



Working Bee

We had a good turnout on both Saturday for our Working Bee.

AGM

We say farewell to some members, welcome others and report on developments as well as thanking Gary Parker for his huge contribution to the Society.

Bindery

Equipment is now shifted and in storage. To be set up in the New Year along with some other changes to displays.

Easter Weekend

This will be a big weekend this weekend. We are grateful to our Junior members helping us out. Can anyone else lend a hand? Please let Gary know.

Best wishes

Our very best wishes go to two of our members who are getting married over the holidays.

From the Executive

News from the AGM and the last Executive meeting including changes to the Constitution, maintenance work, presentation on collaboration between Community Groups/ Society, etc.

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Thanks to those members who turned out Sat 1st to help out at the Working Bee. A lot of work was done sorting the Library ready for its revamp and it is now looking a lot tidier. Still heaps to do if anyone would like to assist further? We are also grateful to member Greg Quinn for his help sorting out our bound copies of The Lyttelton Times / The Christchurch Star donated by The Star/ Margaret Blay.

AGM

In the afternoon, we held the 46th AGM of the Society.

The following office holders were appointed;

President:	Howard Pettigrew
Vice President:	Steve Johnstone
Secretary:	Karen Gorsuch
Treasurer:	Gary Parker

General Members: Bud Obst, Chris Horsham, Juliet Arnott, Pippa Judge, Russell Harris

Additional Roles

- Membership Secretary: Karen Gorsuch
- Trust Board Member: Chris Horsham
- Health and Safety Officer: Chris Horsham and Howard Pettigrew
- Librarian: Howard Pettigrew
- Gaffer: Chris Horsham

Thanks to those members who are continuing their great work on the Exec but we especially welcome new members, Juliet Arnott, Pippa Judge and Russell Harris to the Executive. We look forward to all you bring to the Society as it adapts to change and challenges, and as we look toward the future in a very positive shape.

Of course, while welcoming new Exec members, we must also farewell some others and I would like to thank Chris Cullen and Paul Gould who have stood down from the Executive at this AGM, for their many, many years of service in a variety of roles. Your contributions to the Society has been greatly appreciated and we wouldn't be where we are today if it wasn't for the hard work and dedication you put into the Society over a long period of time. Thanks for all your efforts.

Notes from the

46th AGM / Exec Meeting

- * Minutes of the Previous meeting were read and accepted as was the Financial Report. New processes have been put in place to better document monies received, subscriptions, etc
- * Steven Johnstone, on behalf of the Executive thanked Gary for his work as President of the Society for the previous year.
- * Elections of officers were held as outlined elsewhere.
- * The new Constitution was presented and apart from a minor typo to be corrected, was ratified by members present. Main changes were;
 - greater clarity as to how the Exec is made up, role of Exec Members and office holders.
 - financial year from 1st April to 31st March.
 - New type of membership - Junior for 10 - 15year olds
 - requirement that a Membership Register be kept
 - changes to timeframe of when Subs are in arrears / amount for second half of financial year.
- If anyone wants to discuss the new Constitution or get a copy, please contact an Exec member*
- * The wiring of the Printery has been checked and some work undertaken. Recommendations have been made for further work.
- * We received microfiche machines and reels for copies of Lyttelton Times for last 100 years from Star archives to be stored by Society
- * Discussion on book binding classes and how these would run.
- * Juliet Arnott spoke about collaboration between community groups and Society.
- * Discussion on long term goals for Society - shared next Scoop.

At the AGM, Gary Parker stood down as President but we haven't lost him to the Executive as he has taken on the role of Treasurer. As President he is owed a huge vote of thanks for the amazing amount of work he has put into the Society over the last few years. I don't think many people would appreciate the huge hours Gary puts into the Society unless you are a regular visitor. He can be found working away in the Printery for at least three days of the week - what dedication!

On Tuesday nights, he can be found helping out the happy band of members in the Print Group that meets at this time. Then on Thursday, usually along with his side kick Russell, he opens the Workshop up for visitors, which of late has included toddlers with their parents in tow. As well as making countless notebooks and stencils for the tiny tots and entertaining visitors to the Printery, he is often preparing materials for an upcoming 'big weekend' (like this coming Easter weekend) or doing printing for our Society or another in Ferrymead. Nothing is every a bother and he always has the Society's best interests at heart.

Thank you Gary for your huge dedication to the Society and for keeping things going through some very tough years. You can look back with pride at a Printery that is gradually becoming the envy of other Societies in terms of the visitor experience in the Printery / Workshop, the interaction with the public and what we offer. (It is worth reading the comments in the Visitor's Books, both in the Ferrymead Office and our own Visitors' Book - a lot due to Gary!). As well, there are more active members than we have had in a long time and when the repairs to the outside and Library are completed, our building, both externally and internally will be in the best shape it has been in a long time. Our profile in the wider national printing community and around Arts and Printing groups is also very high, a lot of this thanks to Gary's hard work.

Easter Weekend

As commented on above, Gary has been hard at work organising activities and Junior Group helpers to assist over the Easter Weekend (we couldn't survive without our brilliant Junior members and their wonderfully supportive parents!) But if you can assist at some stage, even for an hour or two over the Easter Break, Gary would love to hear from you. Contact Gary on 021 047 9621 or fopars73@gmail.com

Likewise, if you haven't been in to the Printery for a while, perhaps this would be a great weekend for a catchup!

Best wishes

We extend our very best wishes for two of our members, Fiona Harney and Yuri Nishiyama for their forthcoming weddings during the holiday break. Fiona is even having her wedding in the church at Ferrymead! Both Yuri and Fiona have done exceptional jobs of hand setting and printing very beautiful invitations etc at the Printery which I am sure will be appreciated by all the guests and will be wonderful reminders of their big days. Best wishes from the Society to you both for your big days! Lets hope the weather settles by then!