

INNER WHEEL CLUB OF PAKENHAM FRIENDSHIP BOUQUET



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FROM THE PRESIDENT



Greetings everyone, I hope you are all well and that Joy Board and Bronwyn Mepstead who have had recent surgery are recovering well. Margaret Macdonald has not been well and I hope you are improving now Marg.

I'm not counting but it has been pointed out to me that by the time you read this it will be less than 23 days to Christmas. Just where has the year gone?? I can imagine you are all preparing your homes, and like me, getting "The Tree" unpacked this weekend, to decorate for Christmas. I know there a few Christmas cakes and puddings being made as well!



FROM THE PRESIDENT



Pat extinguished the Flame of Friendship



Bad luck Bron maybe next time
That elusive Queen !!!!!

November Meeting held on
31.10.24

Guest Speaker: Nola Brooks
who spoke on Cambodia



Gayle read the Collect & Objects



Our November meeting went well with a very informative guest speaker Nola Brooks. It will be great if Nola joins us at Inner Wheel, Pakenham.

My very grateful thanks must go to our Secretary, Marcia Rook, who made the wreath, which Barb White and Marcia laid at the Remembrance day service on the 11th November. Thank you Marcia, you are a very talented lady. I was sorry to miss this Service as I was away with the Probus Nomads in Albury, then onto Healesville for a few days.

Marcia and I along with Alwyn, Marg, and Jan attended the District Meeting on the 16th November. It was an interesting meeting with a great Guest Speaker from the Hudson Institute. My report follows.

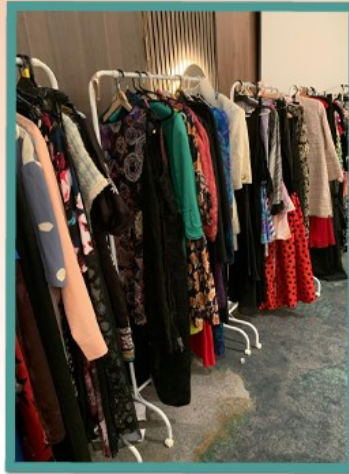
Our morning coffee at Lime box was very well supported, with about 18 members present. Although we were packed in tightly it was great to see some many members there.

Our annual Christmas trailer raffle with Rotary is underway, and thank you firstly, to Helen van Diemen, who does such a great job with the Roster and reminders, and to Tim Ahern and his helpers who deliver and collect the trailer each time. Thank you Jan Ahern who has filled a few empty spots on the roster as short notice. A big Thank you to all who have sold tickets to date or plan to .

FROM THE PRESIDENT



On Saturday 23rd, Alwyn Williams, Jan Ahern and I attended the IW club of Narre Warren's Grand Bazaar. It was a great day and many bargains were found. I even bought back a hat and handbag that I had donated!!



Narre Warren's Auction 23.11.24 - held at the Pink Hill Hotel

Planning is underway for our combined meeting on the 29th April, 2025. When details are finalized we will let you know, but in the mean time please SAVE THE DATE.

Our Meeting on the 5th December will be a fun morning, and then we have a stall at Bunnings that evening. Erica Peck our A62 Chairman has offered to provide her Display, advertising Inner Wheel. We will be selling raffle tickets as well.

If you are planning to attend our Christmas party at my home on the 13th December, could you please pay \$30 into the Inner Wheel account as soon as possible. We need final numbers by the Meeting on the 5th Dec. Also if you plan to attend the Inner Wheel Day in the City on the 10th Jan. and go on the Yarra Cruise can you please complete the attendance sheet at the meeting and pay Jan as well.

We have a few busy months coming up in the New Year, commencing with Breakfast in the Park, at "Fairy Dell" at Alwyn William's home. Please pay Jan our, treasurer \$15.

FROM THE PRESIDENT



The New Year hasn't even started but we have lots of plans already!!

Finally, thank you to all our members who help in anyway to make Pakenham Inner Wheel the great club it is!

I will no doubt say this again, but HAPPY CHRISTMAS everyone, and enjoy the time with family and friends.

Marlene.



Remembrance
Day 2024



Report on A62 District Meeting, held at Warragul on Saturday, 16th November, 2024

Pakenham I W Members, Alwyn Williams, Margaret Macdonald, Marcia Rook, Jan Ahern and Marlene Burhop attended 87th A62 District Meeting, which also incorporated the 28th Annual General Meeting.

Items which were discussed included the proposal to transfer \$10,000 from the A62 Funds to the Charity account. As this account contains members' funds it was pointed out that this must be used for the running of the District. Further discussion to be taken by the Executive of A62 re a way to benefit members from these funds. It was noted that 18months of money must be kept in the account, and that very few expenses have been paid out yet.

