



FRIENDSHIP NEWS 2017—2018

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Coming Events

APRIL 2018:

11th-14th: Melbourne IIW

CONVENTION.

20th: A62 District Executive

Dinner Meeting with IWA

President Karen Winters

21st: A62 District Meeting

at the Warragul Club

with IWA President Karen

Winters.

21st: A62 District Dinner

with IWA President Karen

Winters at Pat & Fred

Edwards . (see Events

page for details)

22nd: 1. Copy/photos to

District Editor for

'Friendship News'.

2. Dates of Club

Changeovers to

District Secretary.

3. Money for District,

National &

International Projects

There is a magical quality to autumn when the leaves start to change colour, from green to yellow, orange and varying shades of red. I hope we are never too busy to appreciate this beautiful trail of colour, the rustling leaves and crisp breezes.

Dianne and I attended the IWC of Narre Warren's 'International Women's Day' celebration dinner in Dandenong. This was a wonderful evening with a room full of women sharing the voices of women we are lucky to know, admire, and support plus a very inspirational speaker.

Friendship Day a highlight of the Inner Wheel year was celebrated on St Patrick's Day. The Bentleigh Club was a sea of green Irish Belles mixed in with all sorts of leprechauns and others of green persuasion. Flossie Flanigan from Feickle (aka Carolyn Brown) complete with her shillelagh was the most amazing MC and kept us under control. We were entertained by a troupe of young 'Irish Highland Dancers' and developed our singing and percussion skills with singer Jenny Ellison. A big thank you to those beautiful Irish Belles who made this day possible and made it a day for me and all our members who attended to remember and treasure; all that fun, laughter and friendship shared.

Dianne and I travelled to Harcourt to the A60 Friendship Day held at the Butterfly Café. It is always lovely to catch up with friends you have made at conferences and other IW functions.

Our next District meeting is on Saturday 21st April at the Warragul Downtowner. Our special guest for the day is our President of Inner Wheel Australia, Karen Winters. This day is a good opportunity to hear how our organization is progressing. Presidents please remember to bring along your Club banners for the Banner parade.

In the evening Pat and Fred Edwards are hosting a dinner to further get to know Karen. Invitations have been sent to your Club Secretaries, please reply as soon as possible for catering purposes.

By the time you read this newsletter the Convention will almost be upon us. I look forward to catching up with you at this special event. Thank you to all the members who produced and wrote welcome postcards, helped with our gift for the registrants, home hosting and pick ups from the airport. This great support from A62 shows our true Inner Wheel spirit at work.

My best wishes for a Happy Easter and I hope you can spend some time with your families rustling through the leaves.

Janeen

to District Treasurer.

25th: Anzac Day.

28th: A61 District Meeting-

**Karen Winters to
attend.**



A62 Events:

**DETAILS FOR ALL THESE
EVENTS FROM YOUR CLUB
SECRETARY.**



IWC Phillip Island
Friendship Luncheon
Sunday 15th April 2018

A62 District Meeting
at
The Warragul Club
on
21st April, 2018
with
**Australian Inner Wheel
President Karen Winters**

Chairman Janeen Randle & A62 Executive Committee

Invite

All District A62 Members & Partners

To Dinner with Inner Wheel Australia President

Karen Winters

To be held at the home of

Pat & Fred Edwards 13 Riley Court Pakenham

At 7pm on 21st April 2018

Cost \$30.00 per head

BYO Drinks

*RSVP: 10th April 2018 To: District Treasurer Helen
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P.O. Box 428, Mentone 3194

Cheques payable to: A62 Inner Wheel District Committee Inc.

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Please advise any medical dietary needs.

Save the Date

**BERWICK'S 50TH
BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION**
Sunday 18th November. 2018.

Coin for a Cord Day
Friday 28th April



Bayside

Bayside Club by the Bay had a wonderful time entertaining over 100 of you lovely Inner Wheel ladies at our District's 2018 Friendship Day – made even more special by being held on St Patrick's Day! The venue was perfect and the ambiance that abounded was very warm and friendly. Carolyn Brown, aka Flossie Flanagan from Feakle in Northern Ireland, was a hoot as our MC for the day and there was much merriment and fun, to be sure, to be sure!

