

INNER WHEEL CLUB OF PAKENHAM FRIENDSHIP BOUQUET



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FROM THE PRESIDENT

Well, it has come to that time of the year when this is my last Presidents report for my IW year.

I wish to thank each and everyone for their support throughout the year. I do hope you all have had a great year as I have had. It has been at times, a difficult year for me in particular due to my operation in Sept last year and my slow recovery. There were times when I thought am I going to get

better and be able to fulfil my duties as President for the year. But I must say that through the help/assistance of members of our club plus my beautiful family I have been able to achieve that, albeit with a few bumps along the way.

Thank you to everyone who assisted in any way throughout the year. I sincerely am grateful. And now it is nearly time to hand over the reins to Marlene and her team. I wish you all a wonderful year full of fun and friendship. I will write my full thankyou's in my yearly Presidents report to be tabled at the Changeover.

This past month has been a little quieter, but it has given us all a breather from all the busy months we have had commencing this year. Our members Sue, Alwyn and Pat



FROM THE PRESIDENT



have returned from their trip overseas to attend the Manchester Convention and their following individual holidays. I look forward to hearing all about their stories at our meeting next week. Just a reminder: following our meeting next Thursday **we will be having lunch together at the RSL** compliments of the Executive. So please stay and enjoy each other's company. I would also like to have our **Group photo** taken on this day as well. Thankyou in advance to Sue, Alwyn and Pat.

Last week members met at the Cultural Centre for morning Coffee. Thankyou to Bron for organising this event. It was a great catch up with lots of chatter and laughter.

Wasn't it lovely to hear our guest speaker Lorraine Edlington speak at our May meeting. Lorraine travelled all the way up from Wonthaggi to attend our



General Meeting
June 6th '24

Deb Presenting
Cheque to
Alma Elliott
on behalf of
the RSL



Guest Speaker
Lorraine Edlington
with Deb James
and
Marcia Rook



Members
enjoying
morning tea
A Elliott
B Mepstead P Harman
J Watson J Ahern

FROM THE PRESIDENT



Bron & Joy
lighting
Extinguishing
the Flame
of
Friendship



Pam Lorraine Joy
Marlene Anne Joy



Bad luck
Deb

meeting. Thankyou Lorraine you are a treasure and it was very interesting to hear of her cancer journey. Many of us are touched by cancer in one way or another. Thankyou Lorraine for giving us your time.

This Saturday a few of our members are attending the district meeting followed by the A62 District Changeover in the afternoon. Can I take this opportunity to thank our A62 District Chairman Dianne Allen and her wonderful team for their outstanding contribution to Inner Wheel. It has been lovely from a personal perspective to get to know Dianne, Yvonne and the rest of the team over the year. Congratulations to you all on a fantastic job. I hope that you have all enjoyed it.

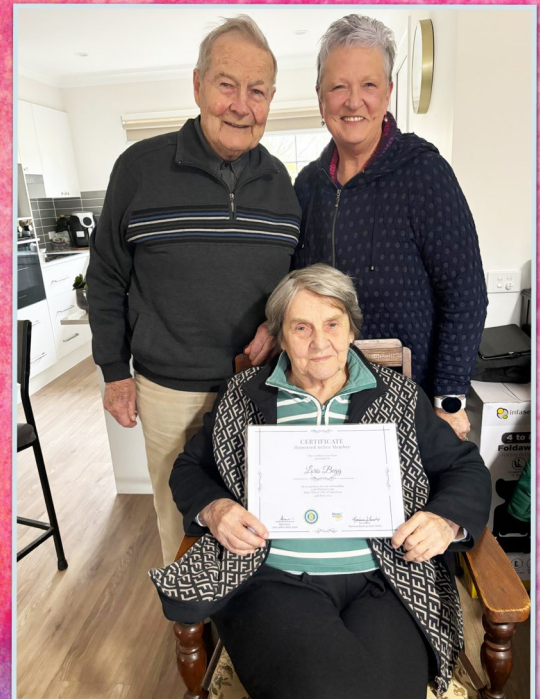
I extend our best wishes to Erica and her team for the coming year. I do hope you have a great and fulfilling year leading our District.



