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**Inner Wheel Australia
President Robyn Gillespie**

**Together
we can**

2019/20

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*Introducing the
IWA Executives
2019 -2020*



*Inner Wheel Australia
President Robyn Gillespie
Inner Wheel Club
Wagga Wagga NSW*

Dear Inner Wheel Friends,

As I commence my journey as your President for 2019 - 2020, I am eternally grateful for the encouragement and advice which has enthusiastically been given to me over the past few months. It has been an interesting period as your Vice President, at times challenging, but ultimately true Inner Wheel Friendship shone through to encourage me to continue this journey.

Thank you to all Members and partners who travelled off the beaten track to Wagga Wagga for the Changeover weekend. Wagga turned on reasonable weather for the weekend which quickly turned to a wet, cold and miserable week on your departure. From all accounts everyone enjoyed the music of the "Tin Shed Rattlers". I have visions of many Members doing the Hokey Pokey at the end of the evening and whilst the rain (desperately needed) fell outside the warmth of friendship, good country style food and great dancing were very evident inside.

The Changeover itself at the Rules Club was a wonderful night with food and wine plentiful, more important dignities than we expected (along with body guards!) beautiful musical entertainment, a hilarious skit and a very polished MC!

Thank you to everyone for the many cards and gifts I received both for my birthday and my induction. I can never thank you all personally, so please accept this acknowledgment with my grateful thanks. It certainly was a night to remember.

I have one very serious apology to make to our new Badge Officer Pauline Barrett. In the confusion between old and new executive and the lack of a badge to present, I forgot to acknowledge Pauline as our new IWA Badge Officer. I welcome her as an appointed officer to our crew and know that the badge officer's position is in very good hands. I thank Lorraine sincerely for a job well done and wish her all the best in her move to a new home. Thank you also to those other members who indicated their willingness to try their hands at the task. It is certainly rewarding to know that there are Members out there willing to consider a position that may be outside their comfort zone.

I also welcome a new group of Council Members to the Governing Body. I know that you will tackle your duties and responsibilities of this new role with your fellow Council Members as you work together for the better good of our Association.

During my time as your President, I hope to reinforce with all Members the meaning and logic behind our Objects. Without a doubt those of us who may have felt the discomfort or dismay about happenings within your Club or District have often been left wondering what happened to that very first Object. "To Promote true friendship". **The true meaning of friendship** is when you consider the other person's well-being to be as valuable as your own. If we all followed that belief, thought before we spoke, considered the needs and feelings of our fellow Members and those outside our organisation, we would indeed be promoting true friendship

Friendships bind us together so we can successfully follow our other two important objects, encouraging Personal Service and fostering International Understanding.... Cont'd

Friendship is what will bring new Members to your Clubs and retain your current ones. Friendship is what will encourage Members to take on executive positions. Friendship is what will help man your next Bunnings sausage sizzle. Friendship is what will support us all in our hour of need or in celebration.

I suggest that, as Members, we never underestimate the powerful good we can achieve, locally or globally, when we work together as friends.

I have no doubt that **Together we can**

I look forward to visiting all Districts, increasing my long list of Inner Wheel friends and leading this wonderful organization into the future.

In friendship,

Robyn



*Immediate Past President and
National Representative June Muller
Mandurah Club WA*

The new Inner Wheel year 2019 -2020, I envisage, will be an extremely busy one for me and I look forward to the challenge.

I propose to continue working with the Membership Team that has been set in place. By the time this goes to print, I will have contacted all the District Membership Officers to ensure they have all the information that has been assembled and the relevant information needed to follow through with their responsibilities. Working in tandem, we can collectively benefit results for the Association. Apart from focusing on Chartering new Clubs, which comes with the benefit of increased Membership numbers, it is apparent we must also look seriously at the strength of our existing Clubs. The number of requests for extension of office bearers at both Club and District levels in the past year were alarming and this needs to be addressed, and I will be seeking suggestions from the District Membership Officers regarding this. It goes without question the retention of existing Members and Clubs are top priority. We must focus on mentoring “Newly Chartered Clubs”, and Clubs whose numbers are dwindling, some to the extent their numbers are less than the required number to Charter a new Club.

