



# **Inner Wheel Australia**

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*Thoughts  
from President Elizabeth*



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As I sit here writing this article I am once again reminded that the next Disaster is never far away. Currently Queensland and New South Wales are receiving record rain, with floods impacting on many families and businesses who are still recovering from bush fires and COVID-19 restrictions.

It has been a very unusual and challenging year with social distancing and self-isolation, but this has certainly taught us the importance of a loving community and our basic need to be surrounded by family and friends. The idea of every person for themselves has been replaced by a collective sense of responsibility and the rapid change in our lives has allowed us to rethink our attitudes and has given us the opportunity to clarify the big issues which Inner Wheel Australia is facing.

I was so sorry the Wangaratta Conference Committee were unable to host the planned 2020 Conference after so much preparation, but I know that we will certainly "Have Fun in 2021" with Patti Stafford at the helm. Thanks to some very clever people we were able to host the Annual General Meeting by Zoom allowing us to meet our Incorporation compliance requirements. An extra meeting of the Governing Body was requested by the Council Members and it was held February, by Zoom. The Governing Body found it helpful, and I hope this practice will continue in future years, allowing for more involvement by the members through the Council Members and enhancing the transparency of our governance.

Congratulations to all who have participated in "Sean's Two for Ten" walk so far and I know there are still many who have not held their functions to support this new fundraising idea for Cord Blood Research proposed by Dallice and her Committee.

Unfortunately, due to personal circumstances, Susan Chisholm has withdrawn her nomination for Vice Chairman, and we are waiting until after April 1 for Vice Chairman nominations to close. The announcement of the successful applicants for the positions of Treasurer and Vice Chairman will be announced after the April meeting of the IWA Executive.

Unfortunately, due to COVID-19, I have been unable to realise my dream of visiting every District throughout Australia and although I have held a Zoom meeting to DA76 and sent a video to DA40 it will never be the same as meeting the members in person and being able to discuss issues which arise through the year. The Districts I have been able to visit have welcomed me with open arms and I have been overwhelmed by the generosity and the love and friendship extended to me. I know that the next six visits including a visit to IWC Wyong, will be just as fantastic.

I would like to acknowledge the difficulties that Clubs and Districts are having in filling positions this year but as we emerge from the shadow of the pandemic, I am hopeful this issue may be addressed by new enthusiasm born out of the isolation which has kept so many of us apart.

Thank you to the Executive Committee and the Appointed Officers for their support during these atypical times.

With love and in Friendship *Elizabeth*



# Cord Blood Research



In my last message to you all I wrote about reaching the 3 million mark in grants. This time it's about another success. Although at this stage we don't know the final figure, it's all looking promising that we will reach our target of \$30,000 for our Cord Blood Research project, 'Sean's two for Ten'. So well done again!

While the last few months have been unbelievably busy, and often stressful, it was also quite exciting. The excitement came from all the positive feedback from so many of you wonderful members, knowing you supported the concept, hearing about your plans, reading your reports, the newspaper articles and then of course, reading the results as they were coming in. All great news.

As with any new idea, there are things that didn't go as expected but I have no doubt that these will be addressed during the next few months. Using social media came with its challenges and will be seen, in the future to be one of the most progressive and positive steps we have taken. This was a bold new move and not everyone's 'cup of tea' but there were always other options.

In the meantime, we can all focus on the positives. I have a great team. Julie Brzowski and Melissa Freeman did everything they could to make the project work. It was not always easy but I know that's the case when dealing with a new concept. We had wonderful ambassadors. Their videos created so much interest and were very supportive. Our little survivor and campaign champion, Sean was certainly at the forefront. Then there were the Cord Blood Coordinators with some achieving amazing results. The results from Club Coordinators and their club members were mixed and varied and in one case, extraordinary. The newspaper articles, the photos and all the Facebook posts certainly contributed and were a great result of everyone's hard work.

I can't thank you all enough for the work and effort put in to make this event the success it was. I am humbled by your commitment to the project.

I also need to mention there have been other very successful events going on, all raising funds for Cord Blood Research. I am confident we will, at the end of the Inner Wheel Australia year have a very healthy annual result.

Finally, I feel the need to mention my own two daughters, Leesa & Belinda, though not Inner Wheel members, they astonished me with their individual support.

Sean with his Mum Gloria and brother Henry on the walk



My daughter, Belinda with her group, for Cord Blood Research

**Dallice Robins**



National Cord Blood Coordinator

Corowa Inc. make headline news walking for cord blood research



# District A40

Chairman: Sharon Lawrence

**ALBANY**

Chartered 17.2.96

President: Julie Miller



Our Club has had quite a busy few months starting with a car rally in November which was enjoyed by all participants.

We had a lovely barbecue breakfast for our January friendship meeting attended by members and partners.

Our 25<sup>th</sup> birthday meeting took place last Saturday attended by the District Chairman - Sharon Lawrence - who spoke about membership. The meeting was attended by 4 charter members and we enjoyed some lovely fellowship with members and some who had left but joined us on the day.



**AVON**

Chartered 22.07.83

President: Julie Hawser

We started 2021 with an Inner Wheel Day Breakfast at our local Dome Café.

Our club nominated member Ann Gibb's husband Ian for the Senior Citizenship Award for the Shire of Northam - he was announced the winner on Australia Day.



We donated goods to "Share The Dignity" - co-ordinated by our local Bunnings Store.

After the devastating bushfires in Perth's Hills we raised funds for Sawyers Valley and Gidgegannup Primary Schools. Last week we held our International night.



Ann, Ian, Debbie & Peta with Ian's Award



During the recent fires in WA the call went out for help. The IW Club of Avon, which was very close to the fire, came to the rescue helping to get together these products, alongside other local groups.

**GERALDTON**

Chartered 20.8.01

President: Yvonne Lovedee



Geraldton Inner Wheel stayed connected with phone calls, Zoom meetings and emails through the challenges of 2020.

As travel overseas is restricted Geraldton invited the world to them with guest speakers from Ghana and Columbia which involved sharing of recipes as well as stories - Yum!. Other activities included stall at Lions markets, a variety of movies, Christmas Party, house party and afternoon teas.

**GOSNELLS**

Chartered 6.4.67

President: Josie Jamieson

We would like to extend best wishes, to all our friends throughout Australia, and to let you know our prayers and thoughts are with you all.

"Life is amazing, then it's awful and then it's amazing again,

And in between the amazing and awful, it's ordinary, mundane and routine,

Breath in the amazing, hold on through the awful and relax, and exhale during the ordinary,

That's just living, heartbreaking, soul-healing, amazing, awful, ordinary life,

And it's breathtakingly beautiful." (Anon.)

## A Week (or Fortnight) in the Life of a Volunteer Fire Fighter

By Vicky Carter (Inner Wheel Club of Cowan at Sunset)

On Monday 1st February 2021, at the start of a totally crazy week due to a COVID five day lock down in WA, there was the start of a massive tree, grass, shrub fire in Wooroloo. At this time, I was just sitting on my couch watching Netflix, with the Fire Dept command and control radio on in the background.