FROM THE PRESIDENT



Presentation to Loris



held at the Exec. Meeting 24th June '24

At our Executive meeting held on Monday 24th I had the delightful opportunity to invite Loris and Graeme Begg along following our meeting. The purpose of their visit was to present our member Loris with an Hon. Membership Certificate on behalf of our Club. There is a photo in this bouquet of the presentation. Both Graeme and Loris were thrilled to be at the meeting and catch up with the Executive, plus very honoured that our club bestowed this award to Loris. I would like to share with you a message that Graeme wrote to me –

'Loris was genuinely delighted. Please bring her pleasure and realisation of the importance of the decision to your members. Kind regards to all members, Graeme Begg'

FROM THE PRESIDENT



This is another message from Graeme sent to me the evening after the presentation (I sent a photo to Graeme and Loris) –

'Thankyou Deb. You beat me to it as I intended to send a message to thankyou and your committee for the Certificate and a most enjoyable afternoon. Particularly pleasing to me was how Loris appreciated the day and the recognition. I asked one of the nurses to put the certificate up in her room and hopefully the memory will continue.

Please express our genuine appreciation to Pakenham Inner Wheel for the thought and sincerity of the presentation.'

Graeme Begg

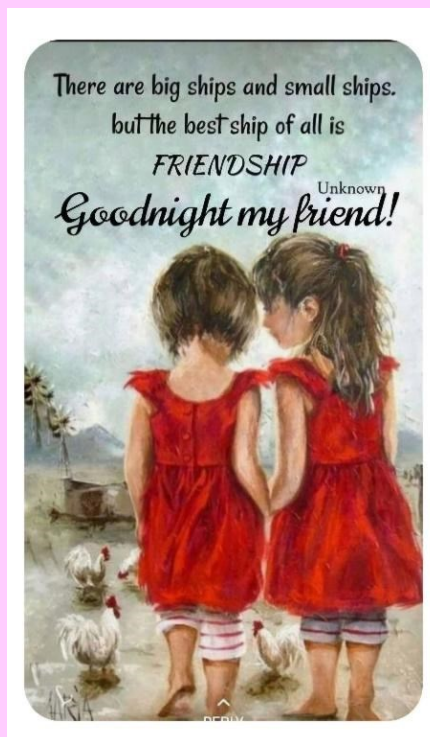
These special moments warm your heart and makes being a member of Inner Wheel very special.

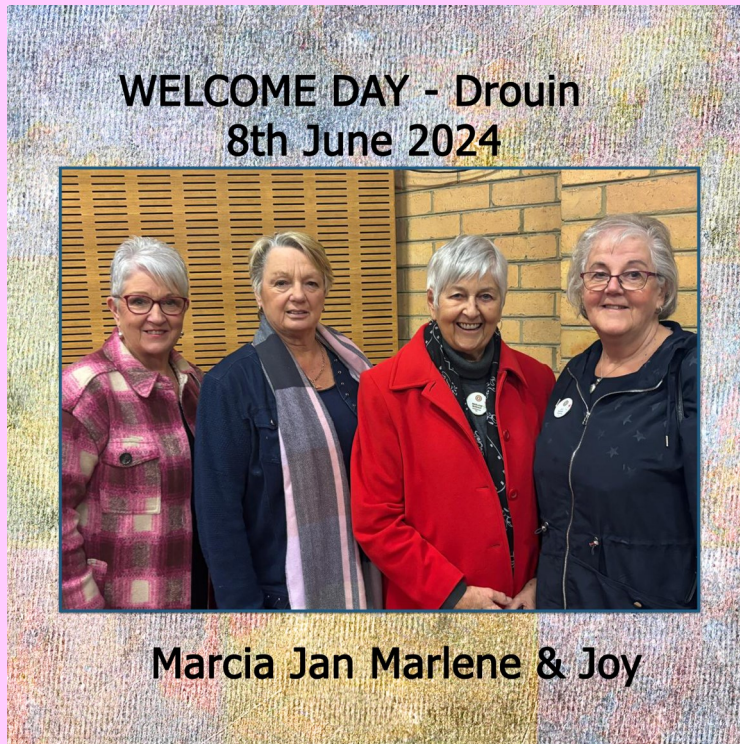
I look forward to seeing you all at the Changeover on the 14 th July at Meadowvale 12 for 12.30pm

Love from your President (for not much longer!!!). It has been an honour.



