



INNER WHEEL CLUB OF PAKENHAM

FRIENDSHIP BOUQUET



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FROM THE PRESIDENT

Well, the Changeover for the year has come and gone. Thank you to Alwyn and her committee for a very busy and successful year but the support and love I felt in the room this year will be just as successful and full of fun.



I would sincerely like to thank my committee for committing to another year for this wonderful club. The committee has already shown us how they can work together. The Afternoon tea they prepared and served under the guidance of Pam Chalmers was delicious of course again and there was heaps of praise for the food and service.

Thank you to Deb James for organising the room for us. That brings me to the position of Historian. We need to fill this position on the committee, so if any member would like to put their hand up it would be great Deb has done a magnificent job over the past 5 years and she is happy to hand over the camera to someone else. I am not asking you to do the wonderful job Deb has done but maybe you would like to know and learn a bit more about collating your photo. If you have any suggestions or ideas for this position, please speak out. It is a position we need to fill for the District.

We will be organising a few events that we had from last year, so watch this space. We are working on the Club's 40th Birthday a Lunch at the moment.

I hope we can get up and running the movie days morning coffees

FROM THE PRESIDENT



in the next weeks.

I am open to your thoughts about having lunch after our meetings. Over the last months the lunch has been well attended. Who doesn't want to have lunch out with friends?

I feel, I have finally recovered from the nasty 'flu that has been going around.

Amazing what a course of antibiotics will do for your body. I hope members who are not feeling the best or family members ill, are doing alright in this winter. Remember it is only four weeks until spring

Saturday Football and Netball with the Grandkids is drawing closer to the finals only two rounds to go. We will most likely have two football teams and one netball team in the finals.

Then Saturdays will be ours to do other things at home

In Friendship

Jan

"SMALL STEPS LEAD TO BIG ACHIEVEMENTS"

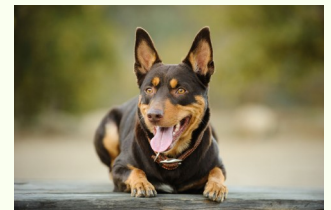
4 FUN FACTS ABOUT JAN.

Jan does not like speaking in Public

Jan has watched every episode of "Vera" maybe twice or three times

In the late '60's she camped out at the MCG to Secure tickets for the Grand Final to see Richmond play

Changed the name of Tim's dog to Dusty after a Richmond footballer



JULY MEETING



July General Meeting
2.7.26
Left: Alwyn Lighting the
Flame of Friendship
Middle:
Marcia-Collect/Objects



Helen - NO luck in
picking a Queen

Jenny Extinguishing
The Flame of
Friendship





Sew and chatter.

A great day sewing today with lots of laughter, a few mistakes corrected and Sue replacing Pat was extra good,

Someone to make coffee and iron, then on to the machine, no holding Sue back. She has even taken home a Walker Bag

that she was sewing, and when finished she will visit Millhaven and give this to a friend who is currently in respite. Good work Sue

Then Sue (Rasmussen) who is currently travelling in Qld, and has been joining in with us sewing, she rang me on another matter, said she couldn't help herself and went into an op shop - somewhere, they only have sewing goodies and wool. She couldn't help but buy a bundle of second-hand buckles which we use on our Fiddle Blankets. - Thanks lots Sue, they look great.

Another couple of Fiddle Blankets and Walker bags completed. A great morning's work everyone.

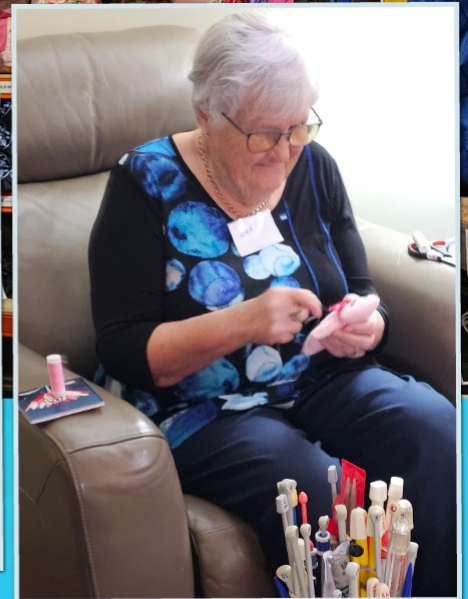
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CRAFT DAY BACK PACKS FOR KIDS



Back packs for Vic Kids - Afternoon Craft at Nola's 13.7.2026



Yarn and Yack

Thanks to all the members that came along on July 13, with a special mention to some lovely friends who joined us.