I hear that there is something going on in Wooroloo as the amount of radio traffic increases with all these vehicles turning out to Wooroloo control. As a volunteer firefighter, I have the option to attend or not, so I said yes. By saying yes, it means that I am now committed to a 12 hour shift from leaving the brigade gates to returning. I get dressed and go to my station, which is in Forrestfield, a good 30 minutes away. At this time, I can tell you that I am listening to very loud music in my car just to block out the pulse of adrenaline that is buzzing around my head. I set the cruise control in my car and drive and while driving to station I'm assigned a vehicle... a light tanker, great!. Fire trucks always travel in pairs, so I was in the 4wd behind the big vehicle. When you get to station you get your gear together, make sure you have water, radios and then take off.

We got to the fire ground and we were tasked a sector to work on... then the rest is really history as the fire went for weeks!!! I did three shifts with my brigade at Wooroloo in the first week and several other jobs during my "lockdown" time, all while wearing a face mask. The fire was finally controlled and contained later that week, as we had a weather change from hot and dry east winds, to cold and raining by that weekend. There were 86 homes lost, a fair amount of property damage and even now there is still work to be done behind the scenes looking after the families that have lost everything, to the animals/pets and wildlife that need a Vet's attention.

I am passionate about this role helping to provide a vital service to the community.

Information about bushfires can be found at:

[www.mybushfireplan.wa.gov.au](http://www.mybushfireplan.wa.gov.au)

[www.emergency.wa.gov.au](http://www.emergency.wa.gov.au)

[www.dfes.wa.gov.au](http://www.dfes.wa.gov.au)



Photo is of a property in Bullsbrook that wouldn't be standing if not for the protection of the firefighters. The grass was cut low in case of a spark landing. The dog in the picture is called Willow, well known to our Inner Wheel member Pia. Photo permission has been given.



## KALAMUNDA

Chartered 24.8.65

President: Diane Milne

Our Club held a successful stall at the Kalamunda Christmas Market, raffling a basket of goodies, \$1,251:90 was raised, this was donated to Kookluna woman's refuge. Members also donated \$20 gift vouchers for boys at the refuge.

January we hosted lunch for A40 members at the Kalamunda Hotel to celebrate Inner Wheel Day.

February meeting we celebrated member Cyrilla Rodrigues 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday – photo below. Members agreed to donate \$300 to Perth District Bush Fire Appeal.



February Social  
outing at Tomato  
Lake

## KARRINYUP

Chartered 7.5.82

President: Diane Brennan

We still have lots of fun and friendship - coffee morning once a month to raise funds for Cord Blood Research – and our normal meetings. We enjoyed a sausage sizzle in January, and will have a function next month to raise funds for the International Project.

We have donated to the Bushfire Relief Fund in WA and the Harry Perkins Institute.

We have inducted two new members and have another lovely lady ready to join in the coming weeks.



## KALGOORLIE BOULDER

Chartered 18.11.89

President: Heather Lavery

The Inner Wheel Club of Kalgoorlie Boulder held a fabulous evening at a Members home for Inner Wheel day. We had Pizza on the Patio with a great sunset, lots of chatter and laughs. It was great to catch up prior to our first meeting of 2021.

MELVILLE

Chartered 21.9.60

President: Robyn Metcalf



It is with sadness that I write about our beautiful Judy Christensen who passed away on 2/12/2020. At her funeral Inner Wheel was represented by 9 of the 16 clubs in District A40. As a mark of respect the IW Collect was recited by those members present.

Judy represented Inner Wheel in many positions - especially IWA President and then IAW Board Member. We will miss her dearly.

ROSSMOYNE

Chartered 1.7.82

President: Claire Brockway

At our October Club meeting it was nice to be out of Corona Virus lockdown and to celebrate our member Jean Pearse's 90<sup>th</sup> birthday with a lovely cake and best wishes to her.

Our club enjoyed a Curry night out, our Christmas party and Inner Wheel Breakfast celebration.

A fund-raising event with a Nautical theme is planned for our International Charity "Mercy Ships." This will be a fun night for members to enjoy.



**SCARBOROUGH Chartered 26.11.82**

**President: Glenda Cooper**

After our long break for Christmas, New year and another lockdown we are happy to have had our first meeting in February.

Plans are under way for Sean's Walk which will be walking around a shady lake at the end of March when it should be cooler. Enthusiasm has been shown by friends, relatives and other groups.

Another project this year is to help with funds for bushfire victims in our state.



**SWAN VALLEY Chartered 6.9.14**

**President: Helen Meng**

We did not have a General Meeting this month as we held our one and only Fund Raiser for the year – a very successful High Tea. It was great to see everyone dress for the occasion and all the Pearls, Hats and Fascinators! – even in the kitchen!

After few expenses we made a Profit of aprox. \$1,000.00 to be shared between our 2 Charities – Mercy Ships and Orange Sky – our President's Charity.



Jan, Judy, Jan & Pam in the kitchen.



Pauline, Carole, Pamela, Helen & David sharing a complimentary glass of Sparkly on arrival.

**WANNEROD Chartered 15.9.89**

**President: Diane Cook**

2020 ended with our club sharing Christmas celebrations at our member Alina's lovely home, with delicious food and some fun with a "Stealing Santa" gift swapping game. In December, some of our members assisted with Christmas gift wrapping at a busy shopping centre and as usual the public were very generous.

Our picture shows Marg and Yvonne at the wrapping station.

We are all looking forward to a safe and healthy stress free year in 2021.



**WHITFORDS Chartered 24.9.79**

**President: Denice Eade**

We held our first meeting for the year on the 19th February at our Presidents home where new Officer Bearers were elected for 2021/22.

We are making a substantial Donation to the Bush Fire Relief Fund due to the devastating fires recently.

Some of our ladies attended Sean's 2 for 10 walk at Jackadder Lake for Cord Blood Research, followed by a well-earned morning tea, on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> February.



# District A50

Chairman: Patricia Cuming

**BATHURST**

Chartered 26.7.62

President: Sandra Jackson



In October the Club donated items for Women and children to the Women's Refuge Centre.

A lovely start to the year saw members celebrating Inner Wheel Day at a local café with delicious

food and lots of chatter.

In February the Club participated in "Sean's Two for Ten" to raise funds for the Cord Blood Research Project. It was a beautiful morning as we all walked two kilometres around the Macquarie River finishing off with morning tea.



All ready for Sean's walk.

**COWRA**

Chartered 23.11.59

President: Diane Walsh

Being able to meet again under strict Covid-19 rules, we made our August meeting lighthearted. Members brought examples of things they had achieved during this enforced "stay-at-home" time. Our President brought a beautiful, colourful quilt she had completed and another member brought hand knitted warm woolen socks.



President Di Walsh shows her handiwork

November meeting celebrated our longest serving member (almost 50 years), Barbara Hitchens, presenting her with an Honorary Active membership.



Barbara Hitchens receives Honorary Active Membership



**DUBBO**

Chartered 1.07.62

President: Caryl Trapman

Dubbo Club has welcome 11 new members since July. Prospective members are invited to an orientation morning tea. When inducted, they receive a Certificate and give a talk on their life.

Monthly Dinner Meetings, catered by members on a roster basis, raise funds for local organisations, while over 100 guests attended a luncheon to support the District International Project in Kenya.

An Information Day, WANTED Posters, and media releases resulted in a number of women forming a Younger Generation Group, that is supporting 'Sean's Two for Ten' walk.



Barbara Norrie, Annete Storer, Cheryl Pfeiffer, Meryl Usback, Annette Storer, Jan Armstrong hold a successful Information Day.