My other area of concern is the Cord Blood Merchandise. There is in excess of 1700 Cordelia Books in stock, which are a clear profit for our National Project, when sold. I would like to encourage Clubs to purchase these and use them as a local Community Project. Donate them to your local Primary Schools to be used as incentive prizes for the teachers to give out to High Achievers or Most Improved Students. A little blog inserted inside the cover could advertise your Club meeting nights and also promote our National Project. Be sure to get photographs of your Club handing the books over. It would be good if a Member of your Club could be present when a book or books are being presented to the Students and have it published in your local newspaper. All Cord Blood Merchandise must be sold to enable our National Project to move forward.

Together we can

June



City of Wagga Wagga NSW

Inner Wheel Australia Changeover Wagga Wagga NSW



Mayor Cr Greg Conkey OAM with IWA President June comparing the gold in their "Chains of Office"



The weekend began on Friday afternoon 14th June with a Mayoral Reception in the Council Chambers of the Mayor, Greg Conkey, who made us all most welcome



"Touch of Country"
This was the theme of the Friendship Dinner Friday evening for a rollicking night of music by the "Tin Shed Rattlers" and we enjoyed scrumptious country roast meats and vegies.



The Changeover



The Dinner was held on Saturday night 15th June at the Quality Hotel Rules Club in Wagga Wagga. A time to congratulate Past President June on her year as President and to welcome our new President Robyn.



The Honourable Deputy Prime Minister Michael McCormack, (who was actually Acting Prime Minister on the night) was a guest. He is pictured with Past Secretary Pam Lyons MC for the evening.



Gabrielle Grosfeld
Wollundry Club



The Skit Pres. Robyn's
Brother & Sister



District A77



District Chairmen 2018/19
IWA Council Members 2019/20



Past IWA President
Carole Buchanan



District A53



*Vice President
Elizabeth Tooke
Inner Wheel Club
Blayney NSW*

Born in Penrith, and educated at MLC Burwood, I joined the Commonwealth Bank following the loss of my father to cancer just after completing my Higher School Certificate. I married and moved to Blayney for Ian's first teaching appointment, before we moved to Broken Hill after nine years and two children.

I volunteered at the Challenge Foundation working with cognitively and physically challenged children, and after completing professional studies became the Music/Play Therapist and later their Preschool Manager.

Returning to Blayney and banking in 1990, I became involved with Ian's Rotary Club, hosting GSE Teams, Youth Exchange Students and accompanying Ian on his 2002/03 District Governor visits whilst we were both still working fulltime. We have travelled to Bangladesh opening a cancer theatre in remote Rajshahi, supporting the hospital there with two additional matching Grants, and in 2003 I received Rotary's Paul Harris Fellow Recognition.

In the last decade our family has been tested and challenged with health issues and I met my biological family after 60 years, which has seen me grow in my understanding of people, their differences and vulnerabilities.

I joined Inner Wheel in 2009 because of the support and friendship extended to me at my lowest. Since joining, Inner Wheel has been my passion and I have dedicated myself to serving this great organization as well as continuing to work with my community.

I am totally optimistic about Inner Wheel's future.



*Secretary
Helen Donaldson
Inner Wheel Club
Griffith East NSW*

Inner Wheel friends, I feel privileged and a little nervous at taking on the role of IWA Secretary. I would firstly like to congratulate Pam on the great job she did as your Secretary for 2018-2019. She has left me with some very big shoes to try to fill.

I was asked to join Inner Wheel in 1994 and have thoroughly enjoyed the warmth of friendship that comes from being a member of this wonderful organization. I have held various positions at the Club level, which include Treasurer, Historian, Secretary, President as well as that, of District Editor, District Secretary, District Chairman and IWA Council Member.

My late husband Jock and I were married for 48 years and we have four children and eight grandchildren.

I will do my utmost to carry out the duties of IWA Secretary in a correct and timely manner and ask for your patience along the way.

I am sure that **Together we can** overcome any hurdle along the way.



The Past IWA Secretary Pam Lyons with new IWA Secretary Helen Donaldson



I have enjoyed my year as IWA Secretary and I wish incoming Secretary Helen Donaldson a wonderful year ahead. All the best Helen.

