



Friends

Dear Friends,

The big news this month has been the installation of the flèche on the Christchurch Boys' High School building. A good number of people braved the early morning cold condition to see the fleche take its place. Later this year we will be holding a function to celebrate this landmark event.

Our Annual General Meeting took place on Wednesday the 29th of March. At this meeting a cheque for \$5,000.00, from the profit of the very successful *Ali Harper Concert* held in February, was presented to Christchurch Arts Centre Trust Board member Puamiria Parata-Goodall. We have now contributed \$60,000.00 to the Flèche Project. Please read the report on page two for further details.

Two members, Dame Ann Hercus and Peter Tuffley, have retired from our The Executive Committee. We thank them so much for their work and a very special mention to Dame Ann Dame for her very much appreciated work as Event Co-ordinator the *Great Event in the Great Hall Charity Auction*. We welcome to the Executive Ronnie Davey. We are looking forward to working together and actively supporting the Arts Centre Trust Board in its efforts to promote the Arts Centre.

The Executive Committee is keen to build the membership of the Friends. Please don't hesitate to encourage your friends and acquaintances to join this our most worthwhile community cause.

Graeme Wallis



A cheque of a further \$5,000.00 to go towards the flèche is presented to Puamiria Parata-Goodall of the Arts Centre of Christchurch Trust Board.

The "Friends of the Arts Centre of Christchurch" seek a suitable person with managerial experience with interest in a tour-guiding scheme for The Arts Centre of Christchurch. The work would include:

Investigating the potential for the scheme, costing and planning the scheme (including the professional training of a team of suitable personal to guide tours), establishing touring times and tour paths (both completed buildings and work in progress), setting up access to archival material and promoting the scheme.

This work would be a paid contract subject to negotiation. Please apply to the secretary Lynne [Lochhead](mailto:lynnelochhead@gmail.com). <lynnelochhead@gmail.com>

The aims of the Friends of the Arts Centre:

- * To support and promote the Arts Centre of Christchurch.
- * To promote and encourage the use and enjoyment of the Arts Centre as an outstanding cultural centre for the benefit of the people of Christchurch, New Zealand and internationally.
- * To support and assist with programmes, activities and fundraising for the benefit of the Arts Centre in consultation with the Arts Centre Board and Management.

Executive Committee:

Ronnie Davey, Tim Hogan, Lynne Lochhead (Secretary), Peter Morrison (Treasurer), Faye Parkhill, David Thornley, Nathan Wallis and Graeme Wallis (Chair).

Contact Details

Our website can be viewed at: <http://friendsoftheartscentreofchristchurch.weebly.com/>
(The Friends of the Arts Centre of Christchurch is now a registered charity. (No. CC51240))

For further information or if you can assist us in any way, please contact the Friends at email: christchurchartscentrefriends@gmail.com



<https://www.facebook.com/Friends-of-the-Arts-Centre-of-Christchurch/1668219206745568>

Annual General Meeting 2017

Report from Chair

Once again it is my privilege, as Chair, to present this Report for the Third Annual General Meeting of the Friends of the Arts Centre of Christchurch Inc. It has been a pleasure to serve as Chair and I continue to be constantly reminded of the outstanding contribution of many individuals, the high professional quality and dedication of members of the Trust Board of the Arts Centre and the significant contribution that the members of the Executive Committee have made in establishing an impact and a positive future for this organisation.

Naturally there continues to be challenges along the way as the Arts Centre moves towards its fully active place in Christchurch's community. In this respect I wish to acknowledge the strong link we have with André Lovatt and the Management Team. It is vital that we continue to work together and compliment the activities of one other.

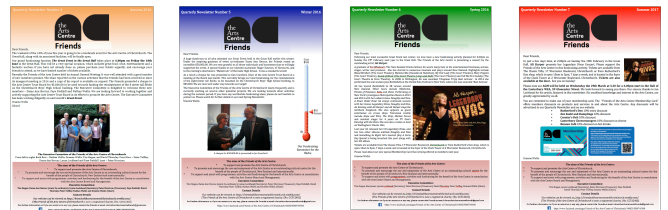
Our fundraising is currently going towards the flèche on the Christchurch Boys' High School building and undoubted the highlight of the year was our Charity Auction. The event, led so wonderfully by Dame Ann Hercus was a monumental success, both socially and financially, with the outcome of a cheque for \$50,000.00 being presented to Jen Crawford, Chair of the Arts Centre Trust Board. We are very grateful to all those individuals and businesses that so willingly supported the event. A special thanks to the talented auctioneer Roger Dawson, of Harcourts, and to the evening's entertainers "Malestrum" of Burnside High School. It was a wonderful evening!



The reestablishment of a list of Friends from past members and life members has been a challenge and I wish to acknowledge the work of secretary Lynne Lochhead in her tireless efforts in contacting these people. Also her continued work in maintaining the Friends of the Arts Centre website (<http://friendsoftheartscentreofchristchurch.weebly.com/>) and also the Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/Friends-of-the-Arts-Centre-of-Christchurch/1668219206745568>). For further information please contact the Friends at email: christchurchartscentrefriends@gmail.com

Thanks also to treasurer Peter Morrison for his continued work in maintaining our accounts and also making the Classic Villa available for our meeting. We have been most grateful for the contribution of auditor Paul Casey and wish him well in his retirement.

