

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2021

of the

Society of the Friends of the Dorothy Neal White Collection

4.30pm, Thursday June 9 2022

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

The Annual General Meeting 2021 was held on 3 June 2021 AND was attended by 14 members.

COMMITTEE

All committee members were re-elected unopposed. Corrina Gordon has retained the role of President. Jeff Hunt (Treasurer) continue in these positions, with the committee members sharing the role of Newsletter editor during the year. Other members who continued their roles on the committee were Barbara Robertson, Kathryn Walls, and Chantalle Smith. Mary Skarott, in her role as the Research Librarian Children's Literature, is also part of the committee.

We have vacancies in our committee and would appreciate interest in future nominations from anyone willing. Committee members help with planning the year's events, hosting them and implementing any agreed actions from the AGM.

The Committee of the Friends of the Dorothy Neal White Collection has met regularly throughout the year, mostly in virtual meetings and arranged only one event for members. This has been due to the challenging times we live in, with covid restrictions.

MEETINGS

Meetings during the year were all held at the National Library. Our thanks go to the National Library for allowing us to hold our events here free of charge, and particularly to Public Engagement staff for setting up the rooms for us and to Security for the part they play.

- 3 June AGM 2021
- 9 May 2022 Kathryn Walls - Bunchy: the shadow side of Milly-Molly-Mandy.

We count ourselves lucky to have been able to have even one event, which we tried successfully for the first time, as a lunchtime event. Kathryn gave an excellent presentation and drew a good audience. We thank her for giving their time to share their passion for children's literature with the Friends.

PATRON

Our patron, Fleur Beale continues to attend many of our events. We hope to have her speak again this year.

RESEARCH SCHOLAR

We are pleased to have Talia Crockett, PhD candidate at Victoria University as our Research scholar for 2020/2021. Talia is continuing work on her PhD research "Ethical representations of trauma in YA literature". In 2022 we will be advertising for applications for the next grant.

FACEBOOK AND WEBSITE

Thank you to both Jeff Hunt and Chantalle Smith for contributing to the Website and Facebook account. They will provide separate reports.

CONSTITUTION

The Constitution, which had been revised and sent to members for feedback last year, has now been finalised and sent to the Charities (commission?) by our Treasurer, Jeff Hunt. This will be available to read on our website in the near future.

NEWSLETTER

The newsletter is published to keep members up to date with activities and events associated with members and with the National Library's collections, and includes other news connected with children's literature. As always this was a very collaborative effort.

Over the next year we will continue to share the editing of the newsletter among committee members. We welcome input from members for the next one if you have any interesting topics, reviews or obituaries you would like to provide. Please let anyone in the committee know if you would like to contribute.

REDESIGN OF LOGO & MERCHANDISING

Our logos and brochure have now been completed, providing a fresh new look for the FDNWC. Many thanks to Hamish Thompson for his patience and time designing these with multiple revisions. We are still tweaking the appearance but will soon have a refreshed website and other items

MEMBERSHIP

The treasurer continues to encourage members to renew their subscriptions - or to let us know if they no longer want to belong to the Society. We ended the 2021-2022 financial year with [xx] financial members of the Friends.

We encourage current members to bring a friend or friends to events, as some people may not be aware of the society and our activities. While we still circulate the newsletter and notices to some libraries and other organisations that support children's literature, we continue to refine our membership and mailing lists.

CONCLUSION

Thank you to all members of the Society for your continuing interest in the children's literature collections of the National Library. We appreciate your understanding about our inability in the last year to host as many events as we would have liked but hope to be able

to hold more events in the coming year. We really enjoy catching up with those of you who are able to attend the meetings that are organised throughout the year.

Once again, grateful thanks are also due to all the Committee members for their continuing energy and commitment, their catering skills, and their ongoing support for the Research Librarian and the Collection.

As always, we welcome suggestions of topics for events, displays, publications, or research using the DNW Collection and the Library's other children's literature collections.

Corrina Gordon

President

9 June 2022