



INNER WHEEL - MAY 2022

ANNE-MARIE'S ANGLE

Reflecting on the past month. Isn't it great to feel the spectre of Covid finally beginning to fade! Over the past couple of weeks of magnificent autumn weather, community life has begun picking up pace with more people out and about, busier roads and increasingly popular coffee venues!

As a relatively new resident of Whitby, having moved into the district only four years ago, I was interested to hear our April speaker, Porirua mayor Anita Baker's views on opportunities and challenges for our city in the immediate future. As Inner Wheelers, we support various Porirua City Council community initiatives. The recent incorporation of Te Ara Nui o Te Rangihaeata into State Highway One has been the subject of many conversations about the recent busy-ness (or alternatively, the relative quiet) of our local roading network. In her address, Mayor Anita focused on planning for infrastructure maintenance and development to meet the needs of a growing community, development of recreational spaces and environmental challenges, especially around Pauatahanui Inlet. In response to a question from the floor, Anita has asked me to apologise for her slip in advising this year's rate rise as 4.98% (that was last year's rise) and let you know that this year's rates rise will be 7.65%.



Inner Wheel Tawa gave us a wonderfully warm welcome when we visited their club for the Rose of Friendship bowls challenge last month. This annual event is a great opportunity to experience another club's special character (yes indeed, this club rewards its "birthday ladies" with a delicious block of chocolate!). We shared an absolutely delicious meal, great chat and the evening culminated in rolling up the bowls in friendly competition. So I would encourage you to jump at the opportunity to sign up when you get a chance to attend this event next year.PS As we sheepishly made our way home at the end of the evening, having cleaned up the trophy (well, they won it last year!) we all agreed that we'd had a thoroughly FUN evening!!

As payback for their wonderful hospitality at the bowls night, we'd like to support Tawa Inner Wheel's Quiz Night fundraiser on Sunday 22 May. In response to our mail out, we already have two teams entered, so if you'd like to join us, please contact Sheryl who's co-ordinating our entries.

Changeover

As our year rolls on, it's so encouraging to see our club in such good heart. Our Vice President, Sheryl is busy planning stimulating speakers, fun fundraisers, energetic events and outstanding outings for you over the 2022/23 year. I know she's been canvassing members, seeking out your areas of interest and asking how you would like to see the club develop over the coming year. Sheryl's Changeover evening is taking shape as a fun event so watch out for your invitation, coming to your inbox soon!

Nga Mihi
Anne-Marie
Club President

UPCOMING SPEAKERS

- **MAY MEETING:** Dr Taku Parai, Kaumatua, Ngati oa (Carolyn). Talking about recent and upcoming community initiatives
- **JUNE MEETING:** Changeover. Entertainment: Greg Christensen
- **JULY MEETING:** Sue Kefali - Managing Director of Women of Worth. This organisation offers individual approach and programmes towards equipping women to achieve their tialpoten.
- **AUGUST MEETING:** Marilyn Garson talking about life in Palestine.

MAY MEETING - BACK TO NORMAL

For our next meeting in May, **PLEASE DO NOT PAY ON-LINE**. We are going back to how we used to pay for our meals at the Boating Club when you enter and you can get your drink at the same time. Please also remember to bring along some change for the raffle.

EMPOWERMENT DAY - AGM AND CHANGEOVER 11/12 JUNE - What does Empowerment mean?

Empowerment may be defined in several ways, including accepting women's viewpoints, or making an effort to seek them, raising the status of women through education, awareness, literacy, and training. The process of becoming stronger and more confident, especially in controlling one's life and claiming one's rights.

Sue and Alyssandra have organised a fun afternoon that will give you and your fellow members the opportunity to learn more about Inner Wheel and the roles taken up by the many people that keep this organisation working. They have lot of new and innovative ideas to share with us. In fact it is going to be a great weekend of not only Empowerment Day, AGM and Changeover but a chance to meet up with old friends and make lots of new ones. I encourage you all to come along and enjoy the friendship. Partners are welcome to join us for dinner on the Saturday night and home hosting is available.



VOLUNTEER HOURS

If you have done any voluntary work, knitting, sewing etc please make sure you give the number of hours you have worked to Velma - dvknight@xtra.co.nz so she can add it to our Service Records that have to be sent to the National Secretary by the end of May.

TABLE FOR EIGHT

If you are interested in coming along to Table for 8 the next date is 28 May. Please contact Christine Harrison who will be co-ordinating the meal. (Phone 234 7535 or email christineh656@gmail.com)

BOOK GROUP



The Book Group enjoying a cuppa after discussing their latest reads.

