



INNER WHEEL CLUB OF PAKENHAM

FRIENDSHIP BOUQUET

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EXAMPLE

International theme 2025-2026

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FROM THE PRESIDENT

What a busy month October was. Our guest speaker at the October meeting, Phoebe Reid, gave us a wonderful insight into organ & tissue donation. Interestingly a keynote speaker at the IWA Conference was a triple transplant recipient, Belinda Willoughby, who was not expected to live beyond the age of 18. In her 50's now, she told us of her extraordinary journey and confirmed that "Miracles do happen when we dare to believe."

The Conference in Corowa was a fabulous event. Conference is a great way to connect, learn and celebrate with members from across Australia (and internationally). It gives you a chance to engage with inspiring speakers, participate in meaningful discussions, see the results of our national project, be inspired and enjoy the camaraderie of fellow members. For those of us not used to "burning the candle at both ends" it was also exhausting! Club Corowa was an ideal venue and the quality of the food and service was exceptional.

Before we left for our few weeks away, I needed to digitize a printed book of the history of Inner Wheel in Australia from 1932- 2014 and then add the last 11 years of history. This document is now on the website.

Short PowerPoint displays for each district were prepared and shown when each District Chairmen was giving their report. A combined display was shown at various times as background during the weekend.

The Rose Ceremony honoured 36 members who had passed away in the last 12 months – Our Loris was included and Marg Macdonald presented her rose. During the Forum I gave a presentation entitled "**Reflections on the Journey to a New Website – and a Few Tips Along the Way**".

Our IIW President Kay spoke frequently during the weekend, always thoroughly prepared, thought provoking, inspirational and engaging. Voting was undertaken on the 5 proposals with interesting points of view presented for discussion before voting took place.



FROM THE PRESIDENT



The selection of the new National Project logo was announced. This now needs to be scrutinised by the people who approve trade marks before it can be used.

The 3 recipients of Cord Blood Research Grants spoke at the Gala Dinner about their work and it was noted that over \$4million has now been distributed in research grants from Inner Wheel Australia. A summary of the projects to be undertaken by these researchers will be added to the web site shortly. Those who visited the Hudson Centre last year will remember the presentation made by Tegan White regarding fetal growth restriction. Tegan completed her doctorate last year and was one of our awardees this year.

Tracy McLoughlan gave a short but heartfelt presentation on Orange the World and IIW President Kay followed with a very personal account from one of our members on her experience. Orange the World is a project we all need to be behind. Domestic violence is something that we all need to be aware of – it doesn't just happen to "someone else".

And the partners were not forgotten. Some played golf on the Friday afternoon and they all went on the Partners Federation Country Tour on Saturday. The partners attended the Opening Ceremony and all the social occasions.

Conference next year is in Maroochydore, Qld, 15-18 October 2025 and Conference '27 is in Fremantle, WA. Some of us are planning already...

Thanks to Maureen who organised our day out to Geelong to see the Archibald Exhibition on Monday – unfortunately she wasn't well enough to attend (and best wishes for your upcoming surgery). But those that did attend had a lovely day out.

Some members are off to Narre Warren's Fashion Parade, some to celebrate 30 years of Inner Wheel in Warragul and some to celebrate "Oaks Day" with the Inner Wheel Club of Berwick.

This month we are featuring "Orange the World" and will also have our Pink Ribbon Breakfast.

Another busy month...

Alwyn



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ISO Report for November - from Sue Blenkhorn

I forwarded our club's October Friendship Bouquet to my IIW contacts.

News from Ilmy, IWC Haarlem, Netherlands

Dear Sue,

Sorry for the late reply. All of a sudden, the summer vacation for me was over and right away lots of activities started again. However, I have read your Bouquet with much interest, especially the article from our IIW President Kay. For once I'll send you our national IW Newsletter, of course you can't read it but at least you have an idea what it looks like.

At this moment our new website is almost on the air. Next Monday members have the possibility to get acquainted thru a Q&A Zoom.

