

NEWSLETTER

Friends of Christchurch City Libraries

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CHRISTCHURCH
CITY LIBRARIES
Ngā Hoahoa o
Ngā Kete Wānanga-o-Ōtautahi

Yet another successful book sale

This year's Christchurch City Libraries' annual book sale was held March 21st to March 23rd.

Thursday was set up day at Pioneer Stadium with the bulk of the 1311 boxes of books and 198 boxes of magazines opened and put out on display. Thanks to the amazing efforts of all the wonderful volunteers this was achieved by 2 pm, an all-time record.

At the Thursday preview sale nearly 170 Friends and Library staff lined up to check out the bargains with 33 Friends being the first to pass through the doors between 4.30 and 4.32 pm.

Friday was busier than last year with 3156 eager bargain hunters searching through the stock. Between 9.30 am and 1.30 pm a transaction was being processed every 15 seconds! Volunteers were kept really busy restocking, displaying, counting items pre-purchase and 'manning' the eftpos and cash check outs.

Saturday was a little more manageable with 2552 people coming through the doors before we closed at 4 o'clock. Like magic, but with a lot more effort, the pack down was completed by 5.15 pm. It was another amazing example of team work by everyone.

All up our 40 Friends volunteers contributed 430 hours to this year's book sale. We had a lot of fun being part of such a buzzy environment. Our sincere thanks, as always, go to Jane Hackett, the Libraries' Book Sale Manager and Sharon Christofides for their expert management of this and every book sale.



Jane sharing the impressive stats from the book sale at the recent thank you afternoon tea.

Continued... They're a truly awesome team providing calm and concise directions and the work is always made sweeter by Sharon's magnificent morning and afternoon tea treats. Yum

The committee gratefully thanks everyone who volunteered. Your assistance is enormously appreciated and it was good to see some new faces among the regular volunteers this year.

If you haven't volunteered before, make a note now of next year's book sale dates – it'll be a week later from Thursday 26 March to Saturday 28 March, 2020. Do come along and help. It really is rewarding and the profits go directly back to the Libraries making your efforts even more worthwhile.

See you next year.

The AGM is coming.....

This year's Friends' AGM will be held following Ron Growcott's 2pm book talk 'From draught horse to Euclid – some wild rides around New Zealand' in the Spark Place, Ground Floor, Turanga, Cathedral Square on Saturday 8 June. I encourage everyone with an interest in the Friends committee work to consider nomination to the committee. We meet about eight times a year, usually at 4pm on the last Monday of the month at either the Linwood or Fendalton Service Centres.



As well as assisting with the Libraries' annual book sale, the committee organises the monthly Tuesday book talk programme; provides hosting for library events as required; holds social events for members and allocates funds raised to library resources that may not be covered by operational budgets.

Roles within the committee include the book talk co-ordinator, the treasurer/membership secretary, the newsletter editor, the minutes secretary and the chairperson. Our constitution requires a new chairperson every three years so I will be stepping down at this year's AGM.

Fresh ideas from new committee members would be most welcome. Let me know if you're interested either by email to the Friends address on the front page of this newsletter or phone me on 980-8596.

*Continued...*A reminder, too, that only current FOCCL members can vote at the AGM. Subscriptions for the 2019/20 year can be paid on line or directly to the Treasurer as you'll read on the back page of this newsletter. Norma, our Treasurer, is overseas until mid-June so phone me if you have any subscription queries. Cash subscription payments can be made at the AGM.

Barbara Clarke Chairperson

Venues for Book Talks and AGM in 2019



During 2019 the Fendalton Library will be closed for some months for repairs. In May and July the Book Talks will be held in the Papanui Service Centre boardroom at 35 Langdons Road. The AGM is at Turanga, and in August the Book Talks will return to the Fendalton Library boardroom.

BOOK TALKS

AGM Book Talk

Ron Growcott

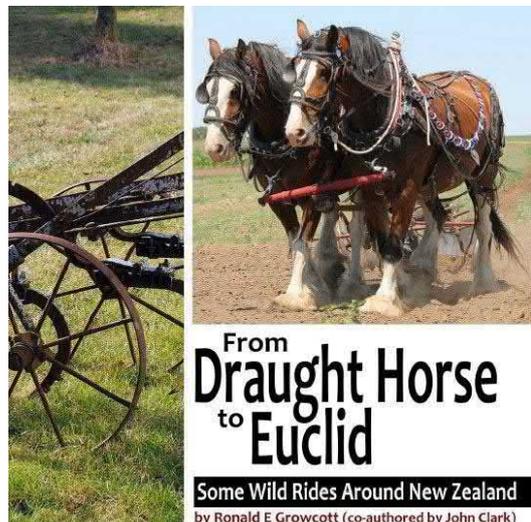
Saturday 8 June at 2 pm

At Turanga , Cathedral Square

From Draught Horse to Euclid - Some wild rides around New Zealand

This is the story of a true Kiwi pioneer, living his 92 years through times of world depression, world wars, poverty, prosperity, travel and retirement.