ROSE OF FRIENDSHIP CHALLENGE FROM TAWA CLUB - INDOOR BOWLS

I wonder who has won? It didn't really matter at that moment because we had had such a wonderful fun night with our friends at Tawa Inner wheel.

Then we heard that Plimmerton had won!!! Well, you can imagine our excitement. Congratulations Plimmerton.

The annual game of bowls with Tawa IW is becoming an yearly highlight. Lovely meal, great friendship and competitive players.

Don't miss it next year.



REPORT ABOUT THE WELLINGTON CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL

Today benefactors Mark Dunajtschik and Dorothy Spotswood officially handed ownership of the new building to CCDHB, which will now take over its portion of works to outfit the hospital. The DHB's new child health service, Te Wao Nui, will be based in the Mark Dunajtschik and Dorothy Spotswood building and bring child health services from across Wellington Regional Hospital under one roof.

"Existing child hospital and outpatient services will all move into the new hospital, making it easier for different teams to communicate and work together," said chief executive Fionnagh Dougan.



Clinical Nurse Specialist, Charlotte Stanczuk and Foundation Chair, Bill Day, thank Mark Dunajtschik and Dorothy Spotswood for their wonderful support of children's health

"The building was designed with the needs of tamariki healthcare and whānau in mind. Advantages include an increased number of ensuite bathrooms, and more single bedrooms, to provide more peace and privacy. Improvements like this will result in better experiences for children receiving healthcare".

Other new features include a vibrant Playscape and a sculptural 'Tree of Life' staircase.

A donation of \$50million from Mr Dunajtschik in 2017 was the catalyst for this opportunity to create a purpose-built facility. The financial support provided by Mark, along with his partner Dorothy Spotswood, has resulted in the building being named after them.

"Mark and Dorothy's unprecedented generosity is deeply appreciated, and came at a critical time for our region."

"Without Mark and Dorothy, a new hospital would have been many years away," said Wellington Hospitals Foundation chair Bill Day.

"This will benefit the health of young Kiwis for generations to come."

The Foundation is raising a further \$10 million to outfit and equip the new hospital – including funding for specialised medical equipment, fittings, furnishings, and creative features.

"I would like to thank everyone who has supported this wonderful new building, from children and their families, to corporate organisations, community groups, and grant providers.

"Each donation, big or small, takes us closer to our goal – and with \$8 million raised, that goal is well within reach."

The final phase of the project includes enhancements to air-handling and a purpose-built fit-out reflecting the latest in clinical practice.

BRENDA'S YEAR BOOK

What a lovely surprise for me to receive my year book from Anne-Marie.

It is full of photos of all our activities held during my year as President. A lovely memento. Thank you.





At our AGM Sheryl introduced her new committee:

President - Sheryl Perera
 Vice President - Joy Creet
 Past President - Anne-Marie Garrett
 Secretary - Christine Harrison
 Editor - Karen Warner
 Treasurer - Marg Nation
 ISO - Velma Knight (not pictured)
 Attendance - Karen Paulin
 Almoner - Maureen Barber (not pictured)
 Raffles - Julie McLagan

KNITTING TEDDIES FOR THE REFUGEE CHILDREN FROM THE UKRAINE

Every child loves a soft toy to love and play with.

If you would like to knit some teddies for the young children that will be arriving with nothing the pattern for the teddies is here. Any problems you can contact Lesley Fairbairn for help.

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Knitting Pattern

- Double knitting wool
- Main colour for head and paws
- Trouser colour
- Jumper colour
- Scarf colour
- Size 10 (3 1/4) needles



Method

- Cast on 10 stitches in main colour. Knit 10 rows
- Change to trouser colour and knit 30 rows
- Knit another leg
- Then knit across all 20 stitches and work a further 16 rows
- Change to jumper colour and knit 24 rows
- Change to main colour and stocking stitch (one row knit one row purl) for 6" (15 cm)
- Change to jumper colour and continue to knit in the reverse order.
- Stitch down the sides of the head

Arms

- With jumper colour pick up 8 stitches each side of the neck join (16 stitches)
- Knit 20 rows then change to main colour and knit 10 rows for paws, repeat for the other arm

Scarf

- Cast on 75 stitches, knit 4 rows. Cast off loosely
- Weave in all loose ends and sew up the teddy leaving an opening in the crotch for stuffing
- Sew across the top corners of the head to make ears before stuffing. Stuff your teddy with clean, new polyester stuffing (BS1425/BS5852)
- Run a thread through the knitting to make a neck and draw it in, knot the ends and weave in the excess
- Embroider a smiley face. Use small stitches, (back-stitch and stem-stitch) and ensure all the ends are firmly finished
- Sew the scarf to the back of the neck of the teddy



Please send your teddies to The Ukrainian Catholic Church, 24 Dalmeny Street, Edinburgh, EH6 8SA. Each teddy will be given to a child refugee arriving in Scotland over the coming weeks, offering comfort and a very warm welcome to our home. Please feel free to add a little tag or welcome note of your own.



For all our news and updates, please follow us on @UkrainianTeddies

BIRTHDAYS

Barbara Nichols
Diana Young
Jocelyn Moller
Lesley Fairbairn
Mar4garet Pine



Upcoming Events proceeding as planned:

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| • Tasty Tuesday | 6pm | 3 May | Supply Room (Diana Paris) |
| • Book Group | 2pm | 9 May | Jan Fisher's |
| • Cruise Wellington Harbour | 5.30pm | 10 May | With Plimmerton Rotary Club |
| • Craft Group | 10am | 12 May | Enid O'Neil's |
| • Club Night | 6pm | 17 May | Dr Taku Parai Kaumatua Ngati Toa |
| • Wairarapa Golf / Shop | TBA | 26/27 May | Solway Copthorne, Masterton (Marg & Brenda) |
| • Committee Meeting | 3pm | 30 May | Velma's |
| • Tasty Tuesday | 6pm | 7 June | (Diana Paris) |
| • Craft Group | 10am | 9 June | Diane Roberts' |
| • Empowerment Day | 10am | 11/12 June | Coast Community Church and Paraparaumu Bowling Club |
| • AGM/District Changeover | | | |
| • Book Group | 2pm | 13 June | Carol Woodfield's |
| • Club Changeover | 6pm | 21 June | Plimmerton Boating Club |

MONTHLY SUB GROUPS:

Book Club: 2nd Monday of the Month at 2pm.

We each give a talk on books we have read in the past month, we don't all have to have read the same book. For more information contact Sheryl Perera (233 1944).

Craft Morning: 2nd Thursday of the month at 10am.

Everyone takes along their own project and fun and fellowship is had by all. For more information contact Maureen Barber, phone 239 9528.

Tasty Tuesday: 1st Tuesday of the month at 6pm.

A group meets on the first Tuesday every month for a meal, chat and a good laugh. For more information contact Diana Paris (234 7683).

Mah-Jong:

Every Wednesday night 7-9pm at St Mary's Church in Whitby. Anyone is welcome to join this group and they are willing to teach new members. For more information contact Margaret Pine (021 610 906).

Table for 8:

You are invited to join a group of Inner Wheelers (partners are welcome too) for dinner on a Saturday evening. Please contact Christine Harrison, (christineh656@gmail.com or 234 7535).

YOUR COMMITTEE

<p>President Anne-Marie Garrett 0276986024 amcl.garrett@gmail.com</p> <p>Vice President</p> <p>Secretary Sheryl Perera 233 9144 perera.home@xtra.co.nz</p> <p>Treasurer Marg Nation - 234 8710 nation@xtra.co.nz</p> <p>Membership Yvonne Thompson 234 7940 ytplace@gmail.com</p> <p>Editor Brenda Callear 233 8244 bcallear@orcon.net.nz</p>	<p>Almoner Maureen Barber 239 9528 jd.fam@xtra.co.nz</p> <p>ISO Velma Knight 04 299 1539 dvknight@xtra.co.nz</p> <p>Raffles Dinah McEwen 021 719 295 dinah@mcewen.nz</p> <p>Absences Karen Paulin 021 222 9471 admin@straitconstruction.co.nz</p> <p>Joy Tongs 235 5775 pairoftongs@hotmail.com</p> <p>NOTES: If you advise us you are coming to a meeting, then don't come, we still require you to pay for your dinner as we have committed for catering.</p>	<p>ALMONER</p> <p>If you, or someone you know, is experiencing illness or difficulties, please let me know. I will contact you or your family to identify how we can best support you.</p> <p>Should you need a Driver please contact Maureen Barber on 239 9528.</p> <p>IW Bank Acct 12 3254 0081449 01</p>
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NICE WORDS - A little support strengthens friendship.

Yours in friendship

Brenda 

Check out the Inner Wheel websites and FaceBook page which are full of interest and information and change all the time. **www.innerwheel.org.nz and www.internationalinnerwheel.org**