How is your website doing? Are members visiting it regularly? While we are entering Fall, you probably are enjoying Spring.

Warm friendship greetings from the Netherlands, Ilmy



I emailed Ilmy after speaking to Alwyn about the IWA Website. I explained to Ilmy that the new younger members in Australia are embracing the website however the older members (me included) are reluctant to use it.

Alwyn is to help me translate Ilmy's National newsletter now the IWA Conference is over.

News from Poroochi, IWC Poona Downtown, India

Dear Sue and George,

How are you both doing? We had a lovely time with Kay and Terry. It was a pleasure hosting them.



News from Poroochi, IWC Poona Downtown, India continued

I am attaching a couple of pictures taken with them at our house. and when we took them sight-seeing. – *The photos got lost in space -*

As always I love getting your Friendship Bouquet - seeing all of you in full flow with your projects. In fact, Kay's write-up in the Bouquet is so nice. With your permission can I re-publish it in our Insight. Of course, I have asked Kay also. Right now our elder daughter Firoza and her husband Sunil are here for a few days from St. Martin so once again we are "House full" and enjoying it. They are here till the end of the month.

Waiting to feel the Pakenham summer when we get there around the end of November.

Lots of Love to you both and all friends in Pakenham. Poroochi

Poroochi and her husband Yezdi are visiting their family in Pakenham later this month & so will be joining our IW & Rotary meeting & functions whilst in Australia. I look forward to catching up with them again.

News from Annika, IWC Örebro, Sweden

IWC D 234 Sweden September 2025

Warm greetings to all the ladies of Pakenham IWC.

Many thanks for sending us your Friendship bouquet with many interesting glimpses from your club.

This is my first letter to you as new ISO for my IW club in Örebro. Having received this pleasant assignment is however a challenge as former ISO our dear Mrs Janice Karlsson was born with English as her native language – however I will try my best 😊 and I am looking forward to having contact with you again.

Autumn is a wonderfully colorful season, and we have many highlights in our IW club. As a start, some of our members visited our new IW friends club in Simrishamn, a charming seaside village located in southern Sweden. Members of WC Simrishamn had arranged a “Swedish fi-ka” (coffee with cake), followed by a nice and interesting walking tour in the old town. In the evening, we attended the club’s monthly meeting. Sorry that Australia is so far away – but fortunately, our digital contact is possible and pleasant 😊. This week we will enjoy a visit from Ms Jeanette Olsson, a Romani author who tells the story of women in 4 generations. The Roma culture told from a women’s perspective will be very interesting to hear. The 7 clubs within District 234 will also have a District meeting the following weekend.

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The important projects our club is supporting this IW year are: Majblomman – a National organisation also very active in our town with the task of working against child poverty by supporting families locally. Families from our town and surroundings can apply. Each application is needs-tested. It could be a pair of football boots or a Christmas present for example. As our international project, we support the important work made by Rotary Doctors and IW Doctor in Kenya “Change project”, focusing on preventive healthcare such as maternity care, contraceptive counselling and family planning also providing education for men. As our national project we support Swedish Customs by providing funding for the training of drug detection dogs. Some of our members visited Arlanda Airport and were given the opportunity to test the dog’s skills by carrying drugs through customs among “ordinary” passengers. It probably looked a little strange with some mature ladies being taken aside... Together with drug detection dogs – after “completed mission” Let me say how glad we are to have you as a club in friendship and to share with you some of our activities and to hear about what’s happening in your club.

Our best wishes to you all. Annika Sandén ,ISO, Örebro Inner Wheel Club

Annika your English is brilliant. Thanks for sending me your club news

News from Veiwa, IWC Beaune, France

Hello, dear Sue, such a long time since we have shared some news.

Hope you and George are fine and so is your dear family.

Not much to add about us in Burgundy, France.

Getting ... older (both over 80’s now !), which means more difficulties in normal life, just have to adapt ... not obvious !

IW life, still very tough, our club is very busy.

