

## Hikuwai AGM Chair's Report

Susan Tegg was chair for most of the year, but a few months ago she took over as our Regional Chair. I have been chair since then and have put forward my name for chair in tonight's elections. Even though I've only been doing this job for a few months I have been lumbered, sorry I have the privilege of report in the years activities.

Events – here's a quick run down on some of the events we organised in the last year.

The Maori Television Tour in November 2006. I didn't go, but I remember being told it was a very successful event and heavily over subscribed. There was a tour of TV NZ as well, I scored a very nice travel bag. There will be no more of those free bees since the slash and burn exercise, even to their Libraries.

The Xmas party was at Unitec's Architecture and Design Library with entertainment from students at their School of Performing and Screen Arts, performing humorous scenes from a number of plays. Wine was generously sponsored by EBSCO.

There was a Winery Tour on Waiheke Island. Using public transport we visited Stoney Ridge winery to taste 2 tastes of their cheapest wines and take part in a short tour of the vineyard. Next time we organise on eof these and I hope we do I think there should be a recon of the wineries before hand and I reluctantly volunteer.

Maunukau City's Tupu Library – New Zealand's first youth orientated library. Hikuwai, SLANZA And Storylines Children's Literature Charitable Trust came together to

- celebrate International Children's Book Day,
- to listen to Lorraine Oram and Tessa Duder talk about their new book "Out of the Deep"
- How the trust was chosen by the IBBY (International Board on Books for Young People) as this years organiser of ICBD.
- Some of us shared their favourite children's book.

We had a very successful evening at the War Memorial Museum. So good we were copied by another group a few months later.

We had Paul Reynolds speaking on Web 2.0 at Auckland City Library as well as a discussion on Professional Registration.

Our most recent event was visiting Manukau City libraries' newest library - Te Matariki in Clendon. Very interesting Library, good food and an engaging talk by Jody Gayton about her time volunteering with VSA in rural Zimbabwe.

Professional Registration is here at last. There has been a lot of discussion this past year. I'm registered. Hands up who has registered, applied, or is planning to register?

Don't forget that attending our events could help with maintaining your reflective journal.

### Sponsorships

We had no response to our sponsorship to the LIANZA conference this year. We are trying a more targeted approach to find someone.

There is a meeting the day before conference for chairs of sigs and regional councils that the committee decided the Chair needs to attend. The committee also decided that it was important the chair attends the conference as well. One of the registrations we have already paid for will be used and transport and accommodation costs would also be covered.

LIANZA HQ have been organising Professional Development training over the year and we have been helping by organising venues and sometimes funding. Thanks to MIT, Unitec, Auckland Libraries, Manukau Libraries and anyone else I've missed out in hosting these sessions.

Our Northern members have been active this year with a number of events and visits. We try to help financially and with time. In the last year we targeted a conference registration (registration paid for in 2005/6 year) and are contributing to the cost of a professional Development day they are organising.

We also gave financial help to Haki Tahana, as a representative of Te Ropu Whakahau, to attend the International Indigenous Librarians Forum in Brisbane.

In the next few months we are planning on: the literature walk which had to be postponed from earlier in the year, and a quiz night as our Christmas event in late November early December to avoid the rush.

Finally a big plea

We need someone to be the 2008 conference convenor to coordinate planning with The Conference Company. We are getting desperate here. Remember the sessions are being organised by Rosanne Jatania and The Conference Company are doing a lot of the rest of the work, so it's not as onerous a job as Sue Cooper's was last time the conference was hosted in Auckland.

At this meeting we usually congratulate members who have received LIANZA awards.

## **Associateships**

Warren Curran

Cherry Gordon

Jill Irwin

Pat Liao

Bruce Ralston

Chris Roberts

I want to make personal mention of Fiona Rigby from Wellington, who has been the dogs body for EPIC since it's beginning.

## **Fellowships**

Judith Bright

Barbara Garriock

Brian Marshall

Kay Forrester also received a LIANZA Award of Merit – Marketing, for 2 marketing campaigns at Auckland Public.

If any of those people are present please stand up – clap.