# Non Districted Club

**GOSFORD NORTH**

Chartered 23.10.72

President: Dee Barham

We celebrated Inner Wheel Day with our local sister clubs @ Breakers Club, Wamberal. Members enjoyed a lunch, friendship and fellowship. Over the past year we have continued to support local charities and organisations such as Lifeline, Coast Shelter, NG Central School, Palliative Care and We Care Connect. We have managed to hold some meetings, a remarkably successful garage sale and some street stalls all under COVID rules!



Back left to right Anu Chandromohan, Kath McGrath, Helen Hutton, Lyndall Kemp, Christine Newburn, Glenis Marshall, Susan Tabone, Fay Strachan, Anita Venn and Joy Truesdale

Front row. Pat Matthews, Karen Barber, Susan Gaze, Trudy Poole, Deidra Groppembacher and Dee Barham.

# Margarette Golding Award

IWC Northern Beaches had no hesitation in nominating Vivienne Anderson for the prestigious Margarette Golding Award as over many years she has been involved with a variety of charities and organisations, with many groups within her community benefiting greatly from her dedication and her generous nature and spirit.

Vivienne has been a much-loved member of Inner Wheel since 1981, serving in all Executive positions including IWA President and IIW Board Director as well as holding positions within her own club.

Vivienne has used her wonderful talent in quilt making to provide quilts for families following natural disasters, such as bush fires, as well as for Bear Cottage, a children's hospice, and Stuart House, which provides residential care for children from rural areas when in need. She has also created cushions for dementia patients and sensory snakes for children with intellectual disabilities.

Many other areas of need have benefited greatly from Vivienne's generous commitment to her community, including Dalwood Homes (which assists families in need), Balmoral Beach Surf Club and the Hope for Children's Foundation.



A51 Chairman Christine McGormack, IWA President Elizabeth Tooke and Australia's newest Margarette Golding Award recipient Vivienne Anderson. Taken at the A51 District Meeting held on March 6th, 2021 following the presentation of the award.

# Congratulations

# District A51

Chairman: Christine McCormack

## BALMAIN

Chartered 30.11.90

President: Sandy Guy

2021 started with a lovely touch of normality. We held our first "formal meeting" for 12 months, where we inducted our newest member, Rosetta Poser. The highlight of the evening was our very enjoyable dinner and catch up afterwards.

We walked for Cord Blood Research at the end of February. We greatly appreciate the generous donations from our many supporters, including our new red Tee shirts from the Canada Bay Club promoting cord blood research.

## BELROSE

Chartered 28.8.93

President: Janet King

We have just had correspondence with Sweden and up near the arctic circle in Canada and we are certainly fairing the best. Over the next couple of weeks, the elderly on the Northern Beaches will get ready for their vaccinations and our lives will get back to nearly normal we hope.

Inner Wheel Day was cancelled at the last minute as we were in lockdown territory. We did not manage a combined "walk for Sean" but did it as a solo walk and all donated to charity.

## CAMDEN

Chartered 9.4.88

President: Carol Carmagnola

We were very relieved when COVID restrictions lifted enough to enable us to have our Christmas party. One of our lovely members has a wonderful outdoor venue and we prepared a simple Christmas lunch that was much enjoyed by everyone. We also inducted two new members and raised enough money from our raffle on the day to be able to give a donation to four of our local churches for families in need.

## SOUTHERN HIGHLANDS

Chartered 26.9.98

President: Jacqui Bailey

Despite COVID restrictions our club engaged in several enterprising activities including a morning tea for three arranged by one of our members who did not reveal to the other guests who was invited until the day itself. Everyone had their turn, and it was lots of fun. Before the Changeover proper took place, we had a mock Changeover when Barbara Smith presented our new President, Jacqui Bayley with the Chain of Office.

## SUTHERLAND

Chartered 5.10.84

President: Margaret Blacker

Our priority over recent months has been to stay connected with family, friends and each other.

We ended 2020 on a high note with a Christmas lunch and acknowledgement of Jenny Dalton for her years of service as Club Treasurer. This month we are taking part in a fundraising event "Sean's Two For Ten Walk", meeting locally to raise much needed funds for Cord Blood Research.

## SYDNEY INNER WEST

Chartered 16.5.10

President: Pauline Lineham

We are all starting 2021 hoping for a year allowing more physical gatherings and togetherness to get out and support our small and wider community. Various members continue to use their creative skills, including adding children's bracelets, vintage key rings and more to our bead making efforts, ready for our next market stall (possibly close to Mother's Day). We know the little babies are appreciating the efforts of those making the octopi - just see our picture.

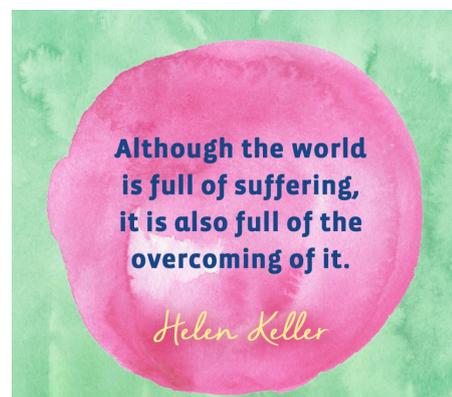
## Wollongong

Chartered 1.7.61

President: Mary O'Rourke

We are still holding our friendship outings twice a month, mostly at the Botanic Gardens. We had a lovely Christmas party lunch with our social convenor Joy putting together a lovely fun day. We all had to bring a present wrapped in brown paper and then we had a Secret Santa with a twist, lots of fun and laughter. Australia Day was another great day enjoyed with a picnic at the gardens, pies, sausage rolls, sandwiches and lamingtons.

*From the Editor Chris Wickes*



*A poignant quote for these times.*

# District A53

Chairman: Clare Swaan

**BAULKHAM HILLS** Chartered 27.1.77  
President: Lee Downes

Our club continued to find ways to be together and raise funds for our charities whilst working within COVID restrictions. We did so through small craft workshops - eco-printing paper, making cards and a Christmas table centrepiece, a '100 club' raffle, and our yearly mango drive. Aveo retirement community conducted raffles and sold our handmade made goods. We also donated 60 bags filled with period and hygiene products and small gifts to Share the Dignity.



**BEECROFT** Chartered 1.7.04  
President: Roslyn Kerr

Inner Wheel Club of Beecroft members joined Rotary Clubs from Beecroft, North Rocks and Carlingford to prepare and serve Devonshire Teas, lamingtons and sausage rolls.

Rosanna Gallo from Macquarie Park Rotary entertained and involved everyone with her amazing voice. A live Rotary presentation on Rotary projects followed.

Our Club celebrated with a Christmas Lunch in December and a resumption of face to face meetings in January.



**BLACKTOWN CITY** Chartered 11.6.82  
President: Rhonda Orr

We have been able to carry on with our meetings and craft days, hold 3 successful Craft Stalls and deliver a Christmas Hamper to the Women and Girls Health Centre in Blacktown, supporting families affected by domestic violence.

We were also able to deliver 120 new and recycled handbags containing health and beauty products for these families as well.

We are now in the process of organising a community walk for "Sean's Two for Ten".



**CAMPSIE** Chartered 27.3.92  
President: Laurel Kennedy

Campsie Members enjoyed being able to catch up with one another at our December meeting, followed by lunch at a nearby restaurant.

A Committee for 2021-2022 has been chosen and we look forward to another year of service and friendship.