Our president Veronique (you met her in Manchester and at our house) is still young, so very active, she has a lot of ideas ... !

Thanks God we’ve just welcomed, lately, 3 new young IWs. It will help !

Dear Sue, news from you and George will please us.

I’ll try to transfer our late club “bulletins”.

Take care, with my Love. Vewia

I forwarded your newsletters to my IW French speaking friend for translation.

She has been on holiday so we will read the news next month.



Circle of Friends Inner Wheel Book Group

Report of October Get Together 2025

In October it was a small group of just four, Joy, Marilyn, Kaye and myself, who met at the home of Joy de Jong in Cardinia. Although the group may have been small in quantity, the discussion was great.

The novel we discussed was “Scrublands” by Kris Hammer, another popular Australian writer. This book was highly recommended by one of our members and very well received by all. An absorbing read. The portrayal of outback country life was very insightful. The life in a small country town and the drought and heat-stricken countryside was well depicted. There were many twists and turns to the story which kept members engaged.

Some members were keen to read more in this series.

Recently several members went to the Bunjil Place Library in Narre Warre, where Kris Hammer was a guest speaker. For those able to attend it was a most interesting event.

The next novel in the series “Legacy” was available to purchase.

Next month, on Thursday 13th November, we will be meeting at the home of Bronwyn Mepstead in Upper Beaconsfield to discuss “All Our Shimmering Skies” by Trent Dalton.



Helen van Diemen

Circle of Friends Book Club Coordinator 2025

39TH BIRTHDAY



HAPPY 39TH BIRTHDAY - October 2025



Thankyou to PP Marlene for making our yummy birthday cake



President Alwyn cutting our Birthday cake



Charter members Anne and Marcia with President Alwyn

OCTOBER MEETING



October General Meeting
2.10.25
Guest Speaker:
Phoebe Reid
Organ & Tissue Donation Register



Bron Extinguishing
the Flame of Friendship
Marlene raffle winner
NO QUEEN



Marlene - reading the
Objects and Collect
Gayle lighting the Flame
of Friendship



IWA AUSTRALIA _ WELCOME DAY



IW Australia Conference-Welcome Day-Corowa



Day one
Friday
Corowa



IWA CONFERENCE DAY ONE



Day 2 Saturday Corowa

MORNING COFFEE



Morning Coffee

High Horse - Officer 6.10.25



It was lovely for members to catch up for Coffee and Cake between meeting, Last month we gathered at The High Horse in Officer for some stimulating conversation



Inner Wheel Club of Pakenham

COST: \$35.00 pp
9.30am

Friday
21st November 2025

Pink Ribbon Breakfast

**Bring a
Friend**

Speakers:

Karli Verghese & Pat Harman

**Who will speak on personal experience and the need for
families to be aware and be checked**

To be held at:

**Bellevue Farm Gate
544 Brown Rd, Pakenham 3810**

RSVP: Monday 10.11.2025
email: iiw.au.pakenhamhistor@gmail.com

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Bank account
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SAVE THE DATE



**INNER WHEEL CLUB OF
WONTHAGGI
OWLS**

Save The Date

Saturday 28th Feb 2026

Official Launch Charter Lunch

**12.30pm for a 1pm start
at the Wonthaggi RSL**



In Remembrance

2024 - 2025



LORIS BEGG
PAKENHAM A62

Loris was a charter member of the Inner Wheel Club of Pakenham with 38 years of service. She held many positions within the club including Club President. She was an active member of District A61 and later with A62 when it was established in 1995-96. She was District Chairman in 2000-2001. Loris was secretary of Inner Wheel Australia in 1994-95 when Carole Buchanan was President. Loris had also been awarded a Paul Harris Fellowship from the Rotary Club of Pakenham.

Margret Macdonald presented the rose.

THE ARCHIBALDS



Visit to
Geelong to
view the
Archibalds
27.10.25



Very early on Monday morning, Inner Wheel members, their partners, and Sue's sister-in-law Enid gathered at various stations along the East Pakenham line to travel into Melbourne, where we caught the 9:10 a.m. train to Geelong.

