

# NEWSLETTER

## Friends of Christchurch City Libraries

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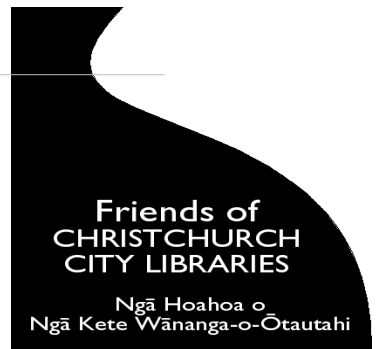
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### FOCL Chairperson's Report, June 2017

Once again I'd like to start by acknowledging the work of the Friends Committee. I'm incredibly grateful for their support and dedication. I'd specially like to thank Elaine Sides, our Library Liaison person for her expertise and guidance; the Treasurer and Membership Secretary, Norma Porter and the Minutes Secretary, Margaret Harrison for their cheerful efficiency. My thanks also to Diane Bargas who took on the role of book talk programme co-ordinator this year and provided us with some tremendously interesting speakers and to Janice Lavelle, who compiled our three annual newsletters. Thanks also to committee members Chris Baxter, Alan Crisp, Shirley Edwards, Dorothea Gosser, Wilma Tully and Elizabeth Williams for their valuable and consistent contribution. Ann Christian resigned earlier this year when she moved into care.

This last year's book talk programme covered a wide range of interesting subjects – from Peter Fry's experiences as a military observer in the Middle East, to Geoff Rice's histories of Christchurch; Carl Nixon talking about his novels; Lindsey Dawson who brought an incident in an ancestor's diary to life in her romance 'Scarlet and Magenta'; Jo Taylor, the exuberant editor/owner of 'Latitude' magazine, Mike Crean's very popular talk about the genesis and gestation of his book 'Tales from the Back Roads' at the Christmas meeting, Philip Tew from Christchurch City Libraries talking of 'Trends in fiction'; Jane Robertson's talk of the process of writing "Head of the Harbour" and Jane Carswell's trials and tribulations in 'Talk of Treasure' of her experiences writing and finding a publisher for her first book.

In the past year the Friends have continued to assist Christchurch City Libraries. We funded a cake at the Te Hapua Halswell Centre's Community Read when 55 people gathered to hear Jenny Patrick talk about and read from her novel 'Heartland' and assisted library staff at Upper Riccarton Library's 'Storylines' event. In 2017 four libraries will either re-open after repair or open in brand new premises. The committee has agreed to fund each library an item that will benefit their community and which is not covered by CCC funding, to a limit of \$1000 per library.

Chairperson's report continued...

The biggest event of the Friends' year was the three days assistance we give the Libraries at their annual book sale in March. As you'll have read in our May newsletter the 2017 book sale broke all records for attendance with almost 7500 eager bargain hunters passing through the doors on the two public sale days. Over the three days 40 Friends volunteers helped by setting up trestle tables, unpacking and replenishing stock, processing sales and, at the sale's conclusion, repacking unsold items. Our special thanks, as always, to Jane Hackett, the Libraries' Book Sale Manager and Sharon Christofides for their superb organisational skills and sheer hard work. Next year we're hoping that more of our younger members will offer to help at the Book Sale. With all the profits from the Book Sale being returned to the Libraries, it's a very worthwhile project.

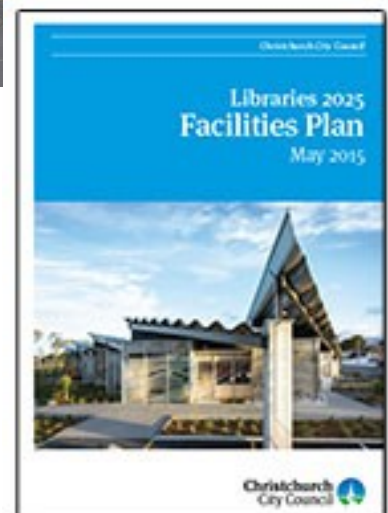
Barbara Clarke

## Library Update

**Ōrauwhata:** Bishopdale Library and Community Centre was opened on 22 July. While the opening ceremony was hampered by wet weather, this had little impact on the joy on people's faces as they came to check out the new facilities and see for themselves what was now on offer. In the first week of opening, nearly 8000 items were issued - 600 more than the whole of July 2016!



Planning has begun for a new community facility at **Hornby**. This may include a library and other council services, and a pool. At this stage the final location has yet to be decided.





Progress on the building of the new

**Central Library** continues. Currently the focus is on things like staffing requirements and identifying what training needs to happen; what the final layout is going to look like; how much shelving will be needed; what collections and programmes will be offered; what new technologies are available; and signing off artwork and design, signage and wayfinding. There is a very long list of things to be done before the library opens in the middle of 2018.

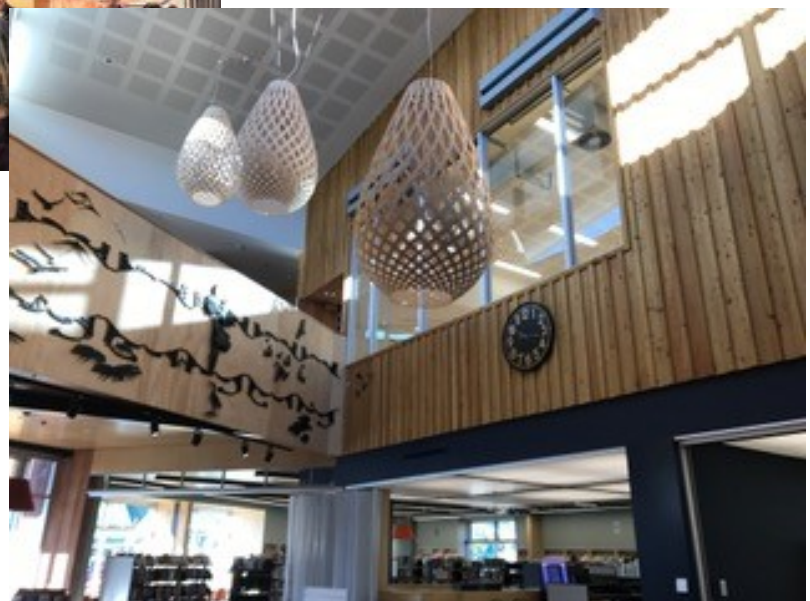


The library has also been very busy feeding into the **Long Term Plan for 2018-2028**. The draft document contains details on what we want to deliver and achieve in the next ten years. The draft plan goes to Council early next year for review, and then goes out for public consultation. Councillors then consider the feedback, and approve the final plan in time for it to start being implemented on 1 July 2018. So if you want to see what we have planned for the coming 10 years, do take time to have a look at for the draft document and have your say as part of the consultation process. The draft plan will be available on the Council's website and in libraries later this year.

Library Update continued...

**Matuku Takotako:** Sumner Centre opened on Saturday 19 August. This two storey facility includes the library, the museum, several meeting rooms, a theatre, and other community spaces. The building makes the most of wood to provide a warm and inviting environment.

Elaine Sides  
Library Liaison



Photos from the blessing at  
Sumner on 17th August  
2017

# BOOK TALKS 2017

## Genevieve King

Tuesday 12 September 12:30pm

At Fendalton Library



**Valley Gatherings** is Genevieve King's first book - an entirely self published individual project where she wrote, took the photos and completed the layout and design work herself. Having grown up in the Clarence area, completed a design de-

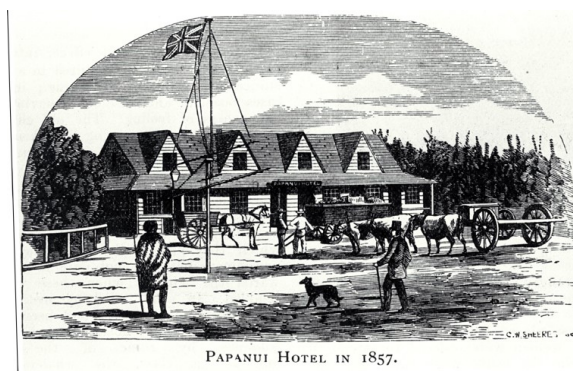
gree, and worked a few seasons raft guiding on the river, she found it fun to combine her love of food with these other skills. The book is a compilation of photos, stories and recipes gathered from the people living on or near the Clarence River. Genevieve wrote it because a) she wanted to showcase the valley she calls home, and b) the multi day rafting clients were often requesting a book on completion of their river trips. There is an emphasis on local, seasonal produce which she has carried through into the menu in her new food truck, which is busy catering for the recent influx of workers. The book was at the printers when the November earthquake hit, which certainly made completion of the project before Christmas 2016 rather a challenge, but this has become part of its story.

## Murray Williams

Tuesday 10th October 12:30pm at  
Fendalton Library

Murray Williams will be talking about his book

' **From Timber Town to City Suburbs**'  
which is the first general history to be written  
about Papanui.



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

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### 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:

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

\$10 Unwaged

\$15 Waged

\$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 reading and the love of books

Monthly book talks by local authors on the 2<sup>nd</sup> 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

**Friends of the Christchurch City Libraries value, support and promote the Libraries.**

**Christchurch City Libraries enhance and strengthen the knowledge bases available for all Christchurch citizens.**