Several of our members are hoping to participate in "Sean's Two for Ten" walk in April and other District and IWA functions.

Next year our club turns 30, with five charter members still active.



**LIVERPOOL COMBINED Chartered 11.93**

*President: Judith Banks*

President Judith, Diana and I attended the District Christmas Meeting. It was lovely to meet IWA Chairman Elizabeth Tooke and IWA Secretary Maria Bargawanna.

Our Christmas Meeting was our District official visit. Chairman Clare, Robyn and Maureen attended.

We hope we can continue to have our meetings this year. It looks like we may have another two new members this year.



**NEPEAN Chartered 16.3.94**

*President: Margaret Marathakis*

Our Christmas meeting was an evening of fun and friendship, with gifts donated to Mission Australia.

Our annual Cocktail Party to celebrate Inner Wheel Day was postponed because of COVID-19. This was especially disappointing because we were planning to farewell Charter Member Noelene Elliott who is relocating to the South Coast. Noelene has been a valued member of the club for nearly 27 years, serving as President and secretary multiple times.



**NORWEST Chartered 27.4.02**

*President: Jill Willcox*

Members were delighted to catch up at our Christmas gathering, and look forward to being able to meet face to face more often this year.

Club members are supporting District A53 Chairman Clare and helping as needed at district functions.

Inner Wheel day was celebrated in true Aussie style with a picnic at Avoca Beach on NSW Central Coast.



**THE HAWKESBURY Chartered 16.7.09**

*President: Jean Berry*

Our club is very active and enjoys lots of fun while raising money for our community. These include, "The Kurrajong Nursing Home", "Meals on Wheels", "The Hawkesbury Pipe Band" and "The Living Room". We have donated Wine to Braeside Palliative Care "Happy Hour" and donated Wet packs to District Chairman's Charity "The Haven". Inner Wheel Day was celebrated by having a Sausage Sizzle and playing fun games.



The Hawkesbury donations to Braeside Palliative Care

**THE HILLS Chartered 30.11.98**

*President: Robyn Crossweller*

We are really enjoying being back to face-to-face meetings and have recently enjoyed a Christmas gathering and Australia Day celebrations.

Our fundraising fashion morning with yummy morning tea in February was a success. A percentage of the sales was given to the club.

Our members are also looking forward to a fund raiser walk and morning tea to support "Sean's Two for Ten" – the IWA fundraising project for Cord Blood.

**WEST HARBOUR Chartered 1.9.71**

*President: Aileen White*

West Harbour club has been busy providing much appreciated wet packs to Taldumande Youth Refuge; Pamper packs to ladies in the Mudgee/Windeyer area which were distributed through CWA and Christmas presents to children of needy families through the charity Mirrabelle.

The club has adopted a family in need and financial and gift support was provided ensuring that the children have a present under the Christmas tree again this year, and they can

Pamper packs for country ladies handed over to CWA for distribution.



Christmas presents wrapped and ready to go.

# District A54

Chairman: Joy Norrie

**ALBURY**

Chartered 19.2.72

President: Cheryl Preston

Barbara Haberfield came up with a great fundraising idea for Cord Blood. She put her sewing skills to good use by making microwave mitts and selling to members and friends, which made great Christmas gifts.

International Inner Wheel Day saw twelve of our members getting together at Café Borella's for an enjoyable breakfast and lots of great fellowship.



Barb Haberfield with the microwave mitts with president Cheryl Preston.

**COROWA AND DISTRICT**

Chartered 23.6.618

President: Nicky Ross

President Nicky and Members of the Inner Wheel Club of Corowa and District joined with Members of Yarrowonga Mulwala, Albury and Whorouly IWCs to mark Inner Wheel Day 2021 with a luncheon and cruise on the "Cumberoona" on Lake Mulwala. A great day was had by all.



**GRIFFITH EAST**

Chartered 21.5.83

President: Renee Johnson

After a disrupted 2020 our year has started busily. We donated cord blood merchandise to the Meals on Wheels Christmas run. We attended Inner Wheel Day in January hosted by Yenda Club with a movie "The Dry" and lunch afterwards.

Our marvellous ISO Mary can't make meetings but loves to write letters. She corresponds with Fielding NZ, Sapporo Japan, Peschiera del Garda Italy and Cape Town

Congratulations to two of our members, Helen Donaldson on her year as IWA Secretary last year and to Carmel La Rocca, who is In-coming District Chairman. Carmel also runs our Facebook page and posts photos of our activities. Just search Inner Wheel Griffith East – District A54.



Lunch at Station 4, a new café in town

**LEETON**

Chartered 13.4.57

President: Jan Munro

The Leeton Inner Wheel Club is located in country NSW. Our club and members are very active and have been as busy as we can due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

We have had 2 very successful Theatre Parties, "Made in Italy", and "It's Never Too Late", plus a group of Leeton members joined Griffith East and Yenda to celebrate International Inner Wheel Day, to see the movie 'The Dry' and have lunch afterwards at the Corro Club.

We also had a day trip to Coolamon to visit the old convent which has been turned into a restaurant where we enjoyed our morning tea. Our next trip is off to Weethale to see the painted silos which are now a huge tourist attraction around the whole of rural Australia.



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## Wollundry

Chartered 4.12.17

President: Eleanore Thompson

In December we hosted a meat tasting fundraiser at CSU, with 20 members and friends tasting and grading beef samples in return for a \$300 donation. On Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> March we will join Wagga Wagga club members for our Sean's Two for Ten walk and BBQ at Wagga Beach. We also have a Bunnings BBQ upcoming in April and are working to organise a trivia night fundraiser in winter.



Wollundry members Marie-Claire, Angela and Eleanore attending the Inner Wheel Day breakfast with Wagga Wagga club members in early January.

## YARRAWONGA MULWALA

Chartered 4.3.78

President: Sandra Buckles

On January 8<sup>th</sup> this year, our club celebrated International Inner Wheel Day with a cruise on Lake Mulwala on P.S. Cumberland. Joining us were members from Albury, Wodonga, Corowa and Whorouly clubs. The cruise included lunch and drinks, and a great time was had by all.

Friday, February 19<sup>th</sup> was the day we participated in "Sean's 2 for \$10 Walk" to raise funds for Cord Blood research. 32 members, family and friends met up for morning tea. After 25 completed the 2 km. walk at nearby Gorman's Park, and with donations from the public, a very pleasing amount can be forwarded on to the National Project.



## YENDA

Chartered 11.3.58

President: Gerry Rohan

Our Club celebrated the beginning of the New Year by hosting IIWDay, inviting the Inner Wheel Clubs of Leeton and Griffith East to a movie screening of "The Dry" followed by lunch at a Griffith Club. Everyone was delighted to be able to get together in a COVID safe way.

New Year also saw the coming together of members at a private luncheon to celebrate special birthdays. Brenda's "O" and Beryl's 90+ (whose counting!)

Also very delighted to gather for the District A54 Picnic meeting at Wagga Wagga and renew friendships.

Best News, our Club inducted a NEW Member, Denise at our first meeting. We welcome Denise.

Looking forward to meeting the challenges of 2021.

## District A55

Chairman: Wendy Bennett

ALSTONVILLE

Chartered 1.6.96

President: Carol Vidal

January 10<sup>th</sup> Alstonville and Ballina Members attended a delicious morning tea, hosted by the Lismore Club, to mark Inner Wheel Day.