Now it's back to business and some of our members will be tin rattling early on Thursday morning at Flinders Street Station for Cord Blood Research. There was a very interesting and comprehensive article in The Age on Friday 16th March about the bank of life-saving possibilities involving the many uses for cord blood in regenerative medicine.



Mornington Peninsula

Our March meeting was a "Club Night," dinner and a chat as well as planning for our Cocktail Party which was held on March 3rd, at the home of Linda and David Morris. The Cocktail Party has been one of our main fundraisers and it was both enjoyable and successful and enables us to support our projects for the year.

On Saturday last President Margery Withycombe, Karina Webb, Rose Peddie and Jan Simpson joined the District at Friendship day at the Bentleigh Club, a great venue and we enjoyed the St.Patrick's Day theme from the moment we were greeted at the gate by the St.Pat's girls in their emerald green skirts. Bayside Inner Wheel provided a wonderful programme with young Irish dancers from Moe who were a delight, friendship and renewal of acquaintances, lunch, Irish Trivia and entertained by Janine a delightful singer with of course an Irish repertoire – a couple of songs bringing tears to the eye. Well done Bayside it was fun.

Enjoy the Easter break with family and friends.



Phillip Island

March has been another extremely busy month with members preparing for our Fashion Parade and Luncheon, celebrating Una Lyons 'Big O' birthday and preparing for the coming visit of our Sister Clubs from Kota Kinabalu, Sabah, immediately following The IIW Melbourne Convention. We have 7 members and 3 partners attending. We are all very excited about it.



Celebrating Charter President Una's 'Big O' birthday.

Last Saturday 24th March we held a very successful Fashion Parade and Luncheon on the Island with approximately 75 Inner Wheel members from our district, and many local ladies enjoying a wonderful lunch and Fashion Parade. Thank you to Cathy and the team who prepared and served such a wonderful lunch and to the ladies who set up and prepared the hall. What a great little team you all are, in true Inner Wheel style. Our club also sincerely thanks Jane Wiesner from Chatters on Cowes for the continuing support to our club.



We wish all Inner Wheel Members and their families a happy, safe and relaxing time.



Bairnsdale

Guest speaker at IW Bairnsdale's March meeting was Andrea Savage, daughter of member Kay Nelson, and teacher at the local Nagle College and supervisor of their junior environmental project for landcare - the year nine Eco warriors. They have a rainforest project adjoining the Mitchell River at the school site where 6 acres of land is being re-vegetated. It is a cross Curricular project, so other departments of the school are also involved - art, english, biology environmental science and building. Work is done every week along with an annual planting of trees, collecting and propagating of seeds, data collecting, and maintenance of the area. The importance of the Mitchell River and its water quality is emphasised, so surveys and testing of the water is also part and parcel of the course. President Jenny thanked Andrea for her presentation and the passion she has for this project. What an asset she is to Nagle College and the wider Bairnsdale community.

Nine club members are looking forward to attending the IIW Convention in Melbourne and Marie Cox is getting everything ready for the Coin for a Cord day stall on April 26th. The next club meeting will be on April 19th at the Bairnsdale RSL when local photographer and historian Andrew Bould will be talking about the history of Raymond Island.



**President Jenny Latimer and guest speaker
Andrea Savage**



Paula Sindrey, Irene Yeats and Annette Slee

Berwick

"Back to Beacky" The Berwick Club Monthly Members meetings have returned to the Central Hotel, Old Princess Highway Beaconsfield, and I have on good advice it has been 10 years since the Club met at this venue.



February meeting "Back to Beacky".



Berwick Members at Friendship Day.

14 Members led by President Lucy, (in a green Boater), attended Friendship Day all with a splash of green, and along with everyone enjoyed the Irish Dancers, the Ballad singer and a day of great friendship.

Wednesday 22nd March was the trip to Australia Gardens at Cranbourne for a tour and lunch, another good day for members to enjoy each other's company along with these unique gardens. It was followed up in the evening of 22nd with a paid catering gig for Berwick Rotary at their Annual Bowls Night. Monies earned will go to top up Charity Account coffers. Well done to those who prepared, cooked and served at the event.



Australia Gardens day out.

Catering for Rotary.



Pakenham

On the 16th February seven school children from local Officer Schools were injured in an accident on the Princes Highway after school. Two of the children were Marcia Rook's grandchildren and luckily they were not seriously hurt. President Erica presented to the School Principal seven Cord Blood Teddies donated by our Inner Wheel Club for each of the children.