In Inner Wheel Friendship
Pam Lyons



*Treasurer
Helen Foley
Inner Wheel Club
Bayside VIC*

I joined Inner Wheel in 1994 as a Charter member of Bayside in A62. The positions I have held in the Club are Treasurer, President, Secretary, Editor, Social Convenor and International Service. I was District Cord Blood Coordinator for seven years and then District Treasurer for three years.

I joined Inner Wheel for friendship. Our children had all completed school and my husband Brian was working overseas and I needed a new friendship network.

I have long been involved in Community service through Meals on Wheels, our Municipal Library and different groups within my Church community. In Inner Wheel I have been privileged to meet a wonderful group of warm friendly Inner Wheel Members. As well as our monthly meetings, we meet regularly for brunch. For five years we had a share trading group. Through one of our Members I have learned to play croquet, and am a regular at the book discussion group.

In my 'financially rewarding life', I have been a secondary school teacher, a secondary college tuckshop manager and treasurer, a parish secretary and bookkeeper and an aged day care centre clerical support person.

Brian and I have been married for 55 years. Our four children are all married and we are very proud of our five grandchildren.

For recreation as well as playing croquet, I am an occasional gardener and an avid reader of many different genres and an enthusiastic visitor to art galleries.





Member of Inner Wheel Club of Newent & District



2019/20

The Theme - **Together we can** - are words that I hope will encourage **Inner Wheel Members** to work together in their Clubs, Districts and Countries so that **together we can** prove how vibrant and effective Inner Wheel is as an organization.

Inner Wheel is like a tree of life -

The roots are our history - 96 years of Inner Wheel friendship and service

The trunk being the Districts - give strength and unity

The branches spreading out are the clubs - reaching out to our communities

The 110,000 leaves that give colour and life to the tree, are the members.

Like a leaf on a tree, alone we can achieve so little. But in **Inner Wheel**, by standing **together we can** achieve so much.

110,000 **inspirational - innovative - women**, enjoying friendship whilst working together worldwide in 104 countries.

In a world where no one individual can do everything - in **Inner Wheel** everyone can do something in a team - and **together we can** change the world.

With this strength and unity of friendship, **together we can** achieve our dreams and anything our hearts wish to do, no matter how big or small. Let us use this strength to sow the seeds of Service and help people in the world who are in need for whatever reason.

Women are great leaders and, in Inner Wheel, **together we can** make the world a safer and better place for all to live. By working together anything can be achieved, whether it be disease awareness, poverty prevention, accessible education, safeguarding the environment, skills training, female hygiene provisions, or the many other situations where the safety and wellbeing of women and their families are concerned.

It isn't what we say or think as **Inner Wheel Members** that defines us, - it's what we do.

The future of Inner Wheel is in **our hands**, let us prove that by working **together we can** be strong - making the impossible possible!

Let our actions be seen and our voices be heard, so that our **Inner Wheel** tree of life becomes a powerful forest around the world.

Friendship

- F is for the fellowship we all share
- R is for respect we have for one another
- I is for inspirational and innovative women
- E is for enjoyment
- N is for service that we all give
- D is for members' dedication
- S is for service that we all give
- H is for happiness from the faces that we have helped
- I is for International Inner Wheel - members worldwide
- P is for peace the world over



104 Countries



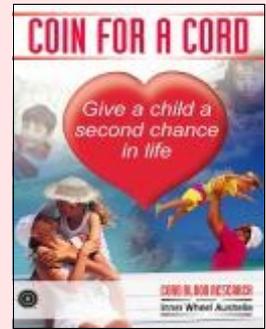
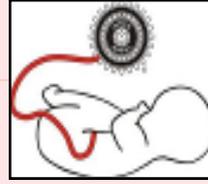
110,000 Members



3,979 Clubs



*National Project Coordinator
Barbara Mitchell*



Welcome to winter, brr lucky girls who live in the warmer states as it's very chilly in Bendigo.

I hope your Clubs and Districts had a super Cord Blood Day and sold heaps of merchandise and that you will be contacting me soon for more stock.....just dreaming.