February Meeting, a lunch at Aruma, (formerly known as THE HOUSE with no STEPS), was the venue for our Annual Elections.

Friday 26<sup>th</sup> February members and friends participated in Sean's Two for Ten walk along the Ballina Waterfront Heritage Trail to the North Wall. Fish and chips on our return.

International Night is 6<sup>th</sup> March when the flavours of Italy will be enjoyed.

The Club is still making Mastectomy cushions and in fact the Breast Care Coordinator for Lismore and Districts is to be the Guest Speaker at our next Meeting.



## GRAFTON

Chartered 18.11.95

President: *Bev Wheelahan*

November 2020 was Grafton's combined 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary since Charter and Christmas party and we were delighted that District Chairman Wendy Bennett and her husband Noel were able to attend. Inner Wheel Day was celebrated with morning tea at a local coffee shop and March 2<sup>nd</sup> saw some members participate in the 2 km "Sean's Two for Ten" walk stopping for morning tea in a local park and then lunching at the end of our walk.



Grafton held 25<sup>th</sup> Birthday/ Christmas function in November to include District Chairman, Wendy Bennet's visit to the Club

After "Sean's Two for Ten Walk" members cooled off with a coffee



## INVERELL

Chartered 5.3.88

President: *Frances Germany-Medway*

Inverell held our Changeover Lunch on 3<sup>rd</sup> August, 2020 with Covid safe rules and Frances Germany-Medway was inducted as President.

Melbourne Cup was celebrated and as a lead-up to the very successful and well attended A55 District Meeting in Inverell. At our Dinner Meeting at Freckles on Wednesday prior we were delighted that District Chairman, Wendy Bennett attended. Christmas and International Night were lots of fun and also monthly Friendship/birthday lunches. Currently preparing for a Wedding theme meeting.



**Inverell** members meet monthly for Birthday/ Friendship lunches.

## LISMORE

Chartered 10.3.84

President: *Beverley Houston*

Our Cord Blood and Friendship morning teas were held at our local retirement village with residents attending.

February meeting the committee members for 2021-2022 were introduced & newest member Cathie Smith was welcomed. Members brought along a "thought" and read it out to the meeting. These we put in our Thought Book. Browsing this book makes for very interesting reading.

Our big news for the year was the wedding of Vice President Mikaela and Rob.



President Beverley Houston with Vice President Mikaela who is third generation member of Lismore Club.



Newest member Cathie Smith with President Bev.

## NARRABRI

Chartered 21.8.57

President: *Kathryn Hamilton*

Narrabri Club members are pleased the Colposcopy camera purchased will be based in Narrabri. It is used for detection of cancerous cell types in Women's Health and will save ladies travelling many km to see Specialists.

It is a known fact that women in rural and regional areas lack access to such services.

"Sean's Two for Ten" walk is to be held in April on the newly established Council walking path along the Namoi Creek.

We will shortly recognize Beryl Heath for 50 years continuous service to Inner Wheel and the community with a special morning tea.

Beryl Heath who is also a recipient of a Margaret Golding award now to be recognised for 50 years of service to Inner Wheel and the Community.



## PORT MACQUARIE NORTH

Chartered 4.10.76

President: Robyn Morgan

Port Macquarie West Club Members have enjoyed two Luncheon meetings this year, a change from Dinner meetings during the Covid restrictions. Excellent Guest Speakers gave informed and interesting talks on both occasions. We have welcomed three new members in the last few months and we appreciate their input. Our craft group continues supporting the Premi-Babies Unit at the Base Hospital, the Women's Refuge and other local groups.

## TAMWORTH

Chartered 01.07.83

President: Joy Tomlinson



Members and guest enjoyed our Christmas meeting with a bit of "Trivia" and the best Christmas Hat competition. On Inner Wheel day we had breakfast at the View Restaurant at the Golf Club where our Cord Blood coordinator updated us on the program.



Member Marilyn Schulze recently celebrated 25 years of membership & was warmly congratulated. "Sean's Two for Ten" morning walk was very well supported and celebrated with a light breakfast at Hopscotch Café, a very pleasant start to a beautiful Sunday.



"Sean's Two for Ten" walk was very well supported

## District A60

Chairman: Marilyn Baylis

## BENDIGO

Chartered 19.8.33

President: Grace Cox



Our late morning meetings are now at a local Rotarian's hotel and lunch can be had there afterwards. Movie-going is proving to be a popular social activity.

We met at a local walking track around a lake to support the new National Project - 'Sean's 2kms for \$10. After our walk, coffee was enjoyed together.

Our Guest Speaker for March is to be our 'Bendigo Citizen of the Year' - Cathy Steele (Chair of Bendigo Foodshare).

In March we are hosting the A60 Friendship Day at the Bendigo Botanical Gardens.

## SWAN HILL

Chartered 16.5.63

President: Maureen Smith

Christmas in classic style at Murray Downs Club was enjoyed with traditional Christmas roast Kris Kringle gifts and fellowship.

Members celebrated Australia Day at the home of Wendy Witty with traditional Aussie food - Vegemite rolls, Lamingtons, Pavlova, Rum Balls with champers and coffee.

Pandemic restrictions still hamper future plans Movie nights not viable yet. Plans for Garden Party to raise funds for CBR in March to go ahead CB Bears dressed by members have sold well from local Information Centre



Christmas Lunch

**WARRNABOOL**

**Chartered 22.5.10**

*President: Maryanne van Bruggen*

With Victoria going in and out of lockdowns, we have relished the few we had.

Firstly, our IW friendship Day was at the Botanical Gardens in perfect weather( a miracle for Warrnambool) and wonderful food and company. We had a friend of the Botanical Gardens talk to us about the new Children's playground.

Secondly, our morning teas at the end of the month have been a breath of fresh air in a panoramic setting on the Hopkins River. The cherry on top of the cake was seeing our beautiful friend and member Marg Hutson "cancer free" after a year of treatment/surgery and not having seen her due to COVID.



**Wendouree**

**Chartered 29.12.59**

*President: Adela Bartrop*

Our September and October meetings were via Zoom.

Fundraising was undertaken in September at Blue Illusion Boutique.

Seven members attended the District meeting via Zoom in October.

For IIW Day seven members met for afternoon tea at Pipers Restaurant followed by a visit to the club's dedicated bench in the Botanic Gardens.

Our February meeting was a visit to a rose farm, followed by meeting and lunch in Creswick.

Soho Rose Garden



Botanic Gardens

**District A61**

**Chairman: Lorena Hayes**

**BUNDOORA**

**Chartered 25.2.695**

*President: Faye McInnes*

COVID isolation and restrictions have been a "hiccup" but we have managed to keep in touch through emails and phone calls and now we are meeting once again. A lunch picnic and Christmas breakup in the park, sewing working bee and Bunnings BBQ's have us enjoying each other's company once again. Donations during Covid continued to Northern Hospital Children's Wing, Heart Foundation, Bunnings Christmas Hampers, Wantirna Palliative Care, Cordelia Books and Big Group Hug. Inner Wheel Club of Bundoora is looking forward to the future.....



Meeting in the park, masks ready.

**WANDIN**

**Chartered 10.9.94**

*President: Val Corbett*

We were able to have our Christmas meeting which was exciting to see everyone face – face.



President Val presenting out caterers with Christmas flowers.

Sadly, in January, Wandin lost a Charter Member, Judy Gamble, such a gentle lady, many of the Clubmembers were able to attend her funeral,(before lockdown again) .

