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AND ARCHIVE CENTRE**
2nd floor, 187 Willis Street
PO Box 427, Wellington

22nd Annual General Meeting

Notice is given that the twenty-second Annual General Meeting of LILAC will be held in the LILAC Lounge on the second floor of 187 Willis Street at 6.30pm on Wednesday, 22 November 2017.

This is the first Annual Meeting under the new Constitution which, among other things, requires a 40-day notice containing the date, time and place of the AGM, any amendments to the Constitution proposed by the Collective and the call for nominations for the Collective.

This Annual Report contains all the appropriate information noted above plus an overall view of the activities of LILAC.

The Financial Report and audited accounts will be distributed in due course.

AGENDA

Apologies

Minutes of 2016 AGM

Annual report

Financial report and audited accounts

Amendments to the Constitution

Armstrong & Arthur Charitable Trust for Lesbians

Election of Collective

Appointment of auditor

General Business of which due notice has been given or is deemed permissible to be considered by the financial members present at the AGM

Light refreshments will be available prior to the meeting.

The year at a glance

The annual fair Out in the Park enabled good public exposure and a brisk trade selling surplus books from our library and other contributions from members. The net income of \$505 is an essential part of our fund raising to enable LILAC carry out its purposes set out in the Constitution.

An open day was held in the library as part of the Wellington Pride Festival.

The Collective has continued its involvement with the Lesbian Radio providing occasional broadcasts.

Having only seven members on the Collective, two of whom have had extensive overseas travel, has meant a heavy workload and not a great deal of time or energy to work through the already indicated policy issues and, in particular, the return to social media. A Facebook page with basic LILAC information and notices will be announced shortly.

The Collective will hold a Sunday policy session on 29 October which will include discussion about social media involvement, acquisition and de-acquisition policies, and fund raising.

Proposed amendments to the Constitution

The LILAC Constitution was significantly overhauled in two meetings - November 2016 and completed in February 2017. The Collective is proposing some minor amendments to "tidy up" the document. These are set out below following this Annual Report.

Notice is given to current financial members who may wish to submit motions to change the Constitution. The amendment must specify the clause(s) to be amended, the specific wording and the rationale for the change. Each proposed amendment must be signed by two current financial members and lodged with the Collective no later than **2 November 2017**.

All such proposed amendments from members will be circulated to all members with any recommendations from the Collective not later than **8 November 2017**

The current LILAC Constitution can be viewed at lilac.lesbian.net.nz/constitution.htm.

Armstrong & Arthur Charitable Trust for Lesbians

LILAC has received more than \$42 000 in funding from the Armstrong and Arthur Trust during the 12 years to March 2017. We are very grateful for the Trust's commitment to LILAC as these funds have enabled us to rent our premises throughout that period. As the income of the Trust is dependent on interest received from investments, the very low interest rates have curtailed the Trust's ability to support Lesbian activities. LILAC is extremely grateful to the Trust for its generous grant this year.

We can all help keep this Trust viable and able to support lesbians in the region by making donations or leaving it money in our wills. [Armstrong & Arthur Trust website](#)

Celebration of Robin Fleming's novel

LILAC hosted a celebration of Robin Fleming's ebook "Tasting the Strange" in March – 22 women crowded into the room for a very pleasant event.

Membership of the Collective

The current members of the Collective are Sue Alexander, Helen Barlow, Katherine Boyd, Sonia Coles, Sally Elborn, Ellen Faed and Carole Hicks

Nominations for the Collective must be on the appropriate form attached to this Annual Report, signed by two current financial members and lodged with the Collective not later than **2 November 2017**. Nominations will be circulated on **8 November 2017**.

Membership

Members are sent a reminder email, usually in the month their subs are due. If you're not sure whether your subs are up to date or would like to make an online payment, email lilac-subscribers@lesbian.net.nz. New and returning members are always welcome.

The LILAC Collections

We have continued to buy new books locally at Unity Books, and we thank Tilly Lloyd for her support. We have also purchased several DVDs. LILAC currently has 2652 books and 153 DVD titles. We gratefully acknowledge the ongoing donation of DVDs and books to our collections and invite suggestions for purchases.

We continue to subscribe to three print magazines: *Curve* (US), *Diva* (UK) and *LOTL* (Australia), and also receive free copies of *Lesbian Connection* (US). A monthly print-out of the online publication *Lesbian News Aotearoa* is available for reading at LILAC for anyone unable to access it online at lesbianaotearoa.wordpress.com.

The titles added to the collections over the last year are listed in lilac.lesbian.net.nz/catalog/new.htm and lilac.lesbian.net.nz/catalogue/new2016.htm - with links to reviews.

LILAC catalogue on LibraryThing

The LILAC books catalogue is searchable at LibraryThing. There you can search the catalogue, browse sections of it, and follow links to book reviews and discussions.

Members new to LibraryThing may find the introduction on the Help page at lilac.lesbian.net.nz/lilacthing.htm useful.

Many thanks to Ellen for keeping our catalogues up to date.

LILAC statistics

The statistics from the previous year are in parenthesis.

Visitors	371 (467)
Books borrowed	448 (574)
DVDs	158 (207)
Magazines	17 (22)

Clippings files

Sue A has continued to provide a monthly news clipping service for the general information/entertainment of members. Each month the coffee table based pink folder is updated with new clippings of articles of lesbian interest from mainstream magazines. Other members are welcome to contribute clippings.

Sue has also been liaising with LAGANZ curators Linda Evans and Roger Swanson on archival matters.

Book Club

Our Book (and cake!) Club continues to meet on the last Wednesday of the month. We discuss the book, author or theme of the month, as well as share friendship, laughter and cake. We have an average attendance of six women at our discussions. We publicise our featured books and authors on the LILAC website on lilac.lesbian.net.nz/bookgroup.htm.

All members are very welcome to come and join us on a one-off or regular basis.

The Coasters

Collective members take a selection of books, DVDs and magazines to the Coasters pot-luck dinners. Members can borrow their selection for a month, returning them at the following dinner. This service is greatly appreciated by the women living on the Kapiti Coast.

Volunteers

LILAC is run entirely by volunteers – the Collective and other generous supporters. Many thanks to our regular volunteers Ann, Chris, Shirley and Valda who take a turn on the LILAC desk each month.

If you have a few hours to spare each month, then think about volunteering to do a regular tour of duty at LILAC. If you can help out, please contact Helen via lilac@lesbian.net.nz

We also appreciate the support of many local lesbians who help out on occasion with events and activities. Let us know if you might be able to contribute from time to time.

We look forward to seeing you at LILAC and especially at the AGM on Wednesday, 22 November 2017 at 6.30pm.

The LILAC Collective

Proposed changes to the LILAC Constitution

The current Constitution is included with this Annual Report with the proposed amendments in italics and underlined so members can see clearly how the changes fit. The rationale for each change is in **bold underlined text in []**.

Collective nomination form

I nominate for
membership of the LILAC Collective

Signed:

- Nominee: Membership no.....
- Nominator: Membership no.....
- Nominator: Membership no.....

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Please print this form, get it signed, and bring it to LILAC not later than **2 November 2017**. The person on duty will be able to sign it if you need a nominator.

Alternatively post your signed form to
LILAC
PO Box 427,
Wellington 6140

Or email a scanned copy or image of the signed form to lilac@lesbian.net.nz