

PLIMMERTON INNER WHEEL NZ294

November 2023



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

21 November	Club Dinner Meeting	6pm	Megan Henderson - Porirua Women & Family Centre
11 or 12 Dec TBC	Christmas Decos & afternoon tea	1pm	Yvonne Groom's - 30 Raukawa Rd, Peka Peka
11 December	Inner Wheel children's Christmas party	4.30pm	Mana Cruising Club

UPCOMING REGULAR EVENTS

9 November	Craft Grou	10am	Carol's – 19 Portage Place, Whitby
13 November	Book Group	2pm	Sheryl's - 33 Bayview Rd, Paremata
14 November	Dog Walking Group	11am	Plimmerton Dog Park - Judy Tilley 027 446 343
15 November	Mahjong	7pm	Every Wednesday, St Mary's, Whitby
30 November	Mix n Mingle	5pm	The Supply Room, Mana

MORE ABOUT UPCOMING EVENTS

NOVEMBER DINNER MEETING

We have Megan from the Porirua Women and Family Centre coming to talk to us about what they provide. They are supported by the Porirua Women's Refuge.

We did think it would be a nice idea to bring any unwanted books to our dinner meeting for their library which would be great if you have one or two you want to shed. I spoke to the head of the centre, and she said they also do food parcels so I thought we could also take a can of food or some other non-perishable item.

So, if ladies would like to bring to our next dinner meeting a book or some items of food for the food parcels it would be really appreciated by the centre, and timely for Christmas.

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS VISIT TO YVONNE GROOM'S

Yvonne has a splendid display of Christmas decorations that she puts up each year and invites us to her house in Peka Peka so we can enjoy them.

We usually make a bit of a day of it, maybe doing some shopping on the way and then cruise up to Yvonne's for a scrumptious afternoon tea and a visual feast of her home full of decorations.

This year Yvonne has kindly invited us to go either on Monday 11th or Tuesday 12th December as we are hosting a Children's Christmas Party on the 11th. So, no need to miss out on either! We usually arrive at Yvonne's at about 1pm.



CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY – MONDAY 11th DECEMBER

Don't forget to save the date for our inaugural Children's Christmas Party. There will be a tree, Nigel Kennedy the magician, and Harold the giraffe. Remember to bring a gift to the value of \$25 with your child's name on it. Joy's three grandchildren are going and are excited about it. (see invitation at end of newsletter)

BRING & BUY FOR WELLfed

Thank you so much to everyone who donated items and purchased some of the wonderful goods. Thankyou also to a couple of members who were not there but generously donated to this worthy cause. We raised \$370.50 for WELLfed which we will present to them soon. Huge thanks to Velma and Bev who organised this so efficiently.

RACK ATTACK FUNDRAISER

We have booked a venue for **March 21st, 2024**, for our next major fundraiser. This will be a Rack Attack so can you please hold on to any clothes/shoes/handbags etc when you have a clear out. We will sort out a storage space soon. The recipient for the funds raised will be Virtuoso Strings.

SILKY PILLOWS

These can be returned to Lorraine again now. Thank you, Anne-Marie, for stepping in when Lorraine was off.

IN FRIENDSHIP ROSE

Don't forget to order yours. At \$50 this is a great price as a gift or for yourself. (see order form at end of newsletter)

QUIZ QUESTION

What Charity is the National project for IWNZ?

PANDORO'S CHOCOLATE FUDGE BROWNIE

This recipe is shared by Joy, she declares it to be the best!!

100g cocoa
200g melted butter
400g or 2 cups caster sugar
4 eggs
1 tsp vanilla
90g flour
1 tsp baking powder
200g of chocolate chips (or good quality dark chocolate)

Sift cocoa into a large mixing bowl. Add melted butter, sugar, eggs, and vanilla. Mix to a smooth paste. Sift in flour and baking powder, and then add chocolate chips. (I used chopped dark chocolate)

Pour into a 20cm x 30 cm baking tin. Bake in a preheated oven at 150 degrees C for 65 minutes. (I did mine for 55 mins, so keep an eye on it).



LAST MONTH'S HAPPENINGS

OCTOBER DINNER MEETING

We welcomed several visitors to this meeting. We had Chelsea Coblentz and Janet Shrive for their second meeting. Sue Butterfield was with us for her third meeting and has decided to join us. Sue will be inducted in December.

We also had Carolyn Crutch and Christine Gibbons from the Inner Wheel Club of Tawa attending to sell their raffle for Spring into Tawa.

We also welcomed our presenter Pam Witko and her interpreter Tracey Witko.

Pam used NZSL to communicate her presentation, and her daughter Tracey voice interpreted for her. We were lucky Tracey offered to do this as it costs hundreds of dollars to have two interpreters for an evening. They usually swap about every 10 minutes or so depending on the context, so Tracey did very well to be our sole interpreter.

Pam spoke about growing up deaf in a deaf family while being sent to a mainstream school. It was hard for her, but she managed to get through. She found some barriers when she applied for a job as people thought she would be unable to do the job as a deaf person. She did however find work and led a successful career both in and out of Deaf Education. She said her life is very much in the deaf community now as that is where she feels relaxed, not struggling to know what is happening.