International Service Chairman, Ula Sheather thanked everyone for collecting "blister packs" but as she has a large supply now, she suggested that members take these to their local Chemist Wa-

A62 DISTRICT MEETING



Marlene Extinguished
the Flame of Friendship

District November Meeting
16th Nov 2024
Black Tie Warragul

Photo below right:
NarreWarren girls promoting
FriendshipDay 2025
Right:
Yvonne Romp and Kay Morland



Our members:

Marlene Alwyn Marg Jan and Marcia



house or a chemist who will accept same. Report on Annual IWA Conference held at Bathurst presented by Erica Peck, A62 District Chairman. IWA has accepted Yvonne Romp's nomination as Vice President for 2025-26 and this was ratified by the Delegates at this District Meeting. IWA Conference 2025 will be held at Corawa from 16th – 19th October.

Total membership as at 12th November'24 was 268. **"March to Membership"**, an initiative to increase our membership. Funding available for Clubs to use. A reminder from Alwyn Williams, IWA Media administrator, who is producing a new Website, for members to access this site, and IWA Facebook account.

A very enjoyable presentation was given by the Narre Warren Inner Wheel Club, to promote Friendship Day, to be held on Saturday, 15th March, at the Officer Football club rooms. Theme "Outback Bush"! Each club to do a Skit!

Guest Speaker : Dr Tayla Penny, from the Ritchie Centre/ Hudson Institute of Medical research, who spoke on the projects being undertaken by the recipients of Grants from Cord Blood Australia. Planning for actual Trials on babies born prematurely, to commence in 2025. Reminder that Cord Blood is only collected electively, when a Researcher is available and a Caeserean Birth planned. No Cord Blood collected from normal deliveries now.

Marlene Burhop (Delegate.)

MORNING COFFEE



Morning Coffee
at The LimeBox
21st November 2025

Morning Coffee Report

On Thursday 22nd November 16 members gathered at the Lime Box Cafe near Cardinia Railway station for a lovely get together and chat to catch up with the news of the group, trailer raffle roster, and upcoming activities. Everyone seemed to enjoy themselves if the constant chatter and laughter was the measuring scale.

Report by Bron Kennett.



INTERNATIONAL



From Sue Blenkhorn club ISO

Fundraising Progressive Dinner

for our District International Project

Date: 27th Feb 2025 Time: 6.00pm



Please put the date in your diary

The venues will be the same as last year starting at 19a Meeking and transferring to 21a Meeking Drive, with a very leisurely walk after a one stop car park. What could be easier.

“ORANGE the World” campaign – end violence against women

runs from 25th November to 10th December.

IWA Media Administrator, our own Alwyn Williams, is highlighting this daily on the IWA Facebook site. Please check this out.

This campaign has been taken up by IW in the Netherlands as their National Project for the next 3 years.

Thank you so much to Ilmy van der Ster from the IWC Haarlem for forwarding the information below



Orange the World (OtW), where did it come from:

On November 25, 1960, the Mirabal sisters were murdered by the regime at that time in the Dominican Republic. The three sisters fought for women's rights in their country.

Since 1981, November 25 has been observed to raise awareness of the issue of violence against women. In 2000, the date was officially recognized by the United Nations as the International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women. This has since expanded into 16 days of activism. Since 2014, illuminating buildings in orange has become a part of this observance. Iconic buildings around the world are lit in orange, including the Brandenburg Gate, Times Square, the Sphinx, Niagara Falls, parliaments, and many others.

In the Netherlands, it started with the illumination of the Peace Palace, and more municipalities and buildings have followed since. The number of municipalities participating has risen significantly to more than 200.



Violence against women?

Globally 1 on every 3 women of women experience physical or sexual violence in their lifetime. A horrific statistic: this includes women in our own surroundings—our daughters, granddaughters, neighbours, and others.

And it doesn't stop there. The pattern of violence is deeply rooted and feels familiar, as if it's normal. Those who experience violence in their youth are more likely to become perpetrators or remain in a permanent victim role. One well-known example is “falling for the wrong men.” This phenomenon is referred to as Intergenerational Transmission. Children raised in dysfunctional families with violence see this as normal and carry it into their future.

Another issue is the tendency (even among women) to blame the girl or woman in cases of violence: “What was she doing out so late? Did you see what she was wearing?” as if these are justifications for violence...

Wars, disasters, poverty, and COVID-19 are all situations in which women, and thus children, become more vulnerable.

Why Orange?

Because orange is the colour of the sunrise. It symbolizes the dawn of a world free from violence against women. The campaign is approached positively, with the belief that this future can become a reality. With orange, we celebrate that moment.