Throughout the year we continued to publish our quarterly newsletters (Autumn, Winter, Spring, and Summer) keeping members and potential members up to date with the activities of the Friends. We also reported on the progress of the Arts Centre repair work. We are grateful for the contribution from members of the Arts Centre Management Team and members of the Friends for their contributions. A special thanks to Ian Lochhead for his valuable contributions of articles on *The Great Hall of the Arts Centre: An Architectural Treasure Recovered* and that on the *Former College Library*, Copies of these newsletters are available through email.



Following the publication of the membership brochure last year, a "Friends of the Arts Centre Membership Card" has been produced thanks to the hard work of David Thornley. This card offers members discounts on products and services in and about the Arts Centre. Discounts are advertised in our Quarterly Newsletter and on our website. These discounts include *Rutherford's Den* 10% entry discount, *Zen Sushi and Dumplings* 10% discount, *Curators Deli* 10% discount, *Canterbury Cheesemongers* 10% discount on Cheese and *Bunsen's Café* 10% discount on hot drinks. A further innovation from David Thornley has been the setting up of a donation box for restoration purposes within the Arts Centre. To date this has proved to be most worthwhile with contributions going towards the flèche.

In February we organised the Ali Harper *Legendary Divas* concert. This was a wonderful occasion and well worth attending. Ali also donated 25% of her CD sales to the Friends. While we worked conscientiously to promote the concert we could have housed a slightly larger audience.

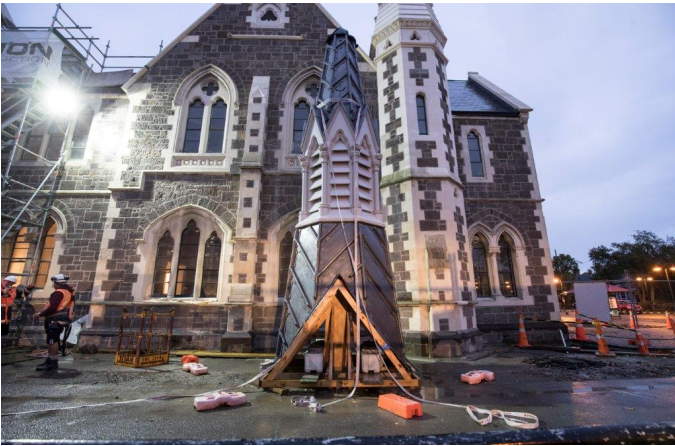


Looking towards the year ahead we will continue to promote Arts Centre activities, working alongside the Arts Centre Management Team. We plan to maintain the quarterly newsletter and to double the membership of the Friends. We will seek funding from various philanthropic trusts and respond to other financial opportunities.

Finally I wish to thank most sincerely all the members of the Executive Committee (Dame Ann Hercus, Tim Hogan, Lynne Lochhead, Peter Morrison, Faye Parkhill, David Thornley, Peter Tuffley and Nathan Wallis) for their dedicated commitment and tremendous efforts during a challenging time as a new organisation. I believe that we are now in a strong position to move confidently into the future.

Graeme Wallis

The flèche rises to the occasion!



It's quite a cold wet morning at 6.00am on Monday the 1st of May. However the flèche is ready to rise to new heights.



By 7.00am the skies had cleared as the flèche caught the early sun on its way to the top. The workmen waited patiently.



The seven meter tall flèche soars through the air, with the help of a large crane, towards its final resting place.



Gently the flèche is lowered and guided into place by four workmen.



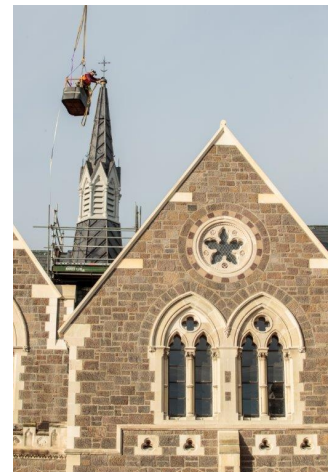
The flèche is now in place. Clearly it's a happy landing.



Preparation for the top piece.



The top piece is moved ... and finally attached to position...



Membership Form January – December 2017



Surname(s): _____

First name(s): _____

Address: _____

City: _____

Post Code: _____

Phone: _____

Cell: _____

Email: _____

Membership Class (please tick one):

- Individual \$35
- Family \$65 (Include names of each family member)
- Student \$15
- Donation \$_____

Total Enclosed: \$_____

Tick if you would like a receipt

Please list your skills should you wish to volunteer:

Please make your cheque payable to the Friends of the Arts Centre of Christchurch and post with this form to:

The Treasurer,
Friends of the Arts Centre of Christchurch,
7 Stratford Street, Christchurch 8014.

OR Tick here if you have credited the Friends of the Arts Centre

SBS 031355 0807473 00 account for: \$ _____ and emailed details to:
christchurchartscentrefriends@gmail.com

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