Pam's three daughters have all taught their children New Zealand Sign Language from birth so they could communicate with their grandparents. Pam spoke about her husband Kaz's parents who had two deaf children but never accepted it and refused to learn to sign to communicate with them. This was very common.

Pam didn't say this, but only 10% of deaf children are born to deaf parents so you can imagine how difficult it would be to learn a new language to share with your baby. Technology has changed a lot, so now children can learn to speak and learn English if their parents choose this.

Pam talked about how NZSL has a different grammatical structure and syntax to English. She talked about how different countries have different sign languages, which is natural when you think about it, just like spoken languages vary across the world.



WALK AND TALK WITH WAIRARAPA CLUB

Walk and Talk with the Wairarapa Club has long been a tradition with the Plimmerton Club. They have changed their name from South Wairarapa. Each year we visit them, or they come to us. One year they came over and we went to St Albans and had lunch at Ration Creek. Another time we visited them, had lunch at one lady's home then walked The Stonehenge. Yet another year we met at Kaitoke Gardens for lunch. Then along Came Covid and put an end to our visiting.

After talking with Liz Poynter their Secretary, I decided it was time to resurrect this tradition and 3 carloads of ladies went over to visit last Wednesday 25th October. What a wonderful time we had. The weather was perfect, and we met at the Cobblestones Museum where the Wairarapa ladies welcomed us and put on a lovely morning tea.

They had one of the Trustees of Cobblestones talk to us about how the museum started and how it has grown. It is like a little village with a school, hospital, fire engine, stables, and carriages - you name it they had managed to source it. They even had an old washing machine just like my Grandma's. It is well worth a visit should you be in Greytown.

Of course, we had to finish the day with a little retail therapy in Greytown and many ladies came home with new outfits, shoes etc. Let's hope we can keep this tradition going just like we do with playing bowls with the Tawa Club. It is so good to be meeting and enjoying time with our sister clubs. **Brenda**



PINK RIBBON BREAST CANCER STREET APPEAL

Thank you again to all our wonderful volunteers this year. Fantastic to see some hubbies out there too.



GETTING TO KNOW – CAROLYN WALLACE

I was born and raised in Whangarei. A great childhood of hockey, athletics, bikes, and amazing picnics at beautiful Northland beaches. I trained in Interior Design/Colour Consulting & Photography, also worked as a Travel Consultant with Air NZ. My hobbies have always been on the creative side, art/painting, gardening, photography, cooking, travel, and anything to do with water including paddle boarding.

I married Graham in 1970, travelled extensively, and after two years of living in London came home and had two children, one living in Wellington and the other now in the Sunshine Coast. We have been Intrepid travellers and love road tripping such as driving from Darwin to Adelaide, then Melbourne to Perth. An unforgettable trip was with Rotary going to India to help with the Polio Immunisation programme. For the past six years we have done a lot of cycling, a 200km ride each year in the South Island.

My strength has always been seeing a need, creating a result, and putting it in place. The first was in the early days of our marriage living in a new subdivision with many needs. I put a notice into letter boxes asking neighbours to meet in a park, many young mothers turned up. Meeting weekly was good while the weather was fine, but we had to find alternative places to meet. I managed to get a brand-new state house next to the shopping centre which became one of the first Community houses. Then a council planner and I saw the need for a local directory. We called it 'Yello Pages', the first of its kind in NZ. Now Yellow Pages directories are in most Communities.

Moving to Wellington we lived in Plimmerton. We set up Aquavilla B&B, helped with Bath Street festival, part of the Village Planning programme, and the Millenium celebrations. Started Friends of Pataka, brought the Box Art exhibition to Pataka, which later became Friends Art Awards.

I have had an interesting life and truly love living in Porirua's beautiful landscape and multicultural community. *In friendship Carolyn*

NOVEMBER TABLE FOR 8

Another stunning round of Table 4 8 took place on 4 November. Simply delicious food, fine wines, and great company. Fun and so enjoyable.

Chelsea Coblentz, new member, *"It was a wonderful evening, I absolutely loved it and can't wait for the next one!"*

Carolyn & Graham Wallace, long time participants, *"Our dinner was really lovely and relaxing."*

Maureen & John Barber, host couple *"Absolutely loved it, such nice people to have in our home."*

Put a ring around the date for our next get-together Saturday 2nd March 2024. It would be great to have you join us. You can even save your seat by contacting me now!

Julie McLagan 021 425872 or jmclagan@seagulls.co.nz



JOY'S JOTTINGS

Well, whatever happened to our Spring?! Winter keeps coming back to bite us!

I very much enjoyed having my friend Pam share some of her life story in the presentation she gave. Such a wonderful woman. I often wonder what opportunities she missed out on because of her deafness and the lack of support she received. I have worked with many bright young children. There is much that we take for granted as most of our language learning is 'incidental' or 'overheard' in the first few years of our life. Nobody tells us about the name for the bench, dining room, letterbox etc., we just overhear them and pick them up incidentally. Deaf children must be taught this explicitly, even with cochlear implants.

I very much enjoyed our visit to the Wairarapa. Meeting the Wairarapa Inner Wheel ladies was fun. I could not indulge in the delicious morning tea though as I was on a 'white diet' for a medical procedure later in the week.

Several of us shuddered at the stirrups in the hospital part of the Cobblestones Museum. Memories of childbirth back in the day came flooding back. There was a lot to see and some of us came back with a new frock!!

Thank you for the feedback on speakers. Just to let you know, this month's the speaker was suggested by a member of our club. Another member has also come to me with a suggestion, which I hope to make happen.

As for our home life, we just had a fabulous weekend at the Wairarapa Garden Tour with good friends and happened to run into a couple of Inner Wheel friends there too!

We also have a pregnant Mama in the house, so life is full on with the 18-month-old grandson, the boxer dog, 3 adults working from home, and me making ginger tea for my daughter to try to ease the sickness.

Go well, Joy.

WHAT I'M WATCHING

Continuing my love of British programs, (Crime, Drama, Thriller are my faves) these are some of my latest addictions on Netflix and TVNZ+

The Killing Kind: TVNZ+

When criminal defence lawyer Ingrid believes she's being targeted by a killer, a dangerous former client claims he is the only one who can protect her. Should she trust the man she fears the most?

The Ex-Wife: TVNZ+

Tash appears to be living the perfect life with her loving husband and beautiful young daughter, There's just one problem, the obsessive ex-wife who won't leave them alone.

For Her Sins: TVNZ +

Successful lawyer Laura seems to have the perfect life, but she is hiding something from her past. Her new best friend Emily isn't who she seems to be, and she's plotting to destroy Lauras's world from the inside.

All the Light we Cannot See: Netflix

The story of Marie-Laure, a blind French teenager, and Werner, a German soldier, whose paths collide in occupied France as both try to survive the devastation of World War II. Based on the top selling novel by Anthony Doerr.



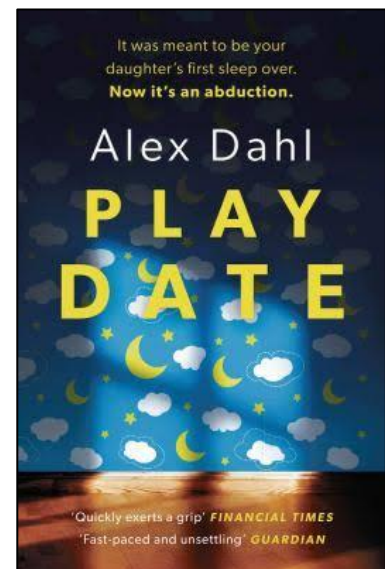
WHAT I'M READING

PLAY DATE by Alex Dahl

It was meant to be your daughter's first sleepover. Now it's an abduction. Lucia Blix went home from school for a playdate with her new friend Josie. Later that evening, Lucia's mother Elisa dropped her overnight things round and kissed her little girl goodnight. That was the last time she saw her daughter.

The next morning, when Lucia's dad arrived to pick her up, the house was empty. No furniture, no family, no Lucia.

In *Playdate*, Alex Dahl puts a microscope on a seemingly average, seemingly happy family plunged into a life-altering situation. Who has taken their daughter, and why?



REGULAR EVENT INFORMATION

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 Mary Temperton 234 1477 or 027 419 2866.

Mah Jong: Every Wednesday at 7pm

This group, initiated by Marg Pine has been running since 2007. They meet every Wednesday night at St Mary's Church in Whitby from 7-9pm. New members welcome. For more information contact Marg Pine 021 610 906.

Book Group: 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 read the same book. For more information contact Lyndsay Kelly 234 7238.

Craft Group: 2nd Thursday of the month at 10am

Everyone takes along their own project, fun and fellowship is had by all. For more information contact Enid O'Neil 022 529 2232.

Table for 8: Saturday evenings

Table for 8 is held four times a year. A shared dinner party with simple delicious food. Each couple contributes a course and a bottle of wine. This is an enjoyable evening out where you will get to know fellow members and their partners better. Singles welcomed too of course. For more information contact Julie McLagan on 021 425872

YOUR COMMITTEE

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<p>Absences If you advise us you are coming to a meeting, but do not attend, we still require you to pay for your meal as we have committed for catering.</p>	
<p>IW Bank Account: 12 3254 0081449 01</p>	

Inner Wheel Children's Christmas Party



You, your children grandchildren and great grandchildren are all invited to the Inner Wheel Christmas Party

Fun for all ages

Date: Monday 11th December 2023

Venue: Mana Cruising Club

Time: 4.30pm

Cost: Childs Meal \$15.00 Adults Meal \$30.00 – drinks can be purchased from the bar.
Please pay money to Inner Wheel account 12-3254-0081449-001

Please bring a present for your children with their name written on it to the value of \$25.00. This should be handed to the person collecting Santa's sack gifts discreetly before entering the clubroom.

Please **RSVP** with names attending and ages of children by 20th November 2023 to Dianne dna.roberts@gmail.com



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