

INNER WHEEL CLUB OF PAKENHAM FRIENDSHIP BOUQUET



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FROM THE PRESIDENT



It is nearly the end of October already...where has the year gone?

I hope you are well and enjoying the sunshine at the moment, although I hear it is not going to last.

October has brought with it some sad news...the passing of our dear member Loris Begg. Loris was the first secretary of our club and has held positions on the A62 District and Inner Wheel Australia Executives. Her quick wit and keen observations have been missed in the last few months, since she has been unable to attend the meetings. REST IN PEACE now Loris.

We have had a busy month starting with the very well organised A62 District Chairman's visit. Erica Peck ,A62 District Chairman enjoyed her day of craft, fun and laughter. My thanks must go to the organising sub committee, of Bronwyn Mepstead, Jenny Watson, Sue Blenkhorn, Bronwyn Kennett, and Anne Sheean, who did everything to ensure a wonderful day.

FROM THE PRESIDENT



I see some potential leaders right here!! Thank you also to all the members who participated so well with the activities, and to all those who cooked for our delicious lunch.

Our Pink Ribbon Breakfast was held on the 9 th October and was a great success. My thanks must go to Maureen Lindau and Deb James who put so much work into this function. Thank you also to Helen van Diemen and Bellevue Gate who donated Hampers for the raffle prizes. A wonderful amount of \$735.00, including Donations will be sent to Breast Cancer Foundation Network. Thank you to all the members who supported this great cause, and brought their friends.

I hear the IWA conference went extremely well. Alwyn and Marg will give a report at a later date. Thank you Alwyn for being our Delegate. Now is the time to start planning if you would like to attend the conference next year which is being held at Corowa.

Morning Coffee was held on Thursday 24th October, at Middle Ground Café in Beaconsfield, and I hear although the numbers were down, it was enjoyable. Unfortunately I was unable to attend, having a date with SJOG, at Berwick.

Thank you to Junior Vice President Alwyn Williams for chairing our Executive meeting this week. I did manage to phone in for some of the meeting, so am up to date with our club plans.

My thoughts go to Joy Board, who unfortunately is still in Hospital after encountering some new medical problems. Joy had her surgery at Epworth Hospital and returned to SJOG at Berwick for rehab. Joy's surgery went well and her knee is good. We hope that Joy will get 'sorted' and return home in the not too distant future.

Special thanks to Deb James for 'picking' up the Friendship Bouquet and completing it this month, in Joy's absence.

Looking forward to seeing as many as possible at our General Meeting next, week, Thursday, 31 st October, for our November meeting.

Marlene.

**Advanced Notice Re Fundraising
Progressive Dinner for our International
Project**

Date: 27 th Feb 2025 Time: 6.30pm

Please put the date in your diary

Sue and George attended
the Cranbourne IW Club
Drag Queen Bingo even-
ing

Looks like a great
night!!!!



VALE LORIS BEGG



Loris Begg



Charter Member Inner Wheel Club of Pakenham

Our love and sympathy to Graeme & family on the passing of Loris.

Passed away 14.10.2024



VALE LORIS BEGG



At Loris's funeral on 23.10.24, our member Alwyn spoke about our Charter member Loris and her involvement in Inner Wheel. (please see below) While Alwyn was speaking, members of our club who attended the funeral laid a Red Rose on Loris's coffin as a mark of Friendship.

It was as Terry and I were leaving last Tuesday morning for the Inner Wheel Conference in Bathurst that we received the sad news that Loris had passed away peacefully in her sleep. I was able to include her name in the memorial Rose Ceremony at the Conference last Saturday morning where each member of Inner Wheel Australia who had passed away in the previous 12 months was remembered with a single red rose, the symbol of friendship in Inner Wheel.

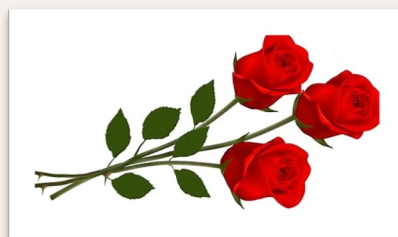
At the suggestion of the Inner Wheel Australia President Julie Brzozowski, I have brought those red roses with me today to offer the thanks and gratitude of all Inner Wheel members for the commitment and contribution of our dear friend Loris. Inner Wheel friends will place these flowers with Loris as I speak.

It is said that behind every great man there is an even greater woman. Today we are here to honour and remember that "greater woman", Loris- or "The Lovely Loris" as she was so often referred to by Graeme.

