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Goodbye and Thank you from IIW 2018 Melbourne

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Dear IW friends,

On behalf of Team Melbourne, thank you for travelling Down Under to join us in Melbourne, Australia, for the 17th Triennial International Inner Wheel 2018 Convention. Thank you for the positive feedback and wonderful messages we are receiving. Those who attended obviously enjoyed their Melbourne experience. Of over 1400 members in attendance, there were around 900 who travelled from 50 countries and geographical regions around the world to be with us, the rest were from all parts of Australia, as our host country. Many were first time IIW Convention attendees. They told us they are now 'hooked' and will certainly attend future IIW Conventions.

From all reports, the social and business programme inspired, motivated, educated and entertained, not only showcasing our Australian culture and warm, relaxed Aussie hospitality and sense of fun, but paying tribute to India, our President's homeland and homage to all nationalities and special Inner Wheel members in attendance. We know you returned home feeling fortunate and privileged to belong to such an extraordinary organisation of women.

All presenters who spoke at the Symposium and Special Saturday Business Session, delivered thought-provoking and inspirational presentations. We were particularly pleased to see so many younger members in attendance. The Young Gen speakers

clearly demonstrated the future of Inner Wheel is in good hands. The Business Session ran smoothly and the Proposals were debated with insightful comments.

We endeavoured to tailor our social programme, home hosting, tours and golf day to enable you to renew old friendships and to make lasting new friendships from around the globe. Our Welcome Ambassadors and Stewards shone making everyone feel so 'at home'.

The Opening and Closing Ceremonies were packed with memorable and varied highlights. Our social programme began with the Welcome Reception, where the smiles and chatter were a vibrant start. The weather gods smiled on our Friendship Dinner, which was a party night full of fun surprises, fabulous food, wine, dancing and fellowship. The bouncing kangaroo photos are hilarious. Our Melbourne Cup themed Gala Dinner was a glamorous affair with colourful jockeys, hats, flowers, stilt walkers, a refined menu and again an energetic dancefloor. The appearance of the \$200,000 Lexus Gold 2018 Melbourne Cup was a highlight for many.

Our sponsors and stall holders were delighted by your 'shopping skills' and support of their exhibits and products in our market place in the House of Friendship.

We trust that the programme and the speakers were able to provide you with the necessary motivation, inspiration and enjoyment, adding value to your Inner Wheel membership and decision to join us.

Thank you to you all for bringing with you your vibrant, positive energy and friendly smiles. You all embraced our convention programme (and each other) and helped us bring to life the true spirit of Inner Wheel.

Finally, thank you to Dr Kapila Gupta, the 50th President of International Inner Wheel for her strong and caring leadership and inspiring theme. The outstanding results of the Project and Poetry Competition were proof that the theme "Leave A Lasting Legacy", has resulted in extraordinary outcomes through Inner Wheel service around the world.

To my friends, the Local Convention Committee Anne, Marg, Lorraine, Pam and Nat Rep Marilyn, to all members of Inner Wheel Australia and to ICMSA for their professionalism and extraordinary support, thank you for your years of dedication and hard work, which helped to deliver the successful outcome we planned for, however the biggest thank you must go to every delegate - for without you making the decision to participate, our efforts would have been in vain.

Congratulations to India on their successful bid to host the 18th Triennial IIW Convention. See you in Jaipur in 2021!

A warm hug of Inner Wheel friendship and gratitude to you all,

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