



# INNER WHEEL CLUB OF PAKENHAM FRIENDSHIP BOUQUET



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Debbie James

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Marlene Burhop

### TREASURER:

Jan Ahern

## FROM THE PRESIDENT

Well, here we are in February! How did that happen! I think I am still in holiday mode. I do hope you all had a lovely Festive break and are ready for the next few months activities.

For those who were fortunate enough to get away for a time – good on you. Hope you had a great time. For those of us who stayed home, I must say it has been nice to be able to relax for those days in between Christmas and New Year.

I wish you and yours a very Happy New Year and one that is kind to us all. Once again, our members were fortunate enough to be able to attend our annual Fairy Dell Breakfast in the park. We all look forward to this event each year and our grateful thanks go to Alwyn and Terry for holding this event once again. The Breakfast has been running for the past 10 years and with the assistance of some of our members to cut up fruit for the fruit salad and members arriving early on the day to help set up – it makes it easier to start the day off well. Alwyn has the list of food down pat and this year I know there were a little adjustment to the quantity of food as we had 56 people attending!!!! Which is amazing. Thankyou Alwyn for doing all the shopping. Terry was out there on the ride on keeping the grass at a good level. Their home and property is the perfect setting for our breakfast. Thankyou Alwyn and Terry.



### IIW PRESIDENT:

Trish Douglas

### IWA PRESIDENT:

Susan  
Chisholm

### A62 DISTRICT

#### Chairman:

Dianne Allen



Might I just slip back to our Christmas luncheon at Viale's on the 8th December 2023. For the members who attended we had a most enjoyable relaxed time with some yummy food being served to us. Thankyou to Jan and Marlene for organizing this event and for handing out the Kris Kringle presents. I know we all went home after

# FROM THE PRESIDENT



lunch with a contented smile on our faces and a full tummy of delightful treats. 😊

On the 10th of January, 9 of our members met at the Cardinia Train Station to travel into Melbourne to meet with many other members from Inner Wheel at the base of the Skydeck building to celebrate 100 years of IW. We had travelling companions of Kay Morland and Yvonne Romp so it was a pleasant train ride into town. Arriving at the meeting point we were greeted with many familiar faces and lots of chatter and finally we were all called up and we made our way to the lifts that would take us up very quickly I might add to the Skydeck. Something like 38 seconds. A very smooth ride. We had only just gotten into the lifts and we were there, high up in the sky. The view was absolutely amazing as we were blessed with a beautiful sunny day. Many photos were taken and we also had a lovely coffee break while up there. Sue was the very brave member of the day as she elected to go out onto the glass bottom deck!! Each person who went out onto the glass bottom deck had to put on special socks and Sue was ably assisted by Maureen who helped get them onto Sue's feet. When I asked Sue to turn around and hold her leg up so I could get a photo of her stocking foot, Sue overbalanced and it was sort of like being at the ten-pin bowling alley, as Sue knocked into other people but thankfully she managed to right herself before knocking anybody over. Good Job Sue. We all had a laugh and then stood there and watched Sue go in through the door and hoping and praying that we would see her again!!! Of course we saw her again!!! Sue's words were 'it was wonderful and not as bad as she thought' TOP MARKS TO YOU SUE!!!!!!!

The whole group of IW ladies met down one end of the deck where we were introduced to Susan Chisholm IWA President, who gave a short speech. The obligatory photos were taken and all in all it was a lovely day to celebrate 100 years of Inner Wheel. Eventually our group made their way back to the food court at South bank where we had lunch and a chat and then caught the train home to Pakenham. We all agreed it was a great social day and we were very proud that we were able to celebrate 100 years of Inner Wheel together with other members.

On 24th January we had an '0' Birthday to celebrate – of course Marlene's. This took the form of a Cocktail Party at the home of member Marcia. Meeting at 4pm we were once again blessed with beautiful weather which enabled us to be able to sit outside under cover and enjoy each other's company as well as celebrate Marlene's milestone. Maureen was in charge of the cocktails and she mixed up tasty drinks and everyone brought along nibbles. Thankyou to Marcia for the use of her home. Thankyou to the sub committee of Marcia, Anne, Bron, Maureen and Deb for organizing this event. I know that Marlene had a wonderful time.



