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2016-2017



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## *Congratulations Chris Kirby*

We were pleased to receive the news that Chris Kirby has been elected International Inner Wheel Vice President. It seemed an eternity since I nominated Chris for this position at the District meeting, probably seemed longer for her.

Chris was Charter President 2010 of the IW Club of Sydney Inner West (but formerly a member of IWC Balmain). Chris was Inner Wheel Australia President 2013/14 and now will be our IIW President 2018/19. (She will become the third IIW President from A51, following Gwen Bowman (1992/93) and Lovise Richardson (1998/99).)

We are only a small club but full of enthusiasm and friendship.

Our club thanks Chris on her energies and commitment to our wonderful Inner Wheel organisation and we will all do our best to support and help her through her busy years ahead. We know Chris will continue in what she believes in most, and that is, *women working for women*. Go Chris, all of us and A51 are with you all the way.

President Judy Singh  
Inner Wheel Club of Sydney Inner West Inc.

## *And from Chris.....*

My heartfelt thanks to the members, Clubs and Districts for the beautiful flowers, letters, cards, emails, messages and phone calls I have received since the announcement of my successful nomination for Vice President, International Inner Wheel.

Moreover, I am very grateful for those whose long standing interest, confidence and guidance towards me has been so valuable in my IW journey.

Over the next three years, as a part of the IIW executive, I hope to justify the faith that has been placed in me.

In friendship,  
Chris Kirby



**The President and members of  
the IWA Executive extend a  
warm welcome to  
Changeover 2017.**

**Join us in the beautiful city of  
Brisbane for a weekend of  
friendship and celebration.**

**Albany** **President: Liz O'Meara**

Our members are being very active introducing new members, guest speakers, fundraising along with socialising. Currently we have 31 members with three inductions coming up.

Fundraising includes A High Tea at a members home overlooking Middleton Beach. Sausage sizzles, bring and buys, selling raffle tickets for City of Albany Rotary Club.

Donations were made to Stitches Of Hope who organised sleeping bags to be made in Cambodia. Twenty sleeping bags were presented to Albany Community Foundation.



*Members Val Shearer and Pamela Stoney.*

**Geraldton** **President: Helen Harrison**

Madhatter's Party 1 April 2017.....

"I'm late! I'm late", cried White Rabbit (aka President Helen) scurrying into the room. Guests were mesmerized by his arrival. They had already met Alice, Tweedle Dee and Tweedle Dum and many other characters from the original Madhatters Party.



A night of wonderful entertainment from Sax and the Single Girl, games, raffles, auction and prizes netted \$2,587 for stem cell research projects. Geraldton's inaugural fundraiser was deemed a huge success!

*Jailbird Leonie at the cake table.*

**Gosnells** **President: Josie Jamieson**

Inner Wheel Club of Gosnells held its inaugural meeting in March fifty years ago. Club members and partners celebrated the milestone with a dinner at the Bentley Pines restaurant where students are learning skills in the hospitality industry.

We occupied four tables with incoming club president and foundation member Ann DeJong, pictured below in the middle.



*Club President Josie, (front right), and friends.*

**Kalamunda** **President: Heather Long**

Speaker at our first meeting for the year was from Koolkuna Women's Refuge - a thought provoking presentation. Breakfast at Mason Mill Restaurant for 22 people was a most enjoyable social morning and ten people attended the movie La La Land.

Maureen Betts spoke at our March meeting on Inner Wheel and its development. An afternoon tea with Penny and Karen from 'Days for Girls' helped us raise our donation for IIW.



*Afternoon Tea with Karen and Penny.*

**Kalgoorlie-Boulder** **President: Heather Lavery**

We held our St. Pat's meeting last month with the Two Up Two Down Choir entertaining us with Irish songs. We also inducted 2 new members bringing our yearly total to 5.

We held a movie afternoon to show our new members the Hamlin Fistula movie "A walk to Beautiful" and enjoyed an afternoon tea with lots of chatter afterwards. It was a great afternoon and we

look forward to enjoying another later in the year.



*Afternoon Tea.*

**Karrinyup** **President: Anne Nedkoff**

A hugely successful International fundraising event was held in March at International Officer Diane's home. The night was based around an English theme with great food and even better company.

April saw the Karrinyup Rotary Club announce the handover of their Ear Bus. This project has been dear to our hearts as monies raised by our Club have

gone towards this worthy cause that undertakes ear tests to improve the health of Aboriginal Communities, the children particularly.



*The Ear Bus.*

**Mandurah**

**President: Cally Ellis**

The members of the Inner Wheel Club of Mandurah have had a busy time since our last report. Prior to Christmas we had another quite successful Bunnings Barbeque with the proceeds going toward funding for our local charity.



Our toy kangaroo Matilda has once again been socialising with Overseas Clubs and our International Officer Diane Kyle showed us Matilda in her Tam 'O Shanta and glamorous Scottish outfit which made her look quite classy.

*'Matilda' with IWC of Edinburgh's 69th Birthday cake!!*

**Melville**

**President: Jean McKinnon**

Celebrations for Australia Day, held at Catherine and John's home, and then Valentine's Day, held at St Ives Retirement Village kept members busy and although the weather has been changeable, members have turned out for these activities and Coffee mornings.



The weather has been good for our fruit and vegetable home gardens and the Green Thumbs among us have enjoyed picking the fresh produce for our celebration days. Maxine, especially, enjoyed picking tomatoes from John's garden.

**Rockingham Kwinana Districts**

**President: Deryl Wallhead**

This is a strange report to be giving, as it may be the last contribution from our club. With barely 10 members attending meetings, the prospects of forming an executive committee for 2017-2018 does not appear very promising at this time.

We charted in 1986 with 23 members. From that time 5 members have served as District Chairman,

Secretary and other positions. At club level many have served twice as President, and held most other positions.

**Rossmoyne**

**President: Joy Kingham**

International Celebrations Night - the theme was St Patrick's Day. Lovely decorations of Irish flags and table centres plus Irish food, Irish Jokes and cryptic crosswords made for a very enjoyable evening. We also raise money for our charity.

Also that night we celebrated our clubs 35<sup>th</sup> Birthday. Adele Masten made us a beautiful Birthday cake. Joy Kingham our President



officially cut the cake for us and we all enjoyed a slice later with our coffee.

**Scarborough**

**President: Maureen Stubbs**

This year we combined our District International fund raising function with a St Patricks Day celebration.

Pam Lyons opened her home for 30 guests to come dressed in their green finery, to play and learn some Irish trivia, eat gorgeous food, and participate



in Irish songs and stories led by an Irish entertainer.

The fun day raised money for Days for Girls, and also provided suitable kit products.

**Swan Valley**

**President: Geraldine Allen**

St. Patrick's Day fun raiser for 2017. All those who attended out did themselves with the colour green!!



From green hair to green toenails and all sorts of articles in between; with green tablecloths, green balloons and table centrepieces, from

nibbles and drinks through to Trifle.

Our President Geraldine's garden was awash with **GREEN!!** With Irish music playing in the background adding to the atmosphere a great time was had by all!

**Wann-Gara President: Margaret Bain**

Bunnings stores hold sausage sizzles each weekend encouraging organisations to raise funds for their club. We held our first one late March, and although it was a lot of hard work, it was also fun and we raised a substantial amount to donate to FOCUS on youth. We will certainly be doing it again!



*Alina, Colin, Diane and Jayne at Bunnings BBQ.*

At our March club meeting we had a young girl as Guest Speaker on nutrition. It was very informative.

# A50

**Bathurst President: Lorraine Ryan**

The Bathurst Inner Wheel Club has been delighted to celebrate with long serving member A50 PDC Nona Dart, as she received the Margarett Golding Award.

In 2015, Nona was a Bathurst Citizen of the Month and also recognized as one of the Bathurst 200 Living Legends, an award recognizing the achievement of proven leaders among their peers in the community, respected for their dedication and determination to work for the benefit of their community.

Nona is an outstanding example of someone who meets the criteria for a Margarett Golding Award.



*Nona Dart and DC Lesley Carter.*

**Blayney President: Elizabeth Tooke**

A luncheon in March raised funds to support Daniel - the A50 District sponsored student at the School of St Jude. A booklet of photographs and some of his letters written since 2010



show his progress from a shy, overwhelmed 7 year old, to a confident, handsome young man.

