**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2018**

**of the**

**Friends of the Dorothy Neal White Collection**

**Lilburn Room, Alexander Turnbull Library**

**Level 1, National Library of New Zealand, Wellington**

**6:30pm, Tuesday 19 June 2018**

**MINUTES**

**CHAIR: Corrina Gordon MINUTES: Margaret Hurst**

The Annual General Meeting was preceded by a “show & tell” of some recent donations to the DNW and NCC collections by Research Librarian, Mary Skarott.

**Attendees**  
Gail Andrews, Giselle Clarkson, Rosemary Cole, Gerard Ellis, Corrina Gordon, Mary Hall, Kay Hancock, Margaret Hurst, Lynne Jackett, Yuanyuan Liang, Joan McCracken, Mary Mowbray, Trevor Mowbray, Lila Nixon, Susan Price, David Retter, Barbara Robertson, Sarah Shalani, Mary Skarott, Amy Stimson, Chris Szekely, Kathryn Walls  
  
**Apologies**  
Tania Connelly, Marianne Dobie, Alison Grant, Fiona Gray, Nancy Hill, Pamela Hulston, Jeff Hunt, Neil Robertson, Chantalle Smith,

**1. Minutes of the AGM held 20 June 2017**

Thesewere circulated to attendees and approved. Corrina Gordon/David Retter

**1.2 Matters arising from the minutes of the 2017 AGM**

**1.2.1 NZ Book Council** - Joan reported that we are now receiving New Zealand Book Council publications and our forthcoming events can now listed on the NZBC website.

**1.2.2 Banking** - Joan, Mary and Chantalle have notified BNZ of addition to signatories and we now have the facility for online banking.

**2. President’s report**

The report was circulated to AGM attendees. From her report Corrina highlighted:

* Meetings held for the Friends

Corrina thanked the presenters, the National Library its support for the use of a room and the venues and security staff.

20 June 2017 – The AGM was preceded by a presentation by Mary Skarott on new acquisitions

21 September 2017 – Nicola Daly ‘The linguistic landscape of English-Spanish Dual Language Picture Books

29 November 2017 – The Sapling – Sarah Forster and Thalia Kehoe Rowden – spoke about their website to promote New Zealand children’s books and authors

5 April 2018 – Committee member Kathryn Walls – Changing the Changeover – Margaret Mahy’s book the Changeover, book to film

* Patron

The patron would be discussed at the AGM.

* Publications

*Notes-Books-Authors* was not published this year but there are some potential new titles. The Facebook page now has regular postings. The website now has a feed so that Facebook updates also show on the website. Newsletter 56 was published in November 2017.

* Brochure

It is intended to have the brochure professionally designed and printed in the near future.

* Membership

The 2018-2019 year starts with 23 financial members of the Friends, with another 13 members we expect to renew their membership (making a total of 36 members).

* ACLAR event

The Friends will be hosting Australasian Children’s Literature Association for Research on Saturday 14 July.

Thanks were also given all the members of the Society for their continuing interest and to the all the committee members for their ongoing support.

Corrina Gordon/David Retter

**2.1 Matters arising from the President’s Report**

After discussion on the patron from the floor it was decided that Corrina Gordon will write to Fleur Beale asking her to be patron and will report on the outcome.

**3. Librarian’s report - Mary Skarott**  
See Mary’s report for full details. In reading her report, Mary noted that more books and periodicals were accepted into the DNW Collection this year compared to 2017-2018 and a higher number of donations were added to the National Children's Collection. The collections continue to be well used for research, displays and visiting tour groups. The collection continues to be generously added to by incoming donations.

Over the past year the displays at the entrance to the General Reading Room continue to be very popular with visitors. The collections have been showcased in three displays:

* Where bell-birds chime: nature books for children by Edith Howes
* Poetry in the School
* Alphabet books

**3.1 FDNW Research Grant**

The current recipient, Kay Hancock, will report back on her project, examining New Zealand picture books of the 1940s and 1950s, in November 2018.

**3.2 Matters arising from the Librarian’s report**

Mary reported that the collection had recently been valued at over one million dollars. The collection will soon be moving from the Rugby House basement into the controlled climate area with Alexander Turnbull Library collections and will be shelved slightly differently.

**4. Treasurer’s Financial report - Jeff Hunt**The report has the full details, but Joan McCracken presented the report on behalf of the Treasurer. It was noted that there was an increase in subscriptions and donations in the 2017-2018 year compared to the previous year. Meeting expenses were down. The scholarship payment is only $805.29 rather than $2000. This is because there were funds left over from when Victoria University used to administer the scholarship.

Joan explained that $1000 has been taken out from a term deposit to use for hosting the ACLAR function. The end of year balance was slightly down on last year if the $1000 is not counted.

Joan McCracken/Mary Skarott

Balance of current account at 30 April 2018: $1592.33

Total balance of term deposits at 30 April 2018: $13592.76

**4.1 Matters arising from the financial report**

There were questions about the need for a PO Box, however because some members pay by cheque, the PO Box will be continued.

**4.2 Setting annual membership subscription rate**

Joan proposed that the annual subscription should remain at $20.

Joan McCracken / David Retter

**5.Webmaster report**

Joan reported on this on behalf of Jeff Hunt. The webmaster has changed the “theme” of the website resulting in a cleaner look and there is also an improved search facility.

**6. Election of officers**

**6.1** All committee members were happy to stay on in their roles. Corrina Gordon will continue as President and Jeff Hunt as treasurer.

**6.2** No nominations were received for the position of secretary. The role of will remain vacant and the committee will share the role.

**6.3** All current committee members have put their names forward for the 2018-2019 committee. Committee: Lynne Jackett, Margaret Hurst, Joan McCracken, Barbara Roberston, Chantalle Smith, Kathryn Walls, Mary Skarott (ex officio)

David Retter/Rosemary Cole

**6.4 Committee 2018-2019**

President: Corrina Gordon

Treasurer: Jeff Hunt

Secretary: To be shared

Newsletter editor: Joan McCracken

Committee: Barbara Robertson, Chantalle Smith, Kathryn Walls, Lynne Jackett, Margaret Hurst, Mary Skarott (ex officio)

**7. General Business**

**7.1 Brochure**

Joan proposed investigating getting a designer to improve the current brochure and getting it printed.

Joan McCracken/ Kathryn Walls

**7.2 Bookmarks**

There are no current DNW bookmarks or postcards. Joan proposed investigating the cost of these.

Joan McCracken/David Retter

**7.3 Celebrating 100 years of the Alexander Turnbull Library**

Joan McCracken announced the upcoming Alexander Turnbull memorial hikoi walk of remembrance on 28 June 2018 to commemorate the centenary of Alexander’s Turnbull’s death, and invited Friends to join.

**7.4 Forty years of the Friends of Dorothy Neal White Collection**

Trevor Mowbray offered to write an outline history pointing that there is no general picture of the society and the fortieth anniversary would be in 2022. The occasion of this important milestone should be marked. Trevor was its founding secretary. This could be published as a booklet and could be published on the website as well. There was strong feeling from the floor that it was important to have some hard-copy. It could be one of the Notes-Books-Authors series. Joan noted the official archive is held in the Alexander Turnbull Library for research purposes. The idea of oral history was also suggested.

Action points

1. Corrina Gordon will write to Fleur Beale asking her to be patron and will report on the outcome.
2. Joan will investigate getting a designer to improve the current brochure and getting it printed.
3. Joan will investigate the cost getting new DNW bookmarks and postcards.

The meeting concluded at 7.40pm and some attendees took up Chris Szekely’s invitation to view the new exhibition in the Turnbull Gallery.