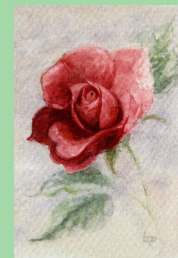




INNER WHEEL CLUB OF PAKENHAM

FRIENDSHIP BOUQUET



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FROM THE PRESIDENT



Hello members.

The Ahern house has been battling with a very bad bout of the Influenza, but with our trip to Maroochydore not far away now maybe some warmer weather will help us get better.

The club's 40th birthday celebration September 20th was such an amazing day. The room at Lincoln Place Officer was decorated with balloons, and plenty of glitter, under the guidance of Marcia and her committee. Highlight of the day was Deb's roving Mike. Soup and sandwiches and hot food for lunch and Slices and a birthday cake made up of 40 cupcakes went down a treat. Thank you to Marcia, Deb, Pam, Marlene, & Anne for your time and effort. You all did an outstanding job putting the afternoon together.

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.

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

SEPTEMBER MEETING



At our September meeting, we welcomed Lachlan Groh, Head of Experiential Education, together with Mia, a trainee Outdoor Educator, and student Seisia de la Rue, who had recently returned from Timor-Leste.

Before embarking on the trip, Seisia was required to fundraise, Seisia raised her money by taking orders and baking banana bread.

Beaconhills College encourages all students to become resilient and aware that some members of the community are less fortunate than they are. Students are encouraged to support community organisations on a regular basis.

Beacon Explorers is an outdoor education and experimental learning program run by Beaconhills college.

It was a proud grandmother moment for our President, Jan, as Seisia is her granddaughter.



40TH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS



40th Anniversary of the Charter of the Inner Wheel Club of Pakenham

On Sunday the 20th September we celebrated our 40th Birthday of our Charter. The actual date of our Charter is the 10th of October, but with many members going to the IWA Conference we decided to hold it a little earlier. Members and partners, past members IW Clubs from District A62 and friends joined together to celebrate this wonderful occasion.

We were very privileged to have our Immediate Past IIW President Kay Morland, IWA President Yvonne Romp and District A62 Judy Degnan present.

It was held at the Lincoln Place Lodge main room in Officer, the theme for the day was Pink and Silver. The tables looked beautiful with silver holders and pink and silver balloons with little glasses and tealights completing the look. A light lunch was served all provided by our own members.

The birthday cake was pink cupcakes and displayed in the number 40.

Our entertainment was a young singer Cecily de Gooyer, a granddaughter of a past member Bev de Gooyer. She beautifully sang songs from musical theatre. We look forward in following her career, well done Cecily !!

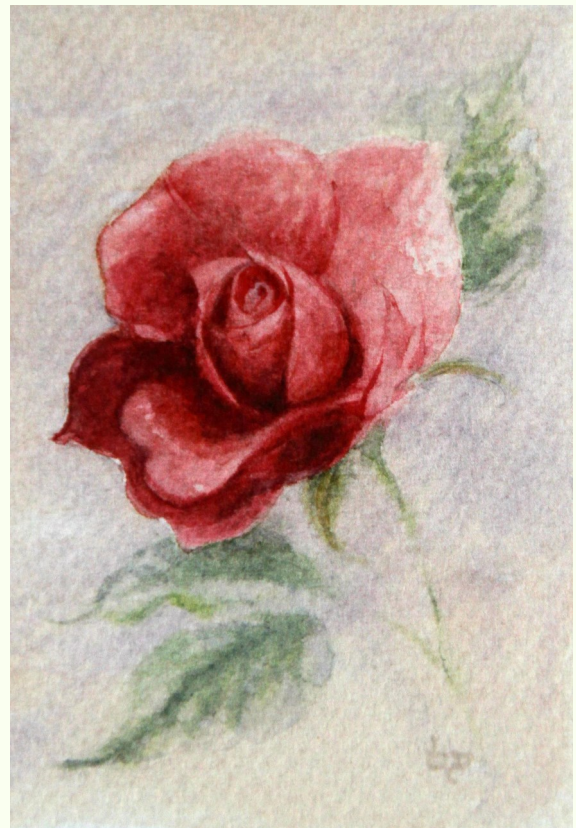
Well done everyone and wonderful day to remember

This Quote sums up Inner Wheel beautifully:

*"Find a group of People who Challenge and inspire you:
Spend a lot of time with them and it will change your life"*

Amy Peohler

- Marcia Rook



40TH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS



Deb James, Marcia Rook, Jan Ahern (President & Anne Sheean



Alwyn Williams & Cecily de Gooyer

40TH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS



Yvonne Romp Kay Morland and Judy Degnam



Members of the Inner Wheel Club of Warragul

40TH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS



Members of the Inner Wheel Club of Narre Warren



Members of the Inner Wheel Club of Pakenham

A BRIEF HISTORY OF OUR CLUB



On **April 10th 1986** a meeting was held at the home of Pam Doherty to discuss the possibility of forming an **IW Club in Pakenham**.

