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**Notice of the LILAC Annual General Meeting 2018**

In keeping with the Constitution, a 40-day notice is given that the twenty-third 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, 21 November 2018.

Amendments to the LILAC Constitution proposed by the Collective are set out below.

Any other amendments proposed by current financial members must be in writing, specifying which part of the Constitution is to be amended, provide the precise wording to be considered and also include a brief rationale for the amendment. Any such proposed amendment must be in the hands of the Collective not later than 1 November 2018. All such proposed amendments will be circulated to all current financial members not later than 7 November 2018.

Nominations for members of the Collective should be in writing, moved and seconded by current financial members and have the signed acceptance of the nominee. Nominations must be received by the current Collective not later than 1 November 2018 and will be posted on the LILAC website. The nomination form is on page six of this document.

The Financial Report and audited accounts will be distributed not later than 7 November 2018.

**Annual Meeting Agenda**

1. Apologies
2. Minutes of 2017 AGM
3. Annual report July 2017 – June 2018
4. Financial report and audited accounts
5. Appointment of auditor
6. Amendments to the Constitution
7. Armstrong & Arthur Charitable Trust for Lesbians
8. Election of Collective
9. 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 from 6pm.***

## Motions to amend the constitution moved by the Collective

The current LILAC Constitution can be viewed at [lilac.lesbian.net.nz/constitution.htm](http://lilac.lesbian.net.nz/constitution.htm)

1. That section **2. Purposes of Society** be amended by adding the words underlined and deleting the words in *[italics]*
  - a. provide members in the greater Wellington region with a wide range of lesbian and queer[-related] library and information services;
  - b. *[build and]* maintain archives of lesbian*[-related]* material;
  - c. provide an informal meeting space for members;
  - d. maintain LILAC as *[a lesbian-led and lesbian-identified]* an organisation that is inclusive of any woman meeting the membership criteria;
  - e. do anything necessary or helpful to the above purposes

Rationale - Modify the Purposes to more clearly show that LILAC is open to all women who meet the membership criteria.

2. That section **5. Membership** be amended by deleting the current subsection:

*[5.1 Membership of LILAC is open to any woman whose primary relationships are with women and who supports the purposes of the Society.]*

and replacing it with:

5.1 Membership is open to lesbians, and any woman who identifies as bisexual/trans/intersex/queer, whose primary relationships are with women, and who support the purposes of the Society

Rationale

The Collective wishes to make it clear that membership is open to a wide range of women.

3. That section **17. The Collective**, sub section **3.g** be amended by adding the words underlined and deleting the words in *[italics]*  
manage and expand the lesbian and queer[-related] resources of the library;

Rationale

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## Annual Report: July 2017 – June 2018

### The year at a glance

The Collective held a Policy session on 29 October which included discussion about social media, acquisition and de-acquisition policies, and fundraising. 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 policy issues. Instead it has been necessary to focus our efforts on fundraising.

The first fundraiser this financial year was a garage sale held in November. Thanks to Jude Bleach for providing the prominent location. The annual fair, *Out in the Park*, enabled good public exposure and a brisk trade selling surplus books donated by members. For the first time we also sold rainbow/lesbian flags, jewellery, pins and stickers. These items proved popular with our supporters. The income generated is an essential part of our fundraising to enable LILAC to carry out its purposes as set out in the Constitution.

On 20<sup>th</sup> March 2018 there was a successful fundraising evening at Circa with LILAC members and supporters attending 'Switzerland' written by renowned Australian playwright, Joanna Murray-Smith. This play featured the writer Patricia Highsmith, a well-known lesbian, perhaps most famous for her Mr Ripley series and, of course, the novel '*Carol*' which is also a movie. Highsmith was played by the actress Catherine Downes who was stunning in the role and who was interviewed on Lesbian Radio as part of LILAC's slot. Members were also invited to a free meet and greet event at Circa with Joanna Murray-Smith and those who attended the performance had the opportunity to stay afterwards for a Q & A session with the writer, director and cast.

The evening not only provided a great opportunity to raise valuable funds for LILAC but had the added bonus of allowing our members and friends to have a shared theatre experience. The feedback was extremely positive so we went on to have another fundraising evening at the play 'Bloomsbury Women and the Wild Colonial Girl' written by well-known lesbian playwright Lorae Parry.

LILAC's annual open day was held at the library as part of the Wellington Pride Festival in March.

### Armstrong & Arthur Charitable Trust for Lesbians

LILAC has received more than \$45 000 in funding from the Armstrong and Arthur Trust during the 13 years to March 2018. We are very thankful 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 reduced the size of the grants available to support lesbian activities. LILAC is extremely grateful to the A&A Trust for its generous grant this year.

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

### Collective Membership

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

Sue Alexander resigned from the Collective in March 2018 but continues as a LILAC volunteer.

### LILAC 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-subs@lesbian.net.nz](mailto:lilac-subs@lesbian.net.nz). New and returning members are always welcome.

### LILAC Collections

We have continued to buy new books locally at Unity Books, and we thank Tilly Lloyd for her support. All the new titles added to the collections over the [last year](#) are listed with links to reviews. You can always see the [latest purchases](#) on our website. DVD purchasing and borrowing has reduced this year – it is not always easy to source DVