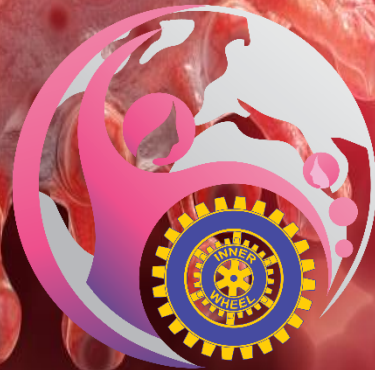


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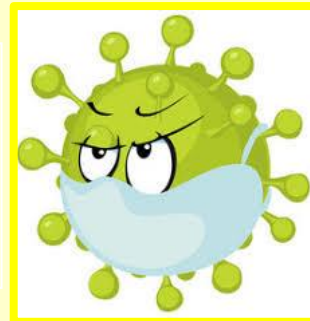
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Robyn Gillespie
(Wagga Wagga)



Thoughts from President Elizabeth (or is it?)



This year we had a 'Claytons' Conference – the Conference you have when you are not having a Conference. Robyn, Maria and I were able to meet as an Executive over two days whilst enjoying the company of Helen and Maralyne on Zoom. On Saturday we then met with the Council Members by Zoom before the AGM. Following these meetings, we enjoyed a glass of champagne together, then celebrated at a Japanese restaurant in Orange rather than at the Gala Dinner. Unfortunately, or perhaps fortunately for some we missed the Ghost tour to the Asylum and the Welcome Dinner where all the Hobbits could come out to play in Tookeville.

Who could have imagined we would not be celebrating in Wangaratta this last weekend? While planning our Conference as many were feeling the heartache of the continued drought, the Conference Committee had events that would have enabled us to enjoy the fun and friendship which comes with being together as members of Inner Wheel. We were not to know that Australia would then be ravaged by catastrophic bushfires and a world-wide pandemic which would lead to the cancellation of the 2020 Conference. I was so disappointed for my Conference Coordinator, Patti Stafford and her Committee who had worked tirelessly to ensure that we all had a fantastic time in Wangaratta and I would like to thank the Clubs of Williamstown, Boronia, Kinglake ranges and Bundoora for the efforts the members had made towards hosting the Gala dinners and Friendship dinners. Even though we have not been able to gather face to face, there has been "Friendship Aplenty in 2020".

The International Inner Wheel theme of "Lead the Change" has been very appropriate as we responded to the inevitable disruptions of COVID-19. Not only has the IWA Executive had to reinvent the way it deals with the business that comes to us on a day to day basis, but all Districts and Clubs have had to step outside their comfort zones to move forward.

As we were not able to come together for the Conference, it was decided that it would be impractical to hold the Business Meeting, so all proposals will be held over until next year. The Governing Body voted that the AGM should be held on the original day by Zoom, which they believed to be the most appropriate option. Thanks to Isobel Caulfield of IWC Berwick all went well, and we all learnt a great deal through the experience. The AGM finished with a tribute to those who had passed away during the last 12 months and this segment was made especially poignant with the passing of one of our IWA Past Presidents a few hours before.

Although fund-raising has slowed over this year due to the restrictions placed on the members by the virus and I must congratulate you all for endeavouring to ensure that funds have been able to be donated to your community and international projects. I continue to be impressed by those who have been innovative in using social media to raise funds, especially IWC Narre Warren who walked a total of 3802 kilometres, raising over \$5000.00 for Cord Blood Research whilst in lockdown.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a very Happy Christmas and hope that all our Victorian friends will soon be able to meet together once again. May you and your families remain safe and well over this festive season and as we face the challenges of another year "Let's have Fun in 2021"

With Love and in Friendship

Elizabeth

Elizabeth Tooke

IWA President 2020-2021



From my Desk

Cord Blood Report



News Flash!

The 3 million has been reached! How amazing is that! Every member of Inner Wheel around Australia be extremely proud of reaching this incredible milestone. Ladies, give yourselves a big pat on the back, you have all earned it.

Now it's time to plan the next milestone, so I'm asking you all, what would you like that milestone to be? Have a think on it, write down your thoughts and let me know.

It's been a delight to receive news from some of our districts and to hear what they have been doing. As you know, many clubs have been hamstrung due to restrictions, but for those who are able, have found ways to keep the fund-raising ticking over with some positive results.

Many of you will know by now that I have been working on a plan for a National Project, a plan that I felt under the current circumstances would be very achievable and COVID friendly. I now have wonderful support from two very enthusiastic Inner Wheel members, our National Media Administrator, Julie Brzozowski, Julie is a member of FNQ tablelands, and Melissa Freeman Sydney Inner West. Melissa is acting as my Secretary/ Treasurer, these ladies are a huge asset and I am grateful for their commitment.

Our National Project is '**Sean's Two for Ten**' Sean is a 9-year-old whose life was saved by an injection of cord blood. He and his family are very happy to be the major focus of this project.

'**Sean's Two for Ten**' is about two people walking 2 kms and donating \$10 over 2 weeks commencing on 20th February 2021. The marketing ideas are completed and all our clubs have this information now.