Robin House, the club ISO, focussed on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Object of Inner Wheel, 'Foster International Understanding' with her presentation of a booklet of fascinating snippets from clubs in Great Britain and Ireland, Nigeria, Pakistan, New Zealand, France, Andorra, Morocco, Algeria, Tunisia, Malaysia, Bulgaria and India. A keenly contested quiz followed based on the information provided which gave an insight to the wonderful and inspiring work of other IW clubs.

**Cowra President: Diane Walsh**

February was our Election of Officers with all positions filled for the coming year 2017-2018. Our Club hosted the A50 District Meeting in March at the Cowra Men's Shed with panoramic views to delight all present. A50 District Chairman reported that 'Cowra members spoil the many District members present with delicious sandwiches and homemade slices and cakes'. All enjoyed a very friendly and happy time.



*Food glorious food!!*



We are looking forward to our Cord Blood Stall in Cowra's main street to raise funds and awareness of our Inner Wheel Australia National Project.

**Dubbo President: Barbara Howells**

Four new members have already been inducted this Inner Wheel year.

Our Club hosted Inner Wheel Day for District A50 in Dubbo at the historical Dundullimal Homestead. Over 50 members were treated to a delicious morning tea, a tour of the homestead and an enjoyable lunch.

A50 DC Lesley Carter spoke of how Inner Wheel Day was being celebrated internationally.

**Lithgow President: Kaye Preema**

In February, 9 members attended the A50 Presidents and Vice Presidents Training Day held in Orange.

Ten members and friends enjoyed a train trip to Sydney for the Seniors Concert on March 8<sup>th</sup> held at The Convention Centre.

Our International Luncheon was held on 11<sup>th</sup> March in aid of School of St Jude Tanzania with Kim Saville as Guest Speaker.

**International Luncheon**



On 25<sup>th</sup> March 12 members attended A50 District Picnic held in Cowra.

**Oberon President: Charmayne Hogan**

Our Club organised a High Tea in October, which was a huge success and enjoyed by all. This has become one of our annual fundraisers each year, as it has been so popular.

We also had Christmas at Columbia Gardens Nursing Home in December, where we supplied home cooked afternoon tea and presents for all residents. This event was enjoyed by all and something we love doing to be able to give back to our older generation.



**Orange President: Janet Jackson**

Easter is upon us, the year is over a third gone. Nominations and election of new office bearers went smoothly with all positions willingly filled, even two Vice Presidents!

A new member Susie Garton, was inducted in February. March saw an interesting talk by Kerrie Campbell, the developer/caretaker of the children's garden at the Orange Health Centre a voluntary job she does with love.



*New Member Susie.*



*Kerrie Campbell with President Janet.*



*President Janet with Sue Kutter.*

Also in March an afternoon tea, were we presented Sue Kutter, the Breast Clinic Nurse, with another 187 beautifully handmade lavender pillows, now a total of over 600 with more on the production line.

**Orange Minhi President: Melissah Quinn**

Orange Minhi IWC has been busily fundraising. A great night was had by all at our recent movie fundraiser night.



Over \$1500 was raised in support of our member Francine Sammut and her ongoing fight against Breast Cancer. The funds will assist her in trip to Tuscany with fellow Breast Cancer sufferers as part of the Breast Cancer Network of Australia Inspire Group.



Orange Minhi Inner Wheel had 130 people attend the fundraiser and as well as this mighty effort we also ran a sausage sizzle at a local retailer.

**This tale has a lovely ring to it.....**

*Do you remember IIW President losing a very expensive earring when she visited Perth?*  
*In 2007/08, IIW President Kamala Ramakrishnan from India visited Perth at the invitation of the then President IWA Liz Ralston. VP of IWA was Joan Beech-Jones from Perth.*  
*Recently Joan and husband Mike decided to buy a new car, and during the changeover a mechanic was replacing the shock absorbers in the old car, which entails the removal of the back seat, and guess what he finds? An Ear-ring!!*  
*Joan says she has been in touch with Kamala and yes, she still has the other ear-ring. The 'found' item will be returned at the IIW convention in Melbourne. Kamala was not happy putting it in the Indian mail system!!*

*What is another few months without it - next April will come very quickly.*



*This little gem comes from Liz Ralston.*

*The missing treasure!*

# A51

## Balmain

**President: Ivana Cacciotti**

In February a member from IWC of Antananarivo, Madagascar, District 920 visited, and was guest speaker. Manon Wittmer spoke of life in Madagascar in Inner Wheel. Life is not stable and the Government is unable to support the people in this poor country. Manon's Club provides food to the local people. Manon is young and says that finding young new IW members is very hard, as is paying the club fees.



*President Ivana, Manon Wittmer, Franca Rodilosso and Manon's friend William.*

## North Sydney

**President: Suzie McLeod**

Being active for 84 years, our club is facing and dealing with issues (we're not unique in that)

Our Executive is returning to "grass roots" with positive results though progress is slow.

Membership is essential. Communicating the honour of belonging to Inner Wheel; pride in our wonderful organisation is required. We need to be actively visible.



*Secretary Sue Torphy wearing IWA scarf with President Suzie.*



*L-R: Daryl Coleman, Merle Sampson, Suzie McLeod, Irene Treble. Seated Marie Britton and Joan Duncan.*

Perhaps some older IW clubs could tell us how they address these issues?.

International Women's Day gave us the opportunity to hold a fruitful discussion group. We had fun.

**(Keep up the good work, Ladies - Ed.)**

## Northern Beaches

**President: Joan White**

Several members attended the District Meeting and Christmas lunch in November, we closed the year with lunch at Limanis in Narrabeen.

A group of us travelled by ferry over to Patonga for Inner Wheel Day.

A large box of knitted goods were delivered to Tamara Harding for Soibada in East Timor.

We were very proud that Vivienne Anderson's husband Tim received an OAM for services to Real Estate and to the community. Tim makes marmalade for Cord Blood Research.

# A52

## Gosford North

**President: Susan Ward**

Gosford North Inner Wheel Club continues to work tirelessly on raising funds for Cord Blood, FACS comfort bags and Days for Girls hygiene kits as well as smaller donations to local charities such as Headspace.

We have introduced a new social event each month – a dinner club – which has been very successful.

We were also very pleased and proud to present an Honoured Active Award to Colleen Boyce for her 43-year dedication and service.



*President Susan with Comfort Bag and DFGs Kit.*

## Scone

**President: Jane Sullivan**

Scone welcomed autumn at our March meeting with a guest speaker Lenore Little, Manager, Upper Hunter Homeless Support.

The group, which has a meagre staff of eleven, serves the Upper Hunter from Singleton to Murrurundi, and provides support for indigenous and non-indigenous people, including victims of domestic violence, as well as perpetrators.



*Judith Simos presenting 'thank you' gift to Lenore Little.*

Support can be financial, help with tenancy, rental issues, assistance with court appearances, provision of utensils, clothing, food, furniture and safe houses. Lenore's extremely interesting talk enlightened members to the needs of so many in our own community.

**Terrigal**

**President: Josie Doyle**

Meetings and morning teas well attended, as was our annual inter-club lunch with IWC Gosford North, so fellowship aplenty!

Our Winter Fashion Parade for Cord Blood will hopefully be a great day. We've allocated our charity funds to R.D.A. Seniors, Camp Breakaway, M.S. Central Coast, Shelter Box, and District A52's charity.



*District A62's Awareness Luncheon. L-R Margaret Unwin, Guest Speaker Jane Caro, DC Kath McGrath, Lovise Richardson, Pat Matthews, and Glenis Marshall.*

We sent donated goods to bushfire victims and our next morning tea will aid Leprosy Australia. Members will man a Cord Blood stall at Erina Fair, and a trading table at meetings will boost club funds.

**Wyong**

**President: Grace Taylor**

Wyong Inner Wheel Club Membership Officer Margaret Unwin worked tirelessly in organising District A52's involvement in a very successful **International Women's Day Expo.**

On 4 March, Margaret and District members attracted a lot of attention to their fabulous stall outside Myer's



*Ladies In Red - Margaret Unwin, Fay Strachan, Madeleine Trembay, Nancy Booth, and Cecily Roberts*

in Erina Fair shopping centre. Speaking to many passing shoppers about Inner Wheel and our National Project, our Ladies in Red looked radiant in their polo shirts, embroidered with the Inner Wheel logo and their club names.

# A53

**Baulkham Hills**

**President: Christine Watson**

Members and friends attended a fundraising dinner at Sun's Burmese Kitchen for the Myanmar Eye Care Program.