The Cord Blood team is very much aware that many Clubs don't want any more stock and are happy running trivia nights, wine drives morning teas etc. to raise funds for our project. In fact, we know that you all raise so much more funds doing this, than sitting at shopping centres all day.

We do need to move and sell what merchandise we still have left out to the Clubs around Australia. So for the Clubs that still do Cord Blood stalls we need to get stock to them and if possible the quickest and cheapest way. We still have sleepy bears, pens, tea towels and a few Cordelia Books. If any Clubs have excess stock that's just sitting there, hopefully we can do lots of swaps and keep the stock moving.

As we approach the end of the Inner Wheel year 2018-2019, I sincerely thank you all for your hard work and support throughout the year. It's definitely been a learning curve for me as I have had very big shoes to fill. A few of our coordinators will be leaving our team and on your behalf, I'd like to thank them so much for all their hard work and wish them the best of luck as they move on to other projects. A40 Eluned Clarke, A50 Alison Broughton, A51 Beryl Cross, A53 Leigh Smith, A70 Lyn Green, A77 Jenny Stone. Now, a very big welcome to our newest Cord Blood coordinators, A40 Josie Jamieson, A50 Louise Harpley, A51 Franca Rodilosso, A53 Robyn White, A70 Rosalie De Laurant, and A77 Heather Hannah. We also say goodbye to Marion Newman, Publicity & Promotional Materials Officer and thank her for her ongoing dedication into promoting Cord Blood.

Hope to catch up with all or some of you in Cairns, till then please keep me posted with your photos.



Melba Mahoney with Barbara Mitchell selling Cord Blood umbrellas merchandise



Barbara Mitchell with Cord Blood Bear merchandise

*Introducing the
District Chairmen*



*District A40 WA
(16 Clubs)
Cally Ellis
Mandurah Club*

After our great Changeover luncheon on Saturday 29th June, where 92 Members celebrated, I am settling into the job of leading our District into the new season.

I am particularly keen to see our Clubs grow in membership. It will be one of my main objectives for this coming year. We have just welcomed our new Club, Cowan at Sunset; however, there are a number of Clubs whose membership has dropped and we should make a concerted effort to save these Clubs from having to hand in their Charter.

I am also keen to share with Members the protocols of getting into executive positions in our Association. Clubs are having to rely on their Members taking on roles a number of times and if more Members knew what was involved they may take on these positions. We will explore this at our yearly information day at "Piney Lakes".

I am extremely excited to be visiting all the Clubs in our District. WA Clubs are scattered widely throughout the State, and I look forward to meeting with the Members in these Country Clubs, as well as those in the Metro area.

I wish all other District Chairmen of Inner Wheel Australia a fantastic year ahead.



*District A50 NSW
(8 Clubs)
Anne Holloway*

District A50 Changeover on 22nd June, was combined with the District and Cowra Club. In addition we celebrated 50 years of District A50. The Cowra Services Club was decorated in red black and gold looking spectacular and festive.

Twenty Past District Chairmen attended representing our proud history. A Power Point played through the meal, and Historian Kaye Preema gave us a brief history of the District. This was supplemented by Jan Munro District Chairman A54 who outlined the combined history of A50 and A54, before the Districts were split.

The Objects of Inner Wheel are the cornerstone of our organization these must be at the core of all we do. As our District continues to address membership issues, it is important to do this keeping the Objects at the forefront. District A50 has been innovative in promoting Inner Wheel on Facebook and in the media, and we plan to continue looking for different ways to attract new members.

My hope is that Clubs are able to grow and consolidate and be meaningful in our communities while members enjoy friendship and support.

This year's theme **Together we can** involves each Member of Inner Wheel. Each one of us has the opportunity to contribute and make a difference.





District A51 NSW

(8 Clubs)

Lesley Byrne

Balmain Club

I wish to thank all my Clubs for their amazing work and my very diligent committee members. My vision for last year to concentrate on Communication, Membership and Interactive Meetings with Clubs and Districts was well supported, and the annual reports from Presidents at the end of the year were evidence of this.

As this is my second year as Chairman, I wish to further concentrate on Membership and from my visits to Clubs I would like also to address Succession Planning.

