



**Themed Steam Sunday**

Lots of Dads and children turned up on our Themed Steam Sunday.

**Working Bee this Saturday**

Will we see you there? Come along to lend a hand for a while or a catch up!

**Big Plans for Labour Weekend**

This was a huge success in every sense last year and the Park is planning for something even bigger this year. We were very busy last year on Sunday and Monday with visitors in the shop from 10:10 until 5:00pm so we would really appreciate as much help as possible.

**From the Executive**

A report on items discussed at the last Executive meeting.

**Printery becoming busier**

More groups are using the Printshop which is great!

**Rekindle Festival**

We will be helping out at the Rekindle Festival on the Saturday of Labour Weekend which will be held opposite the Art Gallery. This will provide us with a great promotional Opportunity.

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A visiting Dad and son enjoying printing on the old proofing press

Unfortunately the weather let us down a little on the first Themed Steam Sunday and we never got the numbers through the Printery that we hoped. Despite this, it was a very good day, with lots of members turning up to lend a hand. Amongst the many visitors was the grandson of a founding member, and he had a great time reminiscing about times spent in the Printery helping his grandfather. It was rewarding to hear him mention how much the Printery had changed and developed since his last visit.

**Working Bee this Saturday**

We will be having our regular Working Bee this coming Saturday (1st) so whether you can lend a hand for a while or just want to come down for a catch up, we will be pleased to see you! There are always little jobs to be done that don't require huge skills or you may want to 'adopt' an area or printing machine and 'make it yours'. We'll look forward to seeing you.

**Major Road Works on Bridle Path Road**

SCIRT are carrying out major road works on Bridle Path Road over the next month or so. The road is down to one way heading in to Ferrymead so on leaving Ferrymead you need to leave through Heathcote and down Tunnel Rd or Port Hills Road.

**Big Plans for Labour Weekend**

Like last year, the Park is planning a big extravaganza for Labour Weekend Sunday and Monday with many activities and stalls organised. We would appreciate as many people as possible helping us to run our Printshop which gets very busy with lots happening.

**From the Executive**

- Gary reported that 5 new members had recently joined the Society
- Howard presented further developments of a rewrite of the Constitution. This is an ongoing development and the final rewrite will be ready for presentation and adoption at the next AGM
- Gary reported back on where developments are up to re getting the outside and inside clocks working and resynched. The P and T guys will be helping us with this.
- The initial meeting with Thea Mickell (funding coordinator) was postponed by Thea but is happening this week. We have received a very good quote for repairs to the building but we are still looking for builders to quote for repair work.
- More use is to be made of our Facebook page as people are using this as a means of finding information about our Society.
- Gary reported on the success of the Thursday night and other groups using the Printery.

**Rekindle Festival**

We have been asked to help Juliet Arnott, Director of Rekindle, an organisation dedicated to finding uses for waste materials. They have purchased a Farley proof press from Graham Judd in Auckland and want us to repair it and help them with a festival they are running at the Arts Centre over Labour Weekend. We will spend Saturday setting up their work space and teaching them so they can run it on Sunday and Monday as we will be busy at Ferrymead.

**Printery becoming Busier**

With the introduction of regular workshops and printing groups over the last few months, the Printery has become a hive of activity. The Thursday Twilight group is proving very popular with the group busy working on a wide range of projects as well as completing a page of a calendar for the Association of Handcraft Printers. The AHP produce a yearly calendar with each month featuring the work of a printer or printing group somewhere around New Zealand. These are wonderful creations featuring some top work by some of our foremost handcraft printers. So it is a great honour to be asked to add to their production. (Find out more about the AHP here; <https://handcraftprinters.org.nz/>)

The creative skills, choice of fonts, colours, textures and balanced geometric design of the Thursday Twilight Group's work is of a very high standard and is receiving many positive comments from the public. There is a wonderful atmosphere within the group which makes the evenings a lot of fun.



Two weeks ago we ran a work shop for Fine Arts Students from the University of Canterbury. The students were well prepared having done some research on the art of Letterpress Printing. The research reflected in their work as they produced 6 different posters, cleverly designed with a great choice of fonts.

The Junior Print Group has grown to 8 members. They were busy last Steam Sunday helping children make various things for Fathers Day. Over the school holidays they have come in for a day during the week helping design Christmas Cards for people to overprint their names. The children work well together having developed a strong bond.

The regular Saturday Print Group has become quieter as spring chores take over our time. But it is interesting as we each work on our projects.



President Gary presents Junior member Soraya Po with her Junior Print Group Certificate.