*Thanks to Lyn and Sun for support to Myanmar Eye Care Program.*

The club combined a meeting with the Hills Kellyville Rotary Club where a member's son, Malcolm Wanstall, spoke about the role of The Smith Family in the local area.

Happily, we welcome two new members, Donalee Rose and Glenys Bell. Sadly, Sandra Iverson, a past member of BHIW, a past President of our club and also a past District Chairman, passed away in April.

**Beecroft**

**President: Dale Taylor**

International Day this year at Geranium Cottage, Dural with 17 ladies was a great success with lots of chatter and laughter.

We now look forward to both a fashion show at Blue Illusion, Beecroft, and gathering at Rashays, North Rocks, for another luncheon together.

At present we are busy collecting for Cord Blood, and selling tickets for our yearly raffle with wonderful prizes of a handmade quilt, jewellery, gift voucher and a painting.

**Blacktown City**

**President: Eileen Kelly**

It has been a time of celebrations with members partaking of a delicious luncheon on Inner Wheel Day. Joining with the Inner Wheel clubs of Baulkham Hills and Beecroft (the 3 "B" s) for lunch.

A great way to meet new members and catch up with old friends.

For International Women's Day, three Inner Wheel members were asked to be guest speakers at the Rotary Club. With three very different presentations it proved to be a most successful evening.



Our craft days and craft stalls continue to be successful events in our calendar.

*Craft Stall Blacktown City.*

**Campsie President: Lyn Brudelin**

Campsie Inner Wheel celebrated their 25<sup>th</sup> Birthday in March with a Silver and Pink theme. A53 District Chairman, Robyn Mackey was present and though down in numbers we enjoyed a wonderful afternoon.

Plans are in hand for another visit to our favourite Nursing Home and perhaps a Bingo afternoon.

Sadly, two of our members have moved to the country to be nearer their family but our friendship will continue, as will our service to those in need.

**Liverpool Combined President: Judith Banks**

Our fund raising for the year will go toward our local Meal on Wheels. Last year we raised enough money to buy refrigerated carry bags to carry the meals in to local clients.

Our meetings are always full of fun and friendship. This year our usual stall for Cord Blood Day, will be held at Liverpool Hospital.

Our Club still keeps in touch with Mamartha Dava. Mamartha who visited Australia from the I.W. club of Sullia Karnataka, India, enjoyed a lovely day with our club taking in a tour of our Government House and a walk through our Botanical Gardens

**Nepean President: Noelene Elliott**

2017 started with our traditional “cocktail party” in January to celebrate International Friendship Day. This year’s theme was “The Beach”. There were lots of beach towels, zinc cream, sun hats and floaties. It was a balmy summer night and everyone enjoyed a great evening of fellowship, fun, delicious food and wine.

Club members have continued to meet regularly for our “dinner and movie” nights. These are not just social evenings but also help us to raise funds to be distributed to worthy charities at the end of the year.

**Norwest President: Clare Swann**

A group of members prepared a “Meals from the Heart’ dinner for 80 people at Ronald MacDonald House in March. These were very well received by the families at the house and it was very moving for the members involved to hear some of the stories as they shared the meal together.

A bus trip to the Hydro Majestic in May is planned with tour of the Hotel, High Tea, and shopping in Leura.

Incoming President Flavia Riva and committee are busy planning 2017 changeover in July – a “Posh and Elegant’ afternoon tea.

**Penrith President: Bobbie Hitchcock**

- **Xmas raffle/changeover donation** of \$510 to be made to Westmead Children’s hospital - Kids with Cancer.
- **Cord Blood** – table to be at the entrance to the South Block at Nepean hospital. It was decided that we would also have a “bake sale” on these two days from donated baked/cooked goods.
- **65<sup>th</sup> birthday celebrations:** will be held at our April meeting. The theme will be “Colours of the Rainbow”.
- **Cancer Biggest Morning tea** to be held.
- **Bus trip to Mt Tomah** has been changed to Monday 1<sup>st</sup> May.
- **Police band/morning tea** at the Joan Sutherland Centre on May 24<sup>th</sup>.

**Smithfield President: Susan Lumley**

Our first function for 2017 was the celebration in January of International Inner Wheel Day with a delicious luncheon at the home of our member Nada Satara. We were joined by partners and a number of ‘friends’ of our Inner Wheel Club who all enjoyed great food and wonderful company on this special day.

President Sue Lumley lead the organising of Friendship Day, which our club hosted together with the Inner Wheel Club of The Hawkesbury. The venue at the Merrylands Park was excellent and as usual the catering was superb - even in spite of the inclement weather we all enjoyed this get together with over 50 members attending.

**The Hawkesbury President: Josephine Dunstan**

In February our club hosted a visit from our International Friendship Inner Wheel club of Torquay, in England. We enjoyed dinner, then went on a Ghost tour around Windsor Historic sites.

A rainy Friendship day was catered for by us sharing with Smithfield and many other ladies from A53 District clubs. Scrumptious morning tea under shelter and umbrellas were quite an achievement, but it was a great morning.

Past President Ida held a successful Country and Western evening at Australiana Pioneer Village to raise funds towards modification of a wheelchair for a resident of a local nursing home who suffers from MS.

April 1st we enjoyed a bus trip to Bundanoon Scottish festival and watched the massed Pipebands, Scottish dancers and games activities. Chief of the Festival was Jimmy Barnes who signed many autographs for our visitors!

## The Hills

**President: Rosslyn Bushell**

The twenty sixth of January 2017 saw over 30 people gather at President Ros's apartment for an Australia Day themed brunch. With delicious food and a lovely view to the Blue Mountains, we enjoyed a few hours of friendship before heading off to celebrate this important day.



*Dorothy, Elaine, Carol and Joy.*

In March members gathered for a sewing bee to create 'Silky Pillows' and we held a pizza 'Friendship Dinner' with members and partners enjoying a relaxed evening 'catching-up' with each other.

In April we held a very successful, fund raiser, a sausage sizzle at Bunnings, Castle Hill, and a morning tea to farewell member Sue, who heads north to Port Macquarie.

## West Harbour

**President: Val Gibson**

Congratulations from us all to member **Aileen White** who was awarded an **OAM** on Australia Day for services to the community - a wonderful achievement.

February saw members and partners attend the Castle Hill Players production of Calendar Girl, a good inspirational story particularly for Inner Wheel members. Two members, Carolyn Small and Carol Leaver, were part of the production - very talented ladies!

# A54

## Albury

**President: Helen Byron**

A well supported movie night was held in February and everyone enjoyed the movie "Hidden Figures". A must see movie.

The dinner meetings have been well attended and all executive positions filled for 2017/18. Well done to all the willing members.



*Card and games day.*

Rotary Club of Albury Hume held a card and games day and our members supported that Club with the supply of food for afternoon tea and of course playing cards and games.



*Margie Merkesteyn, Marlene Hudson, Trish Ray, Mary Turner and President Helen Byron.*

The "Bunning's BBQ" was held in March. It was a very successful day with the volunteers enjoying much laughter and friendship whilst supplying the shoppers at Bunnings with sausages.

## Leeton

**President: Lenore Ditton**

Leeton Club has been busy, last month hosting a dinner meeting for our District Chairman Dallas, which was entertaining and interesting – and great food!

We celebrated IIW day at Libby Bailey's rocking horse restoration centre, enjoying the many horses, and, of course, a wonderful afternoon tea.



Fourteen members travelled to Narrandera on 7<sup>th</sup> March for our District Picnic, again enjoying a wonderful lunch and great fellowship. The weather even played fair, which was appreciated.

## Narrandera

**President: Joy Norrie**

Narrandera hosted and catered for the District A54 Picnic Meeting in March with a delicious lunch at the local Golf Club, husbands who accompanied their wives were kept entertained by Steve Targett who runs a successful Honey Business. The men found Steve's knowledge of bees very impressive.

Congratulations to our President Joy Norrie on being awarded a Paul Harris Fellow for her support of Rotary Narrandera.



*Members enjoy a visit from DC Dallis.*

## Wagga Wagga

**President: Joan Morgan**

IIW DAY was celebrated with breakfast at a local venue. In February we had the pleasure of a visit from our District Chairman Dallis Robins, who inducted 3 new members to our club.



*President Joan, DC Dallis with inductees Maree Crosskill, Robyn Baskerville, and Joy Burnett.*

March dinner meeting was informal and held at the RSL CLUB, preceded by lessons in the rudiments of Lawn Bowls.

