

# INNER WHEEL CLUB OF PAKENHAM FRIENDSHIP BOUQUET



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#### FROM THE PRESIDENT

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My goodness the months are just flying by! I am writing this report on Saturday afternoon and the Autumn sun is shining and giving us a touch of warmth which is lovely. The trees around the area are looking magnificent and colourful. Autumn is my favourite time of the year – cool crisp mornings and usually nice moderately sunny days.



Firstly, I would like to pass on my best wishes to all those members/family members who are not feel-

ing their strongest at the moment. We are all thinking of you and hope that you will be much stronger very soon. We must remember that family comes first over Inner Wheel. Hugs and love to each of you from all the members of our club.

Secondly, I wish to send my best wishes to Alwyn, Sue and Pat on their big adventure of travelling to Manchester and beyond. I know you will all have a most enjoyable time at the Convention. Be safe and well and we look forward to hearing all about all your adventures when you arrived back on Australian shores.

Our best wishes to Mavis for her upcoming trip. Have a wonderful and safe time Mavis.

Thankyou to Alwyn for our last meetings induction on the IWA Website. It was very informative and I hope that you all have had some time to look at the website and learn lots of Inner Wheel information.

8 of our members attended the Combined Meeting organised by the Narre Warren IW Club. This evening was held at the Dandenong Club. We all wore our racing hats and outfits and looked



wonderful. The Guest Speaker for the evening was a part owner of the Horse Black Caviar, Pam Hawks. Pam gave us a most informative talk about her involvement with Black Caviar. A couple of us were lucky enough to win a raffle prize!! I was asked by President Helen Lay to Light the Flame of Friendship. This is what I said – On behalf of the members of the IW Club of Pakenham I thank you very much for inviting me to Light the



Flame of Friendship.

I have found this little quote and it goes like this:

Friends are like street lights along the road They don't make the distance any shorter, But they light up the path and make the walk worthwhile SHINE A LIGHT FOR YOUR FRIENDS AND KEEP THEM SAFE

**The District Meeting on 13<sup>th</sup> April 2024** – Black Tie Warragul, was attended by Marg Macdonald and myself. IWA President Susan Chisholm was the Guest Speaker for this meeting.

Again, Pakenham was invited to Light the Flame of Friendship, this is what I said:



FRIEND OF MINE: True friends are hard to find, And worth their weight in gold An ear to always listen And sometimes a hand to hold They share with you fond memories And all those precious things, That after a glass or two of wine, Make you belly laugh and sing. They remind you of the times you've had, Now how long has it been? ...... Surely we are not old old? I only feel nineteen...... They live through your relationships, The good, bad and the rest..... And survive, like you, to tell the tale, They really are the best,

Life is full of highs and lows

And precious is our time,

So make sure that you appreciate them,

Like I do friend of mine





All Presidents from each club were invited to present their banners to Susan and this was a special ceremony. Susan's speech was excellent. She gave us an insight into her personal life and her Inner Wheel life. It was lovely to meet with Susan.







The next IW event we have had was the wonderful '0' Birthday of our Sue. What a great evening it was. Lots of fun and chatter and yummy food. Thankyou to Marlene who provided the Birthday cake. I know Sue had a most enjoyable evening as we all did. <u>Happy Birthday Sue.</u>

Anzac Day Service I wish to thankyou Alma, Sue, Joy and Marcia for coming along to the Anzac Day Service. It was a tad wet when we first arrived but cleared for the Service which was great. Thankyou so much to Marcia for making the beautiful wreath which Marcia and myself laid on behalf of our club. Attendance at the service was amazing.

























Yesterday 8 of us travelled down to Sale to view the **Annemeike Mein 'Life's work'**. My goodness Annemeike is a most talented lady. Her works were spread over a couple of floors but the main artwork was on one floor spread out over 3-4 rooms.

Quote: Annemieke Mein is a Dutch-born Australian textile artist who specialises in depicting wildlife. She was the first textile artist to be member of Wildlife Art Society of Australasia and the Australian Guild of Realist Artists. The subjects of her sculpted textiles range from birds, frogs and fish, through to insects such as moths, dragonflies, wasps and grasshoppers. Her fondness for insects and her highly detailed works, often greatly enlarged and showing normally invisible colours and textures, have revealed new aspects of the everyday natural world.

I think we all agreed what a fantastic display of work. Lunch was at The Criterion Hotel where we all enjoyed our choice of food. Following lunch, we went back to the exhibition for a short time and then about 3.30pm ish we got back into the cars to drive home. May I take this opportunity to thank Alma and Alwyn for driving us there and back. So appreciated by us all.

Kind regards Deb x



# GALLERY VISIT





#### COMBINED MEETING













# Combined Meeting 8.4.24





Guest Speaker Pam Hawks part owner of Black Cavier



