



# NEWSLETTER



## From our President Jenny

Greetings everyone! Fresh or frozen, yet so ordinary and commonplace, bread is an essential and nourishing food item. It is a wonderful analogy about ourselves. How often do we regard ourselves as commonplace and ordinary? Yet God sees us differently. We are precious in His sight because we are forgiven and redeemed through Jesus' death. And Jesus Himself is the True Bread of Life sent from heaven for us.

And why I am I talking about bread? The theme for the next Convention at Warracknabeal is 'Bread of Life,' (John 6:33). All the details and reports are in this Newsletter.

Looking forward to seeing you there.



### President's Report for 2023:

#### 56th LWVT Convention

Warrnambool Trinity Guild, together with support from the Ayrford and Hawkesdale ladies, hosted the 56th Convention on Saturday 20th May. The theme of 'Patient Endurance' (Revelation 13 v 10b), underpinned the various presentations throughout the day.

Opening Worship was conducted by Pastor Heath Pukallus from Warrnambool after which Christine Sawyer, the congregational chairperson, welcomed everyone and gave a brief history of the Warrnambool congregation.

The Guest Speaker for the day, Pastor Matt Anker, Assistant to the Bishop for International Missions, spoke about the work that Lutheran Women are supporting in Malaysia, Thailand and Indonesia. Later as Chairman of the Board of Lutherans in Africa, he showed slides and talked about the work being done in USA, Australia, Canada and Finland to support the campus building program and training of pastors and teachers in Kenya. PowerPoint accompanied with explanatory notes about Hanna Schulz's work as a Bible translator in PNG, was both informative and uplifting. Maureen Turner, Vice President of LWA, delivered the annual report and spoke about the Lutheran Women magazine. Shirley Jorgensen reported \$5500 had been raised from Stamp sales and introduced Janet Dittrich whom she is mentoring, as our next stamp collector.

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Pastor Lucas Matuschka, LWVT Spiritual Advisor, conducted the Bible Study based on *Patient Endurance*. He reminded us that while the people of God constantly face attack by the devil, the world and our sinful selves, the struggle is won by fixing our eyes on Christ who has done everything for us. We need to remain under the umbrella of God's protection, be patient and take Him at His Word.

Entertainment was provided by Greg and Helen Noll and then the Warrnambool ladies, all singing beautiful hymns. For some lightheartedness, everyone enjoyed singing and doing the actions to Father Abraham. A display of banners hanging in the church with explanations about them, provided extra interest.



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# LUTHERAN WOMEN OF VICTORIA & TASMANIA

## LWVT President's Report (cont.)

To close the day, Bishop Lester Priebbenow provided an update of church news and conducted the closing devotion and installation of the Exec. The convention offering of \$2010, was shared between Hanna Schulz's building project and International Missions.

### Zone Rally Days

*The Joy of the Lord is your Strength (Nehemiah 8:10)*, was the theme for the Western Zone Fellowship day held at Hamilton on 21st March. Eight guilds were represented with 33 in attendance. Singing joyful hymns, listening to humorous anecdotes followed by Pastor David Wear's Bible Study entitled 'Christian Joy', had everyone feeling joyfully joyful. We were introduced to Melissa Evans, Principal of Good Shepherd College. After telling us about herself, Melissa outlined the College activities and the year's theme of 'Unlimited Possibilities'. Later in the day, Lorraine Wilson, spoke about the work of VIEW which supports the Smith Family charity group. The offering was donated to the Smith Family. To complete the day's entertainment, the choir from Good Shepherd Junior Campus sang a number of amusing songs followed by Amity and Emmanuel Cheng who played a recorder and piano duet - an apt way in which to finish a truly joyous day.