Rotary, and subsequently Inner Wheel, have been a huge part of Loris's life for over 50 years. In the early years, membership of Inner Wheel was dependent on a relationship with a Rotarian. In those days women couldn't become Rotarians so they took it upon themselves to create a women's only group with like-minded people. So, 38 years ago on the 10th of October 1986, Loris was among the charter members of the Inner Wheel Club of Pakenham.

Loris accomplished a lot in her years in Inner Wheel including her time as Charter Secretary for our Club, a District A61 delegate, A61 District Secretary and Historian, Club Vice President and subsequently President of our Club. She then became District Vice Chairman followed by District Chairman of what had now become District A62. At this time, she was also part of the Inner Wheel Australia Governing Body as a Council Member. She has been a Club Delegate to District A62, a delegate to Inner Wheel Conferences and a delegate to But probably her most challenging and time consuming, but satisfying, achievement was as Inner Wheel Australia Secretary when Carole Buchanan was Inner Wheel Australia President in 1994-1995. These were the days before there was common use of computers, emails and Zoom meetings. All correspondence and reports were completed on a typewriter, to "CC" or carbon copy someone meant a mass of flimsy purple carbon paper and if you made a mistake- you did it all again! Letters were posted and received then documented and dealt with. This, of course, involved local, district, national and international communication with possibly more than twice as many members and clubs than we have now.

If we take a breath now and reflect on what else was going on in her life at this time you will realise, she was also teaching full time, managing her family of three busy children and supporting Graeme with his involvement in Rotary and at school.



VALE LORIS BEGG



And possibly at that time there might have been the odd cow or two around on the farm as well.

Loris did have help though. At one time Graeme brought home an Apple Mac from school to help with the typing. He set it up for her and before he went off to bed, he said, "Give me a call when you are ready to print" ... Loris did call and in half sleep mode he missed the print button and pressed delete instead. Apparently, things were a little tense after she retyped and he got it right at about 3:00am!

Last year Loris was presented with a Paul Harris Award from the Rotary Club of Pakenham for her contribution to Inner Wheel and Rotary. This year the Inner Wheel Club of Pakenham made her an honoured active member in recognition of her service to our Club.

Loris was always a very private person; I suspect we will hear more about her today than we have ever heard. She was a quiet worker in the background but never-the-less had valid opinions about many things. She had a very quiet subtle way of letting you know what she thought. Many a time she would make a statement, offer an opinion and finish with "Don't you think?" This was always accompanied by that beautiful smile with which we are all so familiar. As her illness progressed her smile was one thing that did not diminish.

It was with Loris's persistence that I eventually joined Inner Wheel and it has been her encouragement that has allowed me to have the experiences in Inner Wheel that I have had, for which I am very grateful.

As a club we are so blessed to have had Loris as part of our lives for so long, she will be very sadly missed but never, ever forgotten. Alwyn Williams 23.10.2024



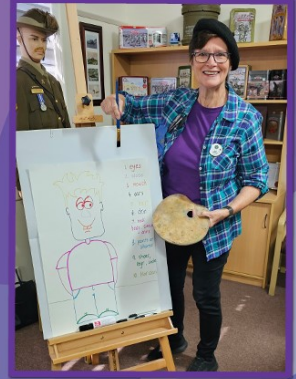
DISTRICT CHAIRMAN'S VISIT



District Chairman's Visit 3.10.24



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Happy Birthday Jenny



PINK RIBBON BREAKFAST 9TH OCT '24



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Pink Ribbon Breakfast

Thank you for your support



REMINDER

Just a quick reminder to all members please.

If you are sending any photos to the Historian could you please ensure that you send them via the Historian email ie:

iiw.au.pakenhamhistor@gmail.com

as they tend to get lost in all my other emails.

Many thanks ladies. Deb x

Reminder





ISO Report for IWC Pakenham November

First, I must apologise to Vewia for the omission of her email in the last two Friendship Bouquets. You will now read it below

News from Vewia, IWC Beaune, France

Hello Sue, thanks for the good news about your interesting touristic trip through our country.

Thanks too for the new Bouquet, we love to get ! Our Beaune IW at the Convention are very pleased to have their picture with you ! All the best to you and George. Love. Vewia

News from Ilmy, IWC Haalem, Netherlands

Dear Sue,

Thank you so much for your latest Bouquet. Always a pleasure to read it. Can you inform me about the purpose of the project & “Not to Speak for 6 hours”? How does it work? I admire the creativity of your IW members. Are the bookmarks made from magazine paper? Tomorrow we’ll cut a lot of orange paper hands that will be distributed all over town to focus on “Orange the World” an international project to stop violence against women. Also many buildings will be lit in orange.

While you are entering Spring, we are in the midst of Fall. I love the changes of season, don’t you? Well, keep up the good work.

