

Meeting Minutes

Friends of the Dorothy Neal White Collection – AGM 2025

Date and time of meeting	Wednesday 11 June 2025, 5.30pm
Location	Tiakiwai Conference Centre (lower ground floor), National Library of New Zealand
Attendees	Mary Skarott, Joan McCracken, Corrina Gordon, Chantalle Smith, Kathryn Walls, Barbara Robertson, Neil Robertson, Fiona Gray, Fran Kell
Apologies	Jeff Hunt, Alison Grant, Mary Atwool, Marianne Dobbie
Chair	Corrina Gordon
Minutes	Chantalle Smith

Agenda items

Item	Description	Paper	Led by
1.	<p>Minutes of the last AGM – 20 June 2024 <i>Matters arising from the last meeting - nothing</i></p> <p>Minutes accepted by Joan McCracken Seconded by Fiona Gray</p>	Yes	Corrina
2.	<p>Reports See individual reports for full details. These are available separately and will be emailed to members.</p> <p><u>President's report</u> Last AGM held 20 June 2024 and attended by 10 members. All committee members re-elected unopposed. We have vacancies in the committee and appreciate interest. Barbara is standing down as a committee member this year. Planning the events of the year. Meetings held in the last year – thanks to the National Library allowing our events free of charge, and Public Engagement and Security for their part in setting up and supporting our events. 20 June AGM 11 Dec The Pleasure of Food – readings from the committee members. Fleur Beale, our patron, attends when able. Thank you to Jeff and Chantalle for the website and Facebook accounts. Newsletter will be sent out in the next couple of days. Keeps members up to date with activities and events associated with members and the National Library collections. Will accept members contributions for the newsletter. Membership – Treasurer continues to encourage members</p>	Yes	Corrina Joan Mary Chantalle

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	<p>to renew their subscriptions. Encourage people to bring friends to events. Thank you to everyone to continue to support us and the Children's collections at the National Library. Thank you to the committee. Always open to suggestions of people to speak, events, displays.</p> <p><i>Matters arising from report - nothing</i></p> <p>Report accepted by Mary Skarott Seconded by Kathryn Walls</p> <p><u>Financial report</u> – presented by Joan McCracken on behalf of Jeff Hunt</p> <p>Not a lot of activity last year, so didn't spend much money. Although subscriptions and donations are down on previous years, we did come out ok.</p> <p>Didn't have the big spend of publishing the pamphlet that we had the previous year.</p> <p>Continue to pay the Read NZ subscription. Still no scholarship paid out this year. Still have some term deposits that are still growing. Down a few members at the end of the financial year. This year we will be down some more, so please encourage more members.</p> <p><i>Matters arising from report - nothing</i></p> <p><i>Setting annual membership subscription rate</i> – Keep it the same</p> <p>Report accepted by Joan McCracken Seconded by Corrina Gordon</p> <p><u>Report from the Research Librarian</u></p> <p>Donations are lower this year – last year was due to the large donation from Auckland library. Asked for numbers of interloan requests for NCC. Good use of collections and displays. Picture Me cabinets provided some extra displays. Upcoming display is on the winners of the Hans Christian Andersen award.</p>		