Our annual raffle of a \$500 voucher from 'The Good Guys' was launched in February for fund-raising for Cord-blood research.



Members continue to enjoy our Book Club and Walkers Group and Cards.

*A group of members at our February meeting.*

## Yarrowonga Mulwala **President: Rosemary Clark**

The new year started with the Rotary BBQ Breakfast at the Rotary Pavilion and we cater for approximately 25-30 Rotarians enjoying a delicious cooked brekky.

Meals on Wheels continues and we have more members participating as our Club now has 33 members.

We enjoy our mid-monthly morning tea catch-ups at various venues around town.



*Artist Maureen Holgate and her painting donated as prize for Cord Blood raffle.*

We have just had a very successful Cord Blood Garage Sale.



*At the Garage sale - Jan Hough, Margaret Juster and June Smith.*

We are now busy preparing for the "Floral Affair" to be held on 11<sup>th</sup> May at the Yarrowonga and Border Golf Club Resort.

## Yenda

**President: Gwenda Millard**

Friendship and community involvement have been and continue to be what holds our club together. The village of Yenda celebrated its 100<sup>th</sup> birthday at the end of 2016 and our club was well represented in the street parade.



We continue to join with other local clubs for friendship days and activities. Most recently our annual hotly contested Yenda/Leeton sporting

challenge saw the Leeton Club take home the coveted Rose trophy.

A visit to The Rocking Horse Museum and a lovely afternoon at the Leeton Black and White High Tea have been enjoyed.

Yenda is busily preparing for our own Cord Blood fundraiser High Tea to be held at the end of April.



# A55

## Alstonville

**President: Maree Pollock**

February was an extremely busy Meeting. Firstly, the Annual Election was conducted. Judy Thompson was elected President-Elect for 2017/18.

Joanne Cooper, together with three of her Planning Committee, outlined where they are up to with arrangements for October's Conference in Lismore.

Joanne cited different areas where they would like assistance from Alstonville members.

Karen Black, Manager of the Women's Refuge in Ballina, spoke very movingly about Hope Haven Refuge.

## Forster-Tuncurry

**President: Linda Soper**

Congratulations to Lillian Parsons for being presented with a Paul Harris Fellow Recognition. Lillian enjoys being involved in lots of community groups that need help.

Members enjoyed a French themed day recently for our International project held at Margaret Pollard's house. Members made and brought along a French inspired dish. Some members dressed up.

We enjoyed word games set by Margaret including one about Australian towns. Lots of fun was had by all.

**Grafton President: Alison Banks**

Our Inner Wheel members contributed to a wonderful Christmas themed hamper which was delivered to the Salvation Army and accepted with much appreciation on behalf of those who go without at this special time.

Inner Wheel day was celebrated at an Australia Day BBQ breakfast together with the Rotary Club of Grafton held under the Rotary rotunda in a local park.

**Inverell President: Ann Mason**

Our New Year began with enthusiasm, with a celebration of IIW Day where fellowship was the theme of the evening.



The members were overjoyed that our suggestion for the International Project was chosen. One of our members, Maureen Newbigin, presented the Club with a quilt she made which is being raffled with proceeds going towards the District Project.

A Dutch Auction provided lots of fun as the numerous items were chosen by members and guests.

**Lismore President: Margaret Knight**

Our International Night theme this year was Mongolia. An interesting talk by Gareth Hockings, Principal of a local Primary School, told how he and his wife spent some months living in Mongolia teaching the local children English.

They loved the country its vast landscape, and the generosity of its people. They couldn't believe how cold it could be with temperatures as low as minus 50 degrees.

Our Cord Blood Morning Tea is at the end of April.

**Port Macquarie West President: Jacqui Everett**

Our International theme was the Country of Ireland. The guest speaker a Former Ambassador from Ireland, Richard O'Brien talked on his travels as an Ambassador.



*President Jacqui and Richard O'Brien.*

Our meal was Irish Stew and Bread and Butter Pudding.

We had a Friendship Table at the Rotary Conference at Laurieton and sold Cord Blood Merchandise and handed out information on Inner Wheel and Cord Blood Research.

In April a Fashion Parade by JA Fashions at Tension Woods Centre at St Agnes Village is being held, with money raised going to Cord Blood Research.

**Tamworth President: Margaret MacPherson**

Membership Officer Kay organised a morning tea for newer and prospective members. Information was given on how Inner Wheel operates and our involvement in the community.

Incoming President Wendy gave a most interesting personal profile. Her life has been in business and community service. Members visited Tamworth Ronald McDonald House. After morning tea with the staff and volunteers we were given an inspection of the house with explanations of the services provided.

**Wee Waa President: Anne Cain**

March meeting we organized the Cornish Night - our International and Fundraiser. The menu was delicious with members preparing pots of mussels, Cornish pasties and other mouth-watering platters.

Many pirates came in costumes and tables were decorated with debris washed ashore: sand bottles containing pirate messages, gold coins, shells and a Pirate map as placemats.

April meeting some tired pirates, (just after the Pirates night) welcomed our District Chairman! Monthly meetings are held in members' homes.

HOME HOSTING UPDATE

Twelve months from now it will all be over. The 2018 IIW Convention in Melbourne will be a happy memory.

Thank you to all who have offered their home to host an overseas delegate, the requests are slowly coming in. I have written to all those members and I have placed our first delegate with a lovely family.

If you have offered your home and not yet filled out the Host Information Form I sent to you, please take a minute to fill it out and send it to me at [watkins31@fastmail.com.au](mailto:watkins31@fastmail.com.au) so I can add your details to my list.

With grateful thanks,  
Pam Watkins  
Home Hosting Coordinator.



# A60

## **Bendigo**

**President: Marlene Sullivan**

This year we have been involved in two successful BBQ fundraisers. One at Bunnings and the other with the Rotary Club of Bendigo Sandhurst's Australia Day celebrations at Lake Weeroona. Here President Marlene handed a Native Plant to 60 new Citizens to Bendigo.



*President Marlene and Mayor Marg O'Rourke.*



*President Marlene with Carol and Alan Penna at Bunnings.*

March included a meal at a Hotel owned by a Rotarian. A fundraising dinner held at the Bendigo Basketball Stadium Restaurant.

We will cater for the Rotary Easter Art Show and man stalls for Coin for a Cord Day at two supermarkets.

A60 Friendship Day in May is at the historic Fortuna Villa Mansion.

## **Echuca**

**President: Lyn Stansbury**

Our Club celebrates Birthdays in style as they have arisen, always a popular outing with a good attendance.

Good things planned for upcoming events, a Coffee and Cake morning to raise funds for Cord Blood, a Jewellery making demonstration by one of our Members. Pleased to say we have two new Members.

## **Geelong**

**President: Jill Graham**

February meeting was wonderful. A social time at a Member's holiday house in Barwon Heads - think Sea Change.

Congratulations to Member Ros Leigh awarded the OAM for her many years of service to Red Cross.

March meeting on St Patrick's Day saw Members wearing Green to Celebrate. Ros spoke of her Red Cross experiences, and President Jill spoke about her experience with Red Cross after the Tragedy in Bourke Street.

Member Trish Rudolph reaching a milestone of 90 years young – Congratulations.

## **Hamilton**

**President: Susan Parry**

Jenny Sutherland spoke on her experiences on the YWAM Ship that travels to PNG to help people who live in remote areas. Volunteers, most with medical backgrounds, and some lay people help. This year our Club is making this our project.

Three Members travelled to Melbourne to visit the Murdoch Children's Research Institution. Much learnt about the uses of Cord Blood.



*A Researcher explains the processing of Cord Blood.*

Marg Millard spoke about 'Beyond the Bell'. A project where they are trying to make sure everyone has the opportunity to learn to read by having books available in the Community.

## **Irymple**

**President: Heather Pinyon**

Our Club is hosting a High Tea with a Garden Theme at the Benetook Room, Alfred Deakin Centre on Sunday, 7th May 2017, 2pm to 4pm. \$25.

We supply a delicious range of food. There will be a trading table of garden plants, Treasure Table and great prizes. Proceeds donated to Children Having An Illness Living In Sunraysia. The Charity was formed by John Burfitt of Redcliffs.

## **Swan Hill**

**President: Wendy Witty**

Movie "LION" was first on our agenda for the year. three theatres sold out. happy people, Champers, Chocolates and many prizes donated by local businesses.