Don't forget about the Progressive Dinner being organized by Sue and Alwyn on the 21st February. Please ensure that you put your name/s down in the folder and hopefully you may be able to bring along a friend or two.

Our next meeting will be 1st February 10am at the RSL. We have a Guest Speaker from the Council – Alicia Groves – Ready Get Go Bags – Emergency procedures. I look forward to listening to her.

Love Deb x



# FROM THE PRESIDENT



Happy '07 Birthday Marlene



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Happy Birthday  
Marlene

You are special



**YES YOU**  
the one reading this



# CHRISTMAS CELEBRATIONS



Club Christmas lunch at Shanikas



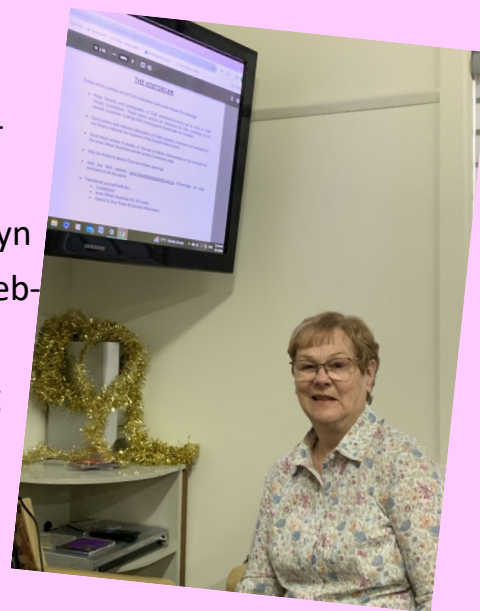
Sew and Chatter Christmas lunch



# DECEMBER MEETING



Alma lit the flame of friendship. Alwyn guided us through our bylaws. Bronwyn presented a rose bush to Debbie and then to Joy to celebrate their Golden wedding anniversaries.



## Circle of Friends Book Group Meeting for December 2023

In the month of December the Book Group met at the Shanika's restaurant in Pakenham. It was great to have the privacy and quietness of the Wine room, although I'm not too sure there was a great deal of discussion about our latest book titled "Lisa" an autobiography by former Olympic champion swimmer Lisa Currie. Although not every one's cup of tea those who finished reading the book marvelled at the way Lisa wrote about her young daughter who suffered from a serious eating disorder. It was more than just about listing all the highlights of Lisa's life, we believed. A great read.

The group meets again on the second Thursday evening on 8<sup>th</sup> February at 7.30pm at the van Diemen's in Pakenham Upper to discuss and share their holiday reading. Always a great way to swap books and stories.



# BREAKFAST IN THE FAIRY DELL



January 7th 2024



# SHINING A LIGHT ON IW



## The IW Club of Pakenham “Shining a Light” at Bunnings





# TRAILER RAFFLE



## The Rotary & Inner Wheel Christmas Trailer Fundraiser Project 2023

Well, it is really over for another year. It was great to see an impressive turn out of Rotarian & Inner Wheel members, Partners and Supporters who came to the drawing of the Christmas Trailer Raffle 2023. Inner Wheel President Deb James drew out the winning ticket at 5.00pm on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> December. A local lady Pat Virtue, formerly of King Street, Pakenham won the prize. She now lives in the Garfield/Coralynn area and was able to pick up the trailer on Christmas Eve with the help of her husband Ian and son Graham.

Thank you to the many Inner Wheel and Rotary members, Partners and Supporters who helped by selling raffle tickets over the last 8 week. The success of this fundraiser belongs to all those who sold tickets; transported the trailer to and from the various venues; collected, counted and banked the funds and liaised with the venue Managers. Thank you again to all the volunteers who gave so freely of their time to ensure the amazing success of this project.