Warm autumn friendship greetings, Ilmy



Photo shows building lit in orange

I replied to Ilmy & explained the reasons for “Shut Up for MND” was to experience for a few hours what many people with MND have to contend with every hour of their day. I also sent a photo of the bookmark I made at our Craft & Chatter Day.

Ilmy replied: *Thank you so much, Sue, for this example of bookmarks. Just love it. I applaud you for not speaking for 6 hours. However, a good way to experience what it is like being unable to speak.*

Well, must start the day now. Carpe Diem. For you: Enjoy your dinner and evening. Ilmy

I wrote to all the other ISO’s I had been corresponding with & explained that my contact list for them had been lost with my old computer.

News from Janice, IWC Orebro, Sweden

Good morning Sue from a grey and wet autumn day in Örebro Yes, I am still ISO but just until the end of the IW year in June 2025. Please send greetings from us all here to your members. Looking forward to your next Friendship Bouquet which we always put on our website for all to read.

Yours in Friendship Janice





Last week we sewed another 5 Walker Bags, will see how we go with November sewing and if possible get what we can to Shanagolden Aged Care. But I do know that we will not reach their requested amount.

At our last meeting I did say that we probably wouldn't need a lot of the \$300 budget that has been allowed, but on going thru our fabrics, we don't have a lot of plain, so it will be a trip to Spotlight at some stage.

I did bring home some fabric and tore it into required lengths for sewing, saves time on the sewing day.

In December, we won't sew but have a sort out of fabrics and trims before we go to lunch which will be on 11th December, which will be at Castello 12:30 108 Princes Highway, Pakenham

Please be in touch if you would like to join us for lunch Alma



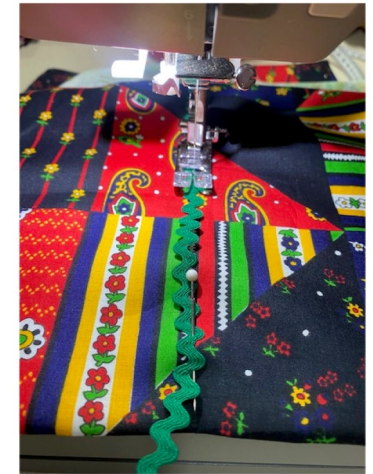
Various stages of producing the Walker bags



Bottom right: machine at work



Top right: fabrics ripped into size



Bottom left: finished walker bags

Top left: all folded and ready For sewing



Happy Birthday to
Gayle van Diemen—7th November



BATHURST CONFERENCE



Thankyou to
Alwyn for
taking these
photos at the
Conference.

I am sure we
will hear more
about this
event very
soon.





Circle of Friends Inner Wheel Book Group

Report of October 2024 Get Together

In October the group met at the beautiful home of Jenny Rice in Pakenham. It was almost a full group with only Judy and Joy Board unable to attend.

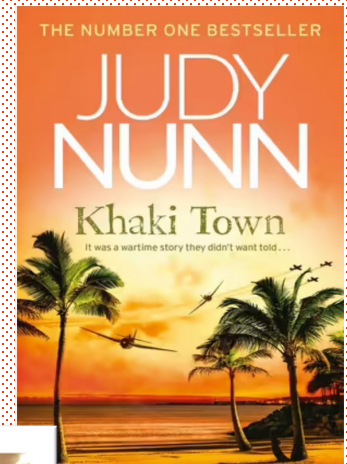
The novel that we discussed was "Khaki Town" by Judy Nunn, a well known Australian author.

Everyone enjoyed this book which covered many aspects of Australian History including World War 2 and the assistance by the American soldiers during the invasion of Australia in 1942. There was much discussion about the treatment of indigenous Australians and also of negro soldiers. Some aspects were distressing and thought provoking, the lighter romantic side balanced the story line. A highly recommended read.

This month, on Thursday 14th November, we will be meeting at the new home of Kaye Armstrong in Officer to discuss "The Dictionary of Lost Words" by Pip Williams, another Australian writer of note.