Evie & Mitch Rook.

Our Irish Colleens at Friendship Day.



Back row: Betty, Marg, Sue, President Erica, Maureen & Linda.

Front row: Helen, Alma & Marcia.

Nine members attended Bayside Friendship Day on 17th March and enjoyed lots of fun and laughter plus catching up with friends.

Latrobe

During the last month Bairnsdale and Latrobe Clubs (38 members in total) met for lunch at the Tinamba Hotel to network and to exchange ideas for club meetings and fundraising ideas in a low keyed social environment. The Clubs had the pleasure of sharing the Restaurant with a group from Mornington who were holidaying in Gippsland. They joined President Trish in joke telling and contributed to our raffle to which one of the Mornington people won a prize. A very enjoyable time was had by all so the Presidents decided to have more of these kind of days.

At our March Meeting we celebrated St. Patrick's Day. Everyone wore green and some added decorations such as leprechaun hats, shamrocks that depicted a real Irish celebration coupled with Irish Jokes and Limericks. Tables were decorated with shamrocks and green accessories. (Photographs for this event will be included in next month's report)

Cord Blood stall was booked for 27th April at the Traralgon Stockland Plaza and items for sale and items for the raffle were requested and a roster to man the stall has been done.

Our next meeting will have a "Mother's Day" theme.



Members from both Bairnsdale and Latrobe Clubs enjoying Lunch at Tinamba Hotel.



Narre Warren

This month we started by celebrating International Women's Day with a Dinner at Beretta's in Dandenong. District Chairman Janeen along with members from many clubs enjoyed the friendship. Inner Wheel is renowned for, as well as being treated to a wonderful example of womanhood. It was a privilege to hear guest speaker, Helen Johnson-VP of Carers Australia (Vic) give a passionate, enlightening and at the same time entertaining address on Disability in the Community. Thank you to all Inner Wheel Members and friends who attended.

At the March meeting, we presented a cheque to guest speaker, Mary Waterfall from Casey Palliative Care. The amount was enough to purchase a special purpose visitors chair bed. The majority of this amount was made at a Bunnings BBQ Sausage Sizzle.

Six of our members attended the Cranbourne IWC function, Trivia Night. What fun they had!!!

We have had a "Big O" Birthday, shared fun and friendship at A62 Green Friendship Day, Club Morning Tea. We are looking forward to lunch with IWC Phillip Island, another "Big O" Birthday, District Meeting and Dinner to meet IWA President. Quite a few of our members will be supporting Anne and Marg S at the Convention.

Our Club wishes everyone a very successful Convention.



President Louise thanking Guest Speaker Helen Johnson at International Women's



PP Elize enjoying her "Big O" Birthday.

Warragul

Introducing Judy Symons, our newest member to join Warragul Inner Wheel.
Judy was inducted on 7th March 18, welcome to our club.



“A World where everyone has a home”

What an inspiring Mission Statement. Dr Bruce Barry explained to us how “Habitat for Humanity” are endeavouring to reach their aim. Founded in 1976 in South America there are now 1 million homes in 70 countries, a terrific achievement for a not-for-profit community organization. US President Jimmy Carter is a strong supporter of their cause. After Dr Barry had spoken about HFH, he introduced Donna as one of the recipients of a house. Donna explained how pleased she is to have the security of a home for her family to grow up in. It was a privilege to work the 500 hours, cutting lunches, clearing grass, preparing the site etc as “Sweat Equity” a part of the process to obtaining their home. HFH have been very compassionate and caring to her family and she is very appreciative.

Graeme Snape (Our Presidents father) gave hours of time building houses for HFH over 8 years. A Street has now been named in his honour in memory of his loyal contribution.

Edith Barry read a poem

HOMELESS 2 HOME.

By Melanie Eyles 19.08.2012, Habitat recipient 2010

Feel so lost, nowhere to go.
We keep on knocking,
But the answer's always no.

Money's short, we have no work
Little one's on us depend!
Poverty seems our only friend.

A hope, a dream is it so extreme,
Can this chain be broken!
Is there a better life,
Or is it only spoken.

A little hope, a lot of prayer,
Now we are halfway there.
Can dreams really come true,
Can someone really help you

Tap tap side by side,
People from Habitat
Help with pride.