Later in the year, 50 people attended the 55th Wimmera Mallee Zone Rally at Rainbow on Thursday 31st August. Pastor Lucas conducted the opening service with Pastor Levi Graham leading the Bible Study based on the theme 'Sentinels of Hope' (Isaiah 62:11). Helen Heinrich spoke about her involvement with the Burrumbuttock Hay runners and Riverina Outback Rally. John Keller spoke about his experiences when travelling on mission trips to Cambodia, Thailand, Laos, Myanmar and Bhutan. His stories were enthralling with much thankfulness to God for His protection while travelling and working in these countries. For the afternoon devotion, the Zone exec presented a dramatic and humorous portrayal of the wives of Moses, Joshua, Jonah, Noah and Jacob called *What Did They DO?* The offering was donated to the Tandara/ Araluen Camp Internship Program.

### LWA Mid Term Council Meeting

In late July, Annie Gellert and I attended the LWA Mid Term Council meeting at the LLL offices in Adelaide. How wonderful it was to meet face to face with the LWA executive and other State representatives to learn more about the valued service of Lutheran Women throughout Australia. A considerable amount of time was spent working on the draft LWA Constitution and planning the LWA Convention to be held at Unity College in Murray Bridge on Wednesday 2nd October and Thursday 3rd October.

### A Day with the Lord

What a joy it was to attend *The Day with the Lord* event at Grovedale on Saturday, 14th October! The theme of *Patient Endurance and Faithfulness (Rev 13:10)* was adapted from Pastor Lucas' Bible Study from the Warrnambool Convention. Norma Koehne led the Bible Study which was split into three sections - what patient endurance means, why we need it and what it looks like for us, with plenty of time for discussion and reflection. Singing hymns, quizzes and skits gave us entertainment throughout the day. Jill Lange-Mohr, head of Geelong Lutheran College, reflected on her years in Lutheran Education and how a break in the corporate world gave her necessary leadership skills. The offering raised was donated to Pastor Fontani Ziliwu from Sundermann Theological Seminary, Indonesia to support him with his English Language studies in Adelaide.

On reflection, I am so thankful to God for His guidance and wisdom. To the Executive Committee, I thank you for your commitment to the Lutheran Women in Victoria and Tasmania and to everyone for your faithful and prayerful service in your guilds, fellowships and congregations.

*Jenny Gellert,*

LWVT President



## LWA President's Report to State Conventions, 2024

By the grace of God, we have journeyed through another year, coming together for times of Bible Study, fellowship, worship and in support of one another – in our home fellowships/guilds/groups and then at zone activities and state conventions and retreats – and also our communities. I pray that you have all been encouraged and supported by your attendance and participation.

Executive members were delighted to join with activities across the states throughout the year – Beryl Smith, attending LWNSW & ACT Convention in Jindera; Maureen Turner & Val Schild attending the LWSA/NT convention at Glenelg; Maureen Turner travelling to Warrnambool to be with LWVic & Tas ladies; Dianne Adams and myself making our way to be with the ladies of LWWA in Geraldton; and my travels by air, via Melbourne to Maroochydore on the Sunshine coast for the LWQ Convention/Retreat. Thankyou to all of the organising committees for each of these special days/weekends.

The mid-term meeting of the LWA Council was held in North Adelaide on 26 & 27 July 2023 at the Lutheran Laypeoples League, and our executive members and Counsellors were pleased to welcome two representatives from each state. Pastor John Gerhardy and Pastor Paul Fielke presented the opening and closing devotions, and provided valuable support to our discussions over the two days which saw us complete an update of the Constitution, and hear from representatives of various LWA Projects, and meet some of the officials from LCA National Office. Attention to financial matters, enabled the distribution of accumulated funds (totalling \$60,000) to various projects, the full details being provided in the October/November issue of the Lutheran Women Magazine.

\$10,000 from the Pastoral Ministry Students Assistance Fund has also been given to support the work of Pastor Julian Mazzeo, recently ordained as Pastor to the Adelaide Deaf Community Church whose worship base is Pilgrim Lutheran Church, Magill, SA.

