

Friends of the Dorothy Neal White Collection – AGM 2022

Date and time of meeting	Thursday 9 June 2022, 5:30pm
Location	Douglas Lilburn Room, level 1, National Library of New Zealand
Attendees	Alison Grant, Barbara Robertson, Chantalle Smith, Corrina Gordon, Fiona Gray, Joan McCracken, Kathryn Walls, Margaret Hurst, Mary Skarott, Neil Robertson, Rosemary Cole
Apologies	Frances Kell, Jeff Hunt, Lynne Jackett, Nancy Hill
Chair	Corrina Gordon
Minutes	Joan McCracken

The Annual General Meeting was preceded by a talk by Mary Skarott about books added to the National Children's Collection in the previous year, with a focus on translated texts, followed by refreshments.

Printed copies of Newsletter #63, June 2022 were distributed to attendees.

Item	Description
1.	<p>Minutes of the last AGM – 3 June 2021</p> <p>The minutes of the last meeting were read and accepted.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Rosemary Cole / Alison Grant</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Matters arising from the last meeting <p>In the last minutes it was reported that newsletters are being sent to a few non-subscribers. It was suggested that the society could save money by not doing this. The Chair explained that as we now use email to send newsletters to nearly all members (and some other selected individuals and groups) there is very little cost involved.</p>
2.	<p>Reports</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • President's report <p>Corrina Gordon presented the President's report.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Key points <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Only one event due to COVID ▪ Kathryn delivered our one event – first lunchtime event ▪ Constitution now fully revised & to be sent to Charities Service <p>The report was accepted.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Barbara Robertson / Rosemary Cole</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Matters arising from report <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Joan McCracken to be added to committee elected in 2021

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Redesign of logo, brochure etc – we are still waiting for final files but these are expected from designer Hamish Thompson very soon. A copy of the newly designed and edited brochure was presented. <p>The death of FDNWC member Cheryl Paget was acknowledged with sadness. Cheryl Paget was one of our most popular speakers and simply a lovely person to have at our events.</p> <p>The publication of Newsletter 63, June 2022 (edited by Corrina Gordon) was noted.</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Financial report <p>Joan McCracken gave the financial report on behalf of the Treasurer Jeff Hunt.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Key points <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Only two major expenses – graphic design & subscription to Te Pou Muramura Read NZ (formerly NZ Book Council) ▪ Income & paid membership has remained steady – 30 members this year <p>Report accepted.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Joan McCracken / Chantalle Smith</p> <p>There were no matters arising from report</p> <p>The Treasurer proposed that the annual membership subscription remain at \$20:00</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Jeff Hunt / Joan McCracken</p> <p>Proposal accepted.</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Report from the Research Librarian <p>Mary Skarott delivered the Research Librarian’s report.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Key points <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Small drop off in donations to DNWC ▪ Display cabinet popular – the lithography display stayed longer than usual due to library closures (COVID & protests at Parliament) ▪ Also has a regular display in Library’s general reading room drawn from the National Children’s Collection – old & new titles ▪ The Turnbull Endowment Trust has given funds to do conservation work on collection items. An external conservator will work on moveable & pop-up books (oldest Cinderella published 1867). The Friends’ application for funds from the Endowment Trust arose from the bequest made by our former patron, Barbara Murison. ▪ The next research grant will be advertised in October <p>Report accepted.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Kathryn Walls / Alison Grant</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Matters arising from the report

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Webmaster's report <p>Joan McCracken gave the webmaster's report on behalf of Jeff Hunt.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Key points <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Website continues to be hosted by Charity.net based in the Waikato Region as a free service run by Andrew Malcolm ▪ Events are posted, as well as images from DNWC displays and a feed from the society's Facebook page ▪ The website will be refreshed in the new financial year with the new "branding" designed by Hamish Thompson <p style="text-align: right;">Joan McCracken / Neil Robertson</p> <p>Joan proposed a vote of thanks to the website host and webmaster for their generous support of the society.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Supported with acclamation</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Facebook report <p>Chantalle Smith gave the Facebook report.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Key points <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The Facebook page has 103 followers & 84 likes ▪ The most popular posts this year related to the book displays in the Library's Reading Room, in particular one showcasing the finalists for the New Zealand Awards for Children and Young Adults, and a recent post about books from the NCC on display ▪ Chantalle would appreciate being told of items that can be shared through the Facebook page - anything related to children's literature. <p style="text-align: right;">Corrina Gordon / Chantalle Smith</p> <p>Matters arising from the report</p> <p>Chantalle was thanked for managing the Facebook page.</p>
3.	<p>Election of officers and committee members</p> <p>All current committee members stood again for the committee. There were no further nominations from the floor.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Patron – Fleur Beale • President – Corrina Gordon • Treasurer – Jeff Hunt • Newsletter editor – Shared amongst committee • General committee roles <p>Barbara Robertson, Chantalle Smith, Joan McCracken, Kathryn Walls, Mary Skarott</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Alison Grant / Rosemary Cole</p> <p>All committee members were confirmed in their roles (with acclamation).</p>
4.	<p>Newsletter</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contributions for next newsletter were requested
5.	<p>Constitution revision confirmed</p>
6.	<p>Events</p> <p>The following speakers / subjects were suggested. The committee will follow up on these.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fleur Beale

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Meeting closed at 6:40pm