On arrival at Geelong Station, we enjoyed a pleasant walk across the beautiful Johnson Park to the Gallery. This year's Archibald Exhibition featured a notable number of works by Indigenous artists, which was a delightful surprise.

Three paintings stood out to me as truly magnificent — *The Sisters*, Kathy Lette, and *Felix Cameron*. However, I must admit that I struggled to engage with the work that won the 2025 Archibald Prize, as I found it difficult to grasp what the artist was trying to convey. The Packing Room Prize entry, on the other hand, was quite interesting.

Sue and I were disappointed to discover that voting for the People's Choice Award had closed just two days before our visit.

Lunch at the Tutti Café was most enjoyable, and we all appreciated each other's company. Afterward, we made our way back to the station to catch the train to Southern Cross and then continued on to Cardinia Road, Pakenham, and East Pakenham, arriving home at 5:30 p.m.

It was a long day, but one that everyone thoroughly enjoyed.

NARRE WARREN FASHION PARADE



BIRTHDAYS FOR THE MONTH



7th November—Gayle van Diemen

11th November—Nola Brooks

Wishing you both a very happy birthday from your Inner Wheel Friends



SNIPPETS TO SHARE



Words of wisdom from Patricia Routledge also know to many as the adorable Hyacinth Bouquet in *Keeping up Appearances*

Growing older isn't a final act—it can be life's most exquisite chapter if you allow yourself to bloom once more.

Let the years ahead be your treasure years.

You don't have to be perfect, famous, or adored.

You only need to be present—fully—for the life that's yours.

With warmth and gentle love,

- Patricia Routledge

Thanks to both Nola and Alma for these additions



SMILE DAY

It's on Friday..... Something to make you smile.

How does Moses make tea - Hebrews it.

Venison for dinner - Oh Deer

I used to be a banker -then I lost interest.

England has no Kidney bank, but it does have a Liverpool.

I tried to catch some fog, but I mist.

I changed my ipad's name to Titanic. It's syncing now.

Jokes about German sausage are the wurst.

I'm reading a book on anti-gravity; I just can't put it down.

I didn't like my beard at first , then it grew on me.

I respect teachers but, Did you hear about the cross-eyed teacher who lost her job because she couldn't control her pupils.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES



Inner Wheel General Meeting — Thursday 6th November, 9:30 for a 10am start @ RSL Hall
Snodgrass Street Pakenham

Remember to bring priced items for the trading table.

Paddy's Kitchen

Sunday 9th November - Alwyn Williams Joy Board

Sunday 23rd November—Marcia Rook Helen van Diemen

Sunday 7th December—Alwyn Williams Pauline Morris

Sunday 21st December—Pam Chalmers Maureen Lindau

Sew & Chatter, RSL – Wednesday 12th November @ the RSL 10am.

Warragul's 30th Birthday Celebrations: Wednesday 5th November 6:30p, Cost \$30:00

Berwick Oaks Day: 6th November 11:30am for 12:00start Cost \$60:00

Remembrance Day: 11th November Wreath to be laid by President Alwyn at the Cenotaph at 11am all members welcome

Sew & Chatter dates for the rest of the year. Please mark them in you diary.

Nov 12th

Dec 10th Xmas breakup

Pink Ribbon Breakfast: Friday 21st November to be held at Russo Orchard 9:30am Cost \$35:00

Cranbourne High Tea Garden Party: Wednesday 26th November 11:30am for 12:00pm Cost \$30:00

Orange the World: 25th November –10th December

Pakenham Christmas Party: Wednesday 17th December—\$35:00 person BYO drinks

Bunnings BBQ: Sunday 21st December

Inner Wheel Day: Saturday 10th January 2026

Breakfast in the Park: Sunday 11th January 2026

Wonthaggi Owls: Official launch Charter Lunch details to follow

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