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*Districts A60, A61, A62 celebrating International Inner Wheel Day - Melbourne Botanical Gardens*

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## A Message from Inner Wheel Australia President Robyn Gillespie

The 2019 Cairns Conference was a very successful social event, enjoyed by Members and partners. The beautiful surrounds of the pool deck at the Pullman were a delight, and the weather was superb. I am forever grateful to the magnificent Conference Committee who never left a stone unturned to bring us this great conference.

On writing this, I have visited 8 of the 14 Districts since the Conference. A76 and A77 in Queensland, A52, 55, 50, 53 and 54 in NSW A60 in Victoria and the Canberra Belconnen Club. At all meetings I have been warmly welcomed at both Executive and District Meetings. These visits are indeed the highlight of any President's year, and I sincerely thank all Members who go out of their way to make the President's visit to their District very special.

I have, on behalf of the Executive sent, Christmas greetings to all Members, as well as two letters concerning the devastating bushfires around the coastline of Australia. At this stage we have had a pleasing response to our Disaster Fund. Unfortunately, in many areas of Australia the drought continues, and several Members of the Canberra Belconnen Club were hard hit by the massive hailstorm that hit Canberra. Our thoughts are with all who have been affected by these events. Many Members and Clubs have donated to local appeals which is an excellent way of knowing that you are supporting your communities, and I congratulate you for doing just that. Methods to distribute the IWA disaster fund will be decided at our April Executive meeting.

What has been amazing has been the number of wonderful letters we have received from Inner Wheel Clubs throughout the world, who have all offered their support and prayers to our Members. Several have also sent donations through to the Disaster Fund. Many are still working to raise funds for our Members in need. Once again, a visible link of Inner Wheel friends around the world supporting one another.

I am excited to introduce a new Vice President to our membership. Maralyne Skeggs from District A53 was elected, and we congratulate her and thank Lynne Davine from A62 for nominating and encourage her to nominate again next year.

Many Clubs and Districts are striving to fill Executive positions again this year. I encourage all Members to consider ways in which you can help your Club or District remain viable. It may be by doing a part position, correspondence or minute secretary, assistant treasurer, sharing the president's duties. In this way you share the burden of the position and learn more about the organisation.

As we enter the final few months of my year, I trust that all Members can work together, with International Inner Wheel Objects firmly in our thoughts, supporting those Members who have been affected by many natural disasters and working towards a strong cohesive Association of which we can all be proud to belong.

In friendship,

*Robyn*



## District A40 - Western Australia

### Albany - Chartered 17.02.96 President: Sharon Lawrence

Albany Members enjoyed a great, varied, eventful year from our themed meetings with “set challenges”, an interesting monthly bulletin, two very successful drives for “Share the Dignity”, our Club project. We also had two highly profitable sausage sizzles, monthly luncheons, cocktail party, Indian International Dinner, girls’ weekend in Denmark complete with wine tasting, an Eco dyeing class, BBQ Breakfast at Emu Point and so many good times. Donations were sent to various organisations and plus we sponsored a student from Mt Barker Senior High.



### Geraldton - Chartered 21.06.16 President: Yvonne Lovedee

Everlasting seeds were the gifts Geraldton used to welcome A40 delegates to our shores in March 2019. It was wonderful to receive photos of everlasting flowers in gardens around the state in Springtime.



**Towel presentation to Women’s Refuge by Lesley Colliver, President 2018/19**

**Sleeping Bags for the homeless presented to Libby McLachlan of Icare by Yvonne Lovedee, President 2019/20 and Margaret Pike, Social Convenor**



Members and friends also had plenty of fun under the stars with a Family Dance, “Under the Stars” late in 2019. Another exciting year ahead in 2020!

### Gosnells - Chartered 06.04.67 President: Glenda McIver

Our Club welcomed two new members in November 2019 who will be an asset to the Club with their enthusiasm and willingness to join in. Now in our 51<sup>st</sup> year, we look forward to our community work with some fresh minds to help us.



### Kalamunda - Chartered 24.08.65 President: Kay Annetts



The Inner Wheel Club of Kalamunda has had a very successful year. At our Changeover meeting **Past President Maureen Betts** was honoured to present Club Member **Laurel O’Connell** with her **50 Year Inner Wheel Pin and Certificate of Appreciation**. Laurel has been a Member since 1969 and is also a Paul Harris Fellow. (See left)

Our Club had the pleasure of inducting three new members, **Carol Burgess, Diane Williams and Wanda Banto**.

### Kalgoorlie -Boulder - Chartered 18.11.89 President: Linda McLerie

We opened our Time Capsule for our 30<sup>th</sup> Birthday in November. It was so very interesting as some Members had included their profiles and that came in handy when trying to find who donated a toy Chicken. It was a Past President who owned the local Toyota dealership years ago, and it was the Toyota Chicken. Some great donations from overseas Clubs were also included.

**Photo - the Time Capsule contents**



### [Karrinyup - Chartered 07.05.82 President: Diane Brennan](#)

The new year began with a normal meeting in January and our sausage sizzle night in February in conjunction with our International Night. Club Members, husbands, friends and also some Members from the Rotary Club of Karrinyup all had a fantastic night.

In January, some of our members attended a Karrinyup Rotary night to hear their guest speaker, Paul Higginbotham, CEO of the Earbus Foundation. The Rotary Club had provided funds and expertise to build an Earbus to service the Kimberley region. Our Inner Wheel Club provided funds to purchase specialist equipment for use in the bus.



### [Mandurah – Chartered 28.05.11 President: Janine Hyson](#)

The ladies of our Club have been continuing to enjoy lots of great times together this year while raising money for local, national and international charities. Sausage sizzles along with Garage Sales and Swap Meets give us the opportunity to talk to people about our fabulous Inner Wheel organisation. It has been a wonderful year for us in Mandurah with our Member numbers in the high twenties. At our next meeting in February, we will be hosting five guests including a visitor from the UK, and we will be exchanging banners.

### [Melville – Chartered 21.09.60 President: Helen Edinger](#)



On 10<sup>th</sup> of January Members and many husbands attended breakfast held at the home of Catherine and John and toasted Inner Wheel Day.

As this will be our Club's 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, we are considering a special event in September, and we ask that all District A40 share our special day with us. Our new committee for 2020/21 has been elected - all positions were filled.

**We celebrate the special "0" birthday of a distinguished Member next month, and we all send our best wishes.**

### [Rockingham Kwinana Districts - Chartered 24.05.85 President: Deryl Wallhead](#)

We are a small club of only 11 Members, but we are enjoying our Club very much and looking forward to increasing our numbers in 2020. We celebrated our 36<sup>th</sup> Birthday in October last year. Inner Wheel Day was celebrated with the IWC of Mandurah at the Chocolate Factory in Mandurah. Our last monthly Club Social Function was on 12<sup>th</sup> February at Chandlers Kitchen in Rockingham. We are holding our Club elections on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> February and looking forward to a great year.

### [Scarborough – Chartered 26.11.82 President: Val Lynn](#)

As this hot and dangerous summer continues, we are thinking of other Australians whose lives have been affected by drought, fires and floods. We are grateful our local area remains safe. Focus for the start of our year will be how to help those in need of fire damage relief.

**The photograph shows our group visiting the amazing Harry Perkins Research Institute and hearing about their medical research programmes.**



Swan Valley - Chartered 06.09.14 President: Lyn Coy

"Thank you", to Lorraine and Ed for opening their home in Brigadoon for our "Sundowner" - held to raise funds for "The Hands of Rescue" - this year's International Project. Food was in abundance - supplied by Members of our Club. Husbands, family, friends and Members from our Club, as well as Kalamunda, Gosnells and Mandurah Clubs, watched the Sunset and the Big fire on the horizon. Thanks also to the sale of many Raffle Tickets, we made over \$1,100.00.



Wanneroo - Chartered 15.09.89 President: Pat Cooper



A challenge was set for our February meeting whereby Members were asked to wear something that was purchased from an Opportunity Shop. We sported lovely blouses, trousers, earrings, necklaces, dressy hairclips and shoes. Our District Chairman Cally Ellis joined us, and we enjoyed a delicious chicken and salad dinner, prepared by our Members before hearing Cally's very interesting story about her chosen charity "Polycystic Kidney Disease", which she herself suffers with, along with many Members of her family.

**Photo: Members getting ready to enjoy dinner.**

Whitfords - Chartered 24.09.79 President: Robyn Wickham

We are a Club in the northern suburbs of Perth consisting of 18 Members. Some of us are a very crafty lot and our social convenor is always full of surprises with different events ranging from movie matinees to a tour of the Optus Stadium. Once a year we host a fashion parade which is a great fundraising event. Each of our ladies has something to contribute to our Club as an individual, and we get satisfaction in helping those in need.

INTERNATIONAL INNER WHEEL DAY LUNCH - DISTRICT A 40

Clubs in the Perth Metro area combined to have lunch at the Kalamunda Hotel to celebrate International Inner Wheel Day - organized by the Inner Wheel Club of Kalamunda.



