

Friends of the Hurunui District Libraries Newsletter – May 2010

Everyone needs a friend....

Greetings to all Friends of the Libraries in the Hurunui District.

AGM

Our AGM is to be held next Wednesday, June 2, at 2pm in the RSA room of the Hurunui Memorial Library. Our guest speaker is Doc Sidey of Hawarden, who has written several books on local history, most recently one called *Our Apron Strings*, about the pioneering women of the Hurunui district, which has proved extremely popular with local readers.

We always welcome new members on to our committee, but our office bearers remain the same so you can come along to the AGM without fear of being pressured. If you would like to join us, please put your name forward for nomination.

Book Sales

Our book sales have continued to be popular and a great source of income. We held one as usual at the Amberley show in November and the Hawarden show in March. At the Amberley show we were able to share a marquee with the Council's road safety coordinator, which turned out to be an excellent arrangement for both groups, and we thank Tony Francis for organising this. Our next book sale will be at the Amberley library later in the year.

Pens

In December we reordered stocks of our pens, which have proved so popular that we have almost sold out. These will be on sale again later in the year.

Funding Applications

We have not had any applications for funds so far this year. If your library has a project in mind, let us know if we can help.

Quilts

Our quilts were exhibited in the foyer of the Canterbury museum from January until the end of April, where they were greatly admired. The museum held an evening function in April, and invited all participants in the quilting project to celebrate together. They are now back at the Amberley library.

Writers' Tea Party

Our first tea party was held at the Hurunui Memorial Library, Amberley on Sunday September 13, 2009. The speakers were Bernadette Hall, an award-winning poet who lives locally; Ben Brown and Helen Taylor who collaborate as writer and illustrator of children's books; and Charlotte Randall, a novelist. We had a great crowd who were entertained by the speakers and enjoyed the afternoon tea.

Tea party number two is scheduled for Sunday August 8, again at the Hurunui Memorial Library, to coincide with celebrations for the 5th anniversary of its opening. Our speakers will be Tusiata Avia, a poet; Fiona Farrell, a well-known novelist; and Gavin Bishop, also a well-known writer and illustrator of children's books. Mark this date on your calendars and watch out for advertising in July.

Membership

Membership of the Friends is free to current library volunteers and honorary members. Members outside these categories are asked to give an annual donation. The membership period begins at July 1st each year, and may be renewed at any of the libraries. Volunteers do not automatically become Friends - you must fill out the form in your volunteer pack and give it to your librarian. Membership does not commit you to involvement in the society's activities, but if you are willing to help, please indicate on the enrolment or renewal forms. Please help to keep our membership database current by filling out the renewal form below or notifying changes of address or volunteer status to Susan at hawarden@hurunuilibrary.govt.nz or ronball@xtra.co.nz or 3142212

Membership Renewal July 2010-11 (Please return to your local library)

Name: _____

Membership type (Please indicate)

- Current library volunteer Subscribing member

May we call on you to help with Friends' activities? YES / NO

Do you require a receipt? YES / NO

Contact details (if changed)

