

LIANZA – TE UPOKO O TE IKA A MAUI – AGM
17TH AUGUST 2004
ANNUAL REPORT OF THE CHAIR 2003/2004

As outgoing LIANZA Te Upoko o te Ika a Maui regional chair it is my pleasure to present the annual report of the past year.

The committee of Te Upoko o Te Ika a Maui have been fantastic with their hard work, enthusiasm, patience, support, inspiration and bright ideas. We started the year with pot-luck/lunch planning meeting/brainstorming session. There are not enough months in the year to organize and host all the bright ideas that arose from this session, but we tried. I was pleased to get an AGM apology from one member, which also thanked us for the varied programme we had provided. Thank you to the committee for working hard to make these events happen and thank you to the membership for attending and getting involved.

With the exception of January, the committee has met monthly throughout the year. Thank you to Wellington District Law Society for providing the venue to meet. The treasurer has been Gavin Pascoe, happily Gavin has signaled that he is pleased to continue in this role. The secretary was Laurinda Thomas, Laurinda did a fine job until she left for overseas in May this year. She will be greatly missed. We were very fortunate that Ann Reweti agreed to take on this role until the AGM. Thank you Ann for the great work. During the course of the year one other member left the committee, April Christensen. April was very generous with her time and organizational skills when we were planning an event and was a valuable link to the special library sector. We also gained a committee member in the course of the year with Kat Turner joining the committee. Sadly two members are standing down from the committee this evening; Anne Anderson and Neil Coup. Anne, with her great energy, fantastic organizational skills, and masses of ideas gleaned from years of committee involvement in Aoraki will be a great loss. She promises to stay interested and involved in LIANZA and we can expect to see her at lots of events.

Neil has been a long-standing member of the regional committee and will be greatly missed. This year Neil has put a huge amount of time and energy into organizing Library Week – Te Upoko o te Ika a Maui had the responsibility of the national organization of this for 2004. Neil was the main coordinator of all our planning, project and ideas. It was a very impressive swan song. Thank you Anne and Neil for all you've done as committee members - we hope we'll still be seeing a lot of you.

We are also celebrating Steven Lulich being elected to LIANZA president. It will be great to have a president from Te Upoko o te Ika a Maui and I am sure we will all offer Steven lots of support. This means that Steven can no longer serve on the regional committee, however we warmly welcome him to attend any committee meetings he is able to and hope to see him at lots of the regional events. Thanks Steven and congratulations.

LIBRARY WEEK

Te Upoko o te Ika a Maui took on the responsibility of the national organizing of Library Week 2004. A number of local members volunteered to be part of the committee organizing Library Week. I would like to thank them for their fine work. Also special thank yous to the LIANZA office, especially Kim, who worked with us to ensure Library Week was a success and Wellington City Libraries for providing us with a venue for all our Library Week organizational meetings.

EVENTS – SOCIAL AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

During 2003-2004 LIANZA Te Upoko o Te Ika a Maui has hosted a number of events both social and professional, but so many were a combination of both that I am including them under the same heading. The attendance at these events and the feedback we have received has been heartening. Membership in the Wellington region seems vital, interested and involved and we hope to keep it that way.

- SLIS/LIANZA jointly hosted a meeting where Annabel Young talked about lobbying and her new book. Aug
- Committee planning meeting. Sep
- Provided catering for PER:NA meeting in Wellington. Oct
Pacific Libraries Evening with Moira Fraser and speakers from VSA and Nzaid. An evening to discuss libraries in the Pacific : how we can help, work with and support them - and how we can strengthen librarianship in the Pacific as a whole. Oct
- Trip to New Plymouth with Ikaroa to see Puke Ariki. Nov.
- Conference snapshots report back with Wen Yang (sponsorship awardee), Alan Smith and Jane Hill. Nov.
- "Associateships meeting" for supporting and encouraging those thinking of applying for associateships with Nan Pemberth as key speaker, Feb.
- LIANZA breakfast with the President – also special guest Penny Carnaby. Mar.
- "Welcome Wine and Cheese for MLIS students" – with celebration of Shelia Williams LIANZA award and including welcome from David Jones of Te Ropu Whakahau, Mar.
- Report back from PLA conference in Seattle USA, by Jane Hill and Ruth Halliday. Apr.
- Visit to Kapiti District Library in Paraparaumu. May

AWARDS AND SPONSORSHIPS

- LIANZA Te Upoko o Te Ika a Maui provided sponsorship for one members to attend LIANZA 2003 *Oceans of Opportunity* Conference and the Conference Dinner. This was awarded to Wen Yang (Victoria University of Wellington).

I have greatly enjoyed my time as LIANZA regional chair Te Upoko o te Ika a Maui. It can be busy at times, frantic at times but it is also fun, interesting and very rewarding. I urge you all to get involved: join the committee; volunteer to help out; attend LIANZA events; write contributions to online Magpie and apply for awards.

Regards
Pauline La Rooy
LIANZA regional chair – Te Upoko o te Ika a Maui
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