A number of people attended this meeting including 3 members of the IW Club of Berwick - Pam Doherty, Marg Slattery and Anne Boon

Gwen Hardy, June Smith & Pat Taylor from District also attended this meeting.

These ladies outlined the procedures necessary to form a New Club.

Much discussion ensued.

THE REST IS HISTORY!!!! The IW Club of Pakenham was formed!!!

On the **10th of October 1986** an evening was held at Melaleuca Lodge Beaconsfield to formalise The IW Club of Pakenham.

We had 17 Charter members, 15 attended that evening

District A61 Chairman Nannette Barr inducted the members:

Pam Doherty,

Marcia Rook

Anne Sheean

Nelly Drossaret

Loris Begg

Joy Russo

Ann Boon

Helen Boon

Marg Slattery

Judy Board

Alma Elliott

Doreen Green

Shirley Hewson

Pat Lempriere-Hogg

Betty Pritchard

Cheryl Shelton

Dianne Wilson



We started holding our meetings in members' homes, then moved to Pakenham Springs School Staff Room and now we meet at The Pakenham RSL rooms.

Members of the Rotary Club of Pakenham have been very supportive throughout the years working closely with us on a number of events.

District A61 was divided into two in 1995-96 and our club then became part of A62

A BRIEF HISTORY OF OUR CLUB



Many friendships have been formed over the years, through District, IWA and International Inner Wheel. We correspond with many international Clubs thanks to our ISO Sue Blenkhorn.

Our main aim is to have fun and make strong Friendships and to serve the Community.

Some of our Main Projects over the years have been -

Cord Blood Research

Pink Ribbon

Local Community and Charities

District & International Projects

Daffodil Day

Days for Girls and at present our sewing group are making fiddle blankets for aged care homes

Backpack 4 Kid

Red Cross Blood Bank..... just to name a few

Late last year we participated in a successful walk – to raise awareness for ‘Orange the World’ we are at present planning for this year’s Walk in November.

We have supported MND for a number of years following the loss of Rotarian Roly Harman and then our own member Betty Pritchard.

Betty was a Past President of our Club and she gave each member of her executive a beautiful framed picture of a Red Rose that she had painted.

After her passing it was decided to produce cards with Betty’s Rose on the front of the card. Which we are still selling with proceeds going to MND.

‘A LASTING LEGACY’

Betty also designed the District A62 Banner.

Our own Club Banner also has a tapestry of the “Rose” beautifully reproduced by our members Alwyn Williams and Alma Elliott.

After 40 years we have 3 Charter members still in our Club.

Over the past 40 years there have been in excess of 70 members. Currently we have 23



INTERNATIONAL SERVICE



International Service Officers Report for October

From Sue Blenkhorn

Thanks to club Editor, Pam Chalmers, I forwarded our club's September "Friendship Bouquet" to my IIW Contacts

Club Secretary Marlene forwarded to me a request from Reema, who is an IW member from India. Reema was staying in Melbourne and requested information re an IW club meeting next week. *I emailed her with contacts of IW Clubs who were due to meet the following week.*

Reema replied

Hi Sue,

Much appreciate your help. Yes, I got in touch with one of the Inner Wheel Club & would be attending the meet soon. Tqsm for your prompt reply.

Regards, Reema

News from Ilmy, IWC Haarlem, Netherlands

Ilmy wrote: Dear Sue,

Thank you very much for your latest Bouquet, filled with interesting club activities. Amazing how many projects you all are working on.

You are heading for a festive celebration on the 20th of September. Happy 40th birthday! May you all add many more years of friendship and community service.

Looking forward to your pictures.

Warm greetings, Ilmy van der Ster

CHEERS TO 40 YEARS 🥂🍷



I forwarded an Email to Ilmy thanking her for her 40th Birthday wishes for our club. Unfortunately, I will be away on holiday & so will miss the official celebrations.