Also this Date in History - *January 10*



*Coco Chanel died 49 years ago  
(Born 18/8/83)*

**Canberra-Belconnen (Non Districted)**

Chartered 04.11.71 President: Roslyn Joslin

Our Birthday in November was celebrated with a Croquet afternoon at the Hyatt Hotel followed by a lovely High Tea. Members have been attending film mornings and morning teas between meetings. Our Club supported the local Rotary Club in December with hamper packing for the needy.

Our Members have been impacted with damaged homes, cars, and gardens from the January hailstorm. Heavy smoke, poor air quality and dust throughout January, has limited our Club's activities.

# District A50 - New South Wales

## Bathurst - Chartered 26.07.62 President: Lesley Carter

Our Club is having a Combined Twilight Meeting with East Bathurst Rotary on 11<sup>th</sup> March sharing fun and friendship. Our guest speaker at our first meeting of the year was Ann from YWCA Encore, with Club Secretary Chris. Ann spoke about those who have experienced breast cancer and the free programme available to them in Bathurst. It was very informative.

**Photo on left - New Member Rhonda with President Lesley**

**Photo on Right Ann from YMCA Encore with Secretary Chris**



## Blayney - Chartered 22.08.62 President: Marcia Henry

We will be hosting the IWA Changeover on 13<sup>th</sup> June 2020 at Blayney. This is a very special occasion for popular Blayney Member, Elizabeth Tooke, who will be inducted as IWA President. New Member Jeannette Nowland (centre) was inducted at our Christmas Lunch. She is pictured with Proposer Anne Mendham (left) and President Marcia Henry (right). Blayney Club also celebrated International Inner Wheel Day with a lovely morning tea.

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## Cowra - Chartered 23.11.59 President: Linda Harris

Our Members have enjoyed activities in which service and friendship have been the watchwords with fundraising being a bonus. At the final meeting of 2019, we welcomed three newcomers to our town from the Congo. These ladies have settled here with their families and are relishing living in a peaceful land. On Australia Day we prepared and served morning tea following the celebrations at the Civic Centre.



**Cutting the 50<sup>th</sup> Birthday Cake IWA President Robyn Gillespie, PDC Devina Harrison (1981/82 and A50 DC Maria Bargwana (2018/19)**



**Preparing scones for the Australia Day Celebrations**



**Congolese Ladies with Chairman Ann Holloway**



**Cowra Ladies enjoying the Christmas Party**

### Dubbo - Chartered 01.07.62 President: Annette Storer

Members and partners of our Club celebrated International Inner Wheel Day with a dinner at the Restobar Indian Restaurant. As well as enjoying a wonderful meal and a night of friendship, Members were reminded of the reasons for this special day. During the evening Vice President Carol Trapman presented flowers to Treasurer Narelle Sekaran for her 50<sup>th</sup> Birthday.



### Lithgow - Chartered 01.12.58 President: Maureen Daskein

In November 2019, Members travelled to the historical village of Tarana, about 25 km west of Lithgow and we had our meeting at the Tarana Café. On 8<sup>th</sup> December we held our Christmas party at the home of Gail Coates in the Wolgan Valley. Smoke from the Gosper's Mountain fire prevented us from being outside. A week or so later, the fire was in the Valley and unfortunately affected their property. The Lithgow area also lost homes from the terrible bushfires. Our Members donated to the Lions Club Bushfire Victims appeal.



Members at the Tarana Café



Christmas Meeting in the Wolgan Valley

### Orange - Chartered 21.03.64 President: Rhonda Sawtell

We had a fun Orange Christmas Party held at our President Rhonda's property where Members, family and friends sat around their dam under a number of marquees. Thirty guests celebrated International Inner Wheel Day with a breakfast at a local café. Sadly two special ladies, Martha Brown OAM and Margaret Laughton passed this year. They will be remembered for their charity work and long time membership in our Club. We have welcomed two new Members and have planned a special art/wine fundraising function for Cord Blood Research and KINI in Kenya.



### Orange Minhi - Chartered 01.06.13 President: Nicole Kennedy

We have been focussing on Membership and have been encouraging guests and new Members to meetings. A Melbourne Cup fashions, games and Art Auction, a BBQ at Bunnings in February, Trivia night for Can Assist are some of our fun and games and fundraisers. Dearly missed Fran Sammut was included in the Rose Ceremony at the Cairns Conference. Minhi girls collected Dignity bags for the "Share the Dignity Initiative" delivered to Bunnings and also made a donation to Connor, a local boy needing ongoing medical treatment.



## District A51 - New South Wales

### Balmain - Chartered 30.11.90 President: Rosa Sturiale

We are very thrilled our Club Member IIW Past President Christine Kirby received an AM in the Australia Day Honours 2020, recognizing and rewarding outstanding service by an Australian Citizen. Chris was awarded her Member in the General Division of the Order of Australia for significant service to the community and to women. Congratulations Chris Kirby AM.

Balmain Club's Melbourne Cup event was great fun and an occasion to dress up and kick up our heels. Christmas was celebrated in Italian style with entertainment provided by our wonderful guest piano accordion player. Much of our effort so far this year has been focused on organising our birthday function in March, which we are combining with a drought relief fundraiser for families in the Tamworth area.

**Photo: Members celebrating Christmas**



*Congratulations*

Christine Kirby AM



### Belrose - Chartered 28.8.93 President: Liz Ralston

Congratulations to Lorraine Nicol, a Member for over 20 years. Lorraine was awarded the "Freedom of Port Stephens Award" on Australia Day for her tireless work in her local area, and this high recognition is well deserved. Our Club was saddened by the recent bushfires and the people who have lost everything. Some Members visited Batemans Bay and the Mogo Zoo in February to meet up with local charities to see how they could help.

**Photo: Lorraine Nicol receiving her Award**



### Camden - Chartered 09.04.88 President: Carol Carmagnola

Camden ladies had a festive Christmas Party at Rock Salt Café with the money raised donated to local churches and Cord Blood Research. International Inner Wheel Day was shared with Sutherland Club, whilst those who were unable to travel, lunched together at Mr Tang's Camden. In January Mercy Ship's Nurse Tara Norton gave an interesting talk about her working experiences and the amazing medical, dental, optical and other aid given to poorer nations, and the gratitude these lovely people show. **Photo: President Carol with Nurse Tara**



### [Southern Highlands - Chartered 26.09.98 President: Barbara Smith](#)

In October our Club helped at the Dream Cricket Day for disabled children at Bradman Oval, Bowral. We held a successful Christmas stall, and our Christmas Party was held at the home of our President Barbara Smith. We presented a record amount to Roma Dix OAM. The money goes to the Braille Music camp for blind children who come from everywhere. **Photo: The Christmas Stall**



### [Sutherland - Chartered 05.10.84 President: Margaret Blacker](#)

In November Members attended the A51 District Meeting and High Tea. Our Member Beryl Cross was awarded a "Certificate of Appreciation" for her services to Inner Wheel, including over 12 years service as District Cord Blood Coordinator. To celebrate International Wheel Day, we held a Church Service and lunch at Caringbah Presbyterian Church with over 50 people attending, including Members from other Inner Wheel Clubs. Our Club donated \$530 to Special Religious Education in local High Schools.



**Photo: Beryl Cross with her "Certificate of Appreciation" Award**

### [Sydney Inner West - Chartered 16.05.10 President: Pauline Lineham](#)

Our Club had a busy lead into Christmas with many activities, including donating Shoebox Packages to the Ladies of the Land Appeal. We received heart-warming stories from some of those women with their thanks. We also enjoyed our "Blinded by the Light Movie Night" in November to raise funds for Quest for Life. We are looking forward to our upcoming evening with Sally Hetherington OAM, CEO of Human and Hope Association.



**Photo: President Pauline (Back) and Members celebrating International Inner Wheel Day with a cuppa**

### [Wollongong - Chartered 01.07.61 President: Mary O'Rourke](#)

Our last fundraising event for the year was a Bunnings Sausage Sizzle where all Members and partners are called to help. Christmas was celebrated with a luncheon at Murphy's Bar and Grill. Over the last couple of years we have enjoyed Club outings to beautiful country gardens such as Mayfield in Oberon and Mt Annan. We can't help wondering how they have fared during the devastating bushfires. In Wollongong, we have only had to put up with smoke and dust.

## District A52 - New South Wales

### [Gosford North - Chartered 23.10.72 President: Karen Barber](#)

Members have continued to support Days for Girls Hygiene Kits and Basic Sewing Kits, which are transported to women in need across the world. We have also supported NG Central School (Ngaruki Gulgul) for students who struggle to stay in mainstream education because of poverty and family breakdown. We hold stalls and fashion parades to fund our projects and we hold monthly morning teas and a monthly dinner Club.



**Photo: Induction of new Members - Christine Newburn, Anu Chandramohan and Enonie Sammons with President Karen Barber at our 2019 Changeover lunch.**

### [Scone - Chartered 12.05.72 President: Ann Beckenham](#)

The Upper Hunter continues to experience drought conditions and our Club as been distributing comfort packs to children of families in crisis. This was initially started as a joint project between Gosford North and Scone Inner Wheel Clubs. Senior Constable Sheree Gray of Muswellbrook, who runs a project called "Kids in our Community", is now helping to distribute the packs. Our Christmas raffle and twilight market stall were a huge success, enabling us to continue supporting our community via donations to Scone Schools and services, including the Westpac Helicopter and the New South Wales Ambulance.