Accumulated Funds in the ALC Pastoral Ministry Students Assistance Fund are invested in Term

Deposits with the LLL. With only a small number of students, call for assistance has been minimal. There is presently in excess of \$50,000 in this fund and we suggest that at this time, you may like to choose to direct your financial support to some of the other listed projects. The ALC Women's Auxiliary have chosen to go into recess while the review of the Lutheran church properties in North Adelaide continues. Only two units have been occupied by ALC student families, with all other units being commercially let and some also sold. So this project also requires minimal support at his time.

Through the pages of the Lutheran Women magazine, we have been kept informed of activities in the mission fields of South-East Asia and Papua New Guinea, which have continued through the generous support of you all throughout the year. Our treasurer Beryl Smith has advised that at 31 December, 2023 we have 2316 members, and a total of \$93,661.26 was distributed during 2023 to the LWA nominated projects. Thankyou for your generous 'mission hearts.'

Upon the invitation of Erin Kerber, from LCA International Mission, several of our executive members have been able to meet with representatives from projects supported in Indonesia and Malaysia. These representatives have extended their thanks for support given, and told us about further work in their respective churches.

We are indeed very blessed to be the recipients of a wonderful magazine for our organisation. Many thanks to the team of Grace Bock, Felicity Evans and Maureen Turner, who put together a most informative and encouraging publication, with the Devotions and Bible Studies lovingly prepared for us and especially appreciated when and where there are pastoral vacancies. Thankyou to Dee Simons for the devotions, and Pastor Peter Klemm, Sal Huckel and Anne Hansen for the studies on the "Fruits of the Spirit." Many hours are given by the editorial team – all voluntary – to provide this magazine. Thankyou also to the groups who share of their activities via the statelink pages. Last year you were made aware of

## LWA President's report (cont)

increasing costs – especially postage - which necessitated a rise in the subscription cost. Thankyou for your renewals, and please encourage on-going subscriptions or consider gifting a subscription.

The plans for the LWA Convention in Murray Bridge SA on 2-3 October are progressing well and you will be kept informed via the LW Magazine, together with news from executive members attending your conventions/retreats. In anticipation I thank newsletter editors in our states for also providing convention information. Registrations will be available on-line and paper registration forms will be available upon request. I look forward to seeing many of you at Murray Bridge, when you will hear from an array of guest speakers who will acknowledge our chosen theme of 'How great thou art' in their addresses to convention.

I thank you for your prayers and words of encouragement. I thank God for the faithful service of those who have been called to their heavenly home during this past year and pray that you are all given time and good health to serve as sisters in Christ for yet another year in His earthly kingdom.

*Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to Thee:*

*How great Thou art, how great Thou art!*

Great is the LORD! He is most worthy of praise! No one can measure his greatness. *Psalm 145:3 (NLT)*

God's blessings to you all.

Grace Kroehn, LWA President.

**WANT****MORE 2024 CONVENTION  
REGISTRATION FORMS?**

Go to: [www.vic.lca.org.au/news-and-events/coming-events/](http://www.vic.lca.org.au/news-and-events/coming-events/)

**NAMES FOR MEMORIAL CANDLES:**

It would greatly assist proceedings if we have the names for Memorial Candles prior to Convention.

Please email or phone Val Tischler:  
tischler.valerie.j@gmail.com or 0427 048 511

**LWVT WESTERN ZONE  
FELLOWSHIP DAY**

**"I have called you by name,  
you are Mine." Isaiah 43:1**

**Wednesday 10th April, 2024**

**Tarrington Lutheran Church Hall**

Hosted by: Tarrington/Warrayure Ladies

**11:30am:** Welcome, Devotion

**12 noon:** Lunch, followed by Bible Study,  
Guest speaker and offering.

It would be appreciated for those attending to please bring a plate of slice to share for lunch. (savoury provided)

Please wear your name badge.

**Everyone welcome**

**A Day with the Lord**

Hosted by: Portland/Heywood Lutheran Ladies Guild

At Portland Lutheran Church,  
Tyers St, Portland

**Thursday 14th March at 10 am**

All ladies welcome

Please bring a plate to share for lunch.