There will be a dedicated Facebook page with 'donate now' click and this will be linked to IWA website, Cord Blood Facebook page and the Inner Wheel Facebook site. We will use all the media platforms we can. During the coming months, we will be doing our very best to assist you all in any way we can for a successful outcome. So ladies, let's all make this work big time.

We are very excited about the Logo 'look' after a lot of researching, many hours of work, help from members with great connections, knowledge and the right computer programs. We feel extremely lucky to have had the help and support of our members, thank you ladies.

I ask all members to keep in close communication with their cord blood coordinators, particularly during this difficult time, make the most of opportunities, stay well, look forward to new friendships, new developments and lots of progress.

Dallice Robins

National Cord Blood Coordinator



District A40

After many months of social isolation etc we finally met to have our District Changeover which was held at Golden Ponds in Baldivis. About 60 members attended this event, with all but one club being represented. It was great to be able to meet face to face after so many months.

We also had a visit - via Zoom - from 2019/2020 IWA President - Robyn Gillespie - who was surprised to see that we could have so many people together in one room.

Due to COVID 19 Robyn did not get to visit us over here in the West!



IWC Melville

President: Robyn Metcalf

With the restrictions preventing a major function it was decided to hold a High Tea to celebrate our 60th Birthday. Sadly, only current members, District Chairman Sharon Lawrence and Council Member Cally Ellis were able to attend.

Stories were shared of personal experiences and our history from our interest meeting 60 years ago to today with our meetings continuously held on the first Wednesday of the month.

Bling was worn and 60th decorations added to the occasion. There was lots of laughs as jokes were told and a bit of surprise as members realized how many members over the years had held positions from Club to IWC Board Directors.

Well done ladies!



IWC Albany

President: Julia Miller

As for most, it has been a pretty quiet few months for our club but we have managed a few activities to keep the members in touch, including take away coffee in the park at Emu Point and a trip out to Cheynes Beach, to celebrate International Night with a lovely roast lamb dinner. Our social convener kept our minds busy during lockdown with some brain teasers, quizzes etc.

Our changeover night was held at Le Grande when Past President - Sharon - handed over to new President - Julia Miller.



Our most recent activity was a garage sale held over two Sundays in September - good social activity as well as successful fundraiser.

IWC Cowan at Sunset

President: Sharon Carnegie

After the easing of COVID restrictions in WA, the Inner Wheel Club of Cowan at Sunset were eager to meet up again and celebrate our first birthday and changeover night, with induction of new members.

With confidence still growing within our community, the club have been busy organising the year's fundraisers. Despite a wet weather forecast, short notice on availability at the venue and many obstacles, the Bunnings Sausage Sizzle was a big success.



District A40 Continued

IWC Geraldton

President: Yvonne Lovedee

March 2020 was a turning point in relationship building for us. With modern technology it was a time when members came to know each other a little more with weekly challenges such as sharing recipes (including photos), hints & tidbits, what was special about Easter, ANZAC Day and Mother's Day. Sharing childhood memories was fascinating as we all come from vastly different backgrounds. Another interesting weekly challenge was to name four: names I am called
places I have lived

IWC Kalamunda

President: Diane Milne

Due to the strict lockdown in February we went into hibernation but kept in touch with each other by phone to check that all was well with everyone.

When rules eased Past President Kay held afternoon tea at her house, almost every member attended, we were all so pleased to see each other again.

Our Changeover Meeting was held in July, our Social Convenor grows orchids and on the tables she placed a spray of orchids for every member.

August we celebrated our Club's birthday with a breakfast at Embers.

Best wishes to all, keep safe during these trying times.

IWC Kalgoorlie/Boulder

President: Heather Lavery

We spent some time during the lock down sending favourite music links and jokes all via email. We also phoned our friends and kept in touch. As our town is isolated we still were able to go out to lunch on the last Saturday in June and that was fantastic. Our Social Convenor bought these lovely little bags and each contained chocolates, a bottle of Hand Sanitiser and a little card saying "Welcome Back - we missed you." How beautiful is that? Everyone who attended received one. We had a lovely catch up and there was lots of chatter.

IWC Karrinyup

President: Diane Brennan

COVID has certainly affected everybody this year - we have been extremely lucky to be able to recommence our meetings and social gatherings. Our thoughts and best wishes go to our friends, particularly to clubs in Victoria.

During the absence of earlier meetings, we continued to donate to charities including Rotary WA Bushfire Relief fund, Days for Girls, A40 International Project Hands of Rescue PNG, Cord Blood Research, we also gave funds towards supplying hand creams for the health workers at a local hospital. We enjoyed coffee mornings, dinners and an excellent Changeover Night in July. We also have two new members interested in joining our club.



IWC Mandurah

President: Kaye McCallum

During our 2020 lockdown it was suggested that any of our members who enjoyed knitting could knit squares and we could make a blanket together. With lots of support from our members who could not complete squares themselves our knitters made enough squares to complete 5 blankets. One member crocheted all the squares together to complete the blankets and it was a pleasure to acknowledge her at our first meeting back together. At our Changeover meeting the blankets were drawn as door prizes, these blankets hold great memories of our resilience during this very difficult time.



Blanket Winners: Dianne Kyle, Jan Miller, Jean L' Estrange, Dot Giacomucci and Fiona Russell-Brown

More District A40

IWC Rossmoyne

President: Claire Brockway

Corona Virus has changed our lives completely. With our Club no longer able to meet, members set up a "Roll Call online". Just, "Hello hope you are all well" - or to share a joke or thoughts that would give us a smile for the day.

Our member Adele Masten and husband Leo, celebrated their 60th Wedding Anniversary during lockdown. Their Family organized a surprise Celebration Drive Past their home with 50 cars involved. Our club members joined in with all the fun, noise, balloons, banners, and best wishes to them on their day.



Our best wishes to all IWA clubs.

IWC Scarborough

President: Glenda Cooper

We had our first post COVID meeting in August with most members returning. During the break we kept in touch with phone calls and meeting in very small groups once we were allowed. It seems that most of us have done a lot of extra cleaning, gardening, cooking and walking around our streets. A Quiz day to which we have invited other clubs and groups with a view to attracting new members as well as raising funds for Mercy Ships is our next activity.

IWC Swan Valley

President: Helen Meng

Due to COVID 19 the Swan Valley Club did not hold meetings in April, May, June or July. In August our Changeover was held at The Abbey, on West Swan Road - it was good to see familiar faces again. Eleven members, plus 5 family members and Betty Pitcher from Swan Rotary, enjoyed some friendship time after months of isolation.

As Club Editor and to keep in touch with members I still sent out our Monthly Newsletter with many COVID Jokes etc. – sample below!



IWC Wanneroo

President: Diane Cook

Our Club dined at Pepe Nero Restaurant for lunch for our Annual Changeover in July to acknowledge the outgoing and incoming committee and we welcomed our incoming President Diane Cook.



We made donations to homeless Healthcare (a charity dedicated to providing health care to Perth's homeless.) in the form of socks, gloves, beanies and scarves for females in need over the winter months. The Club celebrated its 31st birthday in September with a social dinner at a local Indian Restaurant which was thoroughly enjoyed by all members who could be there.

Just for a laugh

After years of wanting to thoroughly clean my house but lacking the time, this week I discovered that wasn't the reason.

If I keep stress-eating at this level, the buttons on my shirt will start socially distancing from each other.

Final District A40

IWC Whitfords

President: Denice Eade

During Lockdown some of our crafty ladies crocheted/knitted knee rugs - donating to a Charity called Wheelchair for Kids here in Perth.

Banners collected over the years were donated by one of our charter members - some are unique as many clubs no longer exist.

In October several members attended the Relay for Life and November has an International Theme.



District A70 have developed and posted a range of beautiful flower memes for Facebook with inspirational quotes to help brighten our ladies' days.

Meme A

As clubs and individuals, we still need to take care as we are emerging from these difficult times... but haven't we learnt so much!

Meme B

As restrictions are easing and we are adapting to new ways of communication, we look forward to participating in our Changeover events in different formats...zoom meetings & smaller gatherings being organized and enjoyed by many of our clubs



District A50

IWC Blayney

President: Sue Reynolds

Since NSW has been allowed some freedoms, Blayney Club has been meeting for Coffee Mornings at our regular local coffee shop. The number restrictions keep changing – sometimes 14, sometimes 12, sometimes 10 (the latest). As you can see from the photo, the shop owner, Cameron, takes social distancing very seriously, but that doesn't curb the merriment and conversation! The sign, on the window at the back, confirms that we were definitely “COVID SAFE”

We also held a safely distanced Changeover at the Mandurama Hotel, on 25th August, our first meeting since February.



Wow back to morning tea!

Inner Wheel leads the way with social distancing.



IWC Bathurst

President: Sandra Jackson

As restrictions eased, the Inner Wheel Club of Bathurst was lucky enough to celebrate their Changeover on the 8th July 2020 at the Bridge Club in Bathurst. Strict guidelines were adhered to with tables of four scattered around the room amid a festive atmosphere with the theme “Sandra's Party”. There was fairy bread, lolly bags, party hats and blowers. An array of sandwiches was enjoyed for lunch finishing with delicious cupcakes made by two members of the Club. It was a wonderful day with lots of chatting and laughter as it was also the first time we had all met since March when the pandemic lockdown started.



Outgoing President Lesley Carter inducting incoming President Sandra Jackson

District A51

IWC Belrose

President: Janet King

Our lives have changed in the past few months and each one of us is taking things a little slower than we would normally. Our families have been out and about whilst we older members are at home.. safe. We who travel a lot are still awaiting refunds or credits from travel companies.

Zoom meetings (which is now how we have our monthly meeting) are interesting - hit and miss for some but the main thing is that we are still in touch with one and all and planning lunches. It will be a treat to sit and talk *in person*. Getting easier with our COVID-19 numbers in NSW but we just keep wearing our masks. A small inconvenience to keep the virus out.

Our Changeover of Club Presidents became a CHANGE of the LONE RANGERS – as our 2019-20 President Liz Ralston removed her Collar of Office in front of her Zoom camera, promising not to wear it again - and a few days later in the front room of our 2020-21 President Janet King a Collar suddenly appeared around her neck. Ahhh... the wonders of Zoom.

District A53

IWC Blacktown City

President: Rhonda Orr

It was exciting when we were able to get back to holding our monthly craft day get together with physical distancing and lots of noisy chatter. The Rotary Club approached us to take on a project of making COVID19 masks. Enthusiastically we agreed, as we had ladies who were willing to do the sewing. We launched headlong into the project without considering all the details. In 3 weeks over 400 masks were produced with one member making 200. It was our intention to sell them in the local shopping centre. Unfortunately, not having done the homework, we were going to be charged an extraordinary amount for the space. Resulting in members and Rotarians taking on the task of selling them with amazing success.



International Inner Wheel



COVID 19 DISASTER AND VACCINATION FUND



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Collective Fund



Action

Contact your District or Club for more information.

Take action Now!

#TogetherWeCanSaveLives

District A54

IWC Wollundry

President: Eleanore Thompson

Throughout 2020 our members have been focusing on “friendraising”, due to difficulties with fundraising. When COVID restrictions limited our ability to meet face-to-face, we began having a regular weekly social catch-up via Zoom. These were well attended by members and helped us to keep in touch and feel less isolated. We couldn’t meet for our second birthday, so decided to hold a baking competition, with members submitting photos of their “blue and yellow” themed creations. Though we are now back to face-to-face meetings we have continued to incorporate Zoom access too for members unable to attend in person.



IWC Corowa District

President: Nicky Ross

Members of Corowa District IWC took their coats, blankets and chairs on a very, very cold day in June to meet at a local park by the Murray River for lunch. This was our first meeting of Members since lockdown in March. All agreed it was worth the discomfort of the cold.



IWC Albury

President: Cheryl Preston

The Inner Wheel Club of Albury made 200 masks for the COVID-19 pandemic as one of their money raising efforts for the year. President Cheryl Preston was handy with the iron, while the other girls made the masks.

With the restrictions we went high-tech and had a Zoom afternoon tea. So all in all COVID hasn’t stopped us.



From the Editor Chris Wickes

2020 has certainly been frustrating for many, for me it has meant teaching from home for almost half a year. Finally we returned to work but alas only three weeks in and a simple slip in my yard, broken ankle. No more school for this year. So I do apologize for the lateness of this Newsletter.

All I can say is

Go AWAY
2020
#quarantined

Come on

2021

District A55

IWC Tamworth

President: Joy Tomlinson

Biggest morning teas were held at the homes of a few members. This was a friendly group of people who had been isolating and now were able to attend small functions. It would have been interesting to be a fly on the wall to hear the conversations as this was the first time many had been out socially.

Our Changeover meeting was held on Wednesday 8th July at North Tamworth Bowling Club. President Robyn Dunstan inducted Joy Tomlinson as President at the club's first dinner meeting since March. As per Social Distancing guidelines the National Anthem was hummed by all. It's very sad that we now must do this but there is light at the end of the tunnel.



Tamworth
Changeover 8
July 2020 2021
Committee

IWC Grafton

President: Bev Wheelahan

2020; a year of exceptional circumstances! Grafton has adapted meetings to fit new requirements regarding close contact and social distancing. We've held a virtual Cancer Council Morning Tea, a meeting in a local park, a lunchtime Changeover permitted because of our small numbers, our International fundraiser at a member's home, resumption of weekly outdoor exercises and Mah Jong about to restart.

Regional NSW has escaped many of the strict rules imposed elsewhere but we feel the pain of those in major cities and many of us have suffered our own tragedies losing family members and being unable to attend services.



Shirley Grainger with Sydney
2000 memorabilia

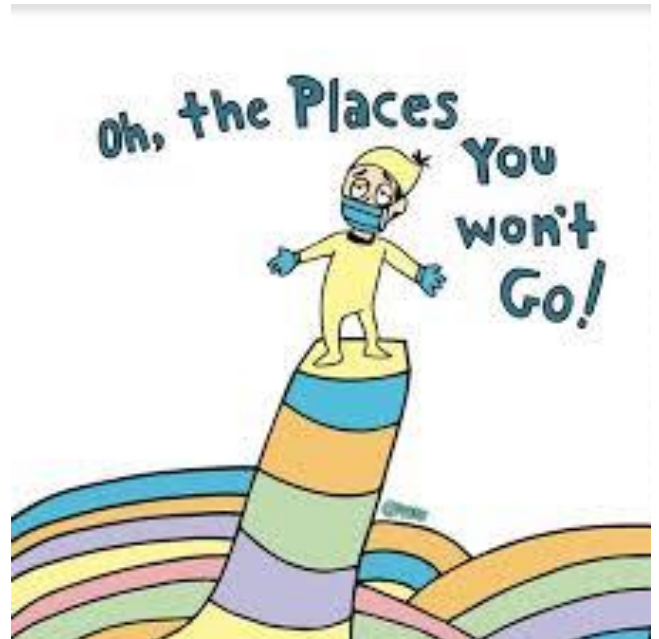
IWC Lismore

President: Beverly Houston

In spite of the Corona Virus we have tried to stay in touch with our members.

We still have our monthly Bulletin to keep us up to date on what our members are doing, sending articles, photos, quizzes and jokes to Joy our editor to be included.

Our monthly Friendship Pairs have continued, they meet for coffee and a chat and this is such a great way of keeping in touch now that some of the restrictions have been lifted.



District A60

IWC Warrnambool

President: Maryanne van Bruggen

Hi everyone from the Southwest corner of Victoria. We have been lucky in Warrnambool to firstly have very few cases of COVID-19 and secondly to have such beauty and fresh air at our doorstep

Not much has happened with our club since lockdown in March, except we did manage a Changeover lunch and welcomed Maryanne Van Bruggen to the Presidency. Just a few days ago we had our first morning tea at Proudfoots Cafe. Always a beautiful view and great company. Looking forward to doing more in the coming months



IWC Swan Hill

President: Maureen Smith

Members kept in touch, however no one felt they dare pop out of their homes with families watching out for us "oldies". Our gardens benefitted and so we emailed photos of highlights from our gardens to each other and we cleaned! Managed a Soup and sandwich lunch in June and welcomed new first time President, Maureen Smith at a changeover lunch.



President
Maureen 2020



Inner Wheel Gives to Fire Victims

Revegetation an important aspect of recovery.

On Wednesday 10 September District A70 Executive & partners representing Holdfast/ Marion, Northeast Sunset, Adelaide Hills and Tea Tree Gully attended the presentation of a donation from Inner Wheel Australia and International Inner Wheel to the Upper River Torrens Landcare Group towards equipment and revegetation in the Adelaide Hills. The members present lent a hand and to begin the process. Money has also gone to Kangaroo Island for revegetation.



District 61

IWC Williamstown

President: Valmai Moran

Due to COVID restrictions, most particularly here in Melbourne where stage 3 restrictions were in place our Changeover was conducted in our Past President's home where PP Brenda passed over the chain of office to our new President, Valmai, with one other IW member present (social distancing)

Now at the time of writing this we here in Williamstown IW continue to stay connected through our IWW Newsletter that is now fortnightly, sharing news, recipe's and jokes, ever mindful to keep the flame of friendship going under these difficult conditions. Some ladies are knitting caps for babies, sewing masks and many other individual tasks to make this COVID 19 stage 4 lock down more positive amid the challenges in our City of Melbourne and can't wait to connect personally again with each other as soon as we are able.



An 'Opera Night' –pre COVID of course!

IWC Wodonga

President: Glen Harding

Wodonga Club activities have mostly gone into abeyance or been postponed, given the restrictions imposed on regional Victoria.

Genny Matejcic produced a monthly Newsletter. It included articles from members, sharing their experiences of "lockdown". Many jokes/cartoons were included also, lifting our spirits!

President Glen Harding held a Zoom meeting for "Club Executive" with another planned soon.

Secretary Lois Smith sent out emails from "District" and "IWA", maintaining our connection to the wider IW organization.

Several "crafty" members made "Trauma Teddies" on behalf of the Club. These were given to the Police Department for distribution.

Our commitment to "Meals on Wheels" has continued with members delivering meals as per our roster.

IWC Boronia

President: Sue Shaw



Irene Jackson has lived in the same house in BORONIA for over 60 years and has been a member of BORONIA Inner Wheel for over 30 years, president 1990-91. She is a life member of BORONIA Bowls Club and was president 1987-89, she was a foundation member of BORONIA Ladies Probus Club and is still a member of the Wattle Club Senior Citizens Ferntree Gully. All in all a very active lady.

On the day members of BORONIA gave a special rendition of God Save the Queen, Advance Australia Fair and of course, Happy Birthday. It has been agreed that none of us are giving up our day jobs for a career in entertainment.



Congratulations!

The **SAFE** WAY to
Blow out your candles.



District 62



Wow what a change it has been! A62 Executive has worked together to keep in contact with all its members ensuring we live the ideals of the 'Collect'. District

Chairman Kate Luxford and Maria McEwen and a dynamic District Committee has ensured everyone is safe and connected. Ringing all 350+ members.

IWC Bairnsdale

President: Dianne Allen

Bairnsdale club was very lucky to hold a small changeover before COVID restrictions, with Dianne Allen being inducted as President. Meetings on Zoom has seen guest speakers who had lost their home in the bushfires. They gave us a very deep and personal insight into what they went through and how they are trying to rebuild their lives. Also, a guest speaker telling us how to deal with the embarrassing problem of incontinence though a weak pelvic floor, a problem that 1 in 5 women have. Morning coffees have been popular on Zoom, and phone a friend activity.



IWC Bayside

President: Margot Colquhoun

Technology has been wonderful in keeping us all connected. We have zoomed in for Monthly Book Club, Fortnightly Coffee & Chat sessions, Monthly Committee Meetings and Club Meetings.

IWC Latrobe

President: Trish Elliot

The use of Zoom has given us time for stories from members regarding trips that they have taken.

A highlight of this year has been RUOK phone calls. Some people let us know that they were lonely so Trish set up a phone call team.



IWC Phillip Island

President: Julie Holloway

Like most Clubs, we have kept in touch via Zoom and they say you can't teach an old dog new tricks.

Fundraising was always going to be a challenge however we have sewn facemasks, made lemon butter, marmalade, lemon preserves and lemonade (as you might guess we had a glut of lemons). These have been sold by members, through the Chemist and on-line.



IWC Berwick

President: Kay Morland

Mastering the art of Zoom meetings has been the best part of the COVID lockdown as it has enabled our club to continue functioning. Face masks are being made for the local Benevolent Group and we are collecting "Bread Tags for Wheelchairs"— a project to fund wheelchairs for the disadvantaged in South Africa.

District 62 Continued

IWC Pakenham

President: Marlene Burhop

Zoom has allowed us to have regular meetings, coffee mornings, enjoy Trivia Nights and look at different ways to assist the community. A local restaurant offered us a special deal on takeaway and we raised \$500 for our District Project 'Research into MS' when we organized 80 orders.\



IWC Narre Warren

President: Margaret Sansom

We held a Club walkathon to keep fit, as well as raise funds. We walked 3,802 km from Melbourne to Perth onto Freemantle crossing two State Borders (no one else could do that!) and raising over \$5000. October was our Club's 40th birthday, where we launched our Club Recipe Book to celebrate a fabulous milestone.



IWC Cranbourne

President: Julie White

We have enjoyed great Zoom meetings. Kate Luxford demonstrated practical suggestions for cake decorating and The Stroke Safe Foundation gave us a talk on all the aspects of a stroke and what to do.



IWC Nepean

President: Rhonda Lawrence

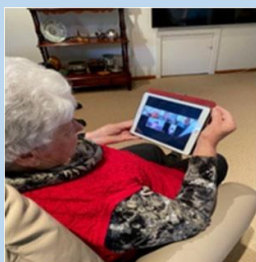
We have learnt a lot about each other as we have had more time to sit and chat. We have been collecting 'bread tags for wheelchairs'. These go to help disadvantaged people in South Africa.



IWC Moe

President: Chris McIver

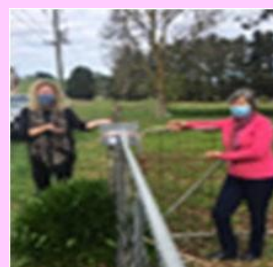
Learning new skills such as zoom gave our club members the opportunity to stay in contact with each other and our families. We have been sewing protective gowns for carers in a nursing home and indulging a passion for floral arrangements.



IWC Warragul

President: Lynne Martin

We all will be experts and indeed deserving of a 'technology' certificate by the end!! One of our highlights was our farm 'gate meets'. These meets, ensured our traditional presentation of a year book to our outgoing president was achieved.



District 70

District A70 using Facebook to make new friends and support others.

During July, Past District Chairman District A70 Linda Lovell, exchanged virtual club banners with Amel Shaaban, Past President IW Club of Alexandrina East District 95 Egypt and Jordan. This happened through a friend request sent by Amel who was known to others in IWA. A wonderful



Innovation to 'Lead the Change' when we are unable to meet in person and using Facebook to spread this story.

Patrons and Ambassadors



District A70 Membership Committee, chaired by Past DC Chris Houlson and Past IWA Chairman Marilyn Armstrong, have worked hard to enhance our profile, by inviting His Excellency, the Governor of South Australia's wife, Mrs Lan Le, to be Patron for the term of her husband's appointment.

Three prominent South Australians have also agreed to be Ambassadors, to help us to spread the word about our wonderful organisation.

A Grand Afternoon tea had been planned in April to celebrate our National Cord Blood Project and to introduce them to our members and friends, but unfortunately this had to be postponed.

International Collaboration

In April 2020, then District A70 Chairman Linda Lovell began a fun collaboration with District IWNZ 298 Chairman Alyssandra Skerrett to promote Inner Wheel on our Facebook page, using her skills and our members with a favourite mug or teacup! It began with a gift of a mug from a District visit by Alyssandra and progressed to our members raising a mug to celebrate all the good works we do supporting charities locally, nationally, and internationally. All clubs in our district have been showcased, and we look forward to seeing more short stories on the significance of the mug.



Our first post shows Linda holding a gift from close friends on the arrival of her first grandson Riley.

IWC Adelaide Hills

President: Lyn Green

Following the lockdown in March our Club members kept in contact either by phone or social media and when number restrictions eased, a social gathering was held at Andra Hein's home. We recommenced meetings in July however as our meeting venue was closed in the evenings we moved to morning meetings followed by lunch. Due to social distancing, fund raising was difficult so our members decided to knit Trauma Teddies for Angel Flights, or similar organisations. We also sent a note of support to all Victorian Clubs during their severe restrictions and received a number of appreciative replies.



IWC Holdfast Marion Club

President: Marilyn Armstrong

We have continued to support Marion Life Community Services who have significantly been impacted by the Covid-19 restrictions.

Members kept in contact through emails. Some cartoons, jokes etc. were included; e.g. *"When you are stressed, you eat ice cream, cake, chocolate, and sweets, Why? Because stressed spelled backwards is desserts"*

A mass teddy bear hunt inspired by the children's book *'We're Going on a Bear Hunt'* occurred around the world to help distract the children impacted by the Covid-19 pandemic. One email to members showed a member's bears in her front window.



District 70 Continued

IWC North East Sunset Club

President: Jenny Barrett

As the new Club Correspondent for IW Club North East Sunset for 2020/21, I sent newsy emails to all the Victorian Clubs to try and bolster their spirits particularly at this difficult time of COVID 19 and let them know they are not forgotten. I also renewed our Club's friendship with IW Club of Loudoun in D23 (Scotland) through Anne Morton who visited Adelaide with her husband in March 2019 and was shown the sights by Alexander James (now Immediate Past President) and Rosalie De Lurant (2019/20 Club Correspondent).

IWC Mobilong

President: Annette Pannell

During the COVID lockdown, Mobilong club members were encouraged to email snippets of their lives to Secretary Joy who then sent them through for us to peruse. Most were humorous or included jokes and/or illustrations to lighten the mood. Other messages kept us in touch with each other's personal circumstances, health, family issues, and celebrations. This kept the contact and fellowship with our members active.

We held a morning tea for Charter President, now Secretary Joy who turned 80 just when we were able to hold slightly larger gatherings and her Rotary Club had a special COVID Party for her.



Some jokes included

1. No matter how much you push the envelope, it'll still be stationery.
2. If you don't pay your exorcist you can get repossessed.
3. I'm reading a book about anti-gravity. I just can't put it down.
4. Did you hear about the cross-eyed teacher who lost her job because she couldn't control her pupils?

District A76

IWC Hervey Bay

President: Liz Godfrey

The lockdown caused the Club to hold Zoom meetings. After lockdown, Meetings and Club Luncheons were held in member's home with Members providing the food.

The 'Changeover with a Difference' was held at President Liz Godfrey's home. The Theme being Blue and Yellow. 2 new members joined the Club and 2 members transferred from Maryborough Club. Past President Nancy inducted Liz back in as President for 2020-2021 and Liz introduced her new Committee. Lynette Outhwaite and Jenny Ogden presented President Liz with the gavel from the Maryborough Club after they handed back their Charter.



IWC Trinity After Dark

President: Helen Brown

For us, COVID was a time of loneliness. Meetings stopped, life events ticked over without celebrations and many were stressed with the uncertainty. Facebook and email kept us together. Now, in hindsight we are thankful that we still have these amazing women as our friends to keep our spirits up in hard times.



District A76 Continued

IWC Cairns

President: Judy Taylor

The thing I have missed the most is – I have a new great grandson born in Melbourne and he is 10mths old now and I cannot go down to see him- Wilma Holmes

COVID turned a 10 day trip to Vanuatu into almost 8 weeks caught up in it all .when our flights were cancelled indefinitely. If it had not been for a Cyclone we would still be there .Rescued by the Australian Army bringing supplies to those affected by the Cyclone .We coped with the situation with the support and friendship of others at home.

We both- Nanda and I travelled this time on a 12-week holiday to India as we had quite a few weddings to attend to and most importantly our CLASS reunion (we had got into Medical school in 1964 !!!) was happening in addition to usual family gatherings, A tall order. We thought the twelve weeks would be just enough if we go according to plan, we never expected COVID would cancel our last 3 weeks of plan. It was so insidiously creeping and quickly erupted like huge wave. "Borders will close ---start immediately -Return home --"said the practice manager to Nanda, my husband who is a GP in Cairns. We preponed our travel and got seats for the last flight leaving from international airport Hyderabad -----still in disbelief that we are really travelling. Never saw such a deserted airport of Hyderabad and overcrowded airport of Singapore. Quite a many were not wearing masks as they did not seriously think of Pandemic at that time and its dimensions. ---obviously, a state of denial. Tension after tension. Our connecting flight from Singapore to Cairns had left due to delay at Hyderabad. Now the Singapore airlines rescheduled our journey via Melbourne to Cairns. So, another stress for us regarding quarantine. Will we be detained at Melbourne? Finally --a big sigh of relief when they gave us boarding passes to board the cairns flight. We followed home quarantine very strictly for 2 weeks as instructed by airlines staff. Of course, our friends supplied us with every need at our doorstep, we could manage very well at home those 14 days though we did feel a bit impatient

Finally--oh- finally on 15th day out into the freedom! Felt so blissful,

IWC Innisfail

President: Maggie Townley

Our first club meeting since March took place in August when we had a combined Changeover and 57th Birthday Party. Many members kept in touch by phone, but it was so special to see each other in person. September brought a good reason for an extra meeting to celebrate Daphne Darveniza's 90th birthday and Connie Riera's 97th Birthday. In October our International meeting was celebrated with flags, balloons and members bringing articles from countries around the world, and greeting us with 'good morning' in their native tongue. A new member, Kerry Dittman, was inducted.



IWC Townsville

President: Robyn McKillop

No meetings! Could we turn that obstacle into an opportunity? Believing that getting to know one another better was important for club development, the role of our newsletter was expanded. Colourful 'Isolation Issues' were emailed, 'virus-free', to keep us in (non-contact) touch. Members shared light-hearted accounts on keeping active, reminiscences, progress on home-based service projects, feel-good items, COVID-19 jokes/puns with President's message and member 'Newsreel'.

The 'new normal'? Members continue contributing and prefer receiving email newsletters at the start of each month replacing B&W copies at mid-month meetings. They're enjoying keeping more regularly engaged with the club and each other.