**Photo: At the twilight Market Stall - Dianne Chad, Ros Pinfold, Jane Sullivan, President Ann, Judith Simos and Helen Murphy**

### [Terrigal - Chartered 15.11.76 President: Carol Stratford](#)

Our Members are still enjoying morning teas. Throughout the year we've supported our local Riding for the Disabled facility and NG Central School, plus Cord Blood Research and our A52 International Charity. Fashion Parades, mini markets and trading tables are our main fundraisers. We gave to the "Pull our Socks up for Firies" appeal, as well as assisted a family severely affected by the bushfires. International Inner Wheel Day was celebrated by hosting an interclub luncheon. We are proud to have long time member Joan Davis as District A52 Chairman.



**Photo: President Carol presenting a donation to Jenny Cameron from "Riding for the Disabled"**

### [Tuggerah Lakes - Chartered 25.05.19 President: Morgan Chrisholm](#)

Our brand new Club successfully completed its first year and Members supported our local "Volunteer Bushfire Brigade" with a donation to upgrade their face masks. We also supported Cord Blood Research and our District's International project with the proceeds from Bunnings BBQ. Our annual "Peonies and Lace High Tea" raised a lot of money and an awareness of the needs of independent local HSC Students. We look forward to our second year of operation and hope that we will no longer be the youngest Club in Australia.



**Photo: Members celebrating their First Birthday (President Morgan seated second from Left)**

### [Wyong - Chartered 24.3.59 President: Lynette Stone](#)

The Crestani Scholarships team raises funds to award scholarships to professionals who treat cancer patients including radiation therapists, medical physicists etc. The research opportunities provided are directed at better outcomes for patients. One scholarship has resulted in Gosford Hospital's Central Coast Cancer Central being able to study a new technique, which has reduced the number of radiation treatments for patients from thirty to just two or three.

**Photo: President Lyn at the Crestani Scholarships Awards Evening being presented with a "Certificate of Appreciation" for Wyong Club's donation**



## District A53 - New South Wales

### [Baulkham Hills - Chartered 27.01.77 President: Lindsay Wanstall](#)

We continue to support "The Smith Family" and "Music Therapy" as our major charities as well as making smaller donations where appropriate, e.g. "Buy a Bale". Our fundraising events have included a trivia night, BBQ at Bunnings, Christmas gift wrapping and a fashion show. Our Members also enjoy some purely social events such as lunches and workshops which build on our friendships. We have recently welcomed three new Members, Helen, Virginia and Mariana.



**Induction of New Member - Helen**

**Mango Drive - Fundraiser**

**It's In the Bag**

### [Beecroft - Chartered 01.07.04 President: Jo Annis-Brown](#)

Changeover 2019/20 saw President Jo retain her position as Club President. Members are keeping busy with market stalls, craft days, jazz concert, social lunches, Melbourne Cup and Fashion Parade fundraisers and representation at the Cairns Conference. We continue to support A53 Chairman Ros Bushell at meetings, Getting to Know You Morning Teas and the Spring Race Day Fundraiser. We lament the sad passing in February, of Patricia Spark our Club Member since 2012 and IWA Member of over 45 years. **Photo: Studying the Form at Melbourne Cup**



### [Blacktown City - Chartered 11.06.82 President: Rhonda Orr](#)

A busy start to 2020 with a visit to Blacktown Hospital Special Care Baby Nursery for implementation of the Phototherapy Machine our Club provided late last year. This Machine is used for the treatment of babies who develop jaundice. International Inner Wheel Day was celebrated at Lily's Restaurant. Local Bushfire Brigade Member, Ben, attended to receive a donation to purchase much needed equipment including torches and special GPS



road directories, which are vital for finding connecting roads when not in a local area, as was experienced in the recent bush fires. **Photos: Blacktown Hospital Presentation and Rural Fire Service Presentation**

### [Campsie - Chartered 27.03.92 President: Helen Jagger](#)

We have been saddened by the death of Charter Member and Past President Shirley Gorrie in late 2019. Though not as active as in previous years, Campsie ladies are still keen on fostering the ideals of Inner Wheel and continue to support a child through the Smith Family. With the wonderful assistance of Campsie Rotary Club, we have held a Bunnings Sausage Sizzle with great success. We also packed Christmas Boxes for the Good Samaritan organization. We sincerely hope to continue working for Inner Wheel as we celebrate our 30<sup>th</sup> Birthday in 2022.



**Photo: Joan Brown and Helen Angelis packing Teddies into Christmas Boxes**

## Nepean - Chartered 16.03.94 President: Alyson Forster

Monthly dinner and movie nights continue. Christmas was celebrated with an evening of friendship and fine food at Enzo's Cucina Restaurant. Members donated gifts to Mission Australia. We commenced the year with a cocktail party to celebrate International Inner Wheel Day hosted by Jenny and Brian Richardson. The theme was "Going to the Races", and we enjoyed entertainment, much fun and fellowship with Members and partners. **Photos: Going to the Races**



## Norwest - Chartered 27.04.02 President: Lois Grech

November Fashion Parade raised proceeds for several drought related causes: Anglicare, fuel for health workers visiting drought affected country families and CWA Tamworth to distribute movie passes to farming families. President Lois and husband Henry hosted our Christmas luncheon. There was much fun and laughter with party games, trading table and Kris Kringle. They also delivered a caravan for use by a family in Mogo who lost their home in the January fires. Club Members kitted out the van with food and necessities. The van was delivered to the site with any excess supplies donated to other victims.



*Collage of the  
Bush Fire Victims*



**WITH LOVE FROM YOUR FRIENDS AT INNER WHEEL NORWEST**

## Pentrieth - Chartered 01.04.52 President: Jean Cook

Unfortunately our February meeting was cancelled owing to flooding in some areas of our District, preventing Members from attending. Thankfully all is now well, though very wet! International Inner Wheel Day was celebrated at the home of President Jean and was a pleasant morning. Two of our Members, Bet Trist (with husband David) and Merle Blanch (with husband Albert) will celebrate 70 years of married life (Platinum), so that's not a bad record of matrimonial bliss!



**Photo: Merle Blatch and Jenny Wearne at our Melbourne Cup Luncheon**

## Smithfield - Chartered 24.04.76 President: Carol Begovich

Christmas in July lunch was held at The Sheraton on the Park Sydney, our favourite venue at this time of the year for food and location. November Members attended the District Chairman's Fundraiser, a Race Brunch at The Fiddler in Rouse Hill. It was lovely to see the Ladies all glamorous for the race themed event. Our Christmas lunch was celebrated at Twin Creeks Golf Club, Luddenham with husbands - always an enjoyable location, as was International Inner Wheel Day celebrated with a lunch at The William Inglis Hotel, Warwick Farm. In late 2019 our Club donated to the town of Inverell, which was experiencing hardship caused by the drought conditions.

## [The Hills - Chartered 30.11.98 President: Robyn Mackey](#)

Christmas has been and gone and what a busy time it was! We had our Christmas lunch at Geranium Cottage. Also, later in December we had a wonderful evening in the garden of our President Robyn. Tables were set up beautifully and the BBQ was delicious - a fabulous evening. On Australia Day, we celebrated with a brunch at one of our Member's home and it was as good as usual. We are looking forward to a high tea friendship morning, and a Mothers' Day lunch in May.



**Photo: A53 District Chairman and Committee visit to The Hills Club**

## [West Harbour - Chartered 01.09.71 President: Susan Kemp](#)

We joined Members of District A51 to share a wonderful friendship day and adventure to Bowral to see the Fairground Follies, the Antique Mechanical Music Museum, absolutely fantastic and we spread a few coins by and had a very enjoyable lunch at The Mill. We continue to send knitted knee rugs and toys to "Wheelchairs for Kids". We are organizing a Trivia morning tea in March with a silent auction and raffle, with proceeds going to the Gippsland area through Rotary to help rebuild lives, dignity, hopes and dreams. At our April meeting, we will be celebrating our 49<sup>th</sup> Birthday.



**Photo: Fairground Follies**

## **District A54 - New South Wales**

### [Albury - Chartered 19.02.72 President: Patricia Lescun](#)

November saw eight of our Members attending Wodonga Inner Wheel Safari night. It was great to see all the Members dressing to the theme. The last day of summer saw five Members travelling to Wagga Wagga to attend A54 District picnic meeting hosted by the Wollundry Club.

### [Griffith East - Chartered 21.05.83 President: Renee Johnson](#)

Congratulations to Mary Bertoldo a long-time Member. For her 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday, Griffith Members took her to little Italy Restaurant for lunch, which was enjoyed by all. Mary is a great ISO. Our Club put together care packages for the people affected by the bush fires. These have been given to the Salvation Army for distribution.

### [Leeton - Chartered 13.04.57 President: Tonetta Flumara](#)

We commenced our year with a lovely day for International Inner Wheel Day, having lunch at the Anglican Church Hall, joined by the ladies from Griffith East and Yenda Inner Wheel Clubs. Following lunch, we went onto a local home, where there is a full sound proof recording studio with a lot of very expensive equipment. Mark gave us a demonstration of how it all works. Everyone was really interested in the workings of the studio, and it was a most enjoyable and unusual afternoon. We held a fundraiser theatre party for Cord Blood, and "Little Women" was the movie chosen. We had 232 patrons from the Leeton Community, and Members from Yenda and Narrandera also attended. Afterwards we all enjoyed a delicious afternoon tea provided by Members of our Club.

## [Narrandera - Chartered 27.10.71 President: Beth McVicker](#)

We celebrated International Inner Wheel Day with a morning tea. The conversation consisted of mainly talk about the dust, smoke, fires and families. For over two hours, we all enjoyed morning tea and friendship. We held our first meeting of the year in February and elected a full committee for 2020/21.

## [Wagga Wagga - Chartered 19.11.87 President: Lesley Masterson](#)

Our year started well with the International Inner Wheel Breakfast in January. For the past two years our Members have enjoyed this special occasion at the Mercure Hotel. It was a good time to catch up with fellow Members and enjoy the company of the younger Members from Wollundry Inner Wheel. As with most Districts, there has been much concern about the summer bushfires and ongoing drought. National President Robyn reported at our February meeting that she had been inundated with donations and messages of support from Inner Wheel Clubs worldwide. Cord Blood fundraising has almost reached our national target of three million dollars. Our local raffle is soon to commence, and Members will be placed in strategic positions hoping that the generosity of locals will shine as the weather thankfully becomes a little cooler. Many Inner Wheelers from our region gathered at Romano's Hotel recently and enjoyed fellowship at the 2020 District Picnic day. It was an excellent way to ensure that all Clubs continue with their core business as well as enjoying the many social activities that Inner Wheel provides.

**Photo: District Chairman Denyse Melton**



## [Wollundry - Chartered 04.12.17 President: Eleanore Thompson](#)

Our Club recently hosted the District A54 Picnic Meeting in Wagga Wagga, which was well attended by Members and partners. Our most exciting social event of the season, however, was the recent wedding of Club Member Gabrielle, with many of Inner Wheel Friends joining in the celebrations. We are planning to hold a "Bake Sale" at an upcoming Easter Market and are organising Club shirts with embroidery to wear and signage to display at our stall.



**Photos: President Eleanore with baby Andrew**



**Gabrielle's Wedding**



**Donations for "Share the Dignity" Nov 2019. Bernadette, Marie-Claire and Elise**

## [Yenda - Chartered 11.03.58 President: Brenda Bowen](#)

We commenced our year celebrating International Inner Wheel Day with Griffith East and Leeton Clubs with a luncheon and a visit to a Recording Studio in Leeton. Seven Members of our Club plus one brave husband attended the Leeton Cord Blood fundraiser movie afternoon screening of "Little Women". It was wonderful to see how the Leeton community supported this event with a full house at the "Roxy". It was a delightful movie and a great afternoon tea.

## District A55 - New South Wales

### Alstonville - Chartered 01.06.96 President: Christine Gallagher

November saw Alstonville host a very successful District Meeting. Our Club was able to fill 34 handbags for "Share the Dignity", our Christmas project. We also manned a stall at the December Market Day, which raised \$330. Coleen Anderson's amazing collection of Christmas decorations, many of them handmade, provided the setting for the Club's Christmas luncheon. 2020 began with a combined Friendship Morning Tea, hosted by the Ballina Club and attended by Alstonville and Lismore. We dedicated our February Meeting to our recently passed and much loved Member, Dossie Eichorn. Photos of Dossie, taken at different Inner Wheel functions, were prominently displayed along with bowls of her favourite lollies, Rocky Road and Lolly Gobble.

### Ballina - Chartered 08.10.93 President: Barbara Swain

Members of our Club have been enjoying lots of fun and fellowship during this year with our President Barbara Swain.

### Forster Tuncurry - Chartered 19.04.99 President: Lillian Parsons

As another year begins, we look back at our Club's Christmas luncheon held at Hamilton's Oysters in Tuncurry. Members brought gifts to put under the Kmart Christmas tree and enjoyed everything from chicken, steak, prawns and salad. International Inner Wheel Day this year was spent at Tuncurry Breakwall Park. Partners were invited along and some enjoyed a BBQ cooked by the menfolk, whilst others purchased lunch from the kiosk. The beautiful water views were shared with visiting families, who walked the break wall to see dolphins, a welcome sight. At our first meeting, being in February, we conducted elections for office bearers for 2020/21. Lunch at 242ate Bistro at Club Forster was attended beforehand. Planning for special events and celebrations are on our agenda next month, so we are all strapping ourselves in for another great year of fun, friendship and serving our community

### Grafton - Chartered 18.11.95 President: Bev Wheelahan

Christmas was celebrated at the riverside home of President Bev Wheelahan with everyone contributing to a sumptuous spread and Members donating Christmas food items for the less fortunate. Our Club met at a local coffee shop to recognise International Inner Wheel Day and catch up with each other. We enjoyed a combined BBQ breakfast with Grafton Rotary celebrated Australia Day. February's meeting was extra special with a visit by District Chairman Margaret Lenord as well as celebrating belatedly a special "O" Birthday for Member Cheryl Shepherd.



Christmas Party



Many Happy Returns for Cheryl Shepherd - Big "O" Birthday



District Chairman Margaret Lenord with Alison and President Bev

### [Inverell - Chartered 05.03.88 President: Maureen Newbigin](#)

Our Club had a busy 2019 with very interesting speakers at our meetings. We had monthly lunches to celebrate birthdays and anniversaries. Our fun nights include Cent Auction, Movie Night and Games Night. Spouses joined us for our Christmas Party and International Night. Our Club catered for a visit by Fast Ed from Better Homes and Gardens, and we received the BBQ that he cooked on to raffle. Today a number of Inverell and Narrabri Members met for lunch at The Roxy Theatre and Greek Café at Bingara and enjoyed a lovely meal and much fellowship.

**Photos: Inverell Members and partners love to Party at Christmas**



### [Lismore - Chartered 10.03.84 President: Janine Zambell](#)

Partners and friends joined us for our Christmas meeting. It was a very informal fun affair, and our entertainment was some less-than-talented Members singing "Rudolph". Members attended the District meeting in Alstonville and International Inner Wheel Day at Ballina. Monthly, we have a different Member select and present a thought for our "Thought Book". Our thought for the Christmas meeting was the hymn - "What a Friend we have in Jesus", very fitting to end the year. Our International Night will have a Turkish theme. **Photos: Christmas Fun**



### [Narrabri - Chartered 21.08.57 President: Jenni Hayne](#)

Narrabri and Inverell Clubs have today enjoyed a very happy get together for lunch at Bingara and both Clubs agree we must do it again, a lovely meal and great fun and fellowship. As with other Clubs, the election of officers for next year has just taken place, and we are very happy to report that we have a new President, Secretary and Treasurer for next year. We must all work on keeping these friendship links going.

**Photo: Narrabri and Inverell Members at Bingara**



### [Port Macquarie West - Chartered 04.10.76 President: Suzanne Dickie](#)

We had a successful Christmas Craft Stall in the centre of town, and Craft and friendship Christmas luncheon to celebrate support for the Premi Baby Ward at the Base Hospital, local Nursing Homes and the Women's Refuge Centre. 2020 began with Craft meetings, a luncheon for International Inner Wheel Day and a Dinner Meeting. Our guest speaker, Jordan Maxwell, a most articulate young man, told us of his experiences and training with the Air Force Cadets 333 in Port Macquarie, during his school years. He is a wonderful 18 year old who may ultimately join our Royal Australian Air Force.

## Tamworth - Chartered 01.07.83 President: Robyn Dunstan

Thanks to Member Elaine Hombsch, where sewing days for "Days for Girls" are well supported, and kits are forwarded to Armidale group. It really shows **"Together We Can"** A beautiful Melbourne Cup luncheon was well attended and the race was viewed on the "Big Screen". Our Christmas party dinner meeting was a great event to start off the Christmas Cheer. International Inner Wheel Day was held at the Tamworth Golf Club and what a nice venue. Member, Kay Eather, gave an outline on how this wonderful day came to be called this.



**Members enjoying Christmas fun**



**Members, Partners and friends enjoyed a breakfast to celebrate International Inner Wheel Day**

## Wee Waa - Chartered 07.02.96 President: Anna Baird

Members combined with Narrabri Club on 10<sup>th</sup> January for what has become an annual luncheon. Our February dinner meeting was a good catch up after a long summer break. We have filled all positions for 2020/21 except Vice President. Many of us have held the position more than once, and it is very hard in a small Club, when the town's population is declining. We look forward to enjoying what 2020 brings.

## **District A60 - Victoria**

### Bendigo - Chartered 19.08.33 President: Anne Flood

Christmas Dinner was held at a local Hotel. Members enjoyed the evening and donated many non-perishable groceries for the needy to Anglicare. Also, in December we assisted the Rotary Club of Bendigo Sandhurst with a BBQ for Carols by Candlelight - a very successful evening. Members also helped the Rotary Club of Bendigo South by collecting daily Raffle proceeds. International Inner Wheel Day was attended by four of our Members in Melbourne at the Botanical Gardens. On Australia Day our Club distributed 44 native plants to the newly Naturalized Australians. This year we will continue to make sandwiches for a socially deprived local Primary School on alternate months with the Rotary Club of Bendigo Sandhurst.

**Photos: Bendigo and Wendouree Members at the Botanical Garden in Melbourne for International Inner Wheel Day and Past President Val Corva, Grace Cox, Gail Cleator and Barbara Mitchell**



### [Echuca - Chartered 04.03.85 President: Lesley Glover](#)

International food and international research were tasks allotted to Echuca Members for International Inner Wheel Day. Greek cuisine was the food of choice and whilst Members enjoyed a variety of dishes their research was revealed. Members had been asked to research countries beginning with their initials, in which Inner Wheel operates. Countries ranged from Belgium to Singapore to Wales. This was a very interesting exercise, and the information revealed proved interesting.



**Photo: Irena, Margaret, Gwen, Elaine, Lorna, Nannette, Lesley, Barbara, Lyn, Margaret and Carol**

### [Geelong - Chartered 03.04.81 President: Helen Duns](#)

We had a wonderful Christmas Lunch with almost 100% attending. Baby items went to the Geelong Mums' Organisation, delivered by President Helen. We also donated knitted blankets to the Cottage by the Sea (A Community Charity). Sadly, two long time Members have passed away since our last report. They will be sadly missed. At our first meeting for 2020, Member Jill talked about her trip to Albania. Fantastic scenery, friendly people and interesting food. Congratulations to our Member Trish who became a great grandmother.

### [Swan Hill - Chartered 16.05.63 President: Wendy Rayment](#)

A successful Garden Party in a small country town was held for National Project Cord Blood Research. The Power of Aprons was a major two day event with more than 300 Aprons for all occasions with stories to tell. Club Treasurer Wendy Witty, was awarded a Paul Harris Fellow for 45 years of volunteering for State Emergency Service and many other organisations as well as for her worthy contributions to Inner Wheel.



**Photo: Wendy Witty receiving her award from Rotary President Gary Slater**

### [Warrnambool - Chartered 22.05.10 President: Sue Harris](#)

Our Members celebrated Christmas at the Cally Hotel with a traditional Christmas dinner followed by entertainment from Don Cowling who performed his own compositions. This year Members chose to replace 'Kris Kringle' with a financial contribution to two local churches. International Inner Wheel Day celebrations were held in the Botanical Gardens followed by an informative talk on the history of the Gardens.

**Photo: Members enjoying the Christmas Party and International Inner Wheel Day**



## Wendouree - Chartered 29.12.59 President: Adela Bartrop

On International Inner Wheel Day four Club Members made an annual pilgrimage to the Royal Botanical Gardens to join the Districts of A60, A61 and A62. This usual get-together was enjoyed by all. Our Club celebrated 60 years of service. Members from around Victoria attended a dinner on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> February held at Barkly's Restaurant. District A60 Council Member, Marlene Sullivan represented IWA President Robyn Gillespie. On Sunday morning a commemorative Plaque was placed on a seat in the Ballarat Botanical Gardens. Members then enjoyed Coffee at the Lakeside Café.

**Photos: 1. Members Celebrating 60<sup>th</sup> Birthday. 2. Placing a Commemorative Plaque on the Botanical Garden Seat. 3. Helen, Adela, Jan and Elize celebrating International Inner Wheel Day in Melbourne**



## District A61 - Victoria

### Boronia - Chartered 09.10.84 President: Sue Shaw

We celebrated in style at our 35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in November with Members, partners and guests. We had an impressive Birthday cake and a slide show of Members through the decades. We have contributed towards a local project, supporting and educating women affected by abuse in some form. We continue to support the local Vietnam Veteran's community pantry with groceries donated by Members. We are now busy preparing for hosting the District A61 Friendship Day on 29<sup>th</sup> February. **Photo: 35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Party**



### Kinglake Ranges - Chartered 27.04.14 President: Gwenda Thompson

Well the months are flying by with all what we have done and coming up including Friendship Day, when it is always nice to see everyone. Our Member Wendy Crook is celebrating her 80<sup>th</sup> Birthday at the end of March and her husband was awarded an Australia Day Medal, OAM for 50 years of volunteering. What an achievement. We are helping our fellow Rotarians serve BBQ meals to the truck drivers, who donated their time and fuel to deliver hay to the affected fire region of Corryong. We will be picking daffodils in August on a Member's farm for Daffodil Day and all proceeds will go to Cancer Research.

### Shepparton - Chartered 10.05.85 President: Barbara Wheelhouse

You will be saddened to hear that our Shepparton Inner Wheel Club is folding as from March 2020, as we are unable to fill the positions of President and Secretary, plus many of our Members are now over 80 years. The photo shows our 34<sup>th</sup> Birthday Carrot Cake. BUT! we are carrying on as a "Friendship Group". We have had many memorable Get-together occasions over the past 34 years. So precious to look back on our photo Album. Hugs from Shepparton Inner Wheel.



## Wandin - Chartered 10.09.94 President: Lorena Hayes

In September we celebrated our 25<sup>th</sup> Birthday with eight Charter Members who are still active in our Club. Wandin is fortunate to have our founding Members Anne McGill and Marg Sansom in attendance plus many other important visitors. The recent local car show, where we sell soft drinks, ended up being VERY wet, but true to the Inner Wheel spirit we had a lot of fun, even though we were wet through to our underwear!

**Photos: Anne McGill, President Lorena, Marg Sansom and Charter President Nola Sharp**



## Wodonga - Chartered 18.11.95 President: Susan Hinrichs

Our 24<sup>th</sup> Birthday meeting in November had an "African Theme". Members dressed up, our venue was decorated accordingly, and we were enlightened by a guest speaker who spoke on Travel in Africa. We assisted our local Rotary Club in making up and packaging sandwiches for volunteers who were working up in the Corryong area, replacing boundary fences on properties affected by the bushfire. We were all happy to give assistance, given the devastating impact of the bushfires. Members and partners enjoyed a social Breakfast in January at a local Café. **Photo: Packing Sandwiches**



## District A62 - Victoria

### Bairnsdale - Chartered 22.01.94 President: Ula Sheather

With the bushfires in the area, January was a difficult time for many. Consequently, our Spanish themed International night had to be cancelled. We give thanks for our safety and for the assistance that has been given to our area. Thanks also for the many messages of support that we have received. We are in the process of forming a "Sister Club" agreement with an Inner Wheel Club in Nepal. We look forward to being able to keep in contact and up to date with their activities.



### Bayside - Chartered 18.11.94 President: Carolyn Brown

Congratulations to our Member Carolyn on being awarded the Order of Australia Medal in the Queen's Birthday Honours 2019 for "Service to the Community through a range of Organisations". She ran a youth Club for underprivileged youth in Melbourne, was a Contingent Leader of Girl Guides and is President of the Friends of Black Rock House, an historic homestead. Carolyn was nominated Bayside City Council "Citizen of the Year", is on the Council's "Healthy Ageing Committee" and the "Bayside History Network". She has been President of our Inner Wheel Club three times, and is our current President. She has been District A62 Treasurer and Chairman, IWA President 2005/6. Carolyn was awarded a Paul Harris Fellowship in 2006 and was our National Representative and International Inner Wheel Board Director 2008/9, and was Inner Wheel Australia nomination for World President. **Photo: Carolyn Diane Brown OAM**



In November our Club celebrated its 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary with 78 attendees with the theme "touch of silver". The presentation of 25 year Badges to the Charter Members acknowledged their contribution. President Carolyn spoke with pride recalling the achievements of the Club and its donations to various charities. She introduced Tracy Scharenguivel, our new inductee with the words "what a fabulous way to start the next twenty-five years".

### [Berwick - Chartered 18.11.68 President: Helen Comport](#)

We continue to be very busy, both with our usual monthly activities such as morning teas, book clubs and craft afternoons and with special fundraising activities. In November we held our Oaks Day charity day at the Cranbourne Turf Club. Much organisation by the Oaks Day committee ensured that those in attendance had a fun filled day. Plans are well underway for a Bush Fire Relief concert at St Margaret's School in May. **Photo: Oaks Day Charity Day**



### [Cranbourne - Chartered 05.12.92 President: Debbie Tully](#)

Our Club has been extremely busy over the last few months preparing for the District Friendship Day. "Kate's Kinder" is the theme and FUN is our intention. Costumes have been prepared and invitations sent out. Activities on the day include reciting mixed up nursery rhymes and painting. Should be fun! We have also fundraised for "Blaze Air Trailers", and met with other Clubs for joint meetings and other Districts for International Inner Wheel Day. **Photo: Morning tea at Bembridge Golf Club**



### [Latrobe - Chartered 26.10.97 President: Barbara Beebe](#)

We are on a mission, whether celebrating our Birthday at Tinamba, singing carols with our partners at our December meeting, holding numerous Bunnings BBQs, having a community stall, also at Bunnings, being seen out enjoying coffee mornings, or just inviting guests to meetings. We are trying to become known as a Club worth belonging to. Pleasingly, we have three prospective Members at present.