Margaret McGregor, secretary,

Ph 0419 326 148

**Edna Rudolph** 

17th January 1931 —

19th December 2023

Edna will be remembered

for her commitment

and involvement in

Lutheran Women

through her 9 years as Newsletter editor,

and her service on committees at Zone

and local levels.



## Treasurer's Report

LUTHERAN WOMEN OF VICTORIA & TASMANIA  
OPERATING ACCOUNTSUMMARY OF INCOME & EXPENDITURE  
1st January 2023 to 31st December 2023

|  |  |                |
|--|--|----------------|
| Credit balance brought forward at 01/01/23 |  | <b>8902.84</b> |
|--|--|----------------|

**INCOME**

|                                    |                  |                  |
|------------------------------------|------------------|------------------|
| Projects                           | 21,232.45        |                  |
| Administration                     | 9,396.00         |                  |
|                                    | <u>30,628.45</u> |                  |
| Administration in advance for 2024 | 949.00           |                  |
| Total received 2023                |                  | <b>31,577.45</b> |

**EXPENDITURE**

|                         |                  |                 |
|-------------------------|------------------|-----------------|
| Projects                | 22,232.45        |                 |
| Administration          | 8,851.18         |                 |
|                         | <u>31,083.63</u> |                 |
| Credit balance 31/12/23 |                  | <b>9,396.66</b> |

**SUMMARY**

|   |                        |                        |
|---|------------------------|------------------------|
| Credit balance brought forward 01/01/23               | 8,902.84               |                        |
| Loss for 2023   | - 455.18               |                        |
| <b><u>Credit balance at 31/12/23</u></b>              | <b><u>8,447.66</u></b> |                        |
| Plus administration in advance for 2024               | 949.00                 |                        |
| Funds in Westpac Community Solutions Account 31/12/23 |                        | <b><u>9,396.66</u></b> |

**LLL CASH RESERVE ACCOUNT**SUMMARY OF INCOME & EXPENDITURE  
1st January 2023 to 31st December 2023

|   |  |                 |
|---|--|-----------------|
| Credit balance brought forward 01/01/23 |  | <b>5.513.48</b> |
|---|--|-----------------|

**INCOME**

|  |                  |  |
|--|------------------|--|
| Transfer from LLL Retreat Account          | 10,781.51        |  |
| Transfer from Commonwealth Retreat Account | 2,732.00         |  |
| Interest received                          | 107.55           |  |
|  | <u>13,621.06</u> |  |

**EXPENDITURE**

|   |          |                         |
|---|----------|-------------------------|
| Lutherans in Africa                                     | 6,000.00 |                         |
| <b>LLL Cash Reserve Account credit balance 31/12/23</b> |          | <b><u>13,134.54</u></b> |

LWVT Office Bearers &amp; contact details

Local Accommodation



for LWVT Convention

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◆ AIR B&B WALLAN RETREAT,  
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◆ CARAVAN PARK,  
2 Lyle St, next to Warrack Motel, Self contained  
Cabins. Ring Andrew 0400 915 125

**PROPOSAL FOR CONVENTION**

That the subscription for the LWVT  
Newsletter be raised from \$4.00 to  
\$5.00 per member.

*SAVE THE DATE***LWA Convention****Theme: "How Great Thou Art"**

at Unity College,  
Owl Drive, Murray Bridge, SA  
from *Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2024*  
to *Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2024*

**LUTHERAN WOMEN REPORTER:**

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Annie would love to hear from you!



**LUTHERAN WOMEN  
OF VICTORIA  
& TASMANIA**

**LWVT 57th CONVENTION**

OUR REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH,  
WARRACKNABEAL

**“Bread of Life”,**

John 6:33

**“For the bread of God is the bread that comes  
down from heaven and gives life to the world.”**

All women and men of the church  
and visitors welcome.

