



President's Message

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2024 – what a year it's been as we celebrated a decade since the inception of IWF Australia! I began my term as President with a listening tour that resulted in some key decisions and highlighted future areas of focus for myself and the hard-working Board.

In line with our strategic priorities, we delivered:

- Strategic membership growth across all Chapters – we welcomed 33 new members and membership grew to 200!
- Meaningful connections – we held 38 events in 2024. 100% of you have attended at least one event, and most of you have joined in more than one. Events ranged from global IWF conferences, our National Symposium, local Dine Arounds and state-based events including the Emerging Women Leaders Program.
- International experiences – our largest Global Conference participation in NY where 27 members attended the IWF 50th Birthday.
- The best ever Symposium in August and recognition of IWF Australia's 10 year anniversary. 100 members attended the Melbourne Symposium – including 20 of the 33 new IWFA members.
- We held even more virtual events and around 18 members attended our cross-forum event with IWF Chicago in October.
- A sound balance sheet was in place.
- Dr Ngaree Blow became the first graduate of the inaugural IWFA Fellows Scholarship Program.
- Our first Spirit of Australia award recipient was Chris Gillies.

MISSION	Advancing Women's Leadership and Championing Equality Worldwide.
PURPOSE	Connect as Women. Grow as Leaders. Shape Leadership for the Future.
2024/25 STRATEGIC PRIORITIES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Empower our members to act as champions of equality and inclusive leadership. Deliver member satisfaction through national and international connectivity. Grow and diversify our membership with a focus on inclusion and accessibility. Empower the next generation of leaders. Successful stewardship of IWFA.
VALUES	We are inclusive and authentic. We build trust and nurture a safe and caring environment.