### [Moe - Chartered 13.12.97 President: Gail Hogbin](#)

TRUE FRIENDSHIP - For Chairman Kate's visit the theme reflected Kate's commitment to her local Country Fire Authority. During the evening Members happily posed in fireman and fire truck cut-outs. What fun! PERSONAL SERVICE - The toilet bags made for distribution to charities were welcomed by the Relief Centre at Bairnsdale for the victims of our devastating bushfires.



INTERNATIONAL UNDERSTANDING - A letter from a Swedish Inner Wheel Member, who met our ladies at the International Conference in Melbourne gave Members an opportunity to see what Projects overseas Clubs take on.

### [Narre Warren - Chartered 04.10.80 President: Maria McEwen](#)

Congratulation to our Member Margaret Sansom (pictured), who was recognised as a Member of the Order of Australia (AM) in the Queen's Birthday Honours for her significant service to the Casey and Cardinia communities. Margaret has been volunteering in our community for 50 years and an Inner Wheel Member for 40 years. Her service to Inner Wheel was recognised in 2001, when she received a Margarett Golding Award for her work, both nationally and locally. She was an IWA President in 1997, a National Representative and then a Director on the International Inner Wheel Board. Margaret has also received The Centenary Medal in 2003, The City of Casey 2014 Senior Citizen of the Year, the Rotary .... Cont'd



**Cont'd** Club of Narrre Warren Paul Harris Fellowship and Sapphire pin in 2013. She is a life member of Berwick Callisthenics Club. In 2018 Margaret was honoured with an Active Membership with Inner Wheel Australia. She is a dynamic Inner Wheel lady who always has time for others and has a clear focus on local and international issues that need support.

Over recent months our Members have been out and about in numbers. Ten enjoyed International Inner Wheel Day in the Melbourne Botanical Gardens with Members from all three Victorian Districts. Ten also joined the Wendouree Club for their 60<sup>th</sup> Birthday celebrations. Seven attended the Cluster Meeting hosted by Pakenham and thirteen Members enjoyed our monthly social lunch.



**Photo: Ten Members enjoying Wendouree Birthday Celebrations**

**Nepean - Chartered 13.05.85 President: Barbara Goonan**

Christmas time can be very difficult for some, and so our Club tries to help out wherever possible. We collected 32 tinned hams which were donated on our behalf to Frankston Community Support. Christmas gifts were also collected and these were donated to MSFIN (Mums Supporting Families in Need), along with all the money we received from our Christmas raffle and 60 beautiful hand-made toys which had been generously donated to our Club. **Photo: Members enjoying Coffee**



**Pakenham - Chartered 10.10.86 President: Pamela Chalmers**

Highlights of the last few months included an Oaks Day visit from Chairman Kate. This gave us all a chance to “dress up to the nines”. Approximately 60 Members and friends joined us on the Sunday following International Inner Wheel Day for our own local celebration in the “Fairy Dell”. “Food - It is Too Good to Waste”, was the topic of a cluster meeting, where about 80 guests from five local Clubs enjoyed a delicious meal and the opportunity “to promote true friendship”.



**Phillip Island - Chartered 12.06.92 President: Simonne Liberman**

A street stall, Christmas raffle, Bunnings BBQ, a fashion night at a local store and a garage sale have all contributed to making our Christmas period very busy, therefore, as a result, our District and local charities are better off. We have also been busy scrapbooking our history. After receiving a Community Grant from our local Shire, we have been changing our history into acid free folders to avoid deterioration. **Photo: Chairman Kate's visit to our Club**



**Warragul - Chartered 04.11.95 President: Jenny Leeson**

“Inner Wheel is a great organization”, this is what some of our Members were trying to do when they held an information stall at the Drouin Ficifolia Festival recently. At a recent meeting a short video from Port Elizabeth Eye Hospital in Africa showed us the Scanner our donation has helped purchase, and how it is now possible for the team to service the outreach areas, where previously eye care had been unavailable. We are a great organization.



**Photos: Warragul Members singing and photos of District Chairman Kate Luxford**



## District A70 - South Australia

District A70 Membership Committee is delighted to announce that the wife of the Governor of South Australia, Mrs Lan Le, has agreed to be Patron for the term of her husband's appointment. We look forward to meeting her at an upcoming District Cord Blood Morning tea event in April.

### [Holdfast Marion - Chartered 07.11.98 President: Lennieve Baker](#)

It has been a busy year of activities and friendship including Christmas dinner with partners and other guests, District A70's International Inner Wheel Day lunch and an informal luncheon in January. Members have continued to support "MarionLIFE Community Service" with bags of groceries and a monetary donation. Fundraising will continue in April at the St. Jude's Players' Preview night. Erica Dagger, Nancy Kamm, Christine Edwards, Wendy Ashenden, Barbara Chantrell and Shirley von Alpen have been presented with 25 Year Badges. **Photos: Members enjoying a Luncheon**



### [Mobilong - Chartered 16.11.85 President: Pam Luke](#)

Members enjoyed breakfast at Pit Lane Hotel, a garden luncheon at one of our Member's home and we celebrated Christmas with partners at the Taillem Bend RSL Club, where we made a donation to AC Care to help locals in need. Sadly, we farewelled Eve Cork who passed away at the age of 96 years. Four of our ladies are now eligible to receive 25 year Service Award badges, bringing the number to fourteen in our Club who have qualified for this award.

### [North East Sunset - Chartered 01.04.07 President: Alexandra James](#)

We held our October meeting, a few days before Halloween at a funeral home. Beautiful Darroch House was built for a wealthy family in 1885. In 1934 it became a Psychiatric Hospital, then a Rehabilitation facility, before being restored by the Bowen family for their funeral business in the late 1990. We dressed for Halloween and it felt very creepy touring the morgue and picking out our coffin preferences, before a supper with spider cakes.



### [Tea Tree Gully - Chartered 23.08.85 President: Lorraine O'Flaherty](#)

Congratulations to our Member and Past District Chairman, Gloria Dennis, who was presented Sport South Australia Volunteer of the Year Award for her services to Tennis over the past 40 years. Well deserved Gloria!

In November our Club held a movie fundraiser which was very well attended. Members generously donated toys for Christmas to "Back Packs for Kids", which were gratefully received. Also at our November meeting, our guest speaker was Jayne Nicholas, who gave a very interesting insight in to her work as an Adelaide Council volunteer, assisting visitors to our City.



**Photo: Gloria Dennis**

## [The Adelaide Hills - Chartered 08.04.2000 President: Lynette Green](#)

In September our Member, Tricia was presented with her 25 year Service Badge. Apart from regular meetings in recent months, our Members have enjoyed a tour of the ABC Studios in Adelaide, a musical comedy in the Adelaide Hills, morning tea at Wohlers Homewares Store, and a very enjoyable lunch in the Langhorne Creek wine region. Unfortunately, the bushfires did affect some of our Members, and, sadly a former Member, lost her home.



## District A76 - North Queensland

### [Cairns - Chartered 11.03.61 President: Jenny Stuchbery](#)

In December our Christmas function was held at Pearl Gardens Restaurant with Trinity After Dark Club Members, and we had great fun with five lovely lucky door prizes. We celebrated International Inner Wheel Day with a morning tea with 18 Members attending. We donated to Anglicare/Rosies. Many Members have been travelling all over Australia visiting relatives over the Christmas break and having a great time. At our February meeting, we inducted a new Member, Flora Scott. We are looking for another fundraising option to replace Bunnings sausage sizzles.



### [Far North Queensland Tablelands - Chartered 09.04.16 President: Julie Brzozowski](#)

Our Club celebrated International Inner Wheel Day with a High Tea at Nerada Tea Plantation on the Atherton Tablelands, and money raised was donated to Tree Roo Rescue. Also in January, we had outings to the other Clubs. We are looking forward to fundraising and giving to the community and to those people who are struggling as a result of the bushfires. At our Christmas function we donated to the IWA Disaster Fund. We met at Yungaburra Whistle Stop Café to share stories, and spread the joy and brainstorm "fantastic", new ideas for fundraising. **Photos: Members enjoying High Tea at Nerada Tea Rooms**



### [Innisfail - Chartered 03.08.63 President: Lyn Moore](#)

Our Jan Arnell was sworn in as the New District Chairman for our District. We sewed 400 patterned little bags for Club Conference bags for the Conference in Cairns in October. We celebrated our Club's 56<sup>th</sup> Birthday on 3<sup>rd</sup> August 2019. We had a very enjoyable Club Christmas luncheon. International Inner Wheel Day was a wonderful social day enjoyed by all. President Lyn attended a forum on "Ice", and heard a very informed message to this generation of the pitfalls and dangers of this insidious drug. With Vice President Maggie she attended the Innisfail State College Awards Night.

