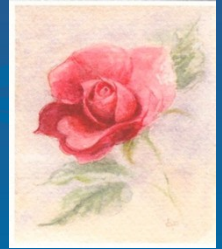




INNER WHEEL CLUB OF PAKENHAM

# FRIENDSHIP BOUQUET



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**STEP UP  
&  
LEAD** by  
**EXAMPLE**

International theme 2025-2026

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JOAN GRIST

### FROM THE PRESIDENT

My almost 3 weeks away in Tasmania has come and gone and I'm right back into the thick of things.

Our trip to Tassie took us to a number of places we have visited fleetingly previously so it was great to spend a little more time and really get a feel for the areas we went to on the north east and east coast. We certainly moved at a much slower pace and with shorter distances we had time to, if not "smell the roses", at least taste the seafood! Seafood chowder is a favourite of mine and, as you would expect, we came across a variety of quality, tastes and flavours!

I found my great grandparents grave in Scottsdale and information at the visitors' centre that my great grandfather was a prominent early settler in the area and arrived in Australia in 1857(they were both 22 when they arrived). Our subsequent visit to Port Arthur and the Cascade Women's Factory in Hobart gave us a very good picture of life in Tasmania in the 1850's. I was left wondering about the courage and tenacity, particularly of the free settlers who came by choice, to make such a difficult trip and to not know how life would pan out for them. My GGP went on to have nine children; my grandfather was the youngest and he had seven children. When I met up with some of my Tasmanian cousins they assured me there were lots of Cunninghams in Tasmania whereas where I grew up there were none. My father came to Victoria during the Depression.

Terry and I attended the Rotary Conference in Hobart which I did enjoy. Lots of interesting, high-quality speakers as we also have at Inner Wheel confer-



# FROM THE PRESIDENT



I saw a video of our Friendship Day performance. Well done to everyone involved – I giggled the whole way thorough! How could anyone resist the charms of Monsieur Pat as she lured District Chairman Joan to le café I suspect Jenny Watson has had a previous life as a waitress in a Parisian café too...

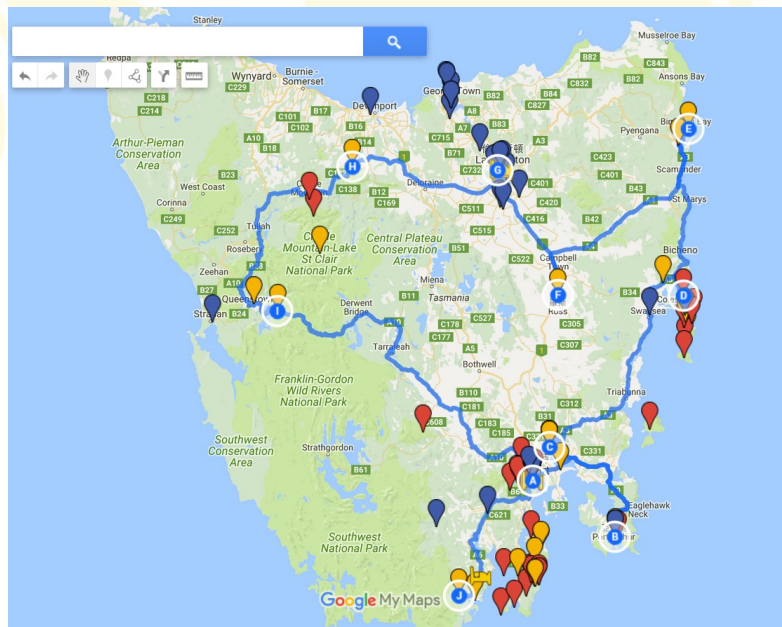
We will welcome Ivanka Kisvardai, Community Strengthening Facilitator, Reducing Family Violence from the Cardinia Shire as our guest speaker on Thursday. I am looking forward to hearing about her work in our community.