Membership in our District is steady, although this year we farewelled North Sydney Club, Charter No. 1, after 86 - 87 years of Inner Wheel Service. All is not lost five Members have been retained.

Many events, stalls and hands-on community work filled the past year in our District with much friendship and purpose, and I wish this to continue with each Club having its own individual vision to follow. This certainly follows the International theme of **Together we can.**

I look forward to supporting all Club endeavours during the year ahead and will support all Presidents as best I can.

All positions at District level have been filled, and we have a small but very dynamic team going forward.



District A52 NSW

(5 Clubs)

Joan Davis

Terrigal Club

Our District celebrated our 50th Changeover with a blue and gold theme where we used Gold Roses with touches of white along the deep aqua runners; very stunning.

The Changeover went well and I am the 50th Chairman in my 50th year of being a Member. This was not planned when I was elected last year.

The year I hope will be a good year for friendship. All District A52 Clubs are always doing projects for those in need and also enjoying interaction together with social activities.

We have the new Inner Wheel Club of Tuggerah Lakes that was chartered in June, so we will be there to help if it is needed. I wish all Clubs best wishes for a happy, friendly successful year.



Canberra-Belconnen

ACT Non District

(20 Members)

Our Members are looking forward to another year of friendship and service, acknowledging the IIW President's theme **Together we can.**

Our Club has close links with the Rotary Clubs of Belconnen and Woden and we cooperate with them on a number of projects, enabling all parties to raise funds. During this year our Club will support groups locally, nationally and internationally, in particular women and girls, selecting groups where we can make a difference, and communities suffering due to natural disasters.

Friendship is a key to our Club's strength and during the year we will share our passions, knowledge and interests at Club Meetings by inviting a range of diverse speakers to widen our horizons. We will be arranging events to include those now unable to attend evening meetings and will be keeping in touch with our Honorary Members. As a small part of Inner Wheel Australia, our Club is looking forward to being represented at the conference in Cairns.



*District A53 NSW
(12 Clubs)
Rosslyn Bushell
The Hills Club*

I have become the 51st District Chairman of District A53.

I am a Charter Member of the Inner Wheel Club of The Hills and have held many positions. I have been District Secretary three times and District Chairman in 2008- 2009

Our new District Committee are all experienced having served on District before and we are all looking forward to the year ahead. We hope our District Meetings will be fun and informative. I hope to encourage Members to attend District Meetings, IWA Changeover and IWA Conference.

I realize it can be daunting for some Members to take on roles in their Clubs and this year I hope to be able to encourage them, even if roles are shared among all the Members. I tell our Members if you say you can, you can. We are after all, a friendship organisation and if we work together we can keep our Clubs going.

Our Chairman's Charity this year is 'Look Good Feel Better'. This organization runs free workshops for people suffering from cancer to face their cancer with confidence.

Our International Charity will be voted on in August. Three Clubs have nominated a Charity and we will support the winner for two years.

I am looking forward to a year of friendship, service and understanding.



*District A54 NSW
(9 Clubs)
Denyse Melton
Wagga Wagga Club*

What a privilege it is to be the new A54 Chairman. Three years have certainly flown from when I committed to take on this position, and I have really enjoyed being part of the A54 Executive and A54 gatherings, especially forming new friendships.

I look forward to meeting so many more Inner Wheel Members and visiting all the towns in our district. District A54 is unique with all our towns and surroundings gaining their life and sustainability from on, or near, the Murrumbidgee and Murray Rivers, which combine to form one mighty River. When we come together at District Meetings we are like our life giving river system - joining together in strength and friendship to foster and enjoy the objects of Inner Wheel.

This year I hope to encourage Members to build and enjoy lasting friendships through the fellowship of their own Clubs, attending District Meetings and if possible, the Inner Wheel Australian Conference in Cairns.

With the Inner Wheel objects in the centre of our lives and supported by caring hands, we are able to reach out and live and enjoy these objects.

- To promote true Friendship
- To encourage the ideals of Personal Service
- To foster International Understanding

Together we can





*District A55 NSW
(10 Clubs)
Margaret Lenord
Inverell Club*

I joined Inverell Club approximately 27 years ago, having held most positions in our Club. Inverell is situated on the North West slopes of New South Wales and has a population in the town and surrounding district of approximately 16,000.