No longer alone,
We have our home.
Our joy cannot be explained,
A sense of self worth again.

Two years ago it has been,
Since Habitat for Humanity,
Built our dream.
A lot had changed since that day,
As is the Habitat way.

The children laugh and sing,
We can truly live again.
No more moving from place to place,



Dr Bruce Barry, Evelyn Barry, Michelle
Snape and Donna Bowey

Moe

Our March meeting was very interesting with Ann Lovison giving us a brief history of palliative care. It is run by volunteers and they do a wonderful job. Members presented Ann with a \$500 cheque to help them.



Deidre gave an outline of the history of Innerwheel to help our 8 guests to gain an insight into the organisation. Sue and Robyn demonstrated scarf tying amid a great deal of hilarity.



Friendship Day was attended by nine ladies all wearing some green for St Patrick's Day. Our very clever Lorraine wrote some great limericks for the occasion:

**“From the township of Moe we come,
We are known for our cooking and fun,
We are all in our prime...but just give it time!
Even gravity we can't overcome.”**



One of our biggest fund raisers for the year - serving meals to golfer's attending the annual Moe Rotary Golf Day, went very well and was a lot of fun. We enjoyed a delightful morning tea at Sharlee's lovely new home over looking Blue Rock Dam. A very busy month!

Nepean

March is a very busy month in the Inner Wheel calendar. As well as our dinner meetings many clubs held functions for International Women's Day and the favourite of all functions was Friendship Day that was hosted by Bayside Club on St Patricks Day. Following is the Nepean limerick from Friendship Day:

**From the club called Nepean we come,
With four lovely members plus one,
To see leaping leprechauns and hear laughter,
From poems and songs.....we'll be friends ever after,
Friendship Day is always a day of good fun.**

This month's Monday night's dinner meeting President Marg had the idea that we would have a make, bake, grow and it was decided all the goods would be auctioned and all the funds raised would be divided between two of our projects the MSFIN (Mums Supporting Families in Need) and also the group of homeless older ladies that we have been helping. With winter coming both these organisations need warm clothing. All members contributed items to be auctioned such as craft, plants, cakes and biscuits. The auctioneer for the evening was Sue Witherspoon and her helpers were Rhonda Lawrence and Rhonda O'Gradie. All three did a great job in making us spend our money and raising a substantial sum to support the above mentioned projects.



Some of the items for auction



Cake decorating

To top the evening off Glenda Birks a very talented cake decorator gave us a demonstration on cake decorating and the cake was then auctioned that was bought by one of our members for her husband's special birthday. A great fun night, that will possibly be on the club program for years to come.

President Marg and all members of the Inner Wheel Club of Nepean send their love and condolences to our esteemed Charter Member Cecilie Bartholomeusz on the passing of her husband George who was a great supporter and friend of our club.

Cranbourne

Once again another busy and enjoyable month. At our March meeting we were fortunate to welcome as our guest speaker, Helen Pearson from Beyond Blue. Helen gave an interesting insight into her personal experience with depression and how by using appropriate assistance, it has enabled her to continue her life in a very positive way. So very informative and inspiring. Thank you Helen for giving up your time to help others.



Several of our members attended Friendship Day at the Bentleigh Club with Bayside. You can certainly tell that they had lots of fun.



A large group of ladies visited Casey's Bunjil Place and were given a conducted tour of the facility. It is an amazing place with impressive architecture. The theatre, where shows are performed is outstanding (including individual air conditioning on each seat). There is also an outdoor promenade set up with umbrellas and activities for children and adults, which is well used by the local people. In April we are looking forward to a visit to Bunjil Place theatre to see the Early Morning Melodies with the theme of Cilla Black.



Our members enjoying a coffee before our guided tour of Bunjil Place

Congratulations to Rosemary Kreun who joined with many Cranbourne volunteers to attend the Government House Volunteers Award Day for their services to the community. Rosemary recounted the wonderful experience she had in visiting such a beautiful place. Congratulations to everyone.

Carol, Kate Julie and Erica attended the Casey Service Club forum, The purpose of the forum was to display to local Service clubs how important they are to the community and to assist local clubs with advice on how to remain sustainable and attract new members. Thank you ladies for representing the Cranbourne Inner Wheel.