



## Be Connected

February 2025

### FROM PRESIDENT JULIE



February is a unique month, not just because it typically has 28 days, but also due to the celebration of Valentine's Day. This month presents the ideal opportunity to convey love and gratitude through meaningful projects. As clubs throughout Australia gather for meetings, our "kindhearted" members will be actively organizing events for our National Project - Walk 2 for 10.

Despite the heavy rain making roads impassable or hazardous, the IWA Executive chose to host the February meeting in Cairns. I am truly grateful to Susan and Clare for making the journey. With over 25 items on the agenda, we achieved a great deal together. My heartfelt appreciation goes to you all.

I need to share an excerpt from a friend's daughter's poem - I Love You. I Love You. I Love You. Her daughter is nearly 13. The whole poem was just so beautiful & inspirational.

**I love you like a storm before bed. I love you like a clear sky after rain for days on end. I love you like warm washing straight out from the dryer. I love you like the Milky Way. I love you like a glorious garden.**



*Julie B.*

### FROM VP CLARE

As our Inner Wheel year picks up speed and I return home after a very productive and busy week in Far North Qld with the the rest of the Executive Committee, I am excited for the year ahead.

January was a whirlwind of commitments around minding grandchildren whilst they were on school holidays, and Inner Wheel. I am very grateful to have had those opportunities.

February, of course, is the month where we celebrate love. Friends, family, fur-babies - we all need someone to love. and who loves us. And, as Inner Wheel Friends, let us all be mindful of those we know who have lost a loved one recently.

And speaking of love - I would **love** it if you can make it to the IWA changeover in Gosford on 20th & 21st June. Invitation, registration form and more details are heading your way very soon!



**Clare**





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FROM IPP SUSAN



*Valentine's Day is approaching and love is in the air!*

What do you  about Inner Wheel?

The friendships, the opportunities for personal service and personal development, the feeling of being part of something big - or is it something else?

Don't forget to share the love and share Inner Wheel!



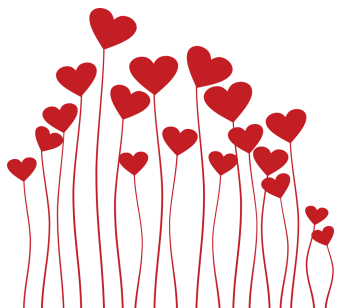
*Susan ☺*

**Two pint-sized preschoolers, best friends Reddy Weldon and Jax Rosebush, wanted to trick their teacher - nothing nasty, they simply wanted their teacher to not be able to tell them apart. There was just one minor technicality that neither of them realised: Reddy is black, and Jax is white. These two BFFs see way past each other's exterior colour, though. Jax just wanted the same haircut as his pal, Reddy, so they would look the same and therefore trick their teacher.**

**FROM SECRETARY CHRISTINE**

Are you all getting in the Vibe of 2025? Filling club and district positions! Remember positions can be shared, split and sometimes put on hold depending on your individual needs. Now is the time to organise a couple of minutes during your next district meeting to enlighten would-be position holders on what is involved to fill the various positions in our organisation and how Inner Wheel works. Julie will be on her visits and happy to help where needed.

Happy Valentine's Day.



**Christine.**





**FROM TREASURER JENNI**

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Valentine's Day for our family is always extra special as my Mother's Father was born on Valentine's Day in 1898. His name was James Valentine Brown! A Cockney who emigrated with his family to Australia in 1912. My memories of him are still clear, his big smile and great jokes! After the war he worked as a linesman for the PMG. Those were the days!

A lot of things have changed since then, and we must deal with more and more technology every day! As we all must embrace electronic banking, I would like to offer some suggestions when it comes to saving banking details of your contacts in your bank access.

**When saving bank details**, try to make it unique so that you will not confuse the details with another person or business. From my personal bank account, I transfer funds to my Inner Wheel Club, Inner Wheel District and Inner Wheel Australia conference accounts. In order NOT to get confused (although I have been known to do so from time to time) this is how I have set up my Inner Wheel contacts in my Bank:

· My IW Club, Trinity After Dark – Saved as TAD IWC - Reference I use is J Bennett

· My IW District, A76 – Saved as A76 IW - Reference I use is J Bennett TAD

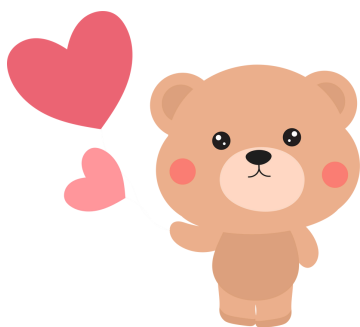
IW Conference accounts – I check the registration form as there are two – Reference for both accounts, is J Bennett TAD. These are the conference accounts: -

· Year of Conference 2025 – IWA Conf (Odd Year) – BSB 032539 Acc 489053

· Year of Conference 2026 – IWA Conf (Even Year) – BSB 032576 Acc 162930

Hope this helps anyone having trouble transferring funds to the correct account. And don't forget, please send an email to the Treasurer – Club, District or IWA to let them know that you have sent the funds.

Take care!



**Jenni**

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

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