A55 conducted our District Meeting in beautiful Grafton on the weekend 28th, 29th and 30th June. Congratulations to outgoing District Chairman Alison Banks on a wonderful year and to the Grafton Club for an excellent District meeting; commencing with our Friendship Dinner on Friday, continuing to the business session on Saturday, excellent Dinner and Changeover on Saturday night and finishing with breakfast on Sunday morning on Alison's verandah and garden.

I feel privileged to have been elected Chairman of Inner Wheel District A55 and am looking forward to my year as District Chairman and visiting all the Clubs in the District, meeting all their Members, learning how each Club operates, and the different activities they support. I encourage Members to attend District meetings and our National Conference to further their knowledge of Inner Wheel and to stand for District executive and enjoy that experience.

My main goal is to retain Clubs and Members while at the same time endeavouring to attract new Members, especially younger women to our organization.

A highlight of my year, I am sure will be attending the Inner Wheel Australia Conference in Cairns and reconnecting with the other District Chairmen who are sharing this journey in Inner Wheel.



*District A60 VIC
(6 Clubs)
Kaye Slater
Warrnambool Club*

My Club of Warrnambool was chartered on May 22nd 2010 and I was the inaugural President. It has been a very interesting ride.

Our Changeover kicked off with dinner on Friday evening and 29 ladies attended our 108th District Meeting and Changeover lunch in chilly Warrnambool. A lovely morning tea warmed us up. Scones were scrumptious. It was nice to have Members from all Clubs in attendance, some with quite a distance to travel. We had a good meeting followed by a nice lunch with partners and friends attending.

Congratulations and presentations were made to Chairman Marlene for her completed year. Marlene presented her Executive with a card and gift. Our Treasurer Ruth retired and received a feather duster. I was inducted with our District Collar and I introduced my Executive for the coming year. Photos were taken. A good day was had with lots of chatter amongst friends.

Thank you to my Club and for everyone's support on the day.

Wishing all Clubs a successful and rewarding year. Enjoy the fun and friendship Inner Wheel has to offer.





*District A61 VIC
(10 Clubs)
Nola Kneebone
Boronia Club*

As District Chairman for 2019-2020 my emphasis this year will be on new Members and those attending District meetings for the first time. How will I emphasize this?

- During Club visits I will be encouraging Members to wear name badges to meetings/functions
- New Attendees/Members at District Meetings will be asked to wear a smiley face badge to indicate they are first time attendees.
- Designate Members to introduce new attendees to Members.
- Trial new seating arrangements at meetings. Attendees mixed up by placing Club tags on tables. Ideally this will encourage new friendships.

In going forward District must also continue to evolve - encourage Members to accept positions on the District Committee; highlighting their skills and knowledge through years of membership, life skills and employment.

Another challenge would be to investigate the possibility of forming a new Club between Williamstown and Boronia to bridge the wide gap between these Clubs, whilst also strengthening the existing Clubs wherever necessary.

I look forward to encompassing IIW President Phyllis Charter's theme for 2019-2020 **Together we can** to make a huge difference both nationally and internationally through Clubs actively supporting our District Project "The Bwindi Project" (Uganda) and "Cord Blood Research".



*District A62 VIC
(11 Clubs)
Kate Luxford
Cranbourne Club*

Born in Nottingham and emigrating in 1967, my life has been full of challenges. Assimilating into a new country and lifestyle at the difficult teenage stage has taught me great life skills, with communication being one of the most important.

I am married to Garry and we have two married children, two beautiful grandchildren and numerous fur babies, so life is very busy and again communication and connection is very important to me with my family.

Since joining Inner Wheel in 1998, I have enjoyed most positions on the committee of my Club, Cranbourne, being Club President twice and now in my seventh year on the District committee, I have the privilege to be the District Chairman.

My aim for this year is to encourage Members to know a little more about our District and what we do, with communication being the key. It needs to be open, inclusive and honest.

I know **Together we can** achieve this and assist to keep our District and Clubs strong. **Together we can** continue our strong sense of commitment to our communities.