Deb x





Welcome Day

Members of our incoming Club Executive met with our equivalents from all other clubs in A62 at the Annual Welcome and Information day held in Drouin on Saturday 8th June. The cup of tea or coffee plus scones jam and cream on arrival were a delightful start to the day.

After Incoming DC Erica was introduced we were each given a folder that contained information relevant to our future roles. We then separated into groups reflecting our forthcoming roles and were guided through the contents of our folders. Time was allocated to enjoy a delicious lunch, investigate the amazing table of goodies available to purchase to support Cord Blood and to connect with friends both old and new. I think all of us came home with some jams or chutney. When we gathered back in our groups we all had the opportunity to ask questions of the District executive who circulated around the tables.

Report by Joy Board

Club Editor 2023-24

REPORTS—A62



2024 saw our District A62 trying a different format for its end of the IW year functions. The final meeting of the IW year and Changeover to a new executive all occurred on the same day thus minimizing travel, time and cost commitments. It was our District Chairman, Dianne Allen's and our President Deb's last meeting for 2023-24. Six of us braved the weather and travelled to the Black Tie Restaurant at Warragul but unfortunately a heavy cold prevented our President Deb from attending. Dianne read her informative yearly report as did each of her Executive. Club Presidents also presented their yearly reports with Deb's being read by Marlene. Dianne presented each Club President with an Award Certificate acknowledging their support of our projects and for the fostering of friendship across the district. It was sad to see the IW club of Latrobe closing but great to know that 7 of the 15 members are transferring to other clubs. We then adjourned for a nice lunch. Following lunch we celebrated our District Changeover where Incoming District Chairman Erica Peck was inducted by IIW Board Director Lynne Davine. DC Erica outlined her vision for the year, introduced her Executive and a new Friendship candle was lit. IIW Vice President, Kay Morland proposed a toast to International Inner Wheel. Past DC Dianne and the new DC Erica, combined to extinguish the Flame of Friendship. The day concluded with coffee/tea and cakes.

Report by Joy Board. Club Editor 2023-24

INTERNATIONAL IW CONVENTION



Report by Sue Blenkhorn

International Service Officer 2023-24

News from the IIW Convention in Manchester

Below from left Dag & Rachel (IWC Toulon) Alwyn, Pat, Terry, George & Sue at dinner the first night of the Convention



On Right Ilmy with Betty's Rose Cards & Sue. Waiting for transport to the Friendship Dinner on 2nd night of the Convention

News from the Netherlands, IWC Haarlem

I wrote to Ilmy (please read below) after meeting with her briefly in Manchester & forwarding her our Friendship Bouquet.

Pat, Alwyn, Terry, George & I met Ilmy in a restaurant following the Meet & Greet evening (on the 1st Night of the Convention) with Rachel & Dag from France.

Members will remember we hosted Rachel & Dag after the IIW Convention in Melbourne whilst Alwyn & Terry hosted Ilmy & Wim.

"Hi Ilmy, It was very special catching up with you in Manchester I have just returned home after visiting England & France & the IIW Convention in Manchester. Hence you are receiving the IWC Pakenham's Friendship Bouquet a little later than usual In IW Friendship, Sue"

Ilmy replied

Hi Sue Thank you so much for your mail & Bouquet Magazine. It sure was a pleasure meeting with you in Manchester. Unfortunately it was too short, but then these Convention days are filled with activities and dates. Before you know it, it's over.

For you the European journey continued. Hopefully you had a wonderful time and created many lovely memories. And now....? Back to your daily life? We are in the middle of our moving to an apartment. Keep up your IW work and I'm looking forward to the next Bouquet.

