



# Be Connected

## January 2025

### FROM PRESIDENT JULIE



Wow! The first half of our Inner Wheel year has disappeared! I hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas. Happy New Year.

Since the middle of November, I have had the opportunity to visit five districts - A76, A77, A53, A54 and A50. I was made so welcome during my visit. Thank you to the members who opened their homes to me. Friendships were made and peals of laughter were heard at meetings and friendship nights. I was delighted to see so much enthusiasm for March into Membership and our National Project.



By the time this newsletter is distributed, many clubs and districts will have celebrated Inner Wheel Day. My club, FNQ Tablelands will be celebrating our wonderful organisation at our home on the Atherton Tablelands. Photos will be taken on this special day. Please make sure they are shown on social media and your newsletters.

I was tickled pink to be asked to Facetime members of the Pakenham Club holding their annual New Year's breakfast. As Alwyn's phone was passed around, I was able to wish many members a Happy New Year. This was a wonderful way to connect.

We have started preparing for the Executive February meeting. With more official district visits planned and clubs and districts organising committees for the next Inner Wheel year, the busyness continues around our country. I look forward to seeing and catching up with members in the months ahead.



*Julie B.*



### FROM VP CLARE

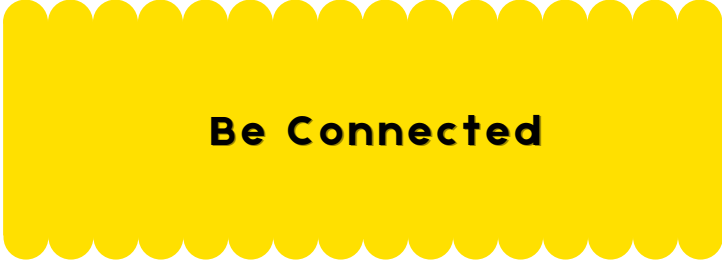
Well, here we are! 2025! I hope you were all able to celebrate the New Year and with your Inner Wheel friends on Inner Wheel Day. Before we know it, we'll be back to meetings and planning for the events ahead, so as we do, enjoy the time making memories with family and friends.

Plans are well under way for our Inner Wheel Australia changeover weekend, and you will receive an invitation to that in February. I am looking forward to seeing you there.

There will be more information coming very soon about our 2025 Conference in Corowa. Keep an eye out for that too. At IWA we also want to celebrate your special moments. So remember to let us know of any celebrations of particular note. And of course, send photos of the event to our newsletter Editor Sue, and our Media Manager Alwyn so we can all enjoy them.



**Clare**



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*Happy New Year*

**FROM IPP SUSAN**

Now that the Christmas and New Year celebrations are behind us it's time to focus on what's ahead. Hopefully your Club and/or District has something planned to support our March into Membership initiative. Don't panic, it doesn't have to be something big, or flamboyant, or costly – encouraging all your members to bring a friend to a meeting or social event or wearing your red Cord Blood shirt or club shirt at every opportunity are simple and effective ways of promoting Inner Wheel and encouraging conversation.

Do you have your **“30 second commercial”** ready to answer the question **“What is Inner Wheel?”** If not, take a few minutes now to think about how you would respond so you can give a confident answer. Don't forget to conclude by giving the person a brochure with your contact details inside. Bonus points if you manage to get their contact details!

Enjoy the rest of this Inner Wheel year and don't be afraid to grasp every opportunity to learn and contribute to your Club, your District and your community. There's a whole Inner Wheel world out there just waiting to be explored!

**“You can't add days to your life but you can add life to your days”**

Keep smiling!

*Susan ☺*



**FROM SECRETARY CHRISTINE**

The New Year 2025 has arrived and means getting ready for a busy 6 months. If you took on a new position no doubt it has been a steep learning curve. We are here to help. Does your RDP cover what you actually do? If not - amend it and send to me for updating. As our roles evolve so does our Roles, Duties and Procedures.

As the year begins we start to get ready for the 2025-26 Inner Wheel year. A couple of reminders. Please keep an eye on the due dates for Forms. **There is the online Directory update Forms 43 for Club Information and Form 44 for District Information with submissions closing 31 March.** Apologies for this process, as our new website is not yet live - we must persevere with what we have. This will form information for the 2025-2026 IWA Directory distributed at changeover.

To order your next year's directories you need to complete **Form 40 Clubs order due 25 February** and **Form 41 District orders due 15 March.** Please use the updated form found on the website (updated December 2024).

The latest edition **IIW Constitution 2024 IWA By-Laws** will be printed early this year and a free copy will be sent for the total number of members per club verified by capitation fees paid to IWA. If you want extra these can be ordered on **Form 47 Club due 25 February** or **Form 48 District due 15 March.**



Lots to keep you busy as a bee. **Cheers Secretary Christine.**



**FROM TREASURER JENNI**

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Welcome to 2025! Trusting that you have all recovered from the Christmas and New Year rush of activities. It is a wonderful time of year. I managed to avoid the pre-Christmas sales and the Boxing Day sales. However, the usual release of Hot Cross Buns on Boxing Day was too much! It wouldn't be such a bad thing if they didn't put the Cross on them until maybe just a month before Easter. They are, after all just a fruit bun. A highly spiced, delicious fruit bun!

A few things to highlight in January. IIW Treasurer, Rashmi conducted a Money Matters training session on 16 December 2024 via zoom. We were given lots of information. A copy of the session will be on the IIW website – Members' Portal, Training Documents section, soon.

**Update on the Not-for-Profit Self Review.** I have submitted the Review on behalf of IWA to the ATO. It was easy. Every Club/District with a current ABN needs to do this. I cannot advise you what box to tick – that is a decision for the Executive of your Club or District. Having said that I am happy to guide you through the process if you need a hand.

IIW fee increase has been passed at IIW Board meeting 4/10/24 of 15p for 2025-2026. As per P 19 of IIW Constitution 2021 - Dues. This is to be discussed at the February 2025 IWA Executive meeting.

***Remember "Each one, bring one"***

**Jenni**



**IWA Changeover - Gosford RSL - 20-22 June**

**IWA Conference - Corowa - 15-19 October**