*District A70 SA
(6 Clubs)
Linda Lovell
North East Sunset*

Our District Changeover was not without its challenges with a last minute change of venue and menu, ill health affecting attendee numbers and the replacement of six positions required. It resulted in the true definition of IIW President Phyllis Charters' theme **Together we can**. Borrowed decorations, Club Members assisting with greetings and set up, and a friend providing bright entertainment with her Ukulele mates culminated in a fun afternoon of fellowship. I was proud to have my husband, son, parents, uncle and sister attend the day!

I will endeavour to provide a year of stabilisation after the closure of our oldest Club, but optimistically foresee a year of growth due to our hard working Membership Committee producing updated brochures, booklets, business cards, banners, a power point presentation and a greater Facebook presence.

We farewelled the outgoing committee and Chairman Chris with many thanks and welcomed the incoming committee which will incorporate shared positions this year thus providing a good mixture of enthusiastic new and older experienced Inner Wheel minds. I have valued my time in the positions of Junior Vice and Vice Chairman with the hope that my ongoing education contributes to the effective operations of Inner Wheel in South Australia.



*District A76 Qld
(5 Clubs)
Jan Arnell
Innisfail Club*

My name is Jan Arnell and I am a member of the Inner Wheel Club of Innisfail in District A76. I live locally and my husband Jim is a retired Lawyer and has always been a great support to me in whatever position I have held with the Club and District. We have four children, all married, and twelve grandchildren. I have been a member of Inner Wheel for around 10 years.

Joining Inner Wheel introduced me to a wonderful world of fun and friendship. Attending conferences has been a great chance to meet like minded women from all areas of Australia.

Our changeover was held in Innisfail at the Queens Hotel and was well attended by the five Clubs in our District. A superb lunch was served and enjoyed by all.

Our theme for the year **Together we can** points out to me just how much more we can achieve when we work together as a team. I look forward to my visits to each Club and the chance to promote the ideals of Inner Wheel. I will participate strongly in all aspects of the Clubs and I look forward to the year ahead.





*District A77 Qld
(16 Clubs)
Maureen Burke
Toowoomba Club*

Our 30th District Changeover was a celebration of Past District Chairmen. I am honoured to be inducted as District A77 Chairman.

Congratulations to all 2019 -2020 Executive Committee Members. Executive Members need our support and encouragement. This year our District Clubs celebrate important milestones - a 10th, 20th, 25th, 35th and 65th Anniversary. Attendance at District meetings, Club functions and important celebrations are encouraged.

I hope Members will gain a better understanding of the role of District, Inner Wheel Australia (IWA), and International Inner Wheel (IIW), and value their own contributions and ideas. I look forward to my Club visits and meeting Members. I am very interested in what each Club and dedicated Member is doing for their “community”.

Ideally, I would like all Clubs to fully “embrace Community”. Many Members continue to be involved in this process locally, nationally and internationally to much satisfaction. I consider it important that we embrace our IIW Project, “Caring for Women and Girls”. The current IIW Theme **Together we can** encapsulates this ideal. Support of our National Project, Cord Blood Research, will continue to be encouraged.

Facebook has become an important medium, enlightening Club activity. This year our District will endeavour to be more involved in IW publicity to promote greater awareness and membership growth.

As Mahatma Gandhi said ‘The best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in the service of others’.



*District A80 TAS
(8 Clubs)
Christine Horswill
Clarence Club*

Our District A80 Changeover *Christmas in June* was held on 29th June. Fifty-two guests enjoyed a night of fellowship and laughter.

I wish to thank my fellow Members of my District for selecting me to lead them as Chairman for this year. I am indeed honoured to be given the opportunity to serve in this capacity. I give my sincere assurance that I will be dedicated to the cause of Inner Wheel in this role, the same way I have demonstrated my commitment over the past few years since I was first inducted onto the Executive, six years ago.

Our Inner Wheel objects of true friendship, personal service and international understanding will be forefront of our goal setting as a District. I will challenge all Clubs in A80 District to establish membership project teams working on specific outcomes inspired by International Inner Wheel President’s theme **Together we can....** and will!