Funds for a Testing Analysis machine for Mid Block at the local Hospital a much needed piece of equipment.

February meeting held in a local Café it was 47° plus, but we managed to elect a President.

Visited Cord Blood Bank at the Murdoch Children's Research Institution. 20 Members from A60 District welcomed by Dr Ngaire Ellwood and Secretary Trish. Most interesting.



*Member from A60 at the Murdoch Children's Research Institute.*



*Plaque at the Institute!!*



*Pres. Jenni, Warrnambool, Dr Ngaire Ellwood, and Pres. Jan, Wendouree at the Institute.*

## Warrnambool

**President: Margaret Hutson**

Members travelled to Melbourne to visit the Cord Blood Bank at Murdoch Children's Research Institution and were able to view current research projects being undertaken by Dr. Ngaire Elwood and other Recipients of the IWA's Research Grants.



Cord Blood Research will benefit from another successful "Hats and High Tea" held where over 60 Guests were welcomed with a glass of French Champagne prior to indulging in a wonderful array of homemade delicacies.

Regular Coffee, Cake and Chat mornings are well attended.

## Wendouree

**President: Jan Tozer**

Three Members visited the Cord Blood Bank at the Murdoch Children's Research Institution along with other Members from A60.

Two Members from Queensland met some Members when they visited Ballarat. A long Morning Coffee was enjoyed. Friendships spread so far.

Members invited to Rotary when the Caribbean High Commissioner was a Guest Speaker. John is the son of a past Member Marion Pilbeam.

A young Student played the Harp at April meeting. She is travelling with her School on a Music and Education Tour to Central Europe. A cheque was given Abbey for her trip.



*Abbey with President Jan.*

## Boronia

**President: Annie Hilliar**

Members joined A61 Chairman Margaret Ferguson at the Botanical Gardens for Inner Wheel Day as well as joining with Bundoora IWC for Friendship Day of 'Games, Gardening and Greenery'. Our traditional Australia Day BBQ was also held at Wicks Reserve in The Basin. Two very successful fundraising BBQs at Bunnings.



*IWC of Boronia exchanges banners with Mala Edirisinghe from Columbo Central, Sri Lanka.*

February meeting themed 'back to school' – much reminiscing with school photos, readers and other memorabilia.

Catering Queen Miriam and team catered for a wedding at Glengollan. In March we combined with Rotary to hear Graham Kent, CEO of Aussie Action Abroad, speaking on his work in Nepal.

New member Diane Beruldson was welcomed and induced in March also.

## Bundoora

**President: Faye McInnes**

Our ladies are still working hard at Bunnings Sausage Sizzles with all proceeds going to our chosen Charity this year of "Research into Juvenile Diabetes" namely Type 1.

We also held an International night - a great fun night. Members dressed for the occasion.



*Bonsai growing demonstration.*

Our ladies were responsible for our District A61 Friendship Day, a great day with greenery everywhere as it was a garden theme. There were fun things to do like

quizzes, demonstrations about how not to kill Bonsai, etc. Lunch was enjoyed by all in attendance.



*A lovely 'farewell' gift for all members.*

**Kinglake Ranges President: Loraine Potter**

Our small group continues to welcome interested ladies to our meetings. New member Pam Young was inducted when A61 District Chairman Margaret Ferguson and Secretary Merle Maunder were visiting.

Monthly Rotary Markets where we sell egg and bacon rolls and sausages, is an ideal venue for publicising Inner Wheel.

Joining with Rotary and Lions in February, we cooked for the crowds gathered in Kinglake to watch the final stage of the Jayco Sun Tour. Cyclists from around the world competed in the event including Chris Froome three times Tour de France winner. A positive form of publicity for Kinglake after the 2009 fires.

Money raised on this day has been donated to purchase of a C.C.T.V. camera to be placed in the main street for the security.

**Point Cook President: Obu Ramaraj**

Inner Wheel club of Point Cook helped homeless women over the Christmas holiday break. We provided 15 gift wrapped boxes, each containing essential toiletries, make up and canned food.

We also provided a month's worth of grocery supply for 4 individuals through Jagriti – an institution run in Melbourne West by volunteers to support women affected by domestic violence.

In March we raised funds for Days for Girls through a Bunnings Barbeque in Hoppers Crossing.

We also raised funds through a volunteer snack stall run at a local private event selling yummy Indian snacks and fresh home brewed Indian chai. The funds from these were sent to India to support the daughter of a deceased farmer with her education.

**Shepparton President Bella Metzke**

The year started with us successfully catering for a Rotary Garden Party in a beautiful setting, plus perfect evening weather.

International Day held at Wangaratta Cathedral Hall – great day indeed, with organised fun and competitions bringing the house down with laughter



Friendship Day at Greensborough. Congratulations to host Club Bundoora, a huge job done very well. Shepparton winning many competitions – clever lot!!

March meeting a Coffee Morning.

*Belinda Liggins still learning the art of the Potato game. Great concentration though!*



*Barb Wheelhouse won the plane throwing competition.*



**Wandin**

**President: Nola Sharp**

My Sentimental jewellery meeting where members brought a beautiful array of jewels with wonderful stories.



*Beautiful jewellery.*

150 Days for Girls kits completed to be sent to Kimbe in PNG. Also another 20 requested for the 1000 going to Timor Leste.



*DFGs kits packed and ready to go.*

*Looks like that Potato game again!!*



Our District Chairman's colour is green so we decided an Irish night for her visit would be fun. There was a "green drink" on arrival, Irish food on the menu, and a wonderful group of young local people who danced the night away. A "green with envy" night had by all.



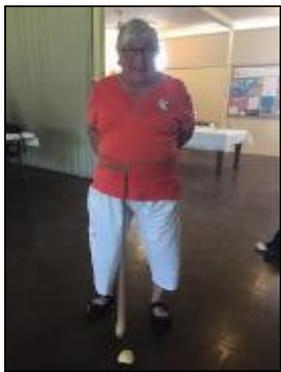
Our annual fashion parade is now in final preparation to raise funds for Cord Blood Research.

**Wangaratta**

**President: Sharon Scalzo**

Hosting an International Day in Wangaratta members from Yarrawonga, Boronia, Wandin, Shepparton, Whorouly, Williamstown and Wodonga attended.

included a brief addresses from each club, games, delicious luncheon, lots of laughter and chatter, concluding with a tour of the Church of England Cathedral and the Wangaratta Art Gallery.



March fund raiser for 'Days for Girls' was an evening with an Indian theme, Indian cuisine and the modelling of beautiful Sari's belonging to our member Phyll Rainbow. An Indian family spoke of their life in India and now in Australia.

We hosted a thank you morning tea for Wangaratta Woolworths Manager Brian Boxer. From September 2013 to present day, his company has supplied twice monthly fruit and vegies for our cook-ups for Carevan.

This has resulted in the production of 5,073 one litre containers of delicious and nutritious food creating 8,099 meals for the needy in our community.

*Patti Stafford shows just how easy this Potato game is!! Not quiet so relaxed for Carol Pinney.*



### **Williamstown**

**President: Pamela Leslie**

February was a casual meeting with induction of a new member. In March 2 ladies, one new and one a Charter member, gave enlightening talks as Girls Behind the Badge.

"Live Life Laughing" was our Guest Speaker's Topic in April – a wonderfully light hearted meeting.

A film night is planned for May, and June will see a review of President Pam's year and then Changeover.

Fund raising events have included a Bunnings BBQ, an International themed dinner and auction night, and a fun Trivia evening.

### **Wodonga**

**President: Kryz Korju**

We held our January meeting in the gardens with a picnic dinner. It is so enjoyable with the lovely weather.

Members had another wheelies weekend in Tumut. One member had her Big O birthday (70) and we have 4 more to go this year.

Our monthly card days are popular, and we now have another morning tea once a month.

## **From our non-Districted friends....**

### **Canberra Belconnen**

**President: Tory Greeney**

Late November several of our members enjoyed a cruise on Lake Burley Griffin and a guided tour of Government House Gardens, which are quite beautiful and historical.

We celebrated our Club's Birthday with a quiz night and also decorated our own cup cakes with various artistic flair. We assisted Rotary with providing morning tea for those who packed almost 300 Christmas Hampers and Members also enjoyed a Christmas Breakfast.

