

Friends of the Dorothy Neal White Collection

Annual General Meeting 2026

Meeting agenda and minutes

Date and time of meeting	Wednesday 23 June 2026, 5.30pm
Location	National Library Reading Room, Level 1
Attendees	Fleur Beale, Corrina Gordon, Alison Grant, Katrina Hatherly, Cherie Jacobson, Joan McCracken, Sam Orchard, Barbara Robertson, Neil Robertson. Chantalle Smith, Mary Skarott, Vivien van Rij. Kathryn Walls
Proxy received	Fiona Gray, Lynley Gudgeon, Jeff Hunt
Apologies	Rosemary Cole, Marianne Dobie, Linda McGregor, Susan Price, Alan Smith
Chair	Corrina Gordon
Minutes	Kathryn Walls

Item	AGENDA	Led by	MINUTES
1.	Welcome	Corrina	The President Corrina Gordon welcomed and thanked the attendees, attendance exceeding a quorum. She particularly welcomed new members who were attending their first AGM. She welcomed the presence of distinguished patron, Fleur Beale. She also welcomed and Introduced Sam Orchard, Curator: (dealing with a range of material, including, cartoons, children's books, and paratextual material). He described his mixed responsibilities as collections which use "words and pictures to tell stories".

2.	Minutes of the last AGM – 11 June 2025 Matters arising from the last meeting	Corrina	Minutes of previous AGM These were introduced by the President, who invited comments. Matters arising FDNWC website archive: Joan McCracken raised the resolution to check the archiving of the FDNWC website, and apologised for the delay in checking. Joan noted that when she first tried to look at archived examples of the website through the National Library website (natlib.govt.nz) she could only access one iteration of the FDNWC website (archived 13 March 2023). After querying this she discovered that it is possible to access all archived versions directly through the National Library online catalogue, and also that it contains an invaluable record with the website collected annually from 2011 to 2024. The next collection will be in December 2026 (it was not collected in 2025). FDNWC constitution update: The President confirmed the finalisation of the Constitution overhaul. Moved / seconded Joan McCracken / Mary Skarott
3.	Reports		Full reports can be found at the end of the minutes

	President's report ● Matters arising from report	Corrina	President's report The president highlighted aspects of her report for the 2025 to 2026 year, including the events held during the year. She particularly thanked Victoria University and the Stout Centre for hosting two events. Moved / seconded Mary Skarott / Chantalle Smith
	Financial report ○ Matters arising from report ○ Setting annual membership subscription rate	Presented by Joan McCracken on behalf of the treasurer Jeff Hunt	Financial Report to 1 April 2026 It was noted that the one major cost was payment to the scholarship holder and that money had to be transferred from a term deposit for this; interestingly, donations exceeded subscription income. Membership 22 last year Moved / seconded Joan McCracken / Katrina Hatherly Subscription fee Our treasurer recommends maintaining \$20 rate. PASSED Kathryn suggested gift memberships to speakers, ACTION: The committee will discuss

	Report from the Research Librarian • Matters arising from the report	Mary	Librarian's Report In her introduction Mary noted that a budget increase had proved useful for the acquisition of supporting material for the NCC. She welcomed the return of the cabinet in the level 1 reading room for her displays. Mary advised that a number of the enquiries she has received have concerned finding a book remembered from childhood. Tips for this can be included in the next Newsletter. She reported that the FDNWC Scholar is working productively towards a Masters degree in Design. The quality of Mary's report received general acclaim, as did her display of gorgeous acquisitions, which members were able to peruse before the AGM. Moved / seconded Joan McCracken / Kathryn Walls
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	Webmaster's report • Matters arising from the report	Presented by Joan McCracken on behalf of the webmaster Jeff Hunt	Webmaster report There have been no major updates to the site this year. FDNWC continue to be very grateful that the website is hosted by Charity.net, a free service based in the Waikato run by Andrew Malcolm. The webmaster appreciates material supplied by members for the website. The Facebook feed from Chantalle is a great example of this & appears on the front page of the website. All meeting papers and FDNWC publications should be able to be found on the website. Moved / seconded Joan McCracken / Chantalle Smith Joan noted that we are keen to ensure that the website is fully updated before the website is archived again by the National Library in December 2026.
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	Facebook report ● Matters arising from the report	Chantalle	Facebook report Chantalle continues posting about upcoming events, displays and anything else of interest to the world of children's literature. 9 posts this year. Most have between 30 and 70 views. The post with the most views was one in relation to a display for the National Library's 60th birthday. The most recent is about the return of the display cabinet. Moved / seconded Katrina Hatherly / Mary Skarott
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4.	Election of officers ● President – Corrina Gordon ● Treasurer – Jeff Hunt ● Newsletter editor – Shared amongst committee ● General committee roles Kathryn Walls Chantalle Smith Joan McCracken ● Ex Officio – Research Librarian Children’s Literature, Alexander Turnbull Library Mary Skarott		
5.	Election of Committee	Barbara Robertson took the chair for the election of the President. The chair reverted to Corrina Gordon following her election	Nomination of Corrina Gordon by Chantalle Smith seconded Joan. Re-elected unopposed Treasurer: Jeff Hunt, relected unopposed Current committee: relected unopposed. Moved / seconded Neil Robertson / Sam Orchard The President welcomed offers of support and participation from members, irrespective of elected positions.

6.	Newsletter	Joan	Newsletter ● Newsletter #69 was published in December 2025 and can be found on the FDNWC website https://dnwfriends.nzl.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/12/FDNW-newsletter-Dec-2025-final.pdf ● Newsletter #70 will be published in July 2026. Please contact Joan if you have a contribution joan.m54@gmail.com
7.	Building membership of FDNWC	Corrina	As noted in the President's report all members are encouraged to share information about the Friends and the collections that are supported as we need more members!
7.	Events	Mary	Mary reported on the plans for the next event. This will be held on the afternoon of 18 August, planned to precede an evening panel to mark children's book week. Sam is helping to arrange the panel event, which will include a display of book award winners from inception in the early 1980s. Our FDNWC tie-in event will be a 'drop in and read', in Te Kupenga (room on level 1 of the National Library). We will select vintage books from the NCC for people to come in and enjoy (1940-early 1980s). Also, a few DNW books to be displayed but not handled. Full planning to be done in July.
8.	Any other business		There was no other business. The meeting closed at 6.45.