



Report by Alma



Sew n chatter

*A great day at Sewing, what a team, we achieved lots.
I decided it was time to have a big sort out, having a good team to do this.*

Starting at the top of the room Joy was cutting out fabrics for Walker bags, this is a great advantage as it means next time, we get straight into sewing.

*Then came Gayle who was sewing fronts to backs for the walker bags.
Then in the middle of the room was Bron and myself sorting and checking out what was in each and every tub.*

Some fabrics going in a pile for Walker Bags, other going in to piles for Fiddle Blankets and then some unsuitable fabrics that were going to the Op shop and two piles of bits and pieces left over from Days for Girls, some to go to the Special School and some for Kindergarten for cut and pasting

Next was Barb who was using her artistic skills to pins bits to Fiddle Blankets ready to sew

Then came Pat who was ever so professional with the ironing.

Such a busy team that I forgot to take any photos, but a great successful morning.

Alma



Sue Blenkhorn Club International Service Officer

George & I are busy preparing for our trip to the IIW Convention in Manchester. Pat Harman & Alwyn Williams are also attending from Pakenham.

George & I are having a holiday in France afterwards. As you all know I contacted Vewia from the IWC Beaune & Rachel from the IWC Toulon. I have just forwarded them the details of where we are staying so we can arrange to meet. Rachel & Ilmy from IWC Haarlem are also attending the Convention so I hope to see them there. We all met at Alwyn's after the Melbourne IIW Convention so it will be special to catch up again.

News from Ilmy IWC Haarlem - the Netherlands

Thank you so much, dear Sue, for the latest Bouquet. It was colourful, lots of interesting stories, photos and... dancing ladies in wonderful outfits. May be a preview of what we may expect at the Gala in Manchester? Have you got your dress ready?

You and your husband are surely planning a great trip thru Europe after the Convention. Lots of preparations, isn't?

My weeks are filled with packing boxes for the upcoming relocation to our apartment. Well, looking forward seeing you, Alwyn and other members of Pakenham next month. Have a safe trip coming over. Till soon.

Friendship greetings, Ilmy

The following message was part of a beautiful email card designed and sent by Ilmy.

Thank you so much Ilmy for helping me celebrate my special day.

"Dear Sue, Today you are having a big O day. Happy Birthday!! May your new year be filled with happiness and wonderful experiences. Enjoy your day and get spoiled by your beloved ones. Cheers to many more happy years. Birthday hugs. Ilmy"

News from Rachel – IWC Toulon – France

Dear Sue and George

I had replied to you but it seems you did not get my mail probably because I sent it from the hospital. I have just had a hip operation on 3 Rd April. All well I am starting the physiotherapy tomorrow.

Nice that you are coming to the convention and then to South France.

Of course we will be pleased to have you at home I think from Arles you could stop at our place. We live in SANARY sur Mer next to Toulon on the way to the French Riviera.

So we can talk about it in Manchester. Did George register to the Convention? Dag did not: too expensive for one friendship dinner and the gala! In Melbourne it was much cheaper!

I have also noticed that you will be 3 days in Nice, not far from us !

Our best friendly regards, Rachel Joël-Evelyne MOEN and Dag.



News from Viewa –IWC Beaune – France

Hello dear Sue, What great news ... you will be in Beaune in May !!! We had our IW dinner yesterday night and I informed my friends. We all are enthusiastic to welcome you. I suggested an evening, with informal dinner, at our country house, with my club, on Wednesday 22nd of May. So you can exchange with us. Some speak English ... quite fluent ! They all are pleased.

They read your friendship Bouquet and love it!

When you can, let me know, precisely if possible, your (and Georges) schedule on those two days, we will program where and how to welcome you both. It seems both your afternoons are free, so we could make plans. Are you travelling with a group? What kind of dinner will be, for you, on May 21st, and where in Beaune ? Where will you be staying ? Unfortunately I won't be in Manchester, but 4 of my IW friends from Beaune will be there (including Anne Segaut you met in Copenhagen). They will look for you and say Hello. Lots of thanks for sending your fantastic Bouquets, congratulations on your investment! What a job and what a club !

Hello and our best IW friendship to you and your friends. Love. Vewia

News from Poroochi – IWC Poona Downtown India

Dear Poroochi & husband Yezdi telephoned me from St Martin, in the Caribbean, to wish me happy 80th birthday. They were staying with their daughter Firoza and family. George & I were celebrating in Fiji with our daughter Emma & husband Chris.

Poroochi rung me today to give me the contact details of two of her friends who are also going to Manchester. Yezdi has been awarded an Avenues of Service award from Rotary International. The International President Elect of Rotary, Stephanie Urchick, will be in Pune on 27 th April and will present the award personally. Congratulations Yezdi.

News from Edwina - IWC Poona Downtown – India

Dear Sue, I wish to thank you ever so much for your Friendship Bouquets which are so informative, interesting & enjoyable to read. Lovely photos of the dancers. Congratulations to them. I am very impressed by the CBR -- Cord Blood Research & associated activities that your club undertakes to promote the same. You & your hubby do have a lovely holiday in Europe.!