INTERNATIONAL SERVICE REPORT



However, I am sure there will be lots of Photos taken on the day so we can both celebrate from afar.

Ilmy Replied Dear Sue,

What a wonderful trip will you soon be making with George. Visiting so many African countries will be for sure very interesting.

You two are really globetrotters. Where do you start your cruise?

Wishing you both lots of fun and a safe trip.

Warm friendship greetings, Ilmy

I replied to Ilmy giving her our African tour schedule

I am forwarding this report to Pam so that it can be included in our clubs October edition of the "Friendship Bouquet". I apologise to any IIW Clubs who have contacted me after today as my Internet connection will be very limited on my holiday. I will include all correspondence to clubs received after today in my November ISO Report.

A62 District International Project "Free 3 D Hands"

I contacted Matt Bowtell at Free 3 D Hands to see if I could arrange a visit for IW Members.

Caroline Wright replied

Hi Susan,

Thank you so much for your lovely email. We are incredibly grateful for the wonderful support we receive through Inner Wheel. It is thanks to the generosity and commitment of members like yours that we are able to continue the work we do, and we truly appreciate it.

There is certainly no need to wait until our next Open Day. We would be delighted to arrange a private tour for you and your group on a day that is most convenient for you. If you could send through a couple of dates that work well for you, we will do our best to accommodate your preferences.

We look forward to hearing from you and hopefully welcoming you and your group for a visit soon.

Thank you again and kind regards,

Caroline Wright

Operations Manager

(Tuesdays, Wednesdays & Thursdays)



FREE 3D HANDS

JOY'S "O" BIRTHDAY



On Friday 11th September, members gathered at the home of Past President Alwyn Williams to participate in the "O" birthday celebrations for our member Joy de Jong. The day was a beautiful Spring day and members enjoyed friendship and a wonderful array of tasty morsels Maureen made the Birthday cake which was wonderful. I am sure Joy and all members enjoyed the day.





Members celebrating their birthday for the month of October are:-

3rd October—Jenny Watson

17th October—Marcia Rook

Libra women are known for their charm and sociability, often making friends easily and thriving in social settings. They are naturally diplomatic, able to mediate conflicts and create harmonious environments, reflecting their strong sense of fairness and justice. Represented by the Scales, they instinctively seek balance and equilibrium, avoiding negativity and valuing calm, even-keeled surroundings. Their ruling planet, Venus, gives them a love for beauty, aesthetics, and romance, making them attentive to style, art, and personal appearance.

Happy birthday Ladies

Enjoy your special day





Another wonderful sewing day despite low numbers due to illness and holidays, but with the numbers we had there was the usual chatter and clatter from the machines. Last month Lyn Martin President of the Warragul inner Wheel club came along to see what we produce and how the items we produce are used in local Aged Care facilities and Monash Health. We have the regular sewers with Sue Blenkhorn coming to sew. Wonderful Pat keeping us hydrated, ironing done, and sewing decorations on to arm warmers.

Sue Rasmussen has returned from holidays and took charge of the cutting needed. Alma is always there to keep us on track, so with lots of chatter and laughter a good time was had. We have completed enough to make another delivery to the residence in Pakenham.

Due to Remembrance day coinciding with our sewing day, we have changed the date until the November 18th will be the sewing day.

-Bronwyn Kennett



MORNING COFFEE



A small group of members attended morning coffee held at Ferguson Plarre at the Arena shopping centre once again we shared lively conversation and friendly banter

- Pam Chalmers



CIRCLE OF FRIENDS BOOK CLUB



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

In September, the group met at Joy Board's home in Pakenham to discuss "The Fallen Woman" by Fiona McIntosh. It was a very well attended get together, with only 2 members away due to holidays and medical issues.