Helen van Diemen

Circle of Friends Book Club Coordinator 2024

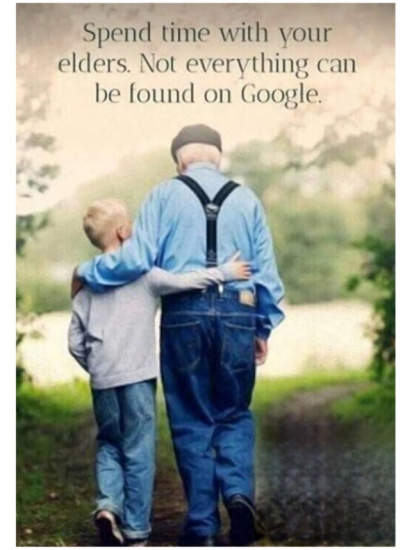


SOME LIGHT HEARTED THOUGHTS



How grandchildren perceive their grandparents

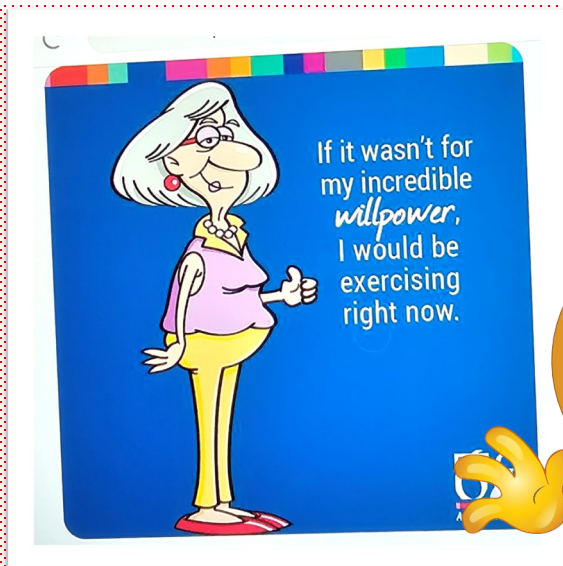
1. I was in the bathroom, putting on my makeup, under the watchful eyes of my young granddaughter, as I'd done many times before. After I applied my lipstick and started to leave, the little one said, "But Grandma, you forgot to kiss the toilet paper good-bye!" I will probably never put lipstick on again without thinking about kissing the toilet paper good-bye....
2. My young grandson called the other day to wish me Happy Birthday. He asked me how old I was, and I told him, 72. My grandson was quiet for a moment, and then he asked, "Did you start at 1?"
3. After putting her grandchildren to bed, a grandmother changed into old slacks and a droopy blouse and proceeded to wash her hair. As she heard the children getting more and more rambunctious, her patience grew thin. Finally, she threw a towel around her head and stormed into their room, putting them back to bed with stern warnings. As she left the room, she heard the three-year-old say with a trembling voice, "Who was THAT?"
4. A grandmother was telling her little granddaughter what her own childhood was like. "We used to skate outside on a pond. I had a swing made from a tire; it hung from a tree in our front yard. We rode our pony. We picked wild raspberries in the woods." The little girl was wide-eyed, taking this all in. At last she said, "I sure wish I'd gotten to know you sooner!"
5. My grandson was visiting one day when he asked, "Grandma, do you know how you and God are alike?" I mentally polished my halo and I said, "No, how are we alike?" "You're both old," he replied.
6. A little girl was diligently pounding away on her grandfather's word processor. She told him she was writing a story. "What's it about?" he asked. "I don't know," she replied. "I can't read."
7. I didn't know if my granddaughter had learned her colors yet, so I decided to test her. I would point out something and ask what color it was. She would tell me and was always correct. It was fun for me, so I continued. At last, she headed for the door, saying, "Grandma, I really think you should try to figure out some of these colors yourself!"



Spend time with your elders. Not everything can be found on Google.



Sometimes I talk to myself and then we both laugh and laugh!



DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES



Inner Wheel General Meeting — Thursday 31st October RSL 9:30 for 10.00am.

Remember items for trading table & please add price labels.

Paddy's Kitchen Sunday 17th Nov = Pam Chalmers & Jan Ahern
 Sunday 1st Dec =
 Sunday 15th Dec =

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

Dates for your Diaries —

Sew & Chatter, RSL – Wednesday 13th November. 10am start. Bring your lunch. All welcome.

Circle of Friends Book Club Thursday 14th 7:30pm @ home.

Morning Coffee: 21st November—Lime Box

Movies : to be advised at the meeting

Next Exec meeting: 28th Nov 2024 @ Marlene's home 10am

Christmas dinner: Friday Dec 13th. Marlene's home. \$30 2 course meal.

Breakfast in the Fairy Dell: Sunday 5th January 2025

Combined Districts Friendship Day: Melbourne, 10th January 2025 - Arbory Afloat 2 Flinders Walk Melbourne (buy your own lunch—followed by a Yarra River Cruise (optional \$35.00)

International Friendship progressive dinner: 27th February. Details tba

District Friendship day: 15th March 2025 Venue tba

Two "O" birthdays: Details tba re March & May 2025

Combined Club meeting 29th April 2025. Details tba.

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