

EXECUTIVE AND COMMITTEE

50th Annual Meeting, 1959

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*Life Members (over 15 years committee service)

†Honorary Members (over 15 years service)

Linwood Public Library

1909 - 1959

This Library celebrates its 50th birthday this year. It was opened on 22nd July, 1909 with 47 subscribers, after several meetings held in the Rolleston Street Hall and in this building by the Provisional Committee and the Linwood Citizens Association.

The first annual meeting was held in the Rolleston Street Hall on Friday, 24th June, 1910 with Mr W. W. Tanner as president. There were approximately twenty present.

The following are a few brief facts covering the 1st year of Library:—

On 30th April, 1909 a meeting of residents was held in the Rolleston Street (now England Street) Hall to go into the question of establishing a Library and Reading Room in the area. The meeting was presided over by Mr W. W. Tanner. Arrangements were made for a deputation consisting of Messrs G. W. Russell, W. W. Tanner, A. Marshall, D. Richardson, H. W. Chappell, J. Clark and C. Reddington to meet the Christchurch City Council on 3rd May, 1909. The Council agreed to make available a sum of £40 which had been placed on the estimates for this purpose the previous year but which had lapsed as it had not been taken up by 30th March, 1909. The usual grant of £25 was also to be made available together with an allocation from an annual £3000 parliamentary grant which would amount to approximately £10. This made a total of £75 available.

At a meeting of the Provisional Committee, held on 5th May, 1909, under the chairmanship of Mr G. W. Russell, M.P., it was decided to recommend to the Linwood Citizens Association that a Library and Reading Room be established in the old Borough Council Chambers building, in accordance with an offer from the City Council to make the building available for that purpose at a charge of 10/- per annum.

Those attending the meeting on 5th May, 1909 were, Mr G. W. Russell, M.P., Messrs McKay, Richardson, Rountree, Clark, Marshall, Meers and Chappell. Apologies were received from Messrs Tanner, Brunt and Horsley. Mr Chappell was elected to act as secretary for the meeting. The deputation referred to consisted of Messrs G. W. Russell, W. W. Tanner, A. Marshall, D. Richardson, H. M. Chappell, J. Clark and C. Reddington.

The annual subscriptions were decided upon as 5/- for the lending library, 10/6 for honorary members and £2-2-0 for life members. Half yearly subscriptions (apparently 2/6) were paid by Messrs McKay, Richardson, Rountree, Clark, Meers, Marshall, Russell and Chappell; presumably the first subscribers.

A further meeting was arranged for 11th May, 1909. This was presided over by Mr W. W. Tanner and those present were Messrs Clark, Marshall, Rountree, Meers and Chappell.

Mr Meers moved, Mr Clark seconded, that the Library be registered as the Linwood Public Library.

Four committees were set up as follows:—

Books: Messrs Clarke, Chappell, Marshall, Meers, Tanner and Russell.

Periodicals and Papers: Messrs McKay, Jamieson, Brunt, Russell and Clarke.