



# Inner Wheel New Zealand Inc.

IIW Theme 2021/22 "Pink First"



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Dear Inner Wheel Friends in New Zealand,

By now you will be well aware of the situation in Fiji, with the latest COVID-19 outbreak rising exponentially since the beginning of this latest outbreak in April 2021. As of 13<sup>th</sup> July, there were 485 new cases, 10,512 confirmed active cases and 55 deaths. Over 70% of the population is now in lockdown and there is a desperate need for families to be fed and vaccinated.

IWNZ District NZ291 Club of Tokalau Suva is based in Fiji, and the Club and District have had an ongoing relationship with the JP Bayly Trust for many years. Members from the District have visited and seen first-hand the work that is happening within the medical clinic and welfare centre in Suva.

The JP Bayly Trust provides for the welfare of the less fortunate and needy giving basic, yet essential, medical, food, clothing and educational support to Fijian families and their children. The Trust has medical clinics operated by registered practitioners and provides free medical consultations and medication to just over 400 families who are permanently registered with each centre. Their education centres are in three divisions, Suva, Lautoka and Labasa so that they can reach children across the country. The welfare centres give out monthly food packs, footwear, bedding and clothes throughout the year to the less fortunate families.

A Message to IWNZ from John Yee, General Manager of JP Bayly Trust, 14<sup>th</sup> July 2021: *"Our welfare centers have taken a cautious approach with cases and are delivering food rations where this is safe and possible. However, the need is much greater than we can provide. We desperately need to provide food and the basic necessities to a lot of people that have lost their livelihoods and jobs during this pandemic. Apart from our own permanent cases, there are thousands of families out there that need this for their daily survival. Our main need at the moment is money which we can use to provide the basic needs for our people. The vaccination programme is being run by the government and no private organization is allowed to do this. We would be very grateful for your donation to assist us."*

Inner wheel New Zealand National Governing Body invite Clubs in New Zealand to assist our friends in Fiji. We are creating this **Fiji Emergency Appeal** to raise funds that will go directly to the JP Bayly Trust to be used to assist in providing much-needed food and basic needs to the people of Fiji through their welfare centres.

To make a donation please deposit funds directly into the IWNZ Appeal Account: 03-0830-0370078-001

Please state Club Name and FIJI as reference.

On 17<sup>th</sup> August 2021, we will arrange transfer of these funds to be made directly to the JP Bayly Trust.

**"I cannot do all the good that the world needs. But the world needs all the good that I can do."**

Jana Stanfield

On behalf of all the families we can support, I thank you for your generosity,

Nga mihi nui, Many thanks,

Michelle Atkinson