Even without the Racing Club venue this amazing project raised \$13,800.00 profit. A truly fantastic effort from a great team

Special thanks to Tim & Jan Ahern for being the driving force to ensure every day since the raffle commenced, they were on call for whatever was needed. A fabulous effort. Thank you

Helen van Diemen

Christmas Trailer Raffle Roster Coordinator 2023





# INVITATION



## Inner Wheel Club of Narre Warren Inc.

# Celebrating "US"

With Fashions Throughout Our Era

**Saturday March 2nd 2024**  
**12.00pm for 12.30pm start.**

To be held at the Function Room at  
The Pink Hill Hotel  
20 Pink Hill Blvd, Beaconsfield 3807

**COST: \$55 per person**

*2 Course Lunch, drinks at bar prices*

All proceeds donated to the District project - Food Bank



**RSVP & Payment to Treasurer By:**

Monday 15th Feb 2024

Gail Van Der Heyden

Email: [iiw.au.narrewarrentreasurer@gmail.com](mailto:iiw.au.narrewarrentreasurer@gmail.com)

**Account Details:** Bendigo Bank  
BSB: 633 000  
Acc No: 18500 3332

*Please advise names of attendees together with any special dietary requirements.*



# INTERNATIONAL SERVICE REPORT



You are invited to the IWC Pakenham's Progressive Dinner to raise funds for our District International Project "Free 3D hands". Please join us and bring some friends.

**Date:** Wednesday 21st Feb

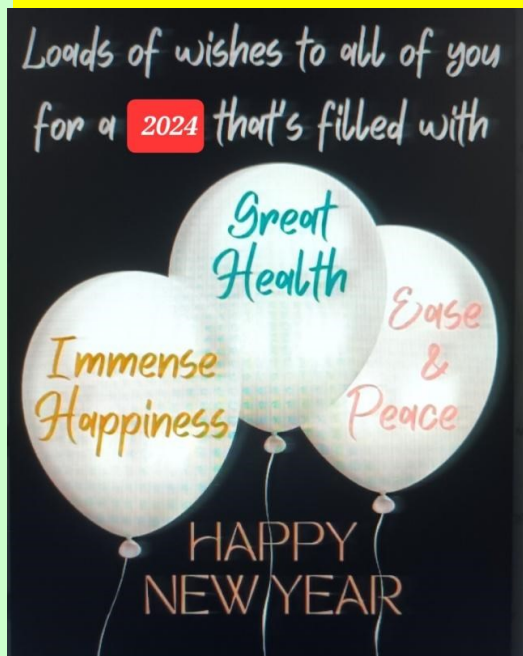
**Time:** 6:45pm

**Cost:** \$40 per head

**1st Venue:** 19a Meeking Drive, Pakenham

**2nd Venue:** 21a Meeking Drive, Pakenham

**RSVP:** 12th Feb



## News from Ilmy van der Ster, IWC Haarlem, Netherlands

Dear Sue,

Thank you very much for your latest Bouquet and also for all the other ones you send in this past year.

You have a bonding function in our international IW world.

While we are shivering in this cold winter, you are enjoying your summertime with pleasant temperatures.

In two weeks we'll fly to our daughter in Washington DC to celebrate Christmas. Then we'll head for Miami in order to have sun and warmth. Sue, I wish you a Merry Christmas and may the New Year bring you health and happiness. It will be a special IW year with lots of friends meeting in Manchester. Looking forward now already to meet you too.

**Warm December friendship greetings, Ilmy**

## News from Edwina Dias ISO, IWC Of Poona Downtown, District 313, India

Dear Sue,

I hope my letter finds you in the best of health & happiness. All of us have stepped into another new year in our lives. New are the hopes, resolutions & spirits !!! Here's wishing you & every member at IWC of Pakenham a Happy New Year 2024 !

As we begin this year on a new note, I take this opportunity to thank you for all the interesting IW Pakenham bulletins you email to us, which is a joy to receive & read. Your photos of get togethers of the members are a delight to see & the projects your IW Club undertakes are so informative too, Cheers to you all your members at Pakenham ! A Very Happy IW Centennial Day - for the 10th of January 2024 !

Wishing you much joy not just today but throughout the year

Best wishes & warm regards,

**Yours in IW Friendship, Edwina**

## News from France

I forwarded Irene Yeats IWC Bairnsdale the District Newsletter from Viewa IWC Beaune France to translate for me. I will forward either the newsletter in French or the translation to any member who would like to read it.

Irene said "Hi Sue, I found the newsletter very interesting as District 152 is very familiar to Sandy and I. We have sailed along many of its rivers and canals. In fact we left our canal boat for winter this year at St Jean de Losne which is near Dijon and Gray. I hope this report is helpful to you. I'm looking forward to the next one. Happy New Year"

Thanks to Irene I have condensed it below: