

# NEWSLETTER

Friends of Christchurch City Libraries

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CHRISTCHURCH  
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Ngā Hoahoa o  
Ngā Kete Wānanga-o-Ōtautahi

## Another Successful Book Sale

The Christchurch City Libraries Annual Book Sale was held March 22nd to March 24<sup>th</sup>

Thursday was set up day at Pioneer Stadium with 1344 boxes of books and 180 boxes of magazines arriving on 55 pallets. These were opened and displayed on 200 trestle tables with the help of your wonderful members.

On Thursday night 107 Friends of the Library and 49 Library staff took advantage of the early bird preview with the first sale minutes after the doors opened!

On Friday morning 280 people braved the cool, rainy day in the first 15 minutes. The stock was selling like hot cakes, barely getting out of the boxes before finding a new home. 3000 happy customers came through the door over the day.

Saturday was again very busy with 2600 customers bagging a bargain or two. We sold out of all cookbooks, art books and magazines.

This year there were a few new faces among the regular volunteers. Thank you to all of you who volunteered your time over the three days.

I would also like to acknowledge the work Barbara Clarke and the committee do behind the scenes ensuring there are enough volunteers to cover each shift. We are looking for new volunteers for next year so please give this some consideration and let your committee know if you are interested.

Jane Hackett

Team Leader Bindery and Distribution





# The AGM IS COMING...

This year's Friends' AGM will be held following John Rosanowski's 2 pm book talk in the Fendalton Library Board Room on Saturday 26 May. I urge everyone with an interest in the Friends' committee work to consider nomination to the committee. We meet about eight times a year, usually at 4pm on the last Monday of the month at a meeting room in either the Linwood or Fendalton CCC Service Centres.

As well as assisting with the Libraries' annual book sale the committee also organises the programme of monthly Tuesday book talks; we provide hosting for library events as required; we hold social events for Friends' members and we allocate the funds we've raised to library resources that may not be covered in operational budgets.

Roles within the committee include the book talk co-ordinator, the treasurer/membership secretary, the newsletter editor, the minutes secretary (currently vacant) and the chairperson. My tenure in that role will conclude at this year's AGM.

Fresh ideas from additional committee members would be most welcome. Please let me know if you're interested either by email to the Friends' address on the front page on this newsletter or by phone on 980-8596.

A reminder, too, that only current FOCL members can vote at the AGM. Subscriptions for the 2018/19 year can be paid on line or directly to the Treasurer as you'll read on the back page of this newsletter.

Since the AGM is being held a little earlier than usual there will be no book talk in June.

Barbara Clarke Chairperson



## Update on Tūranga



If you haven't been in to the Square lately it is worth taking the time to go and see what progress is being made with the new Library. The glass is in, the veils are being installed on the exterior walls, and there is great activity internally getting everything in place.

Tūranga continued...

An official opening date is yet to be announced, but it is starting to feel very close as the planning continues. Recruitment is well underway. Chris Hay (ex-Libraries and Community Spaces manager for Wellington City Council) has been appointed Central Library Manager – Tūranga and will take up his new role in June. All Team Leader and Floor Leaders are now in place, and several appointments have been made to the more specialised positions so that the operational planning needed prior to and after opening day can start.

Shelving and furniture has been ordered. The IT Equipment list is being finalised to ensure what we get matches what we need to offer the services identified for Tūranga; and planning the logistics for moving collection and equipment from five different places has started.

For more photos of the construction, and the latest information about Tūranga, please visit the Library website at <https://my.christchurchcitylibraries.com/latest-information/> To subscribe to a regular updates on Tūranga, please visit <https://www.ccc.govt.nz/the-council/future-projects/libraries-service/central-library>

In the words of Carolyn Robertson, Head of Libraries and Information Unit, *'in just a few months, you will be strolling through the front doors of our brand new, world class, game-changing central library'*.