The members are now preparing for Friendship Day with a Garden Party (keeping fingers crossed). We are going to have this day as a fund raiser for Cord blood, as we have been unable to raise money this year.

## District A62

Chairman: Maria McEwen

**BAIRNSDALE** Chartered 22.1.94  
President: Dianne Allen

December, members brought along food items which were donated to the Uniting Care Hamper fund. January was our annual International night, where all funds raised from the evening will go to the District International project. We had an Austrian theme, with schnitzels, strudel, Strauss waltzes and Sound of Music songs. February, our guest speaker was on Mental Health Wellbeing. We have also been able to resume our morning coffee gettogether and the walking group.



**BAYSIDE** Chartered 18.11.94  
President: Margot Colquhoun

Members have been involved with **Impact for Women** in their support of women and children escaping family violence. Packing Days are held twice a year – Mothers' Day and Christmas - and over 2000 individual bags and 300 large Refuge bags containing a variety of new items were packed and delivered to the refuges before Christmas. The 49 women and 13 children who have died this year were remembered and for each family violence death, a pair of red shoes are lined up and the very small ones were heart-breaking to see.



**BERWICK** Chartered 18.11.68  
President: Kay Morland



Our Changeover finally took place in December when Past President Helen Comport presented the collar to President Kay Morland.

Cheques were presented to St John of God Wig Library and benevolent groups. A Christmas drinks catering event raised \$700.

Past IW International President Carole Buchanan celebrated her 80th birthday followed by her marriage to Norm Smith. Beryl Exell celebrated her 99th birthday and Mia Castricum her 90th.



**CRANBOURNE** Chartered 5.12.92  
President: Julie White

The Cranbourne IW Club completed a challenging but rewarding year. Our zoom meetings were well supported and we had some informative guest speakers. Our trading table was very successful, raising money for cord blood and we also managed to support several local charities. The highlight of our year was Kate's Friendship Day which was well attended and a very enjoyable day. Our President Julie did a great job under difficult circumstances.

A very successful Sean's fundraising walk.



**LATROBE** Chartered 21.5.97  
President: Trish Elliot

Last month we had the official visit of our A62 District Chairman, Maria McEwen, as well as Helen Lay, District International Officer to Dal Mondo's restaurant. We enjoyed listening to DC Maria giving us an outline of her life as a young child in Italy, then moving to France for a few years, before migrating to Australia with her family. Maria now runs a business with her son, and still manages to find time to do community work. We took the ladies to breakfast the next day at IIMIS restaurant, and we had a pleasant and relaxing time with them. We must like the social whirl our members also meet for coffee regularly at MoMo's.

**MOE****Chartered 13.12.97***President: Chris McIver*

The Rotary Club of Moe awarded our IW club member Sandra Demagistris the Paul Harris Fellow in 2020. Recognition was given to Sandra, who joins a remarkable cohort of people throughout the world, all recognised for their commitment to 'Service Above Self' to benefit local and international communities. We are very proud of Sandra, very special and fitting when recognition is given to a wonderful person who works tirelessly and is committed to her community.



Sandra receiving her award zoom style.



Friendship Day January 2021 was a BYO occasion including chair, food and lots of bright happy chatter.

**NARRE WARREN****Chartered 6.10.80***President: Margaret Sansom*

In October we celebrated the club's 40th birthday via zoom. 28 members joined the meeting, this included 6 existing Charter Members as well as a lovely message and congratulations from Nanette Barr, Charter Member who is in care.

As part of our celebrations President Marg launched our 40th Birthday Celebration Recipe Book. The recipe book is \$10 and we are already on our 3rd print. All proceeds going to Inner Wheel National Project, Cord Blood Research.

During severe lockdown one of our members Linda Wallace, came up with the brilliant idea, of a Club Walkathon. With the support of family, friends and members unable to walk, we walked 3802 km from Melbourne to Perth onto Freemantle and raising over \$ 5,000.



40th Anniversary Zoom meeting.



Charter members who were able to attend the celebration.

**NEPEAN****Chartered 13.5.85***President: Rhonda Lawrence*

Another year is in full swing. We were looking forward to our first official dinner meeting in February but like all clubs the 5 day lockdown prevented that which was very disappointing to all our members

Attached is a photo of two of our member together with Hastings Lifestyle Village craft group presenting a cheque to buy material to make blankets to give to Peninsula Health Day unit for chemotherapy. These blankets are given to patients as a personal item to take home and bring back when having treatment.

**Pakenham****Chartered 10.10.86***President: Marlene Burhop*

We are taking every opportunity to meet in person now that COVID restrictions are easing. Inner Wheel Day was celebrated with our annual "Breakfast in the Park" on a beautiful January morning. Some took the opportunity for a bike ride, others a walk and some just enjoyed the companionship. Sue Blenkhorn, our District A62 Cord Blood chairman, launched our "Sean's 2 for 10 walk" on this day.



Phillip Island

Chartered 12.6.92

President: Julie Holloway

We have continued to make and sell masks throughout Covid and sell homemade preserves and jams on line to help with fundraising during these difficult times in Victoria. We held our Annual Christmas Stall and it was great to have our first non-zoom meeting in 12 months in January. Fortunately a very successful Bunnings BBQ was also held in late January. A great effort by members over the last few months.

Back at Bunnings Hooray!



Back doing what we do best. Working together to fund-raise.

WARRAGUL

Chartered 4.11.95

President: Lynne Martin

Christmas was a time for giving. A collection of food goodies in a hamper was donated to Baw Baw Food Relief, making Christmas brighter for a deserving family. January saw the induction of Jen Lowrie, and a wedding for member Jules Riley and her fiancé Carmen Christie who celebrated with friends and family.

A weekend away to Paynesville was enjoyed and well deserved after recent lockdown restrictions. Happy times ahead.



# District A70

Chairman: Tonia Lewry

HOLDFAST MARION Chartered 7.11.98

President: Marilyn Armstrong

It has been a difficult year for many activities, but one positive activity before Christmas was a joint collection of groceries with the Rotary Club of Holdfast Bay. A proportion of these were donated to Marion Life Community Services a charity we regularly support.

District A70 Chairman Tonia Lewry (a member of our club) received an invitation for her and 4 other members to join Mrs Lan Le for morning tea at Government House. Mrs Lan Le, wife of the Governor of SA His Excellency the Honourable Hieu Van Le AC, is District A70's Patron.



IWC of Holdfast Marion members' first meeting for 2021 at the Tonsley Hotel

MOBILONG

Chartered 16.11.85

President: Annette Pannell

Our district continued to showcase club individuals, and in fact whole clubs, with our Raise a mug campaign on Facebook.

The Mobilong Club (encompassing Murray Bridge and surrounding areas) joined in friendship to showcase this twist on a mug theme! This ornate "gazunder" made an appearance at their recent Changeover meeting but thankfully no liquids were consumed from it on the night!



"We are women in action, working together to make a difference and improve lives."

## NORTH EAST SUNSET

Chartered 1.4.07

President: Jenny Barrett

On a cool evening conducive to walking, sixteen North East Sunset members and seven guests walked two kilometres to raise money for Sean's Two for Ten. The venue was the delightful Thorndon Park in Campbelltown, known for its open spaces, bird life, large lake and marked walking paths. The perfect spot to stride out!

Afterwards, a social evening with food and drinks continued as the sun was setting.