During his lengthy career he has driven the most diverse vehicles that one is likely to encounter, from a team of draught horses to 30 ton earth movers; from a taxi driver, to a double decker bus driver to a government chauffeur. Even a hearse!



BOOK TALKS

David Welch

9 July at 12:30pm

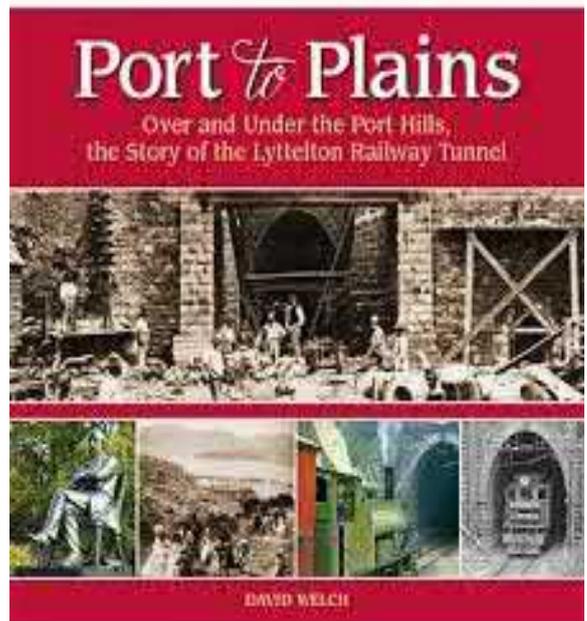
At Papanui Library

Author David Welch shares the story of the Lyttelton Railway

Tunnel– the largest single engineering project of colonial New Zealand.

Drawing upon research made for the book, David will outline the political history, describe the early technologies

and share some of the many human stories behind the construction of the Lyttelton Railway Tunnel. The talk is accompanied by projected images. Books will be available for purchase (cash or cheque only)

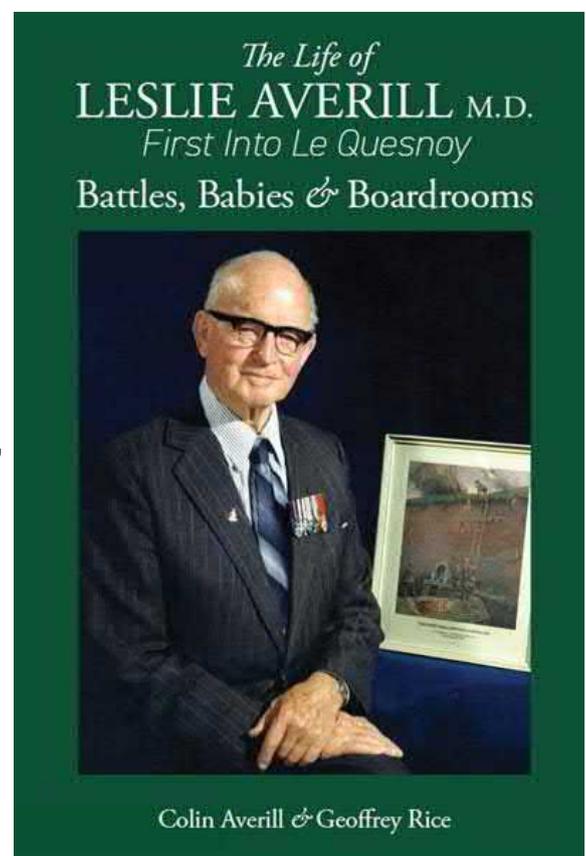


Colin Averill

13 August at 12:30pm

At Fendalton Library

Colin will talk about writing a biography of his father Leslie Averill, his reason for undertaking it, the challenge it presented, the research which was undertaken, and the satisfaction the exercise has given him. The book is called “The life of Leslie Averill MD”, and includes the story of his involvement in WW1, notably at Le Quesnoy, and his later medical career in NZ.



BOOK TALKS

Margaret Long

10 September at 12:30pm

At the Fendalton Library

She will speak about her garden and its development, her development as a gardener, and some of her garden travels.



Janet Wainscott

8 October at 12:30pm

At the Fendalton Library

Dementia: 'a hard thing to frame'

Janet Wainscott is a Lincoln-based writer who now writes mainly poetry and essays. In 2013 she published a book called *What Are You Doing Here: A conversation with dementia* about her mother's experience of dementia. In this talk she will explore the challenges of writing about dementia and the types of writing available on the topic.

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

<https://my.christchurchcitylibraries.com/friends/>

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

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Email to friendsofchchlibrary@gmail.com the following details:
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Phone number(s)
Email address
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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 1st 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 learning

Monthly book talks by local authors on the **2nd Tuesday of the month** from March to October except for June when a speaker attends the AGM on the **2nd Saturday** (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.