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	<p>Extra money for purchasing books for the NCC. Able to buy extra reference books and slightly more expensive items.</p> <p>Display cabinet is in the Reading Room now. Do see people viewing the items. Elsie Locke was popular. Charles Keeping, Portal fiction and Antarctic Adventures. Collection Care people are moving into the new building, and discussions are underway to continue this display.</p> <p>Wooden bookcase at the back of the Reading Room for NCC.</p> <p>Recently added a bookcase on the ground floor too.</p> <p>Research Grant we will promote again this year, as we got no applicants last year.</p> <p><i>Matters arising from the report</i> – spent money for NCC, will we see a list of what you purchased? Has not normally provided this, but could produce a list. Buying for Dorothy? Usually only buy reference books. Will buy in the coming year. Does this mean you have all the books? It's never been the policy to look for books to purchase. We do have an excellent cross section of things, so not necessarily need some things. If the members see anything, they could donate.</p> <p>An impressive number of enquiries, have you seen any trends? Haven't looked through for the main trend. Mixture of research and personal (books from childhood). A lot of them are where can I find this book? Might take a note of trends for next year.</p> <p>Report accepted by Chantalle Smith</p> <p>Seconded by Fiona Gray</p> <p><u>Webmaster's report</u> presented by Joan McCracken on behalf of Jeff Hunt</p> <p>Nothing new to say. How grateful we are to charity.net at Waikato, so we don't pay a website fee.</p> <p>Website used for announcing meetings and notices. These are moved to the archive page when no longer current. Membership forms and purpose of the organisation.</p> <p>Feed from Facebook.</p> <p>Page is mostly static.</p> <p>It's about publishing items from the membership. If you have any items, please email through to FDNWC.</p> <p><i>Matters arising from the report</i> – is it web harvested by the Library? Not sure, Joan will check.</p>		

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	<p>Report accepted by Fiona Gray</p> <p>Seconded by Neil Robertson</p> <p><u>Facebook report</u></p> <p>Like previous years. Haven't added much over the past year.</p> <p>Continue to create event pages for our events and post about Mary's book displays.</p> <p>Extra topics were posted about the Khandallah Arts production of <i>Alice – the musical</i> and the Gecko Press art day at the National Library.</p> <p>Promotes the Research Grant.</p> <p>Most popular post was the one about the display for the International Translation Day 2024.</p> <p>Report accepted by Joan McCracken</p> <p>Seconded by Barbara Robertson</p> <p>Note: All written reports tabled & filed as part of the FDNWC papers at the National Library of New Zealand.</p>		
3.	<p>Election of officers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • President – Corrina Gordon – Nominated by Mary Skarott, Seconded by Fiona Gray • Treasurer – Jeff Hunt – Nominated by Corrina Gordon, Seconded by Chantalle Smith • Newsletter editor – Shared amongst committee • General committee roles 		
4.	<p>Election of Committee</p> <p>Barbara is standing down from the committee.</p> <p>Joan McCracken, Chantalle Smith and Kathryn Walls nominated by Barbara Robertson, Seconded by Fiona Gray</p>		
5.	<p>Newsletter</p> <p>Will be sent out in the next few days.</p> <p>For future newsletters, any contributions relating to children's literature greatly appreciated.</p>		Corrina

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6.	<p>Constitution</p> <p>Tedious task to update the constitution, especially for a small group like us. We have finally completed it.</p> <p>Voting on the motion “That the revised constitution for The Friends of the Dorothy Neal White Collection be accepted, and reregistration documents be submitted to the Companies Office by the committee by 31 August 2025.” This includes a change of the name of the group from The Society of the Friends of the Dorothy Neal White Collection to Friends of the Dorothy Neal White Collection</p> <p>All votes were in favour of the motion. 9 votes at AGM & 4 proxy votes. Motion Passed.</p> <p>We will now submit to Charities Services. Committee members will sort out the relevant paperwork.</p>	Yes – previously circulated to members	Corrina
7.	<p>Events</p> <p>We have an event this coming Tuesday, shared with the Turnbull Library. Online event only – Laura Mirebeau, Conservator, talking about the work she has done on some DNW items. Event is saved on Facebook if you can’t attend. Need to include a link to the membership form during the talk.</p> <p>Other events – nothing further confirmed. Potentially could have Kate de Goldi, the next Children’s Reading Ambassador, as a future speaker. Corrina has been doing a course with Kate de Goldi recently looking at Children’s literature through history that is momentous/milestones through town. Any ideas for future events, please let us know.</p>		Corrina Joan
8.	<p>Any other business</p> <p>Nothing</p>		Corrina

Minutes approved by committee members by email

Mary Skarott

Chantalle Smith

Joan McCracken