It was a fun couple of hours spent "creating" and for some, challenging themselves trying something new.

There was lots of coaching and encouragement, and at times even some lighthearted ribbing. The room was full of laughter and constant yacking.

We ended our session with afternoon tea and a chance to brainstorm our thoughts of the afternoon.

It appears everyone enjoyed their time spent with friends, new and old.

Thanks Nola, for opening your home to us and making everyone feel welcome.

- Jenny Watson

CRAFT DAY BACK PACKS FOR KIDS



Sewing Day for Backpacks 4 Vic Kids.

Thanks Nola, for inviting interested Inner Wheel ladies to your sewing day.

Nola had obviously done this sewing day before as she had the rooms set up beautifully for us with projects waiting.

The main aim of the day was to complete and pack as many Santa Sacks as possible, ready for delivery.

Jenny set the very optimistic challenge at 100 sacks!

Well, we all built up a sweat, working our fingers to the bone sewing, threading cords and packing.

The final total ... 116 Santa Sacks, as well as 28 miscellaneous bags.

What an achievement especially picturing 116 children receiving our bags, with a selection of items on Christmas morning.

I'm already looking forward to what the next challenge will be.

A special mention to Sue and George Blenkthorn, for donating their precious collection of travel bag packs for B4VKids. When sorted there were; 40 pencil/toiletry/personal bags, 34 toothbrushes and toothpastes, 10 mouth washes, 30 pairs of socks, 30 eye masks, 20+ earplug sets, 20 + lip balms and 29 + hand lotions. These will all be distributed to those in need.

- Jenny Watson



CHANGEOVER



Inner Wheel Club of Pakenham

Changeover 2026-2027



On the 19th July 2026 the Inner Wheel Club of Pakenham celebrated another special milestone; its 39th Annual Changeover, held at Meadowvale Village Pakenham.

Among the 55 guests were International Inner Wheel Past President Kay Morland, District A62 Chairman Judy Degnan, Tim Mepstead the President of the Rotary Club of Pakenham and members from the Narre Warren and Warragul Clubs. Three of our own members were charter members of the club and have been involved almost 40 years.

CHANGEOVER



President Alwyn Williams presented her annual report and thanked her committee individually with a gift and thanked all club members for their support during the busy year. Club Historian Deb James presented Alwyn with a digital video she had recorded and created over the past year featuring many of the fun filled activities and fund-raising efforts our Club had participated in.



CHANGEOVER



It was then time to hand over the reins to the Incoming President Jan Ahern by placing the Collar of Office around her neck. Jan then thanked Alwyn for her leadership in completing a very successful year and presented her with flowers from the Club.

Jan then introduced her committee for the coming year and presented each of them with a gift. Jan went on to present the club members with her vision for the coming year and introduce the International Inner Wheel theme of “Grow & Flourish” for the current year.



CHANGEOVER



Afterwards members and guests enjoyed an ever-popular, delicious, celebratory afternoon tea made and served by the club members.



CHANGEOVER



MORNING COFFEE

On Wednesday 15th of July members gathered at the Cornerstone Café in Pakenham for morning coffee, where members participated in lively chatter and laughter



BIRTHDAYS



Margaret Macdonald celebrates her birthday on Tuesday the 11th of August. Bold, intelligent, warm, and courageous, fire sign Leo is a natural leader of the Zodiac, ready to blaze a trail, vanquish injustice, and make a name for themselves along the way. Blessed with high self-esteem, Lions know that they possess enviable traits—and they're proud of them. They don't believe in false modesty and will be the first to praise themselves for a job well done. But Leo isn't

self-aggrandizing or unwilling to roll up those sleeves and do the work: this sign knows that in order to be respected and admired, he or she needs to put in the effort worthy of a leader. Happy Birthday Marg, from your Inner Wheel Friends



ANSWERS TO LAST MONTHS REBUS PUZZLES

Pardon me	Black eyed Peas
Excuse me	It's the thought that
counts	
Up roar	Barking up the wrong tree
Thunderstorm	A shot in the dark
Arctic Circle	Mid Life Crisis
One foot on the door	More often than not
Highway	A needle in a haystack
Heart beat	Less is more
Cross Bow	Living it up
Multiple choice	A flash in the pan
I'm Bigger than you	Up to no good
Illegal	Son of a gun

Can you figure out the words or phrases represented by these rebus puzzles?