Why the campaign?

Many people are unaware of the scale of the problem, and the **Orange the World campaign** aims to raise awareness so that everyone can become part of the solution, including national governments, local governments, women, and men.





Circle of Friends Inner Wheel Book Group

In November, the group met at the beautiful new home of Kaye Armstrong in Officer. It was great to have a tour of Kaye's home first and see how well she has adjusted to life in the suburbs



It was almost a full group with just a few members unable to attend for different reasons.

The novel that we discussed was "The Dictionary of Lost Words" by Pip Williams. This was the first novel for this Australian author.

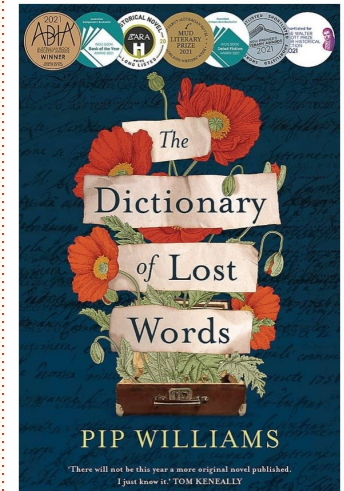
The majority of the group enjoyed this book and wrote.....

... the writer combined so many relevant issues to make one cohesive story.

There was a fantastic discussion on significant issues relating to the females' place in society at this time, in a male dominated world. The story was set during the time of the Suffragette movement and the First World War. Well written although slightly slow to start. Many of the group were keen to read the companion novel titled "The Bookbinder of Jericho". Those in attendance would highly recommend this book to all.

A side note is that I have just finished "The Bookbinder of Jericho" and found it an absorbing read, equally as good if not better than the first.

This month, on Thursday 12th December, we will be having our annual Christmas party at Shaika's restaurant in Pakenham at 7.30pm to discuss "Everywhere I Look" by Helen Garner.



Report by Helen van Diemen



Marlene, John, Terry and I took advantage of the "Seniors Day at Gumbuya World. Along with about 80 others we enjoyed our scones, jam and cream for morning tea in the function centre and then had the opportunity to see some of the native animals which call the park home.

Marlene and I took the opportunity to have a wander through some of the main entertainment area and were amazed at the extent of the park.

Lunch was either fish or chicken and chips after which we wandered over to see the outdoor bird display. A collection of mostly beautiful parrots 'performed' for the crowd.

It was many years since any of us had been to Gumbuya Park (as it was known) so it was quite an eye opener for us.

Report by Alwyn Williams



TRAILER RAFFLE



So good to see Helen & Peter
out and about and working
on the Trailer Raffle



Happy Birthday to

Maureen Lindau—16th December

Bronwyn Mepstead—9th January

Marlene Burhop—16th January

SOME LIGHT HEARTED THOUGHTS



Travel is fatal to prejudice, bigotry, and narrow-mindedness, and many of our people need it sorely on these accounts. Broad, wholesome, charitable views of men and things cannot be acquired by vegetating in one little corner of the earth all one's lifetime." **Mark Twain**

DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES



Inner Wheel General Meeting — Thursday December 5th. RSL 9:30 for 10.00am. Its Party time so there will be no guest speaker but be prepared for some games. Please wear Christmas Santa hats etc. Bring a wrapped Kris Kringle for club members (value guide=\$15) plus an unwrapped gift to donate to a female via charity.

Remember items for trading table & please add price labels.

Paddy's Kitchen Sunday 1st Dec = Alwyn Williams & Helen van Diemen
Sunday 15th Dec = Anne Sheean & Jan Ahern

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

Dates for your Diaries —

Sew & Chatter, RSL – Wednesday 11th December. Christmas Breakup luncheon. Castellos (the Middle one) 12:30pm. Please reply to Alma to enable accurate bookings.

Circle of Friends Book Club Christmas breakup and discussion Thursday 12th December 7:30pm @ Shanikas.

Christmas dinner: 6 for 6.30pm. Friday Dec 13th. Marlene's home. \$28. 2 course meal.

Breakfast in the Fairy Dell—Club Inner Wheel day: Sunday 5th January 2025 \$15pp

Movies and Morning Coffee: both in recess over Summer

Next Exec meeting: 28th January @10am @ Marlene's home.

Inner Wheel Day: Melbourne, 10th January 2025, 11am. @ Arbory Afloat

Crazy Whist: 7th Feb @ RSL.

International Friendship progressive dinner: 27th February. 6pm 19a & 21a Meeking Drive.

District Friendship day: 15th March 2025 Details tba.

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

Combined Club meeting 29th April 2025. Details tba.

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