FRIDAY NIGHT: 3 May 2024,  
from 5.30 pm onwards

Meal at The Creekside Hotel,  
4 Scott St, Warracknabeal

SATURDAY: 4 May 2024, 9 am—3.30 pm  
Food supplied by Warracknabeal Parish  
Ladies

Proposals for Convention should be sent to  
the Secretary Val Tischler  
tischler.valerie.j@gmail.com  
by **10 April, 2024**

**Payment Options:**

Direct Debit

Account Name: Lutheran Women of Victoria  
BSB: 033 625  
A/C No: 591 999

Reference: Your Name eg. Jane Smith  
Or Cheque or Money Order:

Payable to: Lutheran Women of Victoria

Send Registration Form and cheque/money  
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**By: 20 April 2024**

Please cut off the REGISTRATION FORM carefully.  
Bring the rest of your newsletter to Convention as it  
contains the reports and the proposed agenda.  
REGISTRATION helps the host with numbers for  
catering. If you decide to come at the last minute,  
you still will be most welcome.

**LWVT 57th CONVENTION**

**REGISTRATION FORM**

Name of fellowship: .....

**FRIDAY EVENING:** 3 May 2024, from 5.30 pm onward

Venue: The Creekside Hotel

4 Scott St, Warracknabeal

*(Please register so tables can be booked)*

Meal for those registering for Friday Night

Name/s

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**CONVENTION DAY:** Saturday 4 May 2024

Venue: Our Redeemer Lutheran Church,

233 Scott Street,

WARRACKNABEAL.

Registration 8.15 am for 9 am start

List individual name/s.

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Special Dietary Requirements:

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**COSTS:**

Friday Evening Meal - pay for your own meal ordered  
from the menu available at The Creekside Hotel

Saturday Morning Tea, Lunch - \$30

Afternoon Tea - Gold Coin Donation

PAYMENT BY:

DIRECT DEBIT

CHEQUE/MONEY ORDER

TOTAL PAID \$.....





## **LWVT 57<sup>TH</sup> CONVENTION**

**Saturday, 4th MAY, 2024**

Hosted by: **Warracknabeal Parish Ladies' Guilds**

**WARRACKNABEAL**

**"Bread of Life" John 6:33**

### **CONTACT PERSON—UPDATED LISTS**



Thank you for those people who have updated contact lists. These will be available at Convention. Those wishing to update, please email or phone Val Tischler at

tischler.valerie.j@gmail.com or 0427 048 511

What GIFTS and TALENTS has God given you? Are you a part of the LWVT future? Would you like to be involved in planning programs?

We need nominations to fill the following:  
LWVT Exec — vacancies of Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Assistant Secretary

If you can assist or for further information contact:

Annie Gellert, Nominations Coordinator  
Ph 0488 541 517.

### **NEXT NEWSLETTER DEADLINE**

Please forward articles to the Newsletter Editor  
by Friday 17<sup>th</sup> MAY 2023

## **LWVT 57th Convention Program**

### **MORNING**

8.15am Registration

9.00am Procession: Pastor John Weier & LWVT Executive

Theme: Hymn LH 837

Opening Worship: Pastor John Weier

Offering Hymn:

Welcome & Official opening

Greetings and Apologies

LWVT President's Report: Jenny Gellert

Business: Proposals

Election of Office Bearers

### **10.00 am MORNING TEA and FELLOWSHIP**

Hymn: LH 838

Bible Study: Pastor Lucas Matuschka

Speaker: Denise Meikle, Leprosy Mission knitting project

Presentation: Lutherans for Life

Treasurer's Report: Kerry Nolte

Announcements: Attendance Numbers

Table Grace—Hymn: LH 639

### **12.30pm LUNCH and FELLOWSHIP**

#### **AFTERNOON**

Hymn: LH 301

Memorial Candles Ceremony for past members

Memorial Hymn: LH 807

LWA President's Report:

Minute Sports

Presentation: Warracknabeal centenary

Entertainment:

Special thanks and presentations

Church News: Bishop Lester Priebbenow

Closing Devotion and Installation of LWVT

Executive: Bishop Lester Priebbenow

Hymn: 437

### **3.30pm AFTERNOON TEA and FELLOWSHIP**

*Please note the program listed above may be subject to change.*

**Christian books and cards** are for sale at Convention through **Jacobs Well Bookshop**