



**August 2021 IWNZ President | National Representative, Michelle Atkinson 2021-22**

Welcome to the first IWNZ Communicator news for 2021-22 year. This newsletter is being emailed directly to you, and every IWNZ member. It will be full of news and opportunities in Inner Wheel that may be of interest for you.

Every Inner Wheel member is a member of a Worldwide organisation of over 108,000 members in 104 Countries across the globe. By choosing to be an Inner Wheel member you have joined a worldwide group of women sharing friendship, service and international understanding.

It is up to you to choose how you want to connect with the wider Inner Wheel community. There are no obligations or expectations but the content of this Communicator may help to build connections and a feeling of belonging.

I personally have made many friends and connected with people from across the globe by being an Inner Wheel member and I hope that you can have opportunities to engage with others from outside your local Club too.

Over the first two months of the Inner Wheel year I have really enjoyed spending time with a variety of Clubs across the country in person and online. If you would like to follow some of my visits and experiences, I have set up a blog section on the IWNZ website. [You can visit The President's Post here.](#)

I have taken time to read every Club newsletter that comes into my inbox and respond to each Club Editor. There are some really amazing women out in our communities doing a wide range of service and friendship activities. If you are a Club Editor and you don't send your newsletter to [president@iwnz.org.nz](mailto:president@iwnz.org.nz) then I would really love to read it, so feel free to add me to your distribution list. In fact, if you check on the website Resources section under Club Tools you will be able to download a distribution list of people who would like to received your newsletters.

Whether your Club is 6 members that meet monthly for a meeting, craft session or lunch through to a Club that has over 50 members and hosts a range of activities, you are all doing great things and making a difference in the lives of everyone you connect with. So thank you for all you do and the important roles your Clubs undertake in your local communities.

As an Inner Wheel member do you "like" or "follow" the IWNZ social media channels? We are on Facebook and Instagram - Username [InnerWheelNZ](#). You can help us by liking and sharing our pages so that we can spread our messages across a wider community.

We were so fortunate to be able to meet last weekend as a National Governing Body. Your District Chairmen all participated in a wide range of discussions and shared ideas, which I know they are looking forward to share with you.

I look forward to (hopefully) travelling the country and visting you all at District meetings in the coming months... let's see what the future holds!



At this time we are all sitting in the middle of a Level 4 lockdown across New Zealand. The days and weeks ahead are uncertain but please stay safe and be kind as we all deal with this situation in our bubbles. Please reach out to your Club friends & family if you need someone to talk to or are struggling in any way. Kia Kaha.

It has been an active start to the year with a range of actions undertaken by all Clubs. I would like to send a massive **THANK YOU** to each and every Club who has contributed to building the National database and enabled us to achieve so much. Your efforts and assistance have been gratefully appreciated.



### Inner Wheel New Zealand Day "Walk & Talk"

1st September - A day to give IWNZ members an opportunity to "talk" about all aspects of our international organisation and a day to complement our International Inner Wheel Day. As September is also International Month in Inner Wheel, it may be an opportunity to share ideas and memories of international travels and friendships.

Clubs are encouraged to plan an activity focusing on members having fun, friendship and fellowship – and so - our Inner Wheel New Zealand Day - Walk and Talk Day - began on 1st September 2001.

This year, 2021, we Celebrate 20 years of IWNZ Day. What is your Club planning this year?



Please share photos and stories of IWNZ Day and International Month activities by emailing them to [media@iwnz.org.nz](mailto:media@iwnz.org.nz)

### Fiji Appeal

The COVID-19 emergency in Fiji is at chronic levels with over 41,000 cases reported since April 2021 and currently over 21,000 active cases in the community.

**THANK YOU** to all the Inner Wheel members and Clubs who have reached out to support this appeal. Your generous donation of \$10,000 is being sent to the [JP Bayly Trust](#) to enable them to purchase food and supplies which they will distribute to families in the greatest need.





Sunday sessions have been designed to be a voluntary opportunity for any IWNZ members to meet in an informal setting to share ideas and ask questions.



Held bimonthly as an online meeting to share friendship on a Sunday afternoon between 3-4pm



Each session has a theme that will be discussed.

To register : [www.innerwheel.org.nz/Events](http://www.innerwheel.org.nz/Events)

IWNZ Digital Education is a monthly series for training for all IW members covering a range of tools, tips and tricks for using technology.

To register you place in a Digital Ed session, you MUST log into the website. These sessions are ONLY available for IWNZ members to attend

These sessions are videoed and made available for viewing after the live event

#### SEPTEMBER DIGITAL EDUCATION -USING GOOGLE DRIVE & MAKING MEDIA SUBMISSIONS TO IWNZ

How to Use Google Drive to store and share files

What News we want Clubs to share

How to share News, activities and events to the IWNZ website

How to share News, activities and events to the IWNZ social media channels

Digital Ed sessions are held LIVE on the 1st Wednesday each month 4-5pm.



*We have been receiving some queries about the IWNZ website and why members now need to log into the system. Hopefully this will help clarify what is happening.*

#### How do I Log into the IWNZ Website?

*Every IWNZ member is registered on the IWNZ system as an individual.*

If you have not already logged in - here are some simple steps:

1. Go to the website - [www.innerwheel.org.nz](http://www.innerwheel.org.nz)
2. Click on the little "person" icon in the top right corner
3. Click "forgot password"
4. enter the email address you received this newsletter in.
5. Open your emails and follow the link in the email that will be sent to this address to set a password.

6. You can now log in using your password by clicking on the person icon in the top right corner.

Once you have logged in once, this process should become a lot easier for you in the future.

### **Why would I need to log into the website?**

For the majority of you, you will not need to log in - but here is what you will find once you do log in:

- The ability to log into IWNZ member only events.
- the Library of resources will open for you to see including:
- the IWNZ directory
- Resources including - membership tools, Club tools, Resources manuals, the IWNZ rule book, National Strategy resources, nomination forms, IW branding and publicity material.

The IWNZ resources section is constantly growing as we provide you with tools and ideas to help your Clubs flourish.



Over the coming months we will run some online training for Clubs in the use of these accounts. For a general member, you do not need to worry about logging into these.

We apologise to you all for any frustration and concern these have caused. In the long run the intention is to streamline and simplify Club roles and communications moving forward. It is a process and we appreciate your patience as we are all on a learning curve.

**Thank you** for your patience as these have taken some time to get up and going.

I would like to reassure everyone that the Club accounts will be rolling out in their functionality over the next 12 months or more.

The intention is for one account per Club to be a primary contact email account. We will be communicating directly with Clubs as to how these can be used effectively. We are just taking it slowly as some Clubs are still struggling to come online with these.

For general Club business and for your convenience, please continue doing what you already do! But ensure at least 1 person has logged into the account and is checking the inbox reasonably frequently.

### **Do you need technical assistance?**

If you are struggling with any of the technical issues either through logging into the website/database or using the Club [iwnz.org.nz](http://iwnz.org.nz) accounts, please do not hesitate to contact Arielle, the IWNZ Administrator on [admin@iwnz.org.nz](mailto:admin@iwnz.org.nz).

Arielle only works a few hours a week for IWNZ so she may not get back to you immediately, but she is responding to every request in a timely manner. She is very friendly and will do all she can to solve the problem for you.