

Shirley Hope

IWNZ President 1996 - 1998

International Board Director 1998 – 1999 2000 - 2001



International Presidents Themes:

- 1996 – 1997 - *Look beyond yourselves, be involved*
- 1997 - 1998 – Together we are stronger

Inner Wheel New Zealand Conference:

Dunedin May 1998 – Dr Elizabeth Jones (Wales) – International Inner Wheel President

Highlights:

- Writing of the By Laws and District and Club Rules and publishing in book form. Many hours and much research was carried out by a team of experienced members of Inner Wheel to ensure accuracy - Cecile Pierce, Alison Dowson and Pat Caves. A time of great communication mainly by letter and phone. Teleconference calls were a feature of the communication link but proved frustrating.
- Council meetings were held in Christchurch with food provided by attendees hence the need for much baking prior, and careful transporting, to the meeting. The motel of an Inner Wheel member was used and a large dining room table borrowed. “Council meetings were very much Kiwi DIY events and, as such built wonderful camaraderie”
- National Project undertaken to furnish a room at the Heart House in Auckland. Clubs donated funds towards this initiative often providing more than was requested.
- District visits were the most satisfying and enjoyable occasions. I loved meeting so many members all over the country and experiencing their friendship and hospitality.
- Chartering of the Tokalau-Suva Club.
- Represented IWNZ at the charter of the Inner Wheel Club of Mana.
- Elizabeth Jones International President spoke at the conference about the acceptance of woman as members in de facto relationships. She motioned to the District Governor saying – if he really worked at it he could have his own Inner Wheel club”
- Carrying the IIW Presidents flag at the International Inner Wheel convention in Berlin (1997) at which Beth McNeil was International Inner Wheel President and hearing the New Zealand anthem played.



“My life is much richer for these experiences and for knowing these friends.”