1 ROUGH	2 EC EC EC EC EC EC EC EC EC EC	3 KKJUSTKK
4 PAT THE	5 MARK	6 S S S S B B B B A A A A R R R R G G G G
7 EDGE	8 AI R	9 K
10 1,3,4,5 IT	11 HAIR_	12 TEMPRATURE

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CRAZY WHIST



Last Friday night Inner Wheel members., partners and two friends from Narre Warren Inner Wheel gathered at the RSL rooms to play Crazy Whist card game. The room was filled with plenty of Chatter and laughter as everyone tried to

out-smart their opposition. Winners on the night were - Male - Ken Rook with 90 points and female winner - Joy Board with 90 points also

Booby prizes went to - Male Collin James with 64 points and female - Pam Chalmers with 55 points

Thanks go to Marcia for organising the evening and making up the lolly and snack bags and I am sure pressure will be on her to have another night, also thanks to Maureen for helping with the supper



CRAZY WHIST



Special thanks to Marcia for the Photos



ISO Report for IWC Pakenham - August 2026

From Sue Blenkhorn club ISO

Thank you, Pam, for the final "Friendship Bouquet" for the last IW Year. I forwarded this onto my IIW Contacts & requested that they let me know about their Projects for the last IW year. I also asked how their club Fosters International Understanding. This will help me write my Annual Report.

News from Edwina Dias – President - IWC Poona Downtown, India

Dear Sue, I hope my short note to you finds you in the best of health & spirits.

I am happy to say that we completed around 229 projects this year & I am so glad that I could interact & meet IIW president Kay Morland on three occasions when she was in Pune. It was good that I could contribute to the cord blood project through your club, IWC of Pakenham

I'm sure your term as ISO was great. I wish you the very best in your future endeavours.

Herewith attached is the folder with some of our projects undertaken through the year 2025-26.

With warm wishes. Yours in IW friendship,

Edwina Dias, President (2025-26)



President of IWC Poona Downtown, Edwina Dias, next to IIW President, Kay Morland, in Pune

News from Poroochi IWC Poona Downtown, India

Poroochi telephoned me and asked to be remembered to all our members. She has most of her Australian & Caribbean families staying with her and Yezdi, in Pune, and is loving every minute of it.



News from Rachel Moen IWC Toulon, France, District 153

My dear Sue,

We normally have a district 153 meeting with Italy district 204! This time it was in San Remo at the Villa Nobel! It was great I'll send you photos if you wish!

The district 153 sponsored a team of 2 women for the Rally Aisha des Gazelles in Morocco in March April departure in Tanger, arrival in Essaouira! Our team became 4th at 400m they would have been 3rd and wd have got a prize!

If you wish more information, tell me. Love Rachel



Photo was taken at the joint District meeting with Italy D204 & France D153 in San Remo April 2026. Rachel is 3rd from the left

News from Anna May Rahmad, President, IWC Intramuros Lumina

District 381, Philippines

Thanks to Marcia for forwarding this email to me

Dear Inner Wheel Sisters, Warm greetings from the Inner Wheel Club of Intramuros Lumina, District 381, Philippines!

On behalf of our club, it is my great pleasure to extend our sincere friendship and warmest wishes to you and your members.

INTERNATIONAL SERVICE



As part of the cherished Inner Wheel tradition of Banner Exchange, we are honored to present our club banner as a symbol of friendship, goodwill, and our shared commitment to the ideals of International Inner Wheel. We hope this exchange will mark the beginning of a lasting sisterhood between our clubs and create opportunities for fellowship, collaboration, and meaningful service.

The Inner Wheel Club of Intramuros Lumina is a newly chartered club in 2025 under District 381, Inner Wheel Clubs of the Philippines, Inc. Founded by a dynamic group of professional women, entrepreneurs, and community leaders, our club is united by a shared passion for friendship, personal service, and international understanding. Though young as a club, we are committed to making a meaningful impact through projects focused on health, education, environmental stewardship, and community development while building lasting partnerships with fellow Inner Wheel clubs around the world.

