



INNER WHEEL CLUB OF PAKENHAM

FRIENDSHIP BOUQUET



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FROM THE PRESIDENT



Hello members.

Well it certainly feels like spring is in the air. Wattle trees are blooming, days are getting longer, the grass is starting to grow and of course, Football & Netball finals are in process.

Eleven members attended the District Craft and Chatter day last Saturday and they all had a great time with plenty of chatter and some new craft skills learnt. Thanks to them for representing our club.

I have followed the Grandkids in Football and Netball and two had finals on Saturday, so couldn't make the Craft day.

Details of the club's 40th birthday on September 20th are well underway under the guidance of Marcia and her committee. It is sure to be an amazing day. Thanks you Marcia for your time and effort.

Marlene, Alwyn and I attended the Current and Past President's luncheon at the Railway Hotel. It was a good to get to talk to other Presidents and members of district and always good to not have to prepare lunch. The A62 District Chairman spoke about a survey she has prepared for each club. It will be discussed at the meeting this month. Please take the time to read it and answer the questions.

Next meeting will be our A62 District Chairman's visit to our club and we will be preparing lunch for Judy and Chris after the meeting.

October is when the Inner Wheel Conference will be held in Maroochydore. For the members and partners who are attending, I hope we have a fun social time, meet new friends and also learn a bit more about Inner Wheel. Hope the warm weather is warm.

FROM THE PRESIDENT



Please check out the **attendance folders** as we have a number of events organised before the end of the year and always be on the lookout for new members.

Best wishes to Members, Members partners who are not feeling the best at the moment.

Yours in Friendship

Jan

President

Objects and Collect

Pam Chalmers

Lighting the Flame of Friendship

Barbara Durand

Extinguishing the Flame of Friendship

Pat Harman

Venue for the Inner Wheel Conference—Maroochydore RSL



AUGUST MEETING



The Guest Speaker at our August meeting was Sharon Ling from the Bless Collective. Sharon spoke on the work done by the Bless Collective in helping Women and Children at risk plus anyone who is experiencing difficult times. Meals are cooked and served every Thursday night by volunteers at the Pakenham Library. The Bless collective also gives out groceries and fresh produce from their base in Officer. They are supported by the Baptist Church, and by donations and they occasionally receive a grant. Immediate Past President Alwyn Williams thanked Sharon and her two students for attending our meeting and giving such an interesting overview of the Work of the Bless Collective.

See photo of President Jan lighting the Flame of Friendship, Marica winning the Queen's Wild and Joy extinguishing the Flame



Follow Bless Collective

Sharon Ling spoke to us about the work she and 109 volunteers do for the local community. Based in Tivendale Rd, Officer, their mission is "To strengthen the community by providing collective services, programs, support and genuine love to

those who are undervalued, isolated, and disadvantaged within the Cardinia Shire

and beyond". Sharon told us of the meals they provide on a Thursday evening in the Pakenham

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I think we were all horrified by the statistics and circumstances quoted, but uplifted by the work being done by Sharon and her colleagues. The group is supported by the Follow Baptist Church in Officer. They get no government funding but are supported by groups like ours, grants and a number of local organisations.

Learn more from their website: <https://bless.org.au/>



CANBERRA CHARTER



Report on the Charter of the IWC Canberra

Sue & George Blenkhorn with Sue's sister, Anne, attended the Charter Luncheon, of the IWC Canberra on Saturday 8 th August, in the Canberra Labor Club. A62 was well represented with IWA President, Yvonne Romp & Clive,

Immediate Past President IIW, Kay Morland & Terry & National Project Coordinator, Erica Peck & Greg in attendance.

Yvonne inducted the enthusiastic Canberra Club members.

On behalf of our club President, Jan Ahern, & ur club members, I presented the Charter President, Coralia Cortez-Clark, with our club banner.



Photo on the right Sue presenting Charter President Coralia Cortez - Clark, with our Club Banner.

Photo below shows members of Inner Wheel at the Charter lunch of the IWC of Canberra

Thanks to Erica Peck for the Photos





Thankyou Club Editor, Pam, for the August Edition of our club's "Friendship Bouquet". I forwarded it to my IIW Contacts

News from Rachel Moen, IWC Toulon, France

Hi Sue, Yes we intend to book for the convention! Which hotel have you booked? I will look at the proposed accommodation!

I have on with my hotmail Use rjemoen@gmail.com

Love Rachel and Dag

I replied, Hi Rachel, We have booked the Belmont Hotel for 5 nights

We will do a tour either before or afterwards. Will you extend your stay?

Love Sue & George

News from Ilmy van der Ster, IWC Haarlem, Netherlands

Dear Sue, Thank you very much for your latest Bouquet. As always filled with interesting news over the club projects, the changeovers and illustrated with colourful photos.

Exciting that you plan to go to the Convention. So far nobody of Club Haarlem is going.

In my club we are busy starting a new IW Club Haarlem NXT, meant for a younger generation. It will be an evening club and therefor suitable for working women.

The idea is to combine our forces. Let's hope we can give meaning to our international theme Grow & Flourish.

The end of August our club meetings will start again. We have had a wonderful summer with lots of sunshine.

Warm friendship greetings for you and your club members, Ilmy



A62 District International Project 2026- 2028



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I am delighted to let you know that, at the June A62 District meeting, our club's proposal for "Free 3 D Hands" was announced as the A62 District International project for next two years. The voting was very close as all the nominated projects were worthwhile.

Pat, Jenny, Bron K & I will organise another Progressive Restaurant dinner to raise funds for this Project. We welcome input from all members. The date is Wednesday 24th February, 2027. We would love to see you join us for this special fundraiser.

Immediate Past IIW President Kay's partner Terry was delighted to act as conduit between Matt Bowtel (from Free 3 D hands) and people in Sri Lanka who needed Prosthetic Upper Limbs. Terry accompanied Kay when she visited a group of people in Sri Lanka who had lost limbs due to the conflict with the Tamil Tigers. These people who had lost limbs had access to lower limb artificial legs but had no contact details re upper limb replacements. Terry shared this news at our club Changeover.

Terry is speaking at the Rotary club of Pakenham on Tuesday 1st September on his journey with Kay as she travelled the world as IIW President. All members of our Inner Wheel club are invited to join the Rotary meeting to listen to Terry.

The Rotary Club of Pakenham meet at the Cardinia Club at 6.15pm for 6.45. If you would like a meal you can order it before the meeting



INTERNATIONAL SERVICE



News from Irianna the IWC Intramuros Lumina, in the Philippines

Dear ISO Sue,

Warm greetings from the Inner Wheel Club of Intramuros Lumina!

Thank you for sharing the wonderful projects of IWC Pakenham and your District. We are truly inspired by the meaningful work you are doing, particularly the Free 3D Hands Project.

We would also like to share our flagship initiative, Project ABLE – Achieve, Believe, Learn & Empower, which supports SPED (Special Education) learners of Dagat-Dagatan Elementary School in Navotas City. These learners have diverse learning needs and conditions, including autism spectrum disorder, intellectual and developmental disabilities, Down syndrome, hearing or visual impairments, and other conditions that may require specialized educational support.

Last year, we conducted hands-on baking activities and provided baking materials, school supplies, and two ovens to help the learners develop practical life and livelihood skills. Seeing their enthusiasm and potential inspired us to make the project more sustainable.

This year, as we celebrate our First Charter Anniversary, we are working toward building a dedicated SPED Baking Room where our learners can continuously develop their baking and food preparation skills while building confidence, independence, and opportunities for future livelihood.

Through Project ABLE, we hope to give each learner the opportunity to discover what they can achieve when provided with the right support,

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We look forward to exchanging more projects and ideas and strengthening the friendship between IWC Pakenham and IWC Intramuros Lumina

Yours in Inner Wheel Friendship,

Arianne Francisco, ISO

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DISTRICT 381**



BIRTHDAYS FOR SEPTEMBER



11th September Pauline Morris

112th September—Joy de Jong

Joy is celebrating her special “O” birthday

Ladies enjoy your special day

Their personality traits mean that they are driven to be successful in whatever they are passionate about, and they generally make it there.

While they might make it look easy from the outside, their success is not without struggle.

They are characteristically perfectionists and self-critical.

This drives them forward to work harder, but can also result in a bit of inner turmoil. Not that anyone would ever know.

Virgos are consummate actors and only show people what they want them to see, they keep everything else locked up behind closed doors.



MORNING COFFEE



This month we enjoyed Morning Coffee at Ovenscraft. The Club haven't visited this spot for quite a while and enjoyed the venue and service provided by the Staff. We had a large gathering and I am sure everyone enjoyed the morning participating in laughter and companionship of the morning. Thank you Maureen for organizing the morning



DISTRICT CRAFT DAY AT DROUIN



Twelve members from IW Club Pakenham joined many friends for the Annual A62 Craft & Chatter Day at Drouin on Saturday. After stopping for the mandatory Coffee stop at Sherwood Orchard. Lots of activities to do or you just do your own thing. A great day was had by all.



CIRCLE OF FRIENDS BOOK CLUB



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

In August, the group met at Marilyn's home in Berwick to discuss "Sisters Under the Rising Sun" by Heather Morris. It was a full house with 10 members attending including Alwyn, Bronwyn, Jenny Rice, Joy Board, Joy de Jong, Judy Giles, Kaye Armstrong, Marilyn van Diemen, Tania Hansen and me. It was a record to have all members able to make it to the get together and perhaps it had something to do with the book too.

We have read several books written by Heather Morris, including "The Tattooist of Auschwitz", over the years and this one was a standout and did create lots of discussion.

The group decided that it was a very worthy read to gain insight into the women and their conditions who were Prisoners of War, it is quite upsetting at times. The book was a more personal story to several members, who knew Sister Wilma Oram from Cardinia. Wilma often spoke at Anzac Day and Remembrance ceremonies, including schools and community events as an awareness raising exercise. Wilma married and became Wilma Young in later years; she is the Mother of past Cardinia Councillor David Young.

It was felt that it may be necessary to be selective to whom this book was recommended too.

This month, on Thursday 10th September, we will be meeting at Joy Board's home in Pakenham to discuss "The Fallen Woman" by Fiona McIntosh.

Happy Reading 😊

Cheers Helen
Circle of Friends Book Club Coordinator 2026

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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 3rd of September 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 30th August—Pauline Morris & Barb Durand

Sunday 13th September —Marlene Burhop & Jenny Watson

Sew and Chatter

9th September

14th October

18th November

9th December—Christmas breakup lunch

Movies— to be advised at the meeting

Morning Coffee—10:00am Thursday 17th September at Ferguson Plarre Arena Shopping Centre

Joy de Jong's "0" Birthday—Friday 11th September 12 midday at the home of Alwyn Williams —Members to bring a Plate

40th Birthday Celebrations Sunday 20th September Cist \$30:00 per person

A62 District Chairmans Visit —Thursday 1st October

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

Pink Ribbon Breakfast — Thursday 26th of November at Russo's Orchard Cost \$40:00 per Person

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