From the Editor Cheryl Leddy

I hope you all enjoy reading this Changeover edition of your Inner Wheel Australia Magazine. This gives you an opportunity to get to know our Executive and introduces the new 14 District Chairmen with their ambitions for their year. I thank them all for their contributions and forgive those who were a little late in getting their reports to me.

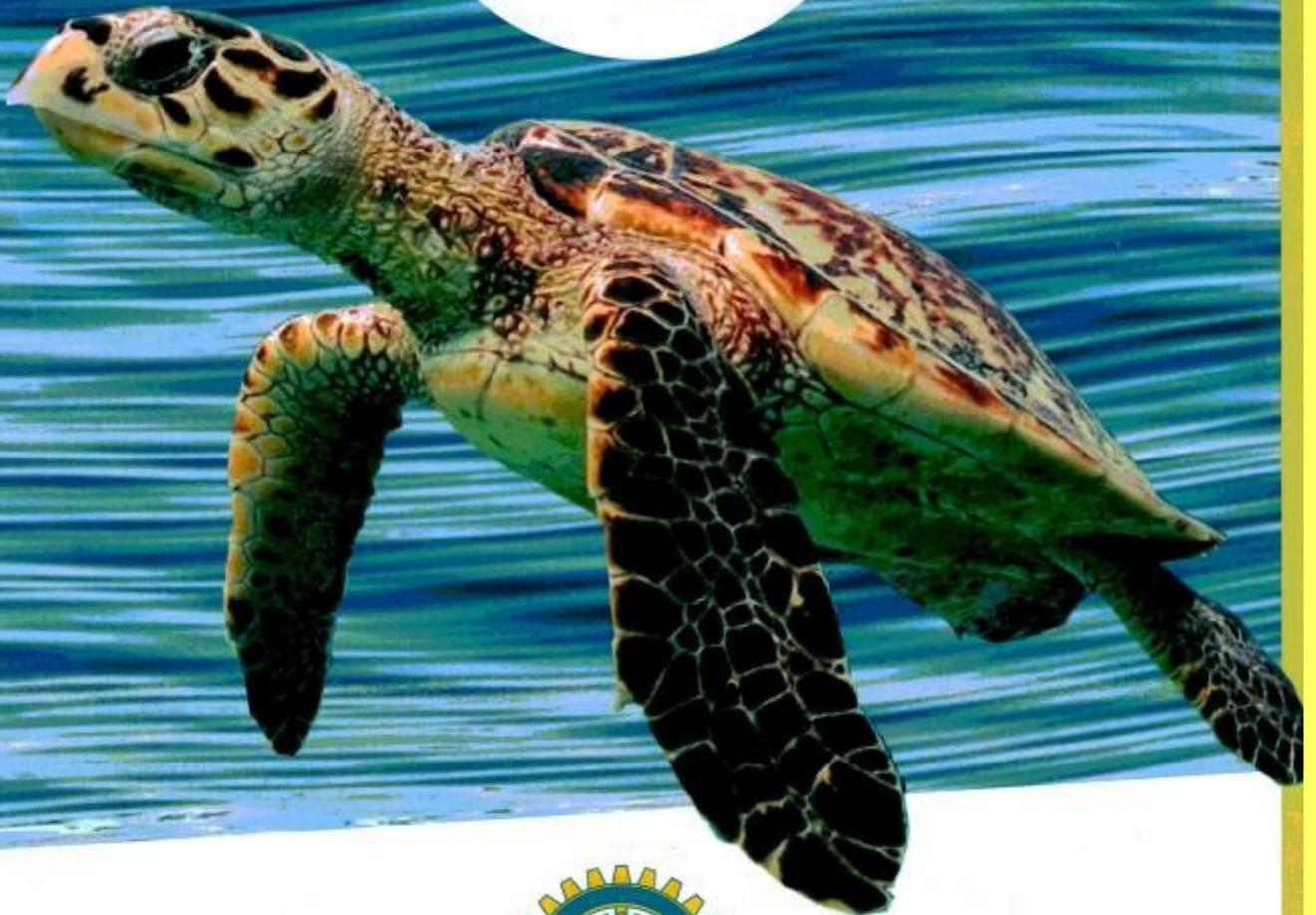
I am looking forward to catching up with you all in Cairns in October.



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