### [Trinity After Dark - Chartered 16.11.04 President: Monique Maunder](#)

Members had a break over the holiday season enjoying family time and overseas adventures. On 1<sup>st</sup> February Members manned a Membership drive stall in a Cairns Shopping Centre. They were tasked with spreading the word about our organisation. A cruise ship was in that day, and we gained the names of a few International women. A raffle raised funds for Cord Blood Research. We had our successful nominations for 2020/21. We are now looking forward to a new and exciting year.

# District A77 - Queensland

## [Boonah - Chartered 22.05.10 President: Frances Faulkner](#)

To celebrate International Inner Wheel Day, our Club hosted Members from Brisbane West Club for lunch at the Fassifern Sports Club. Our Club's big fundraiser is coming up with a fashion parade booked for April 4<sup>th</sup> with fashions from Portofino. We look forward to a successful event.

## [Brisbane - Chartered 22.02.86 President: Shirley Chiu](#)

To celebrate International Inner Wheel Day, Members and guests joined Wishart Club for lunch at Gallopers Sports Club at Ascot. Past District A77 Chairman (2005/06), Debbie James from Wishart Club attended with her mother, Past District Chairman (1994/95) and Brisbane Charter President, Therese Wharton.

## [Brisbane North - Chartered 22.04.02 President: Anne-Marie Joyner](#)

Our President Anne-Marie's Changeover was a fun evening with a cartoon theme. In August a family day was held with a Sunday morning breakfast. Of course, our coffee mornings have continued to be enjoyed. Members attended the IWA Conference in Cairns as well as our District Meeting. The Christmas Party was a resounding success where Members made a donation to the Queensland Country Women's Association. We celebrated International Inner Wheel Day with Strathpine Club with a game of Barefoot Bowls at the Hornets Club.



## [Brisbane West - Chartered 05.04.02 President: Lyn Bavister](#)

To celebrate International Inner Wheel Day 11 Members of our Club travelled to Boonah to join their Members for lunch at the Fassifern Sports Club. This was organised by our ISO, Caroline Hamilton and Zelma Hanley from Boonah Club. In past years, it has been the tradition for our two Clubs to get together and celebrate this day. Zelma Hanley organised a raffle and \$200 were raised, which will be given to the Bush Fire Appeal.

## [Broadbeach - Chartered 11.02.95 President: Pam Pagram](#)

Congratulations to our Member Phia Damsma for being awarded the Dutch Royal decoration, "Knight in the Order of Oranje-Nassau". Phia's significant contribution in the field of disability was recognised by King Willem Alexander of the Netherlands. She has also developed software that teaches technology skills to young children and adolescents who are blind or have low vision.



Our Club celebrated the end of 2019 with a great get-together with our husbands and friends. We contributed wool to the knitting group. International Inner Wheel Day was celebrated with Members getting together and enjoying pizza and ice-cream. It was a happy, noisy celebration. We hope to induct a new Member at our February meeting.



**Photo: Members enjoying Christmas Brunch**

### [Bundaberg - Chartered 01.03.55 President: Beth Toft](#)

Four of our Members travelled to Maryborough with Bundaberg Sunset Members to celebrate International Inner Wheel Day. We joined Maryborough and Hervey Bay Clubs and the four Clubs all met at the Carrier Arms Hotel for a most enjoyable lunch.

**Photo: Laurel Ash, Judy Bowman, Sandra Miers and Alison Rogers travelled to Maryborough for IIW Day**



### [Bundaberg Sunset - Chartered 29.07.97 President: Christine Bush](#)

We celebrated International Inner Wheel Day by combining with the Members of Maryborough, Hervey Bay and Bundaberg, for a lunch at Maryborough. Thank goodness we were in an air-conditioned function room, as it was hot. On the journey south to Maryborough, we stopped at Bamboo Land Nursery and Parklands at Torbanlea for a cuppa and a chat. We all enjoyed the special day.

**Photo: Our Members enjoying IIW Day**



### [Gold Coast North - Chartered 16.11.91 President: Violet Roberts](#)

This year we have been involved in a few different events which hopefully have helped to get the message of Inner Wheel out there. We had a stand at a local Seniors' Expo and once again at a "Linking you Locally" event held by one of the libraries. We combined with Broadbeach Club to provide lunch for Suicide Prevention Day in September. We donated toiletries and soft toys to a Women's Refuge and groceries and Christmas items to the homeless. **Photos: Helping with lunch at Suicide Prevention Day, Local Seniors' Expo, Packaging items**



### [Hervey Bay - Chartered 03.06.06 President: Liz Godfrey](#)

Our Christmas Party was well attended and everyone enjoyed some games. Our Club celebrated International Inner Wheel Day with Maryborough, Bundaberg and Bundaberg Sunset at a luncheon in Maryborough. About 35 Members and family attended. Club Members attended Lorraine Cameron's funeral on 3<sup>rd</sup> January. She will be sadly missed. **Photo: Members IIW Day**



### [Maryborough - Chartered 13.11.93 President: Lynette Outhwaite](#)

Members and partners from the Clubs of Maryborough, Hervey Bay and Bundaberg Sunset met in Maryborough for lunch to celebrate International Inner Wheel Day. We took the opportunity to catch up with old friends, enjoy a meal, play a couple of trivia games and generally have a relaxing time. The multi-draw raffle meant many didn't go home empty handed. We wish all Inner Wheel Members a safe and happy 2020.



**Photo: L-R President Liz Godfrey - Hervey Bay. President Lynette Outhwaite - Maryborough, President Christine Bush - Bundaberg Sunset and Secretary Sandra Miers - Bundaberg**

### [Port Curtis - Chartered 28.08.99 President: Lesley King](#)

We were seen wearing our fascinators to celebrate Melbourne Cup. December was our Christmas meeting at the Yaralla Sports Club. January 10<sup>th</sup> saw us at a popular local air-conditioned venue "Fresh Fix Cafe" to celebrate International Inner Wheel Day. Adele Hughes has been our Inner Wheel secretary for four years and we are very proud that she is the incoming Rotary District Governor for 9570. We wish her every success.

**Photo: District Chairman Maureen Burke with President Lesley King**



### [Rockhampton Sunset - Chartered 31.08.02 President: Robyn Stoddart](#)

International Inner Wheel Day was celebrated at the beach. Our day started with a hearty lunch at the Pine Beach Hotel at Emu Park where there was lots of chatter with everyone catching up on their holiday news. After lunch a few Members opted to take the Emu Park RSL historic trail along the foreshore. We all look forward to another wonderful year of fun and friendship. **Photo: IIW Day fun**



### [Strathpine - Chartered 20.10.93 President: Joan Bird](#)

Our Christmas party with plant swap presents caused much laughter. Handbags were filled with cosmetics and personal items for local Domestic Violence victims. We love doing this each year. During the horrendous fires, we contacted Bairnsdale Club to check on Members there. Hereford Wye Valley Club in England keeps us informed of their very active calendar of events. For International Inner Wheel Day, we joined Brisbane North and had a great night of barefoot bowls.



### [Sunshine Coast - Chartered 21.04.86 President: Meg Nagel](#)

One of the many highlights our Club has experienced this Inner Wheel year is the induction of seven new Members since July 2019 with a further three planned for March 2020. Our Club celebrated International Inner Wheel Day with Members, partners and friends participating in the most exciting "Car Challenge" through the back roads of the Caloundra and Kawana coastline. All proceeds going to Inner Wheel Australia Project, Cord Blood Research. **Photo: ISO - Leanne Ballinger**



**organized an International Night where Members came dressed in various International costumes**

### [Toowoomba - Chartered 24.11.84 President: Sue Reynolds](#)

Club Members and partners celebrated the 96<sup>th</sup> year of International Inner Wheel commitment on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> January at a lunchtime banquet at El Attar Middle Eastern Grill. President Sue reminded us that Margarete Golding's first meeting was held in 1924, and since then Inner Wheel has become the largest women's voluntary service organisation in the world. Happy Inner Wheel Day to all our Inner Wheel friends!

### [Wishart - Chartered 22.02.97 President: Maria Dvornicich](#)

We joined our Mother Club - Brisbane Club for lunch for International Inner Wheel Day. It was great catching up with old friends and making new ones at the Gallopers Sports Club. We were joined by some husbands who were relegated to another table.



## District A80 - Tasmania

### Burnie - Chartered 01.03.83 President: Robin Cameron

We have had interesting and varied guest speakers and are now more informed on the art of growing . We have also been made aware of Rural Health issues in our area. At our meeting we bring plastic tops to recycle and books to share. Our Christmas party was held at the beautiful Emu Valley Rhododendron Gardens, where our District Chairman Chris Horswill and her husband Richard joined us. Father Christmas found us there and entertained us with much frivolity.