Warm friendship greeting, Ilmy

News from France, IWC Beaune

Back in 2005 George & I attended the Rotary International Convention in Chicago. At a lunch in the RC no1 we were honoured to be seated on a table with Rotarians & partners from France, where I met Vewia Piffaut, who was her IW District's incoming International Chairman as was I. We continued to correspond.

When I mentioned that our post IIW Convention tour went to Beaune, Vewia invited George & me to her Summer Home. Vewia's husband François collected us from our hotel. I carried an Australian flag so that he would recognise me.





15 IW members, from Beaune. Vewia is on the back row 2nd from the right.

News from France, IWC Beaune cont:

When we arrived, at Vewia's summer house, George & I were welcomed with a traditional song, French champagne & canapés. They made us feel very special. IW Friendship is second to none & a privilege to be part of.

George was then taken to a local French restaurant by 5 Rotarians & I feasted on a magnificent smorgasbord of delicious home-made French Cuisine accompanied with French wine. How lucky was I.

Thank you so much Vewia and all the members of the IWC Beaune who made my visit so memorable & thanks to IW for the opportunity to witness IW Friendship & International Understanding



George with Rotarians from Beaune. François in the front

Vewia wrote

Dear Sue,

Thanks for your nice emails & pictures. Your visit was the highlight of our IW year since it means International Friendship! An IW friend from the other side of our planet, what better token of IW! hen I remind me how both have met ...at Rotary club No 1, in Chicago, for the 100th year anniversary Convention.!!!

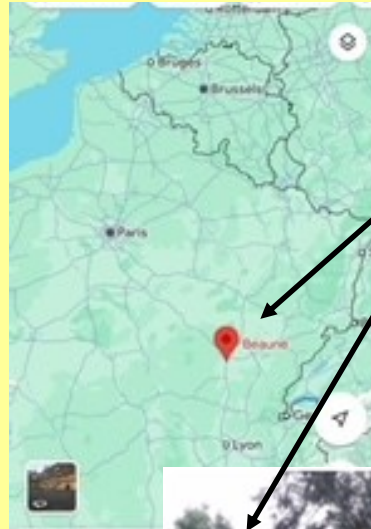
Welcoming you & George at our country home was just "incredible"! My IW friends were so pleased too. So you are back home in your far Australia, it might be quite a while since your jet lag vanish!

Francois & myself were sorry, some years ago when we couldn't go to Melbourne for the IW Convention, so I was happy you met my friend Anne in Copenhagen, then Laurence, Veronique & Genevieve in Manchester! Today it is summer 1st day in France, which means vacations, trips and families.

We just had our president change meeting, last Tuesday. Another year, the wheel just rolled. Wishing you and your club the best. And lots of thanks and congratulations for sending your magnificent "Bouquet". Here under is our "bulletin"... very simple, just a few notes of our club life but including photos of YOUR VISIT!

With LOVE to both you & George, Vewia together with Francois and my IW friends .

PS Irene Yeats from Bairnsdale has kindly translated their bulletin. If any member wants a copy please let Sue know & she can forward it to you either in French or English or both.



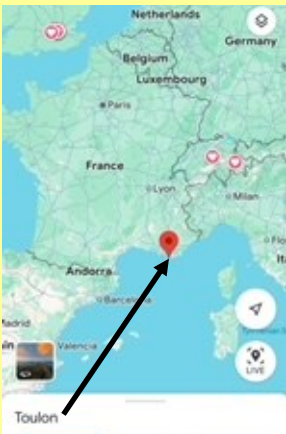
The Changeover of the IWC Beaune.

Vewia 3rd from left
President Laurence with the collar.



Sue next to Vewia receiving the banner from the IWC Beaune

News from France, IWC Toulon



Dag collected George & me from our hotel in Cassis & drove us to their home in Sanary Sur Mer, which had magnificent views of the sea. We were treated to Canapés and Champagne before going into town for a delicious French meal accompanied by superb French wine. The evening concluded with a walk along the sea front to see all the improvements being made, before we returned to our hotel. We thoroughly enjoyed our night. Thank you so much Rachel & Dag – it was just like catching up with old friends – we felt we had known each other for ever. What a wonderful achievement for our Organisation of IW. It really does Promote True Friendship & International Understanding.