In friendship,

Alwyn



Guest Speaker—Ivanka Kisvardai



# MARCH MEETING



With so many of our members away we enjoyed lunch in place of our monthly March meeting. A great way to meet up with our Inner Wheel friends 🌹 🌹

# FRIENDSHIP DAY

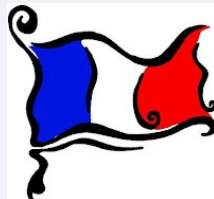


Friendship Day  
14.3.26 Warragul



Friendship Day was celebrated at Warragul this year, with the theme *Travel Expo*. Each club was given a country to represent, and ours was France. We chose to stay in the capital and explore the *Café Society*, featuring a charming waitress weaving her magic at the café and a roguish gentleman who lured District Chairman Joan to join him for a drink on the Champs-Élysées.

Next, we ventured into the nightlife of *Gay Paree* with a visit to the Moulin Rouge, where the Can-Can girls amazed us with their high-kicking antics. Finally, we travelled back in time to the post-revolution era with a stirring rendition of “*Can You Hear the People Sing*”, while proudly waving the French flag



# FRIENDSHIP DAY





## Birthdays for the month of April

12th April—Bronwyn Kennett

17th April—Sue Blenkhorn

Both Bronwyn and Sue were born under the Star sign of



The traits of a person born under this sign are:

The first sign of the Zodiac, Aries are the trailblazers. Passionate and independent, Aries will never do something just because everyone else is doing it—a Ram needs to be 100 percent committed to the task at hand. Competitive to the max, the best way to motivate an Aries is to turn something into a contest. Aries will put everything they have (and then some) into winning. Loyal, smart, and impulsive, they always have multiple projects on their mind, and won't be satisfied until their work, social life, and personal lives line up exactly with the dream life they've envisioned. Those who are drawn to magnetic Aries may have trouble keeping up—but if they can, they'll have a friend for life.

An Aries sign will always tell you what they're thinking, with a frankness

But even if an Aries seems overly blunt with their opinion, that's only because Rams value honesty above all else. And it works both ways. While an Aries may be the first to say if they think that you just phoned in a project, they'll also be the first to compliment you for a job well done.

When it comes to love, Aries signs are all about initial attraction. They can sense chemistry in the first sentence uttered by a potential partner. Forthright and unabashed, an Aries will do everything in their power to go after someone they want. Sometimes, they need to learn how to slow down and foster long-term connections. Fireworks are fun, but they don't necessarily make a great match. Aries are amazing lovers: versatile, passionate, and always invested in the moment.



Happy Birthday Ladies

# MORNING COFFEE



Morning Coffee  
16.3.2026  
Robert Gordon



On Monday 16th March, members gathered at Nancy's, located at the Robert Gordon Pottery. Those who attended had a wonderful time catching up and enjoying each other's company, and browsing the array of goodies on sale.

I have included a brief explanation of how the café was named. Each café in the group is named after one of the founders' grandmothers; Nancy was Josh's nana, an accomplished Tasmanian cook who also happened to be a potter.

The beginnings of Robert Gordon Pottery—A love of pottery runs deep in the family. Over forty years ago, Robert 'Andy' Gordon walked into a small ten-by-eight-foot tin shed, picked up a lump of clay, and began turning his potter's wheel. From this humble beginning, Pack Track Pottery was born.

However, the story and inspiration behind Robert Gordon Pottery dates back even further than 1979 and that rickety, home-made studio. Robert's mother, the renowned Australian potter June Dyson, established her own studio in 1945.