The extreme heat drove us indoors to celebrate IIW Friendship Day in January so instead of a picnic dinner, we enjoyed Afternoon Tea at one of the local Sports Clubs.

Australia Day was celebrated with breakfast at a Rotarians/member's home. We held a Mini Olympics in March for IW members and Rotarians with eight events being contested and the Green Team won.

Events included archery (magnetic dart game), diving (barbie doll dropped into water bucket), discus (frisbees) and a 5 minute marathon. Winners were presented with the Cooper Cup, named for our much loved Member, Nell, and her husband, Wal, who both died suddenly last August.

We have well attended Movie Mornings and a number of our members regularly play Mahjong together. Our emphasis is on Members enjoying friendship and fun.

We have given donations to the Christchurch Earthquake and the Carwoola Bushfire Appeals.

### **This little gem comes from the IWC of East Sacramento, U.S.A.**

#### **Words of Wisdom**

- Live beneath your means.
- Return everything you borrow.
- Stop blaming other people.
- Admit it when you make a mistake.
- Do something nice and try not to get caught.
- Listen more; talk less.
- Strive for excellence, not perfection.
- Be on time. Don't make excuses.
- Don't argue.
- Get organized.
- Be kind to people.
- Be kind to unkind people.
- Be humble.
- Realize and accept that life isn't fair.
- Know when to keep your mouth shut.
- Go an entire day without criticizing anyone.
- Learn from the past.
- Plan for the future.
- Live in the present.

## Cord Blood Research Project

Another year is zipping along, members passion and enthusiasm for our National Project Cord Blood Research continues to astound.

Our National Day - Coin for a Cord Day was recently held and I can only reiterate, how important it is to promote in the public arena as growing public awareness of Cord Blood Research (CBR) is a very important element enabling our Project to remain financially viable. Membership feedback to date is positive and thank you all for a huge effort, stunning displays and happy faces.



MacCordy Bears in football colours (new pattern). Adds a bit of colour.

Pattern is available through District CBR Coordinators.

A message from one of our key researchers has sown the seed for a stall at their hospital on Coin for a Cord Day 2018. This thoughtful gesture reinforces how highly regarded Inner Wheel members are - maybe we could extend the idea across all our participating Hospitals. From a seed a tree might grow?

We've spread our fundraising wings with some Clubs undertaking new initiatives to promote CBR and raise money. Fresh ideas are fantastic and encourage Clubs to diversify their fundraising methods.

It is also appreciated if Clubs could forward photos so we can all enjoy these special times.

At this rate we may certainly get close to the 3 million in 2017 - Brilliant!

How is this for a cutie? Great prize for a raffle.

From Bainsdale Club - Norm Cox's handiwork!!

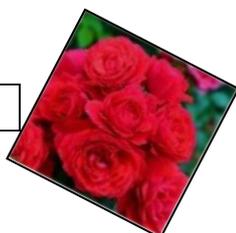


### OUR OWN ROSE - GIFT OF FRIENDSHIP ORDERS

Cooler days are upon us and almost time to receive your Gift of Friendship Rose orders for this year.

Do you have an order in place with Treloars? Let's aim to 'sell-out' Treloar Roses 2017 stock

Our lovely Rose!!



### IWA CONFERENCE 2017 - Lismore, NSW

Dressed Bear Competition - Bears on Parade was such a resounding success last year at Changeover. The designs were magical and sure you'd all like to join in and redress any CBR BEAR.

Voting for "Best Bear" and a Silent Auction to be held.

You are incredible women, with gusto you are making a difference and saving lives.

So many faceless people thank you, as do I.

Take care,  
Susan Parry  
National Co-ordinator,  
Cord Blood Research Project.



# A62

### Bairnsdale President Irene Yeats

The guest speaker at the IW Bairnsdale's February meeting was Veronica Davies from Bairnsdale Travel and Cruise. She explained the changing face of travel in today's world and gave sound advice and helpful hints.

The March meeting was all about what to do in a medical emergency - from finding the victim, assessing the vital signs to administering CPR. Dale Porter from



President Irene Yeats with Dale Porter

Gippsland Community Health provided the information in an easy to follow format, but stressing the importance of each step.

The club will be holding a fashion parade at the end of April with all proceeds going to MND Victoria.

### Bayside

President: Cita Mieog

We currently have 41 members. All work hard to make a difference by donating lots of lovely goods and helping pack over 800 Impact for Women "Bags of Joy" for Women and Children in refuges who have escaped from family violence.



'Bags of Joy'.

We are running a Card Day for 80 - 100 people, which our local Sandringham Hospital will be the beneficiary of the monies raised.

We are also tin rattling for Cord Blood and helping the Salvos in their yearly Appeal.

## Berwick

**President: Vicki Collier**

Berwick Members enjoyed a wonderful District Friendship Day, hosted by the Warragul Club, especially as they were dressed as pirates, plundered the 'Cruise Ship' as it cruised from country to country! We won the prize for the day!



*I think I recognise some of those Pirates!*

Friendship abounds with special 'O' birthday afternoon teas, weekly craft afternoons and our monthly morning teas.

Donations of tampons and sanitary pads are continuing for the special project of 'Share the Dignity.'

## Latrobe

**President: June Nicholas**

An interesting speaker this quarter was Janne Speirs of Traralgon Rotary Club. Jan gave us an interesting encounter of her recent visit to India and Bangladesh where she followed up a project the Polio National Immunisation Project.



*President June and Janne Speirs.*

To immunise the children, booths are set up in villages and parents bring their children to be injected. Not all parents agree so a door-to-door activity is carried out hoping to capture those children not immunised.

## Moe

**President: Julianne Nave**

At our April meeting we welcomed home five club members who had been cruising the high seas, while two members were apologies because they were still cruising. It seems that cruising is the holiday of preference for many of us at this time.

Our club is busy sewing drawstring bags and filling them with basic toiletries. They will be donated to the local Education Department School Camp, for children who arrive at camp without these items.

*President Julianne and Josie.*

This month we are also planning a sausage sizzle to help raise funds for Coin for Cord.

Our last meeting saw the induction of another new member, Josie.



## Mornington Peninsula

**President: Robyn Cracknell**

We have had a very interesting start to the second half of the Inner Wheel year. Our speakers have included Rosalie Ham author of the book "The Dressmaker" which was also made into an Australian film - a really great and entertaining night.

Local historian Joy Cullen spoke about "Wolfdene" the Mornington heritage home of our loved member Margaret Fallaw.

Fundraising has included a Cocktail Party in February that was a pleasant social occasion for members partners and friends. Recently we held another Bunnings barbecue.

We have also been pleased to welcome two new members and are in the throes of planning next year.

## Pakenham

**President: Margaret Macdonald**

At our March Meeting we inducted two new members Bronwyn Kennett and Linda Nash.

The Warragul Club hosted Friendship Day, where seven members enjoyed a "Cruise around the World."

In March our Club was involved in the Rotary Ride to Conference held in Hobart, Tasmania.

Two of our members Helen van Diemen and Josie Wilson actually took part in the grueling ride. Alwyn Williams, with the assistance of Joy De Jong, organised and fed the many hungry participating Rotarians and Exchange Students.



*Our Cruising Crew!!*

## Phillip Island

**President: Jan Hudson**

The ladies of Phillip Island, along with other clubs and members of the communities who have heard of the Interplast project, continue to make theatre gowns for children.

The gowns are cute, we wish they were available in hospitals for adults. They are made from donated cotton fabric, good quality recycled pillowcases and doona covers. The clever design has a modesty flap and ties.

*Packing "Helping Hands" emergency packs.*



We also continue to pack “Helping Hand” emergency packs to be distributed by 5 district Police Stations for family violence victims and any other emergencies they feel necessary.

# A70

## **Holdfast Marion President: Margaret Jacobs**

Members started the New Year having lunch at the Junction restaurant, this was a casual get together enjoyed by all present.

February meeting was election of officers after much discussion all but one position was filled. New member Trish Sothman was also inducted.



*President Margaret and Trish.*

Members and guests from other clubs, celebrated the club’s 18<sup>th</sup> Birthday with Dinner at the Marion Hotel. They enjoyed guest speaker Kath Chigwiden talking on the joys of starting up her business of PhysioXtra.

## **Mobilong President: Maureen Meers**

A night at the RSL Club proved to be a winner. We enjoyed dinner before adjourning to the greens to try our hand at a game of bowls. There was much fun and laughter and we soon discovered a lot of patience and skill is required to be successful.

At our election meeting members completed a survey form on their needs and hopes for Inner Wheel and in particular our own club, with the opportunity to give ideas and views to help plan for the future.

## **North East Sunset President: Tracey Pope**

January we invited partners to celebrate Chinese New Year a delicious banquet with the dancing dragon. A great night. Our guest speaker for February was Dr Margaret Davey on Ovarian Cancer.

We had dinner at the Rezz in March when our club celebrated its 10<sup>th</sup> Birthday with 5 original charter members and one as a member of another club along with special ladies who helped form our wonderful club.



*Charter Members Tracey Pope, Cathie Rumbelow, Karen Grantham, Jenny Reid, Linda Lovell, Annette Webb with Past IWA Sec. Melva Hall and PDC Denise Howard.*

## **St Peters/Campbelltown President: Barbara Holton**

We had a great Meeting in February when our Guest Speaker was Professor Julian White, who is an expert in venomous animals, particularly dangerous snakes!



*Professor Julian White showing a venous snake’s fang.*

In March we indulged ourselves with afternoon tea at ‘The Nest’ in Walkerville.

We have planned an exciting year ahead and are delighted that Neta Fioravanti has accepted the role of President and all Committee positions have been filled, including a new role being Social Media Officer.

## **Tea Tree Gully President: Jennifer Read**

Tea Tree Gully Club is running along smoothly and surely. In lieu of our March meeting we had a visit to Campbelltown S. E. S. Unit, which was very interesting.

South Australia is sending a group to assist with clean-up after Cyclone Debbie and flooding.

Our April meeting falls on Anzac Day, we have a fundraising film afternoon in May and before we know it, its Changeover time.

## **The Adelaide Hills President: Barbara Day-Brinkley**

Our New Year got away to a good start which was a cruise on the Murray River in January, most enjoyable. Also in January was our movie night fundraiser for “Kids for Africa”. The movie being Lion.

At our February meeting we were asked to take along our favourite doll or teddy bear from childhood. Some were beautifully preserved, and included a tiny 100 year old doll still in her original clothes which had belonged to one of our member’s mother.



*The Adelaide Hills Member with their dolls: Heather Franklin, Tricia Dale, Barbara Day-Brinkley, Andra Hein, Chris Butler, Coralie Nicholson, Frances McCarthy.*

## CONGRATULATIONS



At the March District A70 Committee Meeting, Past IWA Secretary Melva Hall, was presented with an Honoured Active Membership by IWA President Marilyn Armstrong

# A76

Hello from Far North Queensland.

We have 2 new members in our District - one from Cairns club and the other from Townsville club.

All other clubs are working on obtaining new members, with many ladies interested.



*Very new member Evelyn Lowah extinguishes Flame of Friendship at the April District Meeting.*

## Cairns

**President: Jenny Stuchbery**



*Some of the Cairns members at High Tea in Innisfail.*

## FNQ Tablelands

**President: Julie Brzozowski**



*FNQ members Lorraine Chidgey, Nancy Hardwich, and Margaret Garner.*

## Innisfail

**President: Jan Arnell**

Innisfail ladies held their annual High Tea in March, which was a great success with all A76 clubs having several members attend. 340 attendees enjoyed watching a dance performance, 2 fashion parades and listening to Sean O'Brien, a great singer, who was the MC.



*Innisfail members selling raffle tickets at High Tea.*

The first fashion parade was by Gypsett, displaying beautiful Kaftans designed by Kamilla Franks and the second parade was of wedding gowns through the decades, which were all beautiful.

Of course the fabulous High Tea food was enjoyed by all and there were many door and raffle prizes won.

**Trinity After Dark President: Mandy Johnson**

Trinity After Dark ladies enjoyed a delightful and informative presentation at their April meeting, by Annette Shepherd, the Cairns Jurlique consultant, who recently won the "Best Counter Consultant" Australia wide.

What an honour for Cairns and FNQ and we can understand why she was selected as her love for the Jurlique company and the product "Jurlique" she sells, certainly showed in her presentation.



*President Mandy and Annette Shepherd.*

**Don't forget to check out:-**

[www.internationalinnerwheel.org](http://www.internationalinnerwheel.org)

[www.innerwheelaustralia.org.au](http://www.innerwheelaustralia.org.au)

[www.iw.convention2018.org](http://www.iw.convention2018.org)

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# A77

## Boonah

**President: Jan Miles**

The recent District Meeting was well attended by five of our members who all enjoyed the fellowship and learning more about Inner Wheel.

In February our members were pleased to welcome District Chairman Jeanette Williams to our dinner meeting.

Our ladies are still gathering items to fill bags ready to donate to women suffering domestic violence – a very worthy cause.

Next activity – Fashion Parade, Zelma’s home, Saturday afternoon 22<sup>nd</sup> April.

## Brisbane

**President: Lyn McLennan**

Brisbane Club’s 31<sup>st</sup> Anniversary of Charter was celebrated in February with 5 Charter Members and 14 Past Presidents in attendance along with guests and members.



Pictured cutting the Birthday Cake are Charter Members Bev Crowe, Narda Morris, Essie Anderson, Charter President Therese Wharton, Brisbane Club President Lyn McLennan and Diana Douglas. Betty Morton and Enid Moses were unable to attend.

## Brisbane North

**President: Margaret Spiller**

February saw Brisbane North celebrating International Women’s Day with over 90 attendees at our High Tea.



*Happy helpers.*



*Principal Karen Spiller addressing the ‘High Tea.’*

The guest speaker was the very inspiring Karen Spiller, Principal of St Aidan’s Anglican Girls’ School and National Chair for Association of Heads of Independent Schools of Australia. She spoke about Educating Girls for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century.

In March we celebrated the club’s 15<sup>th</sup> birthday and, later in the month, the District Meeting at Bundaberg was well attended.

## Brisbane West

**President: Lynne Price**

Our March guest speaker was Sam Patchett, brother of Luke who is one of the founders of Orange Sky Laundry. It was enlightening to hear how our young citizens are doing so much to help people in need.



*Vivien with Sam Patchett from Orange Sky Laundry.*



*Guess Who’s coming to dinner?*

Also in March we held “Guess Who’s Coming to Dinner”. Five members opened their homes for evenings of good food, much laughter. This was our latest fund raising event.

## Broadbeach

**President: Philippa Pampel**

2017 began with a social meeting at the home of one of our members and where President Philippa inducted a new member.



*Dinner for A77 District International project - Destiny Rescue.*



*New Member with President Phillipa.*

Our March meeting was a Destiny Rescue Fundraiser dinner.

To support DC Jeanette’s project for her year, we will be making a donation to a Year 6 Miami State School student whose father has terminal cancer. Our donation will enable her to attend her end of year excursion and a SLC course.

## Bundaberg

**President: Beth Toft**

Our Members, husbands and friends enjoyed an outing at the Tom Quinn Centre which included a very nice luncheon. This Centre is a centre for young people to learn life changing skills to help them and keep them out of trouble.

Our next fund raiser will be in June where we will be having pies, mashed potatoes and peas, and also desserts.

*Sec. Peta Fryer and VP Betty Grabbe at recent District Meeting.*



## Bundaberg Sunset

**President: Simone Mylrea**

Our focus so far this year has been the hosting of the District A77 March meeting. In preparation we had several "Craft" sessions where we made items for the trade table and porcelain roses for the Saturday Night guests.

As it is the 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of our charter we thought it appropriate to choose a "Let's Party" theme for the Saturday Night function. All our members and their partners pitched in where required to make sure everything was covered and the weekend and Meeting the success that it was.

## Gold Coast North

**President: Jeanette Scott**

We have now voted in our new committee for 2017/18 Inner Wheel year.

A visit to the Mater Hospital's Cord Blood Research Centre has been organized for our members. We continue with our Silky Pillow Club Project for the Breast Cancer ladies, and greatly appreciate the "Thank You" notes we receive from the patients.



*Friendship Coffee mornings.*

We have commenced Friendship Coffee Mornings for those wishing to attend – members and non- members.

## Hervey Bay

**President: Lyn Keenan**

Sandra Vary was inducted into the Club at the February meeting.

At the March meeting member Felicity Burfitt was our guest speaker. Felicity spoke on her past business of exporting goats. A very interesting topic.



*President Lyn and Sandra.*



*Felicity Burfitt*

Members enjoyed a St Patricks Theme Dinner at Toogoom to fundraise in support of the IIW Theme 'Touch A Heart'. Funds raised would be used to support 2 local schools.