After our visit Rachel wrote:

It was a real pleasure having you and we would have liked you to stay longer! I hope the trip to Arles is good and you enjoy it! I hope your visits have been interesting! I think you are off tomorrow! Have a safe journey home and we'll meet on Manila! Now I have to get ready for the 8th June with speeches ... All the very best! With our love Rachel and Dag

On 8th June Rachel became the District Governor/ Chairperson of D153 which includes Morocco. Rachel is preparing for her trip to Rabat in Morocco for her District Assembly. I was hoping to be able to include Photos in this edition. However they can wait till next time.



News from Sweden, IWC Örebro

June 6 2024 Dear Sue and members of Pakenham IWC,

How time flies! Here we are into June and today Sweden celebrates its national day with the blue and yellow flag flying everywhere, folk dancers in national costume and children performing in local parks and squares. If you are lucky today then you'll avoid the showers and although the sun is shining there's a cool wind.

Our club has had a very successful term with well-attended monthly meetings with interesting speakers and tasty dinners. A group meets every other week for a walk round a local nature reserve, doing so regardless of weather and low temperatures. But Swedes are hardy outdoor people!

We also continue to support the purchase and training of dogs that work in the Swedish Customs sector. The State are in greater need than ever in our country as the drug smuggling has increased immensely

We are great supporters of Panzi Hospital in the Republic of Congo. I'm sure I have written about this before but our efforts are always ongoing. Dr Mukwege, the resident consultant gynecologist works tirelessly under threat from government and rebel troops. The UN no longer gives him protection as he stood as a candidate in the presidential election. No chance of winning though in a corrupt country.

A recent UNICEF ambassador who visited the hospital in Congo said that the violence towards women and children has escalated. Every day Panzi treat and operates women and very small children who have been subjected to rape. Unbelievable in our world. Örebro IWC is passionate about supporting the vital work done at the hospital, where rehabilitation is also an important part of rebuilding the lives of those who have suffered.

We were privileged to be given a talk at our April meeting by a Swedish doctor who often travels to Congo to work at the hospital for shorter periods. We were all deeply moved by her commitment and the graphic information she gave us.

The Mayflower fund is also one of our charities, whereby we support children from under privileged families, giving them some extra fun with outings and activities.

We appreciate the Friendship Bouquet which you regularly send and where we can share all the super gatherings and meetings that your club has. We certainly live in two different cultures, but the fundamentals and ties of Inner Wheel are definitely there!

We won't have a club meeting now until September. Sweden takes time out from Midsummer. The light is amazing just now. In our part of the country we have very little darkness at night. It's magical.

Our members wish you and your IWC all the best in enjoying your meetings and the hard work you put in to 'Shine a light*.

Janice Karlsson ISO Örebro IWC

I forwarded Janice our latest Friendship Bouquet & below is her reply

Thank you Sue! I'll be forwarding this to our webmaster.

Good to read your news and happy to see the photos from Convention in Manchester. What a marvelous time you must have had. I've been in Manchester many times and enjoy the city and its beautiful surroundings.

Great that you continued on to France to enhance your European experience.

I've sent you off my 'end of term letter where I hope you get the essence of our club and its activities from January this year.

Greetings to all your members.

Janice Karlsson ISO Örebro IWC





News from India, IWC Poona Downtown.



Edwina Dias from Poona Downtown wrote:

My dear Sue
I've been in Canada since the first week of May visiting my daughter & family .

We too witnessed the magical Aurora Borealis out here.

Sharing photos of the same.

I'm sure you had a wonderful time at the IW convention in Manchester, bonding with all your friends out there. Your holiday around Europe too must have been amazing.

Thanks for posting the latest Friendship bouquet & the photos at the Manchester Convention. I hope Marlene makes a smooth recovery.