Guided by this year's International Inner Wheel theme, "Grow and Flourish," we look forward to learning from one another, sharing best practices, and strengthening the bonds that unite us as one Inner Wheel family.

We are pleased to share that our International Service Organizer, Arianne Francisco, will proudly represent the Inner Wheel Club of Intramuros Lumina during this banner exchange. Through her, we extend our heartfelt friendship and sincere desire to foster a meaningful and enduring relationship between our clubs.

Below

Sue with our club's banner for a virtual banner exchange





Circle of Friends Inner Wheel Book Group Report of July Get Together

In July, the group met at Bronwyn's home in Upper Beaconsfield to discuss "Here One Moment..." by Liane Moriarty. It was just a very small gathering of four including Alwyn, Marilyn, Bron and me. Other members were unwell or away.

We have enjoyed reading several of Liane Moriarty's books over the years and this one was quite popular and did create lots of discussion. The book was slow to begin and to get into the story. We enjoyed the quirky little anecdotes and how the writer expressed herself. Themes of grief, hope, conflict, fear, mortality and anxiety were all discussed within the context of the story. We decided the book was best read in big chunks of time to stay on top of all the characters and changes. We would recommend this book to all.

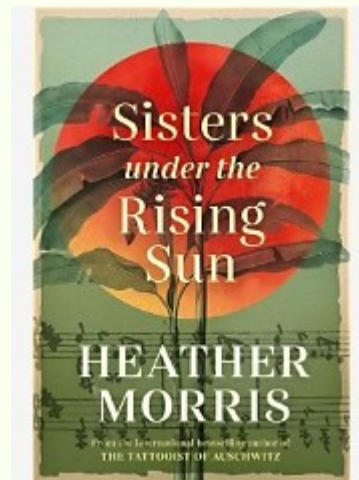
One absent book club member, holidaying & working from Hervey Bay, wrote....read "Here One Moment" and loved the second half, the first half dragged and I couldn't quite gel with the characters. But there is a momentum shift and things take off!! A very interesting way to look at fate and what we would/could/may do differently, if we knew when our last day was!!

This month, on Thursday 13th August, we will be meeting at Marilyn's home in Berwick to discuss "Sisters Under the Rising Sun" by Heather Morris.

Happy Reading

Cheers Helen

Circle of Friends Book Club Coordinator 2026





Save
the date

11am - 3pm

Saturday 28 November 2026

Orange the World

Grand Bazaar



A wide range of quality clothing, shoes, bags, and hats will be available at excellent prices. You will also find beautiful handcrafted items, including jams, plants, and glasses cases. Books, crockery, and a silent auction will add to a great day of bargain hunting, as well as a chance to get some Christmas shopping done.



Ticket purchase includes a two-course lunch at the Pink Hill Hotel in Beaconsfield.

Proceeds will be split between charities advised on the day.



Orange the World

Initiated by UN Women, calls for action to end violence against women and girls, using the colour orange to symbolise a bright, optimistic future free from violence.



**Inner Wheel Club
of Narre Warren**

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES



Inner Wheel Meeting—Thursday 6th August 9:30 for a 10:00am start at the RSL Hall corner of James and Snodgrass Street Pakenham Lunch to follow the meeting at the Railway Hotel

Trading Table

Remember to bring priced items for the trading table to our August meeting

Paddy's Kitchen

Sunday 2nd August - Marcia Rook &

Sunday 16th August—Jan Ahern & Marlene Burhop

Sunday 30th August—Pauline Morris

Sew and Chatter

12th August

9th September

14th October

18th November

9th December—Christmas breakup lunch

Movies— to be advised at the meeting

Morning Coffee— 19th August 10:00am at Oven Craft Shop 7 /106 Henry Road Pakenham

District Craft and Chatter Day— Saturday 29th August Church of England Hall Drouin 10:00am

40th Birthday Celebrations Sunday 20th September

A62 District Chairmans Visit —Thursday 1st October

Inner Wheel Australia Conference 2026- 15th—18th October Maroochydore Qld.

Inner Wheel Club of Narre Warren Grand Bazaar—28th November 2026 to be held at the Pink Hill Hotel

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