The Old Library in Cambridge Terrace that was replaced in 1982 and demolished after the earthquakes



The Warren and Mahoney designed Central Library on the corner of Oxford Terrace and Gloucester Street opened in 1982. By 2008 this was too small. And it was damaged in the 2011 earthquakes.

# BOOK TALKS

## **Bruce Shalders**

**8 May 12.30pm at Fendalton Library**

### **Railway Houses of New Zealand**

The previously untold story of New Zealand's 3,700 iconic railway houses that are dotted around the landscape.

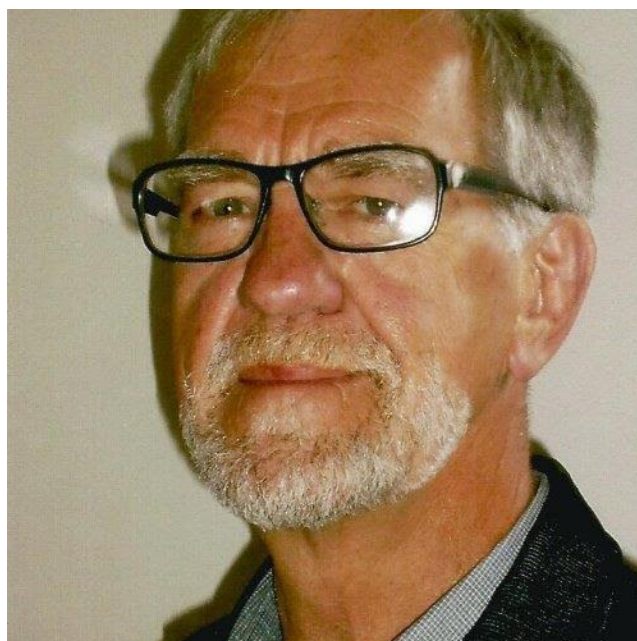
Bruce was a railway man and he and his family lived in a railway house. His book covers the railway housing scheme, The Railways Architectural Section, the sawmill and special housing factory that operated in Frankton, the railway settlements and their maintenance programme.



## **John Rosanowski AGM Guest Speaker**

**26 May 2 pm at Fendalton Library**

John studied history at Canterbury University under Phillip Ross May. His career was in teacher professional development alongside continuous research and writing. John will talk about aspects and anecdotes of the process of research as applied to his publications. Amongst John's works are *Murder on Broadway*, and *Treachery Road*, both set in the New Zealand Goldfields.

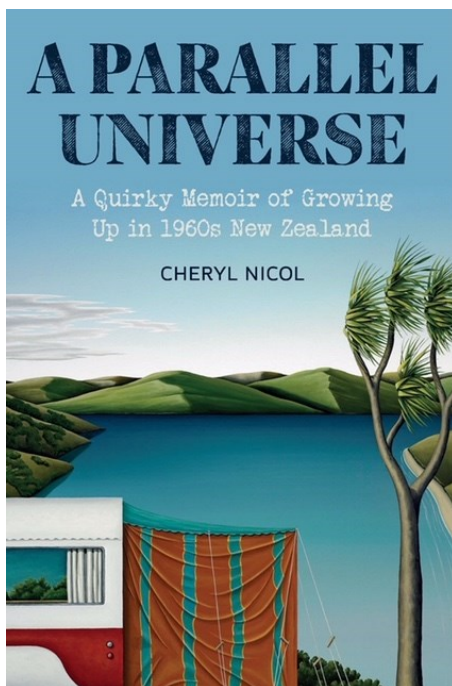


## Cheryl Nicol

**10 July 12:30 pm at Fendalton Library**

Prize-winning short fiction author Cheryl Nicol will be joining us to talk about memories of her childhood and her latest book, *A Parallel Universe: A Quirky Memoir of Growing Up in 1960s New Zealand*.

Cheryl, a keen history buff and author of two previous historical biographies, was born and raised in Christchurch.



## Trevor Agnew

**14 August 12:30 pm**

**at Fendalton Library**

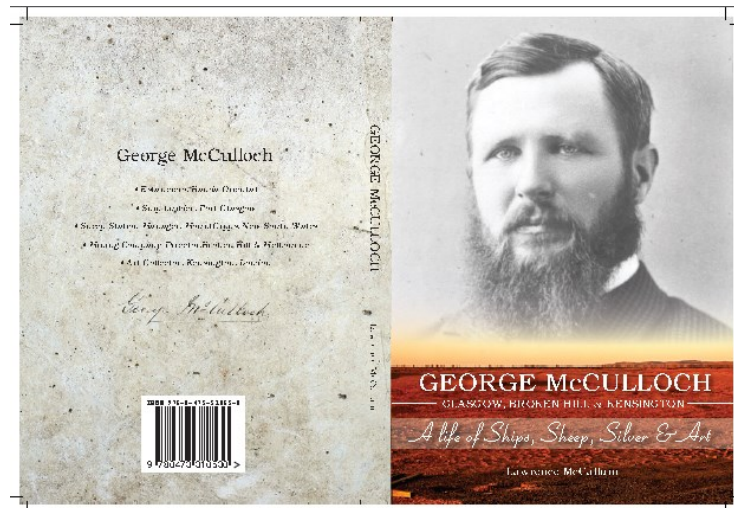
Trevor Agnew wrote the TV column for The Press for 13 years. With his wife Jenny he is currently writing a biography of the Chinese merchant and gold dredging pioneer, Choie Sew Hoy. His talk will be a light hearted look at hobby writing—writing you can do in your spare time— or in his case in retirement while watching television. He continues to regularly review television programmes and books.



**Laurie McCallum**

**11 September 12:30 pm**

**at Fendalton Library**



Laurie McCallum is a retired town planner/resource manager with masterates in geography and resource management. He has written the biography of George McCulloch (1848-1907) a founding director of BHP and art collector in Kensington London. The book is now in the national libraries of Scotland, England, Australia and USA. He is completing a second book on George and his art collection. He will talk about researching, writing and speaking engagements in relation to his work on George McCulloch.

BHP is Broken Hill Proprietary Company Ltd, one of the world's largest resource companies.

## **Do you have a friend**

### **who would like to be a FRIEND?**

All your friend needs is an interest in Christchurch City Libraries and a love of what they provide which is so much more than only books.

Simply direct your friend to our website

<http://my.christchurchcitylibraries.com/friends/>

Or follow the guidelines at the end of this newsletter.

## Need to renew your membership or know someone who'd like to join?

<https://my.christchurchcitylibraries.com/friends/>

### To renew your existing membership:

1. **Either** pay online to account 030855 0392046 00 quoting your name and membership type of waged, unwaged or family
2. **Or** post cheque or cash, noting your name to: The Treasurer  
16 Venerable Terrace  
Yaldhurst  
Christchurch 8042

### New membership:

1. **Either** pay online to account 030855 0392046 00 quoting your name and membership type of waged, unwaged or family and

**Email to [friendsofchchlibrary@gmail.com](mailto:friendsofchchlibrary@gmail.com)** the following details:

Your name, Address, Phone number(s), Email address

2. **Or** post cheque or cash including the above details to: The Treasurer (see above)

### Membership fees are

\$10 Unwaged \$15 Waged or \$20 Family, being 2 adults and any number of children under the age of 18 years living at the same address.

Donations are very much appreciated.

If a receipt is required please forward a stamped self-addressed envelope.

The financial year runs from 1<sup>st</sup> April to 31 March.

The Treasurer appreciates subscriptions being paid as early as possible. **Please note that all new**

**and existing subscriptions must be paid by 28 February each year if you wish to attend the Libraries Book Sale Preview.**

## Rewards of being a Friend of the Christchurch City Libraries

The good feeling that comes from knowing you are helping to spread the joy of learning, reading and the love of books

Monthly book talks by local authors on the **2nd Tuesday of the month** at **Fendalton Library, at 12:30 pm** (gold coin donation)

A regular newsletter with information of coming events, library services, book notes and other interesting material

An opportunity to buy at the library book sale preview