Also all the best to you for your stay at the IWC Convention in Manchester. Sue, below I'm sharing my Poem Changing Identities which was published in the-District Souvenir released in February 2024 (I won 1st place)

Yours in IW Friendship, ISO Edwina Dias (IWC Of Poona Downtown)



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English Poem

Changing Identities

When we were young, life was simple and without any care,
on the playground with our friends our games and toys we would share.
Nowadays with their mobiles and gadgets the kids do nothing but sit
outdoor fun and activities they have long quit
As their needs increase, today both parents toil hard at work
To provide the family with additional luxuries and perks
Those days when our mother & granny adorned a sari and stayed at home
Have since disappeared and seldom seen or are known.
The pressures of achieving success at an early age has led to burn outs, heart
aches, coupled with outrage .The change of identities and of our life styles is
here to stay for a while, so need to accept it with a bright smile!

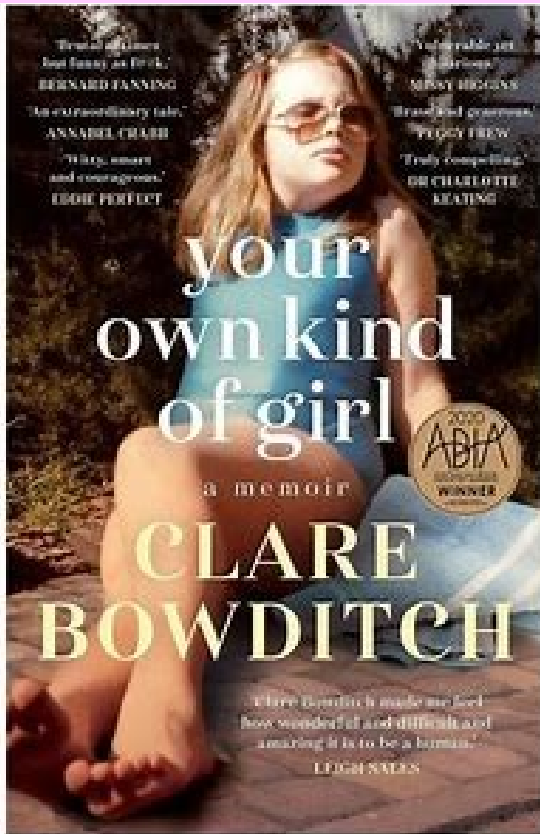
ISO Edwina Dias
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District 313



Edwina receiving her award at the District Conference.



Circle of Friends Inner Wheel Book Group Report of April 2024 Get Together



It was almost a full house this month at the home of Tania Hansen at Garfield.

“Your Kind of Girl” by Clare Bowditch was a memoir with a difference. Clare was a local girl from Sandringham with her heart always singing, but her early days were an incredible challenge with mental illness. Today Clare is a popular and celebrated song writer, singer and musician with an Aria award to her credit.

There was much discussion about many aspects of this book, particularly Eating Disorders, Catholicism, peer pressure, loneliness and depression. Most enjoyed the book and would recommend it to others to read.

Next month we will be discussing “The Drover’s Wife” by Leah Purcell and getting together at the home of Bronwyn Mepstead on Thursday 9th May.



Helen van Diemen

Coordinator, Circle of Friends Inner Wheel Book Group 2023-2024

(apologies from the Editor – I couldn’t publish the group photo because my home email is currently not cooperating!)



9th May – Helen van Diemen

11th May— Mavis Herrington

20th May– Barb White

Enjoy your Special Day

SOME LIGHT HEARTED THOUGHTS



It's got a wooden frame, wooden engine, wooden wheels, and a wooden gas tank. Did he ride it? No, wooden start...



* WHAT IS LUXURY? ... * They made us believe that luxury was the rare, the expensive, the exclusive, everything that seemed unattainable ... Now we realize that luxury were those little things that we did not know how to value when we had them and now that they are gone, we miss them so much ... Luxury is being healthy. Luxury is not stepping into a hospital. Luxury is being able to walk along the seashore. Luxury is going out on the streets and breathing without a mask. Luxury is meeting with your whole family, with your friends. Luxury are the looks. Smiles are luxury. Luxury are hugs and kisses. Luxury is enjoying every sunrise. Luxury is the privilege of loving and being alive. All this is a luxury and we did not know ..

Stay blessed. Stay grateful.

My dad told me his password is:
MickeyMinnieGoofyDonaldPlutoHuey
LouieDeweyDublin.

Because he was told his password had to contain 8 characters and at least one Capital.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES



Inner Wheel General Meeting — Thursday 2nd May, RSL 9:30 for 10.00am

Guest Speaker: Lorraine Edlington ‘Creating Awareness for Ovarian Cancer’

Paddy’s Kitchen Volunteers needed please for —Sunday 12th May =

- Sunday 26th May =

When delivering food enter from the service road as the rear door is now locked.

Dates for your Diaries —

Sew & Chatter, RSL 10am– In recess for May.

Circle of Friends Book Club Thursday 9th May, 7:30pm @ Bronwyn M’s home.

Morning Coffee: in recess. **Movies :** in recess.

Next Exec meeting: Monday 27th May 2pm @ President Deb’s home

IW Cranbourne “Drag Queen Bingo Evening”: 6pm Saturday 1st June.

District Welcome Day Saturday 8th June @ Drouin Anglican Hall

A62 District Meeting and CHANGEOVER, Saturday 29th June, 2024
10am, \$35pp

IW club Pakenham Changeover: Sunday 14th July @ Meadowvale. 12 mid
day for 12:30 start. Light lunch. \$20pp

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