

Hello Kerstin

My name is Jill Robertson and I have taken over the ISO position in our club from Sarah Redpath. ( you also may have left this position .If so can you please pass this email onto the appropriate person.)

Life here in NZ seems to be back on a more even keel after some community spread of covid earlier in the year which resulted in localised lockdowns.Fortunately we haven't had any of those recently and have been able to enjoy a relaxed Easter break with people being able to travel around the country freely.Unfortunately not many countries can enjoy the same freedoms and many are still in the grip of the pandemic with more waves crippling an already stretched health system.We think of all those in this situation at this time.

The recent travel bubble with Australia has meant that families and friends can cross the Tasman sea to visit without the need or quarantine restrictions.

Invercargill East has enjoyed being able to meet and socialise together.Our monthly cafe catchup on a Saturday morning is very popular with our members and we even have had to book a table to accommodate everyone.We are also enjoying a new venue.With growing numbers we needed to look for a larger meeting space.Not all our meetings are held here and we like to head out into the community to visit places of interest or listen to speakers.One visit earlier in the year was to a local farm venue which could host weddings or gatherings.The setting was beautiful and the hostess had a passion for making miniature English houses which were displayed in the large garden setting. Last month our local district chair visited and spoke to us about her vision for IW and why the need for such an organisation is now greater than ever.

Here in Southland we are in the midst of Autumn.The change in temperature can be challenging but the Autumn colourings on the deciduous trees are truly beautiful. Invercargill has a central Park of around 200 acres (81 hectares)and it's easily accessible to everyone in the city.

Inner Wheel New Zealand is hosting our national Conference in two weeks time in Queenstown so members nationwide are looking forward to attending that event.

So this is a brief reconnection with your club.we hope that your members are doing well and send best wishes to you all.

Kind regards

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