerie Gibson



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4th January 2011

Dear Lorraine

Following the news reports and filming of the situation in Queensland, I am writing on behalf of the IIW Executive and IIW office to say how sad we all are to hear of the devastation and loss caused by this extensive flooding. Our thoughts are with all the Inner Wheel members, their families and friends who have been affected. No doubt the recovery period will take many months and be extremely stressful to those whose properties have been badly damaged.

Best regards

Elaine Hathaway
Administrator

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Sent: Friday, February 04, 2011 12:50 AM

Subject: Cyclone Yasi

Dear Lorraine

After the dreadful flooding in Queensland affecting the members of A77 in early January we write again with much sadness to hear about cyclone Yasi and the destruction wrought by its winds, rain and flooding in early February.

Our thoughts are with the members, their families and friends particularly those from the Cairns, Innisfail and Townsville areas in District A76, which we understand from the news programmes, took the brunt of the storm and consequently has been badly damaged with many houses destroyed.

Thinking of you all at this time.

Regards
Elaine