Wishing you all the very best for the new IW year, 2024-25

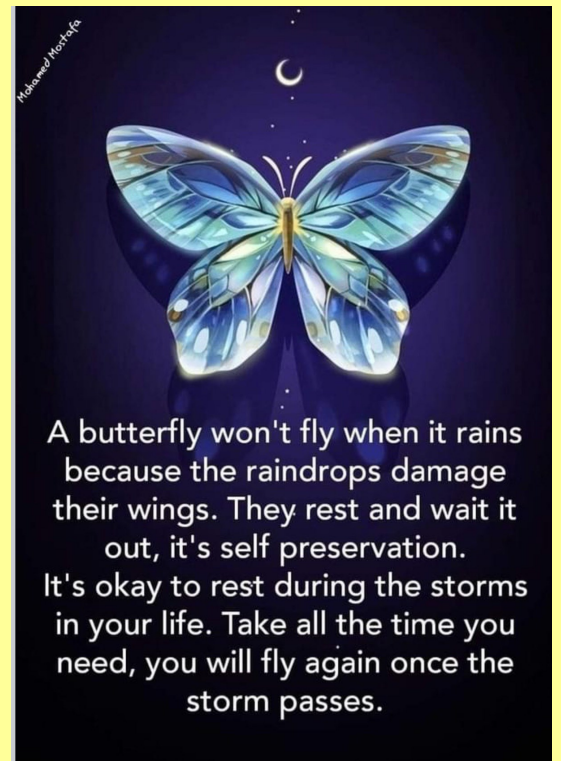
Yours in IW friendship, ISO Edwina Dias, IWC of Poona Downtown Dist.313

News from York, England

Once again many thanks for the news letter. You are such a dynamic team and seem to have lots of fun with all your activities.

I wish you and George a wonderful trip to Manchester and Europe. It all sounds like you are staying with Inner Wheel friends and I am sure you will be entertained royally!

Have a great trip. Judith Saunders



A butterfly won't fly when it rains because the raindrops damage their wings. They rest and wait it out, it's self preservation. It's okay to rest during the storms in your life. Take all the time you need, you will fly again once the storm passes.

IWA CHANGEOVER



Report by Alwyn Williams

Inner Wheel Australia, Media Administrator.



The Inner Wheel Australia Changeover was held in the beautiful surrounds of the Lake Tinaroo Resort on the Atherton Tablelands on the weekend of June 14-15. Members and guests travelled from all over Australia (and a couple flew in from Amsterdam) to celebrate President Susan Chisholm's fabulous year at the helm and to welcome Julie Brzozowski as she takes over the presidency for 2024-2025.

The Friendship Dinner gave us all a chance to meet and greet with the other guests in a very casual setting with the multitude of French doors open to the light breezes that wafted through the tropical setting.

The IWA Governing Body met on the Saturday with Kate Luxford as our Council member and Dianne Allen as an observer. The rest of us had the opportunity to have a look around the Tablelands revelling in the fabulous weather.



Council Meeting



IWA CHANGEOVER



Changeover on the Saturday evening was necessarily a more formal occasion when Susan gave her report, thanked her Executive and Governing Body and the appointed Officers.

The chain of office was duly passed onto Julie who spoke of her hopes for the year ahead.

The photos will give you a feel for the friendship, fun and some formal business that made up the weekend.

Report by Alwyn Williams

IW Club of Pakenham, Historian 2023-24

Sew and Chatter



Alma & Bron
showing the new
labels.

With Gayle away his week and in recovery mode it made for an extremely small team of sewing ladies. Brons friend Sue came along, that boosted our numbers to 3! Sue went home at lunch time to check on her new puppy, hoping it hadn't done too much damage in her absence. Yep not many to sew, but we got those machines going full speed and managed to produce 6 Walker Bags.

Bron and myself sewed at home the previous week, attaching Inner Wheel name tags to Fiddle Blankets and Walker bags ready for presentation to Mc Gregor Gardens, however dear old Covid, put paid to that as there were many at that facility who were unwell, including Christine who was to come for the presentation.

I have ordered more name tags and hopefully it won't be too long before we can get those presentations going.

I will be away for the months of July and August, so Bron and Gayle will keep those machines going.....thanks to you both.....Alma

REPORTS



Morning Coffee report by Bronywn Kennett

13 members gathered at the coffee shop in Cardinia Cultural Centre on 20th June. Our numbers were bolstered with the return of some of our members who have been overseas the last few weeks. Everyone enjoyed themselves, going by the chatter at the table.