Several hundred 'Jumper, Beanie and Bear' sets were knitted for newborns in East Timor as a joint home-based service project by Townsville Inner Wheel and Mundingburra Rotary.

Bushfire Donation Gratitude

A story of gratitude from an area in Far East Gippsland, Victoria Australia.

Bemm River is a small community with a population of 61 and is located 437km from the City Melbourne and is 26km from the Princes Highway. It forms part of the Wilderness Coast and abuts the Cape Conran Coastal Park to the West, Croajingalong National Park to the East and State Forrest to its North.

This small community became part of what was named the “Snowy Complex” of fires in 2019-2020.

Dating back to 2011 this “C.F.A.” Country Fire Authority, Volunteer Fire Brigade has committed themselves to being pro-active in the planning and the preparation of their community for an Emergency Event. They battled for six years to be able to create a 50 metre firebreak and a 50 metre understory clearance abutting the most at risk area of fire on the western side of their town. They conducted regular fuel reduction burning and built a Heli-Pad next to the Fire Station back in 2017-18. They instigated and developed a double sided metal sign, Red with a white H indicating the resident was at home on one side and Green with a white A indicating the resident was away on the other. These signs were to be displayed at the front of properties on days of significant danger. With regular community meetings held at the Fire Station they provided the education and the knowledge that was needed for residents to be pro-active, resilient and confident about the protection of their surroundings. A local CFA Emergency Management Team was formed and under the close supervision of this team, the Bemm River residents were prepared, and they were also well aware that the chance of outside assistance was minimal to nil.

It is now with the next safety project that Russell Pardew has in mind for his beloved area, where Inner Wheel is be- coming a proud part of. For many years the scientific based evidence, relevance and value for the fitting of an External Sprinkler System with pump to Fire Stations in rural areas has been his goal. With donations to our Bush Fire Appeal including a significant amount from Inner Wheel Clubs in Germany, Inner Wheel Australia supported a submission by A62 District Chairman Kate Luxford to assist with funding the installation of these external sprinkler systems to three Rural Fire Stations, these are Bemm River, Goongerah and Wairewa. Inner Wheel Australia allocated

\$40,000 from the donations to this project and this amount will cover almost all the costs for all three Fire Stations. This sprinkler system will provide personal and asset protection from ember attack to these three most vulnerable communities where their Fire Stations are utilized by many community groups as meeting places, places of reassurance and places where they are encouraged to seek information and companionship. Quotes are now completed for this work and the installation will proceed in the very near future. I look forward to keeping you regularly updated on the progress of this very valuable and possible life saving project.

The communities of Bemm River, Goongerah and Wairewa are now well aware of our wonderful organization “Inner Wheel” and our important International connections. Going into the future, Inner Wheel can be justifiably proud that they have become an invaluable part of these small communities town protection against Wildfire.

They are so very grateful for the support they have been given.

Before fires



After fires



Non-Districted Clubs

IWC Gosford North

President: Dee Barham

During COVID 19 lock down our club ran a couple of fun competitions to engage, connect and amuse our members. One competition was to find the oldest item of clothing on our wardrobes. Maggie won wearing the dress her mother wore to Maggie's debut at The Lady Mayoress' Ball in 1960 held at the Sydney Town Hall. The darker fur belonged to Maggie's grandmother and dates from 1903.

We hope to get back to face to face meetings in the coming weeks – it will be so good to see, support and cheer on fellow members!



Maggie Seymour wearing her 60 year old dress plus her furs one of which is 117 years old!

IWC Terrigal

President: Lyn Hubble

Like most Clubs, we were not able to meet in our usual way, so we had a very low key changeover morning tea at a member's home with just ten present. Now our full membership can meet at our local C.W.A. Hall.

Gladly we've given large donations to Mary Mac's a community assistance group and to Central Coast R.D.A. Another Club fundraising morning tea was held in October.

We welcome new member Di and also Fran who has transferred from IWC Lithgow.

Regulations have certainly changed things for all of us and Inner Wheel friendship is essential in these testing times!



IWC Wyong

President: Sue Arthur

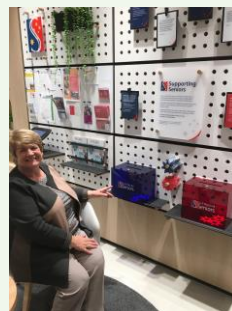
Members of Wyong Club have successfully embraced the change from night to day time monthly meetings, due to various COVID restrictions, and although our June changeover was a low-key function, pretty eye masks worn by members added a little sparkle to the day.

With fundraising activities being restricted, we were delighted when *Australian Seniors* invited our club to participate in their 'Supporting Seniors' community program. Members, friends and relatives were encouraged to vote for Wyong Club in the *Australian Seniors* store at the local shopping centre, which generated wonderful publicity for Inner Wheel. Thanks to the community's support, Wyong Club won the competition and the \$1000 first prize certainly boosted our charity account!

Members keep themselves busy knitting squares and assembling rugs, with thirty rugs donated this year to a very grateful local Neighbourhood Centre for distribution. Talented member Susan Chisholm continues to enjoy her ZOOM art classes.



President Sue Arthur and her 2020-21 committee at Wyong Club's Changeover



President Sue voting at the local Australian Seniors store



