

# Inner Wheel Australia Inc.



## Newsletter

First Edition – July – August 2011

### Message from President Val

It was almost a very different Changeover without a President. The Executive meetings were to start on Tuesday 14 June but the Chilean Volcano and the weather had other ideas; President Pam and Secretary Henny, couldn't get off the Island! All plane flights and ferries were booked out and the only flight was Friday.

Thanks to Kevin, Pam's resourceful husband, they made the overnight journey on a cargo ferry carrying livestock and then had to drive from Melbourne; it was stressful and very tiring for them all. But they are made of sterner stuff down there in Tassie and made it smiling on Thursday night. Pam & Henny caught up quickly on all the business and all the outgoing & incoming Council members made it to the Council meeting on Saturday.



Friday night, we all gathered at the East Ocean Restaurant in China Town for the "Chi Fandango Friendship dinner", the restaurant was decked out with red lanterns, and all the guests received a fan and a Chinese horoscope. It was a very happy and relaxed evening, the food was delicious and everyone seemed to enjoy the atmosphere.



Saturday a very happy and successful Council Meeting with the incoming Council members enjoying being observers/absorbers, there was a lot to take in. Lots of lively discussion and many topics that I'm sure you have already heard about from your Council Members report.

Pam, incoming Vice President Margaret & I made a very quick trip to the hairdresser; the salon was called "Elvis" so we weren't quite sure what we would look like later. Pam thinks we turned out well!! Then it was a brisk walk/light rail or taxi down to the wharf where we waited for our lovely "Bella Vista", she looked wonderful heading our way and docking so we could all board. We were welcomed by smiling and helpful staff handing out drinks and canapés as there were 235 of us it did take some time to get settled. The tables and decorations were magnificent and eventually we all found a seat, and as Henny said, "Sat on it".

The band played music to put us in the mood then Henny took over as Master of Ceremonies and the evening got underway. During the apologies, which was a long list Henny commented that if they had all come we wouldn't have all fitted on the boat!!

It was a perfect night to be on Sydney Harbour, the rain of the past week had washed away the dust and the city sparkled, interstate visitors enjoyed very much what we Sydneysiders take for granted. Lots of cameras flashed as we passed under the Harbour Bridge and past the Opera House, a beautiful night. There was great food, entertaining speeches and dance music that seduced many dancers onto the floor. We eventually got round to the object of the evening the "Changeover". In with the new, we said goodbye Henny who was a wonderful Secretary under adverse conditions but always kept smiling and kept up to date, IPP Lorraine has moved onto greater things, International Inner Wheel Board member, she will be amazing and keep us all very much in the picture. We said thank and goodbye to the Council members and welcomed the new. The collar was presented and we met the new Executive; IIP Pam, Vice President Margaret, Secretary Sue, Treasurer Annette and me of course. It was an honour to be elected as President and it took me many years to get there. I'm looking forward to the year ahead with great anticipation. I know it's going to be busy but I'm going to enjoy it all because I know that the members of our great organisation will make it memorable.

It's been a busy couple of weeks practicing my new role, My District, A53 for Changeover and to break the ice. Followed by A51; Parramatta Club, Camden, and then Bomaderry. I have learned to light the candle of Friendship without burning myself even with a cigarette lighter!! I'm still practicing "Toasts", and have caught up with many friends from yesteryear and now looking forward to my Official visits.

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## DIRECTORIES

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By now you will all have your directories, there were some problems, some put together with the front page in the middle, who can say, a dyslexic prisoner perhaps!!!! Never mind, if you don't want to keep this "collector's" directory, please contact Secretary Sue and she will arrange for replacements.

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### PAUL HARRIS FELLOWSHIPS

Congratulations to Members of A52 – Kay Rankin of Berwick, presented by the Rotary Club of Berwick.  
Dianne Goulding of Moe, presented by the Rotary Club of Morwell and Heathers Caruthers of Phillip Island presented by the Rotary Club of Phillip Island/Sam Remo, it's great to be appreciated.

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Looking forward to seeing many of you in Perth for the Conference, it will be a great occasion, NOT to be missed. There is nothing like a Conference to catch up with old friends and make lots of new ones. It's an exciting programme, lovely venues and comfortable hotels. Perth is a beautiful city that will be on display as the Queen arrives just after the Conference for CHOGHM so the city will be looking at her best.

Yours in friendship

Val

#### "Find a Club"

**PLEASE NOTE** that when trying to contact other clubs **DO NOT** use the **IWA Website** but use your **DIRECTORIES** which contain the correct email address for every club.

Generic email addresses vary according to club and District will NOT be successfully delivered through the website. Please use your directory to find the correct address.

All Newsletters, Read the Red and Directory Alterations are being sent by email, and only sent to those people without an email address; so please ensure your members receive a copy either by email or printing.

Please feel free to contact me if I can be of any assistance.  
Yours in Friendship



#### **INNER WHEEL AUSTRALIA EXECUTIVE 2011 – 2012**

**President Val Gibson**  
**Vice President Margaret Whitchurch**  
**PP & Nat Rep Pam Watkins**  
**Secretary Sue Kemp**  
**Treasurer Annette Nielsen**

#### **APPOINTED OFFICERS**

**National Editor Joan Brown**  
**Constitution Chairman Robyn White**  
**Merchandise Officer Pauline Brewster**  
**Webmaster Margaret Unwin**  
**Directory Editor Margaret Lamb**  
**National Project Anne McGill**  
**Badge Officer Margaret Minton**  
**Head Teller Beth Darcey**

#### **PERTH WILL BE HEAVEN IN 2011**

District A40 wish to show you the best. You are coming at a great time. It's Wildflower Season and the Royal Agricultural Show happens the week of the conference.

5<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup> October 2011

So if you have  
'Two feet and a heartbeat'  
You can discover their  
Treasures

Local, Free and Small, Come by plane, train, bus or car and sample their Western Australian hospitality

#### Treasurer's Notes and Reminders

As I start my second year as Treasurer, I wish all Treasurers a very happy year and I look forward to working with you all this year.

By now you all should have received your Certificate of Currency 2011-2012.

#### **Reminders:**

I know the 15<sup>th</sup> August seems a long while away, but it is only a few weeks before Club Treasurers are to send Capitation Fees and updated Membership Lists to your District Treasurers.

District Treasurers are to send the Capitation Fees & updated Club Membership Lists to me by the 15<sup>th</sup> September, earlier if possible.

In Friendship  
Annette Nielsen

"We make a living by what we get.  
We make a life by what we give.

Winston Churchill