Our next morning tea has been booked in at The High Horse, 4 Cotswold Cres, Officer 10am 18th July. **Love to see you there**



29th July—Pam Chalmers

Enjoy your Special Day

YESTERDAY MY HUSBAND
THOUGHT HE SAW A
COCKROACH IN THE KITCHEN.
HE SPRAYED AND CLEANED
EVERYTHING THOROUGHLY.
TODAY, I'M MOVING THE
COCKROACH TO THE
BATHROOM,



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



It was smaller group this month that met at the home of Joy Board in Pakenham.

"Hidden Figures" by Margot Lee Shetterly was a memoir that began during the Second World War and travelled through to the Space Age in America.

The group wrote..."this memoir created lots of discussion and we learnt much about American History. There was admiration for the negro women who worked so hard and received so little recognition. The book was heavy going and not really a holiday read. Our focus was on the book and not the popular movie".

Next month we will be discussing "Big Sky" by Kate Atkinson and getting together at the home of Alwyn Williams on Thursday 11th June

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



Some light hearted thoughts to brighten your day:

Dad Jokes:

Why do scuba divers always fall backwards off the boat?
Because if they fell forward they would still be in the boat.

Why does a Chicken Coupe always have 2 doors?
Because if it had 4 doors it would be a Chicken sedan.

Dad Joke:

NASA is launching a satellite to say Sorry to the Aliens.
They are calling it Apollo G

My wife just turned to me and said: "I was talking to you and you yawned six times, am I boring you."

I said: "Those were not yawns Those were six unsuccessful attempts to speak."



SOME LIGHT HEARTED THOUGHTS



YOU KNOW YOU'RE AUSTRALIAN IF:

- You know that certain words must, by law, be shouted out during any rendition of the Angel's song "Am I Ever Gonna See Your Face Again" and "Living next door to Alice".
- You believe that the confectionery known as the Wagon Wheel has become smaller with every passing year.
- You believe that the more you shorten someone's name, the more you like them.
- Whatever your linguistic skills, you find yourself able to order takeaway fluently in every Asian language.
- You understand that 'excuse me' can sound rude, while 'scuse me' is always polite.
- You know what it's like to swallow a fly, on occasion via you nose.
- You know it's not summer until the steering wheel is too hot to handle and a seat belt buckle becomes a pretty good branding iron.
- Your biggest family argument over the summer concerned the rules for beach cricket.
- You shake your head in horror when companies try to market what they call "Anzac **cookies**".
- You still think of Kylie as "that girl off Neighbours".
- When working in a bar, you understand male customers will feel the need to offer an excuse whenever they order low-alcohol beer.
- You know how to abbreviate every word, all which usually end in o: arvo, combo, garbo, kero, metho, milko, muso, rego, servo, smoko, speedo, righto, goodo, etc.
- You know that there is a universal place called "woop woop" located in the middle of nowhere.... No matter where you actually are.
- You know that none of us actually drink Fosters beer because it tastes like "****" but we let the world think we do. Because we can.

More next month!

DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES



Inner Wheel General Meeting — Thursday 4th July, RSL 9:30 for 10.00am. **Group Photo day!** Guest Speakers: Members Sue, Alwyn and Pat to share their experiences at the IIW Convention. **Followed by a Light lunch provided by the Executive.**

Paddy's Kitchen Sunday 7th July = Marlene Burhop, Marcia Rook
Sunday 21st July = Bronwyn Kennett, Deb James
Sunday 4th August = volunteers needed please

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

Dates for your Diaries —

Sew & Chatter, RSL 10am – Wednesday 10th July.

Circle of Friends Book Club- Thursday 11th July, 7:30pm @ Alwyn's home.

Morning Coffee: High Horse—4 Cotswold Cres, Officer (nearly opposite Berwick potteries) 10am, 18th July.

Movies : in recess.

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

Next Exec meeting: Thursday 25th July 2pm @ President Marlene's home.

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