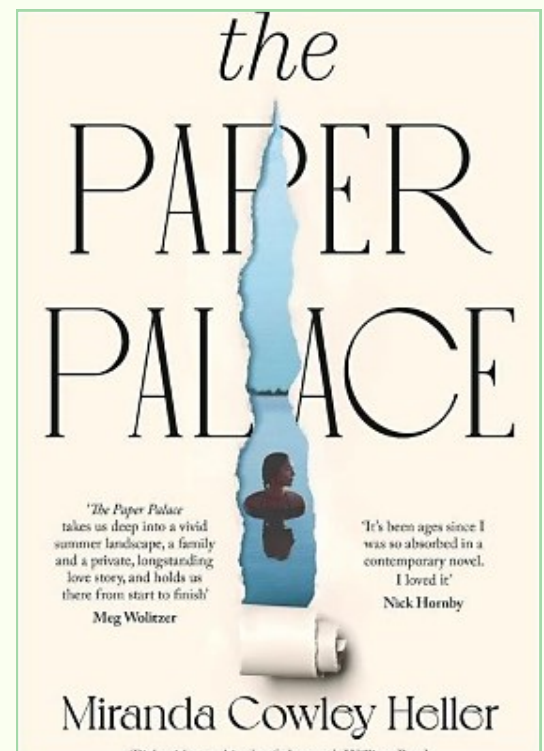
We have not read and discussed, as a group, any other books by Fiona McIntosh. However, we think this may be about to change.

The group decided that it was an enjoyable, romantic and historical novel. It showed insights into the lives of women at that time, and the lack of alternatives if they didn't marry into a wealthy family. The descriptions of colour and botany were a delight! And of course, the APPLE. Recommend to all.

This month, on Thursday 8th October, we will be meeting at the van Diemen's home in Pakenham Upper to discuss "The Paper Palace" by Miranda Cowley Heller.

Happy Reading 😊

Cheers Helen
Circle of Friends Book Club Coordinator 2026



PINK RIBBON BREAKFAST



Inner Wheel Club of PAKENHAM

is holding a

PINK RIBBON Breakfast

Thursday

26TH NOVEMBER 2026

*Guest Speaker
ANITA HYNES*

COST: \$40.00

*to be held at:
Bellevue Farm Gate
544 Brown Rd, Pakenham*

TIME: 9.30AM

rsvp: 13th November 2026

to: iiw.au.pakenham@gmail.com

Please pay into IW Bank account

BSB: 633108

Account: 105565816

Please bring a friend along to this wonderful occasion



The Inner Wheel Club of Bairnsdale

PRESENTS
**CRAFT
& BLOOM**



CRAFT, PLANTS, MARKET STALLS & MORE



Saturday of Melbourne Cup Weekend

31st October 2026 - 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Mechanic's Hall

Lakes Entrance

SEE YOU THERE!

FREE ENTRY



Morning tea and Lunch available



Contact: iiw.au.bairnsdale@gmail.com



Save the Date

The Inner Wheel Club of
PAKENHAM

presents



INNER WHEEL
UNITE IN ACTION
HER SAFETY
OUR PRIORITY

A COMMUNITY WALK *to raise awareness of* DOMESTIC VIOLENCE



WEDNESDAY
25TH NOVEMBER 2026



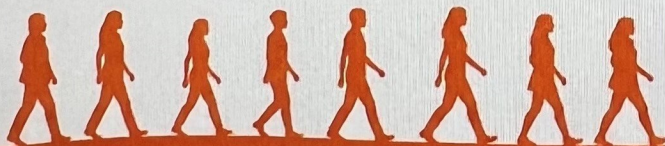
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LAKESIDE PAKENHAM



International Inner Wheel supporting the United Nations campaign
"16 DAYS OF ACTIVISM AGAINST GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE"



Together, let's walk for change, for respect, for a safer future.

#OrangeTheWorld #EndViolenceAgainstWomen

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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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SAVE THE DATE

The combined meeting for the Inner Wheel Clubs of Berwick, Narre Warren, Cranbourne & Pakenham will be held on Monday 5th April, 2027.

The Inner Wheel Club of Berwick will be hosting this year.

Guest Speaker will be Immediate Past International President Kay Morland

Venue and costs will be advised in due course.

We look forward to a great night

DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES



Inner Wheel Meeting—Thursday 1st of October 9:30 for a 10:00am start at the RSL Hall corner of James and Snodgrass Street Pakenham We will be welcoming the District Chairman Judy and District Secretary Chris Lunch to follow at the RSL

Trading Table

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

Paddy's Kitchen

Sunday –27th September -

Sunday -4th October

Sunday –18th October

Sunday—1st November

Sew and Chatter

14th October

18th November

9th December—Christmas breakup lunch

Movies— to be advised at the meeting

Morning Coffee—10:00am 15th October at Nancy's

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

Oaks Day Luncheon Thursday 5th November—Officer Sport Club Cost \$60:00 per person

Orange the World— Walk Date Wednesday 25th November

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

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

IWC Pakenham Christmas Party—Thursday 3rd December

Bunnings BBQ Sunday 27th December

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