**Photos: 1. Trish Petersen looks on as Jill Crawford receives a gift from Santa (aka Ian Chalk) 2. Santa brought a smile to the faces of Bruce Cameron, Tony and Bev Hite, Henny Gofton and Jan Atkins**



### Clarence - Chartered 26.05.07 President: Fiona Wilson

Our Club Members have enjoyed a number of social and fundraising activities over the summer months. Thanks to the hard work of Members, our annual Christmas raffle was again a great success with proceeds donated to the Smith Family. We ran our usual stall at the Lindisfarne Rotary Club's November Trash and Treasure, an excellent community event. We have also shared food, fun and friendship on various occasions in Members' homes, coffee shops and the movies.

**Photos: 1. Maree Godelman, Lois Anderson and Fiona Wilson keeping light-hearted at a fundraising BBQ 2. Chris Horswill and Jane Hamilton advertising Inner Wheel at a local Trash and Treasure Market**



### Deloraine - Chartered 19.02.71 President: Kathy Hall

A range of interesting speakers has included a talk on Motor Neurone Disease through a parent's eyes, and a session to learn the right way to recycle. At our Charter Lunch, we were told how the horrific experience of a local family in their homeland of Pakistan prompted them to make the decision to live in Deloraine. This year we will have been catering for the annual Craft Fair for forty years, and now that our Club is in its fiftieth year, celebrations are in order!

**Photo: Charter President Beverley Davis and Past President Lesley Loone cut the Cake.**



### Hobart Sunset - Chartered 17.03.97 President: Susan Deane

Although we have lost a few Members this year, we continue to enjoy regular meetings with good speakers. Once again we wrapped Christmas presents in the Mall, affording us opportunities to talk about Inner Wheel and invite people to join us. For the last three years, we have entered a flower arrangement at St. David's Cathedral. This festival attracts large numbers of people and so provides another opportunity to advertise Inner Wheel.

**Photo: Our Club's beautiful addition to St. David's Cathedral Floral Festival**



## Kings Meadows - Chartered 10.10.74 President: Mavis Chugg

Christmas lunch was at Kings Meadows Hotel, and it was great catching up with past Members and their husbands. Our Trade Table, always held at the February meeting, was stacked with local produce, jams, relish and an assortment of items from someone's downsizing effort. A BBQ at Bunnings and Australia's Biggest Morning Tea are upcoming events. Our March meeting at New Horizons Club for the disabled is a lovely way to assist this wonderful organisation. In our 45 years we have always had a Member willing to take on the role of President. Unfortunately, this year we are struggling to fill the position so we look at this coming year with some apprehension, due to age and illness taking its toll on Members. **Photo: Our Happy Christmas Lunch**



## Mercy - Chartered 22.05.04 President: Ros Chalk

Our Inner Wheel Club joined Zonta and Soroptomist International women for an awareness campaign against family violence at a stand in the Devonport Mall, where the public were invited to write a relevant message on the topic. This was followed by a walk along the Mersey River as a sign of unity to emphasize the cause. In November we had a successful fundraising BBQ in Bunnings. We decided to make our Christmas gifts to each other a financial donation to the Rotary Club of Wauchope in aid of the bushfire victims in that area.

**Photo: Kite Flying Day with Bronwyn Anderson, Anne Gregory, Big Bear and Debbie Reid**



## Tamar Valley - Chartered 10.02.75 President: Jan Easter

We have enjoyed a varied six months, including the pleasure of welcoming a new Member, a visit to the newly opened Beaconsfield Miners Gold Brewery and an interesting guest speaker, who is a Chaplain at the nearby High Schools. At Christmas our local Women's Shelter said how much they appreciated gifts from our Members. We sadly lost a long-term Member, Liz Midson, a much loved friend who joined our Club in the early 1990. We find a useful fundraiser in Bunnings BBQ as it enables a small Club like ours to continue with donations to various charities.

**Photos: 1. Bunnings BBQ - Lesley Perkins, President Jan and husband Barry**

**2. Jan Easter inducting New Member Kaye Smith**





## National Project Coordinator Barbara Mitchell Cord Blood Report



A very Happy New Year to all ladies of Inner Wheel.

Since the Conference in Cairns, Inner Wheel Members and families have slowed down for the Christmas break and January holidays. So now we begin to put our hats back on and start the 2020 year.

I have been busy working out a small football jumper pattern for the bush bears. We have a few ladies waiting on it to begin knitting for the 2020 AFL footy season. With the success of the sleepy bears with footy jumpers, the plan is to sell smaller mascots for the bigger bears, so hopefully we can sell all of the 436 bush bears still out there. My biggest concern is the Cordelia Books. The idea for Members and Clubs to purchase books to donate to local schools was a great idea, but unfortunately, not many have taken up this idea. I will still push for that to go ahead and to get books to Clubs so that this can be done. I did manage to move a whole box at Cairns with the promise of Members to do that. So we will keep plugging away; it will happen. **Finally, we need to get an updated list of stock that is out there in cupboards and sheds** and Clubs that are able to move and sell it. So a very special **PLEASE**, let your area coordinator know what you have, so the very last merchandise will all be gone this year, YAY. All of the merchandise from warehouse stock manager, Diana Douglas, has been moved to New South Wales and Victoria, which will allow moving around much cheaper and easier. Diana will still be organising the stock take and coordinating the stock where needed.

Have an awesome CORD BLOOD day whenever you decide to have it.

Finally READ THE RED updated figures attached. *Barb*

### *From your Editor*

*I hope you enjoyed reading this Magazine with a cup of coffee or a glass of wine, as it is a bit longer than previous editions.*

*It was great that so many of you sent reports and photos about what your Clubs are doing and I have enjoyed corresponding and getting to know so many of you around Australia. A special thanks to Photographer Judith Banks for her photos at the Conferences.*

*Thank you for having me as your National Editor for the past three years, and I now hand this wonderful job over to my successor Christine Wickes from Phillip Island. I hope she enjoys the job, as much as I have.*

*Yours in Friendship,*

*Cheryl*



# CHANGEOVER WEEKEND

12th & 13th June, 2020

Blayney NSW



**Inner Wheel Australia Inc.**

The President and members of the IWA Executive extend a warm welcome to Changeover 2020.

Join us in the beautiful Village Shire of Blayney for a weekend of friendship and celebration.

RSVP Friday 29th May, 2020

## **Friendship Dinner**

Friday 12th June, 2020  
Blayney Shire Community Centre  
41 Church Street, Blayney, NSW



The District of A50 invite you to get a little psychedelic! Get your groove on to the sounds of the 60's and 70's with local band Momentum.

Buffet style meal included with cash bar available.

Dress: Flower Power 6:30 for a 7pm start.

## **Changeover Dinner**

Saturday 13th June, 2020  
Blayney Shire Community Centre  
41 Church Street, Blayney, NSW



Help us celebrate and congratulate President Robyn on her successful year. Then join in the celebration of Vice President Elizabeth as she commences her year as IWA President and introduces her new Executive and Governing Body.

Cash bar available.

Dress: Semi Formal. 6:30 for a 7pm start.

Bus available to transport guests from the major Orange accommodation venues to Blayney and back each night!

## How to get there?

### Road

Blayney Shire is a picturesque 4 hour drive west from Sydney through the Blue Mountains. Bring your car and take the opportunity to explore our wonderful Village Shire.

### Trains and Coaches

Arrive daily from Sydney into Blayney and Orange. Visit <https://transportnsw.info/regional> to check out your options.

### Air

There are several flights each day to and from Sydney to Orange through Regional Express. Further information can be found at <http://www.rex.com.au>

Flights are also available direct from Melbourne and Brisbane to Orange through Fly Corporate. Further information can be found at <https://www.flycorporate.com.au>

## What to do in Blayney?

### Historic Villages

The heritage of the region is truly unique providing a rare glimpse of period architecture from early Australian settlement magnificently preserved for over 150 years. Expect spectacular rural landscape, big open skies, four distinct seasons with locals providing a warm welcome by sharing stories from a bygone era of bushrangers, gold rush days and farming culture. Located in the heart of a dynamic food and cool climate wine region, a vibrant community awaits in our villages with a growing number of retail outlets and modern conveniences.

Visit: [www.blayney.nsw.gov.au/tourism](http://www.blayney.nsw.gov.au/tourism) to plan your visit.

## Accommodation

### Orange

♦ Hotel Mercure Orange  
(02) 6362 5611  
94 Byng Street, Orange

♦ Quest Orange  
(02) 5317 8900  
132 Kite Street, Orange

Best Western Ambassador  
(02) 6393 7500  
174 Bathurst Road, Orange

The Oriana Orange  
(02) 6362 3066  
178-184 Woodward Street, Orange

### Blayney Shire

Blayney Central Motel  
(02) 6368 3355  
107 Adelaide Street, Blayney

Blayney Goldfields Motor Inn  
(02) 6368 2000  
48 Martha Street, Blayney

Millthorpe Motel  
(02) 6366 3653  
26 Victoria Street, Millthorpe

♦ To receive a discounted rate at the Mercure (Templer's Mill) or Quest Apartments please advise reservations you are from *Inner Wheel Australia*.

*B & B's and Caravan Parks are also available in the area.*



# Inner Wheel Australia Inc 52nd Annual Conference

## Wangaratta

14th - 17th October 2020

Hope to see you at  
the "Pac" in "Wang"



