# **Suzanne Whitty**

IWNZ President/National Representative 1998 - 2000 International Board Director 2002 – 2004

#### **International Presidents Themes:**

- 1998 1999 Make our world a better place Communicate and Educate
- 1999 2000 Reach out, keep hope alive, turn giving into living

## Inner Wheel New Zealand Conference:

Rotorua May 2000 Theme – *Extend the Hand of Friendship* Lillian Pettigrew – International Inner Wheel President



#### Goals:

- To lead Inner Wheel into the new millennium with a plan for the future
- To strengthen the relationship between Clubs, Districts and National Council by being
- To address declining membership

### Highlights:

- Holding an extraordinary extra meeting of the National Council at attendees own expense
  to address the issues Inner Wheel New Zealand faced moving forward with particular
  emphasis on retention and membership.
- Request to clubs to plant a tree for the new millennium
- Raising public awareness through the development of promotional brochures
- The publication Communicator was initiated a communication link between the Inner Wheel New Zealand President and members.
- Attendance of International President Lillian Pettigrew at the Rotorua conference and the leadership she modelled
- Ratifying the Past President as an active position.

"As I reflect on my years in office, it is the meeting knowing and working the Elvas, the Jeans and the Helens of this world which has had the greatest impact on my life."

"I see in Inner Wheel, the symbol of a tree with strong roots, its branches thrusting up and ever growing to shelter and protect those in its care and those in need."