## Maryborough

**President: Linda Harris**

Congratulations to Club Member Daphne Ohl who turned 90 on 14th February!

The Club has organized a Mother's Day multi-draw raffle from funds donated by members to raise funds for Cord Blood Research. Tickets will be sold at the weekly market day and be drawn on 11 May.



*90 years young Daphne*



Members and partners welcomed guest Adrian Hill from Angel Flight to their April meeting – a most informative and enjoyable evening.

## Rockhampton

**President: Lesleigh Mitcham**

The Inner Wheel Club of Rockhampton was chartered in 1951 making it the oldest Inner Wheel Club in Queensland.

In these 66 years the club has seen 40 Presidents take the chair, countless fund raising activities, charity functions, changeovers, and general meetings.

This year the club will close and it is with thanks that we honour all the women who have come before "ready to serve and endeavouring to make our club worthwhile".

*So sorry to see you go, Rocky!! - Ed.*

**Rockhampton Sunset President: Debbie Orr**

Our Club Rockhampton SUNSET is still selling Meat Tray raffle tickets together with the Rockhampton Rotary Club. This is one of our main money raisers.

We are also ready to set up our Cord Blood stall at a Shopping Centre.

**Strathpine President: Robyn Engle**

We had a very successful Trivia night, a Fund Raiser for M.D. Our guest speaker told us our donations would be used mainly for research and a small percentage to assist sufferers to get aids for their deteriorating bodies.



*Happy Strathpine Members!*

A slight dampener was a heavy downpour of rain as everyone was leaving!

Our Changeover is earlier this year the first Wednesday in June.

We are also having a stall for cord blood at a local shopping mall.

**Sunshine Coast President: Meg Nagel**

February Club election night quickly became 'Election Cup Races' spectacular with several keen starters – both for the horse races and the club positions – lots of fun and fashions!!



*New member Deb, and our two Megs!*

A Trivia Night in March, again a lot of fun, proved a very successful fund raiser for District A77 International Project of Destiny Rescue.

Our thoughts and prayers go out those who have been affected by the recent 'weather events' which have devastated so much of Australia.

**Toowoomba President: Heather Baker**

Our monthly meetings continue to be interesting with several guest speakers. Most recent was a volunteer pilot with Angel Flight. He explained the need for Earth Angels - please check their website if you can help.

MC Cathy Mason started our St Patty's night fund raiser evening with Irish



*Cathy and Rod Mason's St Patricks Day.*

Grace; this set the theme with her Irish rendition of Hanrahan and other Irish sayings and blessings. Amazing table decorations by Marg Christensen and all funds went to Destiny Rescue.

**Wishart President: Annette Bell**

To kick off the month of February we had a social outing which was attended by nearly everyone in the club. There was an early breakfast and the ones that were more energetic strolled off to see the sights at the Beenleigh Historical



*Old Coomera Lock-up!!*

Village and Museum. We have at least one friendship outing picked by different members that ban together a couple at a time to think and decide where we can go. This is where we get to meet the husbands and friends of our dedicated members.

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**Burnie President: Elayne Ransley**

Club members catered for the Somerset and Wynyard Rotarians at the conclusion of the Rotary Club of Somerset Foreshore Fiesta on Australia Day and provided a smorgasbord of good old country cooking for the Rotarians at the annual Rotary Club of Burnie Bowls Night in February.



*The Catering corp -Shirley Wilson, Dorothy Muir, Liz Barron, Maryiln Jacques, Perina Kentish, Bronwynne Bushby, Janette Bonney, Jill Crawford and BevVincent*

The Inner Wheel members are grateful for the opportunity given to the club by the Rotary clubs to raise funds for our charities while enjoying the fun and friendship in the kitchen.

## Clarence

Clarence ladies have been busy. Our High Tea was very successful, with 80 plus people, our usual delicious food and beverages and also a live piano player and quizzes. A trade table and raffle boosted the funds further.

## President: Annette O'Hern



*Cake stands ready to be 'plated up'*

The funds raised will go to the Solomon's project.

Last weekend we had a stall at the Rotary Club of Lindisfarne's Trash and Treasure event.

Despite the wet weather, we raised a good amount for Cord Blood. We sold Cord Blood items and the rest of the proceeds came from our donations of goods and books.



## Deloraine

Among charities supported last year by IWC Deloraine was Movember for Men's Cancer.

Treasurer Judith Nutting, PP Jan Smith and Secretary Jan Atkins made the presentation to fellow Great Western Tiers Visitor Centre workmate Mark Mitchell at their Christmas function when they dressed up to depict an event in the State.

## President: Kathy Hall



## Hobart Sunset

Hobart Sunset have enjoyed an action-packed year. We have had some very interesting speakers - Kirsten O'Halloran developed a programme designed to help deaf children to learn to speak. A speaker from the Hobart Women's Shelter explained the way the shelter helps women and children to restart their lives.

An enjoyable visit to the Agrarian Kitchen which is a beautiful garden surrounding an old-school house that has been turned into a cookery school. We are hoping our purchases of seeds will flourish - like the ones in the garden at Agrarian.



*President Barbara and Hobart Lord Mayor Sue Hickey. Sue spoke entertainingly on doing a job usually occupied by a man!!*

## President: Barbara Hughes

Late Spring an excursion to the Peony Rose Farm we enjoyed a wonderful walk and talk by the owner and a splendid afternoon tea in the farmhouse.

Recently formed our social group is proving to be a great opportunity to 'get to know you'.

## Kings Meadows

## President: Henny Gofton

In February we held our ever popular Annual 'Cocktail Party in the Garden' which was very successful and funds raised will help support local charities.

The March Dinner Meeting at New Horizons Disability Support Centre gave the opportunity to President Henny Gofton to present a cheque in person to Robyn Hanson. This money goes towards their wonderful work for the disabled.



Our usual fund raising BBQ at Bunnings, a food stall at the Rotary Soggy Bottom Boat Regatta and Australia's Biggest Morning Tea in May, are upcoming events for the club in what will be another year full of fun and friendship.

## Launceston President Diane Oliver

Our Club has enjoyed several interesting guest speakers recently. Lyndia Jessup, who titled her talk "Keep calm and carry-on luggage" proving that one can travel extremely lightly and have many adventures, such as playing an organ in a magnificent cathedral.

Julie Milloy spoke to us of the many services Red Cross has to assist mature aged citizens remain in their homes. A very helpful and informative talk.



*Inner Wheel/Rotary bags being handed out at Citizenship Ceremony by President Diane and President Rotary Club Launceston Charles Black.*

Catering for morning tea and lunch at a Camera Club function proved a very good fund raiser for us.

President Diane represented our Club at a Citizenship Ceremony where 29 happy new citizens were welcomed.

## Mersey

**President: Roslyn Chalk**

Our year has started on a good note with a variety of guest speakers at our meetings including A80 District Chairman Christine Stevens, and Jeanne Koetsier from the One Million Stars to End Violence Project. Our skills at making the stars are improving!

We have been busy in the community over the summer months holding colouring-in competitions for children at both the Devonport Rotary Club Kite Festival and Teddy Bear Fly In, and the Rotary Club Devonport North's Motor Show, both of which were successful events.

## Tamar Valley

**President: Jan Easter**

2017 began quietly but positively, although not filling all 2017-18 in February, by March all Officer Bearers were confirmed. The Secretary's job will be shared as required and we were thrilled when Frances Graham offered to be Vice President ensuring a succession for the following year.

Business is now minimized allowing more time to chat and linger over afternoon tea - probably eating too much!!

This year we have contributed to Kath's Village, Community Car and the District Project - Solomon Islands.

Catering for the District Meeting in March provided a good occasion to work together. IWA President Marilyn was complimentary and most appreciative of our efforts.

Rosemary Trezise provided a vase of delphiniums for the table just the right blue.



*L-R: Val Colgrave,  
Margaret Davies and  
Rosemary Trezise.*



Hello All,

After three years in this wonderful job as your National Editor, it is time for me to hang up my pen!

Looking back I get a certain amount of satisfaction from hopefully what members consider to be a job well done.

Inner Wheel is about team work - so my heartfelt thanks to those who have been on 'my team' - I could not have done it without you!

I wish the IWA Executive 2017/18 every success and also to my successor, Cheryl Leddy, every good wish as she takes over.

As always - take care and hugs,  
Lesley.