Some \$370 was raised including donations from those unable to attend.



Our ladies and one grandchild ready to walk.

## TEA TREE GULLY

Chartered 23.8.85

President: Sylvia Maywald

Two particularly interesting speakers for Tea Tree gully included Sandra Ullrich who spoke about Bees. Much laughter and surprise at antics of the bees. She finished by saying – They can be a blessing but a pest as well.

The January meeting had a speaker from Eastern Domestic Violence, Julie. Talk was very interesting and sad when mums and children must flee. Some members assist backpacks4sakids – we buy clothes for ages 0-16, toys, books and assist at their packing shed.

Melbourne Cup Day was held at Presidents Sylvia's and \$179 was raised for Cord Blood.



## THE ADELAIDE HILLS Chartered 8.4.00

President: Lyn Green

Over the past few months we have enjoyed a combined meeting with Mobilong; a visit from District Chairman, Tonia Lewry; inducted new member, Sandra Tierney; had a Christmas meeting with friends and donated grocery items for a local Church's Christmas hampers; and a lunch with members, partners and friends. In addition, two of our members joined three other district members for Morning Tea at Government House with Mrs Lan Le, who is Inner Wheel District A70's Patron.



L-R: Merylyn Schultz, Chris Butler, Barbara Day-Brindley, Coralie Nicolson, Andra Hein, Toni Broderick, Lyn Green, Sandra Tierney, Lola Horton and Frances McCarthy.

## INNER WHEEL AUSTRALIA CONFERENCE 2021

### "LET'S HAVE FUN IN '21"

Barring unforeseen circumstances once again disrupting our plans, we are asking you to

### "SAVE THE DATE"

for the 52nd Inner Wheel Australia Annual Conference to be held in the beautiful, rural city of Wangaratta from the 13<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup> October, 2021.

Our plans from last year, although needing some tweaking, are in hand. Due to the current COVID restrictions our numbers, at this time, are still restricted so the early birds will get the seats. We are hopeful, however, that the Victorian Government will amend these rules by the time our Conference comes around and our numbers will then be higher. (It's a shame it's not a football match!!)

The committee will be meeting shortly to finalise the programme which will then be sent to the printer which means they should be available to members by May.

All members of A61 are looking forward to welcoming you to Wangaratta and are promising to make this a Conference well worth attending.

# District A76

Chairman: Jenni Bennett

## CAIRNS

Chartered 11.3.61

President: Judy Taylor

It is a celebration time for the Inner Wheel Club of Cairns and all its members. 60 years in existence. What a milestone for the Club! The longest serving member until late last year was Iris Forno, 59 years member and she was 106 years old. What an accomplishment for Iris. Her last appearance at the club was during the 51st Annual Convention held in Cairns where she lit the candle of friendship at the General Meeting attended by representatives from around Australia. Our longest serving member is now Frances Winkworth. She has been in the club for 49 years. Congratulations Frances.



## FAR NORTH TABLELANDS

Chartered 9.4.16

President: Julie Brzozowski

Like many clubs during COVID restrictions, meeting venues have been a dilemma for the Far North Qld Tablelands Club. Our President Julie Brzozowski kindly offered her home in January, so visiting District Chairman and Cord Blood Coordinator, Jenni Bennett could advise and encourage us about 'Sean's Two for Ten' project. Induction of two new members, Sharon McIntosh and Carol Carleton, was also a highlight.

On the 21st March, a break in days of rain was fortuitous for enabling some members, friends and furry side-kicks of the Far North Qld Tablelands Club to utilise a converted railway track in Atherton for 'Seans Two for Ten'



## INNISFAIL

Chartered 3.8.63

President: Maggie Townley



In December Innisfail members enjoyed our Christmas meeting with a luncheon, a visit from Santa and Secret Santa gifts.

Inner Wheel Day was celebrated with another luncheon and members shared their holiday adventures with each other.

Australia Day brought honour to member, Margaret Boyd's husband Jim, being presented with a Lifetime Contribution Award.



For Sean's Two for Ten Walk members and friends met at Warrina Lakes walking through the magnificent gardens, enabling us to raise money for Cord Blood. More funds will be raised at our next meeting with a Bring and Buy table and a wine and cheese night later in March.



## TOWNSVILLE

Chartered 23.4.71

President: Robyn McKillop

The Townsville club is busy preparing for their 50<sup>th</sup> birthday celebrations.

## TRINITY AFTER DARK

Chartered 16.11.04

President: Helen Brown

It has been a quiet time for TADs with many members travelling within Australia for the Christmas holiday season. A small group of ladies, and a few husbands completed Sean's 2 for \$10 walk. The ladies were smart and completed it by walking laps within the air conditioned shopping centre.



# District A77

Chairman: Margaret Whitchurch

**BOONAH** Chartered 26.1.10

President: Frances Fawcner

What a challenging period we have had, endeavouring to raise much needed funds to satisfy the object of supporting our community. Covid-19 raised its ugly head a year ago and since then we have been subjected to social distancing, and other impediments, restricting activities. A Christmas lunch was enjoyed by members and husbands. The Portofino Fashion Parade planned for April has been cancelled, to be rescheduled when times permit.

**BRISBANE** Chartered 22.2.86

President: Heather Hannah

For Inner Wheel Day, Friday 10 January 2021, Wishart Club was to host a "Inner Wheel Breakfast" with Brisbane Club but this had to be cancelled at the last minute. The greater Brisbane area was suddenly put into lockdown due to COVID-19 restrictions.

**BRISBANE NORTH** Chartered 22.4.02

President: Sue Mason

Brisbane North had a very successful trade table at the local Shopping Centre in November. We were able to celebrate Christmas at a member's home. As Brisbane went into lockdown the week-end of our International Inner Wheel Day 10<sup>th</sup> January our celebration was cancelled. Several members meet on zoom in the late afternoon. Our members are looking forward to resuming, friendship, fun and fund raising in the coming months.

**BRISBANE WEST** Chartered 5.4.02

President: Penny Wheeler

18 members of Inner Wheel Brisbane West Club met on January 8, 2021 at a local Thai Restaurant to celebrate Inner Wheel Day. Good food and lots of chatter and catching up. Everyone is looking forward to meeting up again at our first meeting on 2 February 2021.



**BROADBEACH**

Chartered 9.8.74

President: Diane Harmsworth

Broadbeach IW have enjoyed a number of 2021 happy gatherings. Two members have been awarded special Awards for their charitable dedication.

Helen Busch received "Life Membership" for her 15 years assisting Sailability. Sailing for the Disabled.

Rosemary Stonehouse received a "High Achievement" Certificate for 5 years of wonderful & compassionate caring in the Spiritual Care Dept at the Gold Coast University Hospital. We are very proud of these members.



**BUNDABERG**

Chartered 1.3.55

President: Beth Toft

Our Club finished the year with our General Meeting, followed by a Christmas luncheon at our venue on December 3, 2020.

Inner Wheel Club of Bundaberg, Inner Wheel Club of Bundaberg Sunset and the Inner Wheel Club of Hervey Bay joined together in fellowship for Inner Wheel day January 10, 2021. There were 36 guests from the 3 Inner Wheel clubs with three prospective new members for the Bundaberg Sunset and Hervey Bay Club which was very welcome.



Twenty years of making Breast Cushions.

Well done!