## *Circle of Friends Inner Wheel Book Group—March Report*

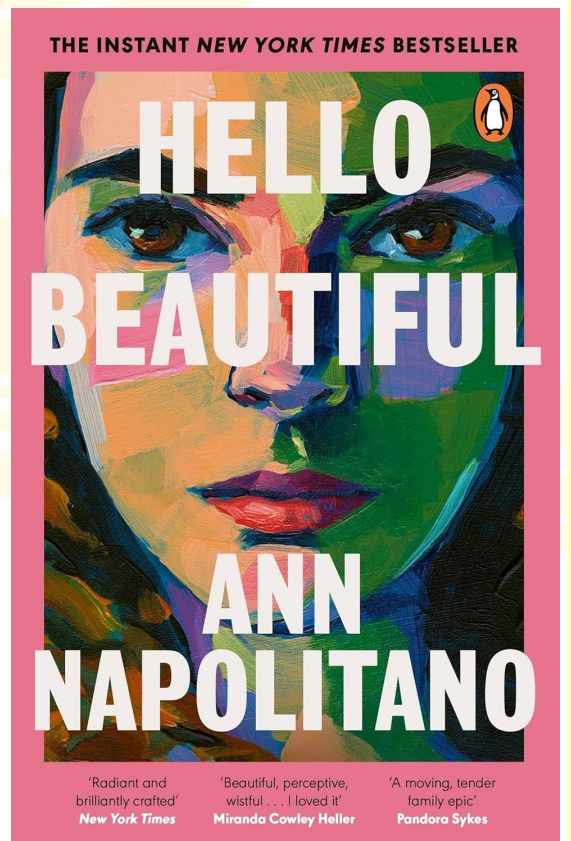
This month the group get together was at Tooradin at the home of Judy Giles. Judy lives literally right on the water's edge. There were only two apologies being Alwyn and Bron who are away in Tasmania this time.

The book we discussed was “The Boy Behind the Curtain” by Tim Winton, it was written in 2016. This was a most unusual memoir and the group had an interesting and lengthy discussion including.....

.....there was a mixed reaction to this book. Some thoroughly enjoyed it and some struggled to finish. Some found it insightful and thought provoking while didn't cope with the use of verbose language. Some would recommend it to others who are interested in Tim Winton, one of Australia's top ten novel writers and some wouldn't recommend it at all. It certainly kept us all talking for long time.

Next, we are reading “Hello Beautiful” by Ann Napolitano and meeting on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> April at 7.30pm at the home by Jenny Rice.

Happy Reading 😊





## ISO Report for IWC Pakenham for April 2026

from Sue Blenkhorn club ISO

I forwarded our March edition of our clubs Friendship Bouquet to our International IW Friends. I mentioned that we were travelling, on the day ferry, to Tasmania for the Rotary District Conference & touring around for 10 days.

### News from Rachel in the IWC Toulon, France

Hello Dear Sue

I am sure it will be a fantastic trip.

Will you come to the International Convention in The Philippines in 2027? We have planned to come Dag & I!

I guess we will soon receive news since it is in 12 months time. Hope you are both well

Rachel Moen

*I replied that we hoped to be attending the IIW Convention & asked Rachel to share some memories of her time as District Governor/ Chairperson of her District D153 which includes Morocco, Tunisia & Algeria*

### News from Ilmy in the IWC Haarlem, Netherlands

Hi dear Sue,

Thank you for your March Bouquet, full with interesting reports and colorful photos. Even one of our new banner with Dutch logo. Of course I forwarded your attractive Bouquet to my club members.

I wish you and George a wonderful trip and stay in Tasmania.

Warm friendship greetings,

Ilmy

*I replied to Ilmy and asked if she was thinking of attending the IIW Convention in the Philippines. I mentioned that Rachel & Dag hoped to attend as Ilmy met them both in Manchester with President Alwyn & Terry, Pat Haman as well as with George & myself*





## International Women's Day Report

On behalf of our IW Club, I attended the International Women's Day celebration event hosted by the Shire of Cardinia, at the Cardinia Cultural Centre. Claire Tonti-Filippini gave the Acknowledgement to Country.

Mayor, Brett Owen, welcomed us and introduced Deputy Mayor Liz Roberts who spoke about Val Carroll as the woman who had inspired her. Val is one of my special friends & is part of my 'rent a crowd' group when we need extra people at IW functions.

Val was a kindergarten teacher in Pakenham & Nar Nar Goon & met Liz through her work at St Patrick's Catholic Church. IWC Pakenham were mentioned as Val had joined us on the walk around the lake for Orange the World.

Ivanka Kisvardai chaired the celebration event & introduced 10 speakers who spoke about the Women who inspired them. Ivanka is to speak to us at our April meeting.



Photo of Deputy Mayor, Liz Roberts, on left, Val Carroll in centre & Sue Blenkhorn

# NEW ARRIVALS



You may remember a few years back how I spoke of my sister's grandson who after many (10 years) of kidney problems and dialysis and then was fortunate to receive a kidney transplant His future at that stage was unknown because of all the drugs over years - as to whether he could ever become a Dad

Well wonderful news just a few hours ago his wife gave birth to a little girl 7 1/2 lbs. named Aydah - Lee

Now how good is that  
Congratulations Alma

Congratulations to Sue & George Blenkhorn on the safe arrival of Billy Thomas Blackwood their first Great Grandchild to the proud Parent, Grandparents and of course Sue and George we send you our love and congratulations



# INVITATIONS



**The Inner Wheel Club of Cranbourne  
Invites you to this year's  
Combined Meeting  
Guest Speaker - Toni Arfaras  
The Stroke Foundation**

Date : Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2026

Venue : Tides - bar and grill

108 South Gippsland Highway Tooradin

Time: 6pm

Cost - \$50 & Drinks at the bar

RSVP Monday 13<sup>th</sup> April 2026 with any dietary requirements

Email: [iiv.au.cranbourne@gmail.com](mailto:iiv.au.cranbourne@gmail.com) with numbers

Payment via bank transfer BSB 063250 ACC 00902174

Enquiries to Secretary Sue Line 0438 195 820



A62 District Committee Inc.

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A62 District Chairman Joan Grist

And the A62 Inner Wheel District Committee

Cordially invite you to join them for the

**91st District Meeting**

&

**Guest Speaker— IWA President Clare Swaan**

**Please stay on afterwards for a meet and greet.**

**Saturday, 18th April 2026**

**10.00 for 10.30am start**

**"Yhe Black Tie"**

**90 Alfred St, Warragul**

**Morning tea, lunch & afternoon tea included. Cost \$32 pp**

**RSVP: Wednesday, 8th April, 2026**

Please use the registration form provided and return to

District Treasurer Lynne Martin.

Email: [iiv.au.a62treasurer@gmail.com](mailto:iiv.au.a62treasurer@gmail.com)



## SAVE THE DATE!

**Inner Wheel District A62**

**Annual Changeover**

to be held at

**The Black Tie, Warragul**

on

**Saturday, 27<sup>th</sup> June, 2026**

**at 6:00 pm for 6:30 pm**



# DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES



**Inner Wheel General Meeting** — Thursday 2nd April 9:30 for a 10:00 start at the RSL Hall corner of James & Snodgrass Street Pakenham

Guest Speaker –Ivanka Kisvardai—Together We Can

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

## Paddy's Kitchen

Sunday 12th April — Jan Ahern & Pam Chalmers

Sunday 26th April — Marlene Burhop & Marg Macdonald

Sunday 10th May— Jenny Watson & Anne Sheean

<b>Sew &amp; Chatter: RSL:</b>	8th April	12th August
	13th May	9th September
	10th June	14th October
	8th July	18th November
	9th December Christmas Break up lunch	

**Movies:** To be advised at meeting

**Morning Coffee:** will happen on Friday 24th April = see below for details of the Two for Ten walk

**Bunnings BBQ :** Sunday 5th April ( Easter Sunday) & Saturday 9th May - Roster for Easter Sunday

Special thanks to all members their support

**District Meeting :** Saturday 18th April— to be held at the Black Tie Warragul cost \$32:00

**Combined Meeting:** 22nd April Tides Bar and Grill Tooradin Guest Speaker Toni Arfaras Stroke Foundation

**Two for Ten Walk :** Friday 24th April 10:am At Lakeside Coffee to follow at the Cultural Centre Please wear your Cord Blood Shirts

**Inner Wheel Australia Changeover- 2026 -27:** - Pink Hill Hotel Beaconsfield Weekend 19th—20th June 2026

Cost Friday 19th \$50.00 p/p and Saturday 20th \$55:00p/p

**Save the Date** - Inner Wheel A61 Annual Changeover to be held at the Black Tie Warragul Saturday 27th June 6:00 for 6;30 start

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

**Grand Bazaar:** Hosted by the Inner Wheel Club of Narre Warren 28th November Pink Hill Hotel Beaconsfield

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