## BUNDABERG SUNSET

Chartered 29.7.97

President: Anne Druitt

On 10<sup>th</sup> January, we celebrated Inner Wheel Day with members from the Bundaberg and Hervey Bay Clubs. Many members attended and we enjoyed the delicious food and wonderful company.

As we are hosting the next District Meeting here in Bundaberg on March 19<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup> – our club has been extremely busy planning and organizing this event. COVID has given us a few challenges with regard to food/dining/event planning, but we are all up to date with this.



## GOLD COAST NORTH

Chartered 16.11.91

President: Dee Barham

This year has been different, with our July and November District Meetings plus our District Chairman's Official visit being on Zoom, however we have been flexible and adapted!

We donated toiletries and cosmetics items to a Women's Refuge and silky pillows to a local hospital in time for Christmas.

Our Christmas was celebrated with a Lunch cruise on the River and we met at a local cafe for Brunch on Inner Wheel Day



## HERVEY BAY

Chartered 3.6.06

President: Liz Godfrey

The December Christmas Party was full of fun, games, gifts and extended Friendships.

The Guest Speaker was a brilliant young girl Sara Faraj who won the Zonta Young Women in Public Affairs Award for 16-19 years.

Hervey Bay Club along with the Bundaberg Clubs celebrated Inner Wheel Day in Bundaberg.

Members are looking forward to the first face to face District meeting in March.



## STRATHPINE

Chartered 20.10.93

President: Jacelyn Wilkinson

We gathered before Christmas and packed 106 gifts for children in need. We also packed handbags and back packs for Domestic Violence victims. Most of these gifts were hand made by the members.

Fish and chips were on the menu for Christmas celebration. Fresh air and friendship aplenty.

I wish everyone a happy Easter and good health.



**SUNSHINE COAST** Chartered 13.5.89

*President: Meg Nagel*

In November 2020 the Inner Wheel Club of Sunshine Coast made a donation of \$1000 to the "Why Leave Town -Gift Card Charity". This donation will go directly to drought affected families in the communities of Texas, Dalby and Goondiwindi. Sadly, due to inclement weather we were unable to go ahead with our planned activity to celebrate Inner Wheel Day. However, we will make up for this with an organised walk for "Sean's Two for Ten" on Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> February 2021.

**TOOWOOMBA** Chartered 24.11.84

*President: Catherine Mason*

Inner Wheel Toowoomba celebrated Inner Wheel Day with plans to gather at member Sandy Martin's home. We worked on a community project known as "1000 dresses for heroes of the Kimberly WA...our grandmothers".

Due to COVID-19 restrictions, members had to forgo the morning of Friendship. Still, all the ladies kindly delivered the donated dresses which were then later packed and posted to Marninwarntikura Fitzroy Women's Resource Centre WA. We could only imagine the day filled with excitement when the parcels arrived.



**WISHART** Chartered 22.2.97

*President: Louise Lemon*

Unfortunately, due to the COVID lockdown in Greater Brisbane we had to cancel our Inner Wheel Day celebrations with the Inner Wheel Club of Brisbane. However, at our November meeting in 2020 the International theme provided members with the opportunity to wear some form of international dress, provide information regarding an overseas Inner Wheel Club's project and share their favourite international recipes



**District A80**

Chairman: Beverley Hite

**BURNIE** Chartered 1.3.83

*President: Elayne Ransley*

Burnie Club did not fundraise as such but continued to collect non-perishable items for Rural Health and some members sewed colourful gowns with a difference to be worn by people having radiation treatment. They are delighted Beverley Hite has agreed to be A80 District Chairman for the second time.

**CLARENCE** Chartered 26.5.07

*President: Kathryn Grey*



Mask making was a highlight for IW Club of Clarence last year. They helped support a local project called "Show Hope" to provide food and essential items to

overseas students who were stranded with no income and not eligible for government assistance. The Club's Changeover via Zoom with a "Bright and Bling" theme showcased tiaras, flashing lights, boas and bespoke jewellery – very different to the usual dinner.

**DELORAINE** Chartered 19.2.71

*President: Kathy Hall*

IW Club Deloraine were thankful for the use of email to keep in touch as they all live a distance from the nearest town.

**HOBART SUNSET** Chartered 17.3.97

*President: Susan Deane*

Hobart Sunset Club had the privilege to present Beth Darcey with an Honoured Active Badge for her tremendous support of Inner Wheel. All members of A80 District congratulate Beth on her achievements while IW Clarence thank her for helping them form their Club.



**KINGS MEADOWS**

Chartered 10.10.74

*President: Christine Stevens*

Kings Meadow Club just managed to fit in their successful "Pasta, Poetry & Plonk" night before the lockdown impacted them until August when they met again.

## MERSEY

Chartered 22.5.04

President: Anne Shadbolt

Amongst other activities, IW Club of Mersey helped promote "Walk the Talk Against Family Violence" and generously donated landscaping plants to a local retirement home.

## TAMAR VALLEY

Chartered 10.2.75

President: Joan Smith

Tamar Valley Club were disappointed to cancel their 45<sup>th</sup> Charter Anniversary Luncheon during the lockdown but have welcomed several "recycled" members to their Club.

## Non Districted Clubs

### CANBERRA BELCONNAN

Chartered 4.11.71

President: Roslyn Joslin

Early December we provided morning tea, under strict COVID regulations, for the Rotarians packing 300 Christmas hampers for the disadvantaged.

We celebrated Inner Wheel Day, with some Rotary partners, with afternoon tea at one of the local Sports Clubs.

Throughout recent months of social restrictions, members have remained in contact through emails and coffee mornings. Our next outing is a theatre production.

### TERRIGAL

Chartered 15.11.76

President: Lyn Hubble

Since August we've had "safe" monthly meetings as usual, taking our own lunch etc. A lovely Christmas celebration was much enjoyed rounding off 2020. Five members attended NG Central School's Presentation Day and we'd again donated gifts for the teenage students. Morning teas are popular, whether at a home or a local café. Several members enjoyed Inner Wheel Day celebrations with other local I.W. clubs. Members didn't commit to "Sean's Walk" but held a fundraising morning tea in lieu.



## SCONE

Chartered 12.5.72

President: Ros Pinfold

In this new world where we have been unable to fundraise our club, under the initiative of our President Ros, has come up with a community service that can be done in small groups. Our local Red Cross have been inundated with donations of clothes. Much of this is only suitable as salvage to be sold for cloths for cleaning etc. However, before being sold the articles must be cut into "tea towel" size pieces with no seams, buttons, tags etc Taking it in turns to host a "cutting" session in our homes, we take a couple of large bags and in groups of four we work through the bags salvaging the suitable parts for the Red Cross to bag and sell. This has proven to be a very worthwhile activity as we are connecting socially in small groups and are also providing a worthwhile and much appreciated service to our community. And it is fun!



## WYONG

Chartered 24.3.59

President: Sue Arthur

Our February meeting saw a full agenda with the election of officers and a positive approach taken to planning the next few months, hopefully with easing restrictions. Highlight of the day had President Sue welcome Raewyn Anderson, transferring from Becroft, and induct new member Louise Morgan adding to a "family affair" at Wyong. Louise joins her mother Dorothy Morgan who has been Club President four times, sister Susan Chisolm and cousin Sarah Gotley.



From Left to Right - Sarah Gotley, her Aunt Dorothy Morgan, Dorothy's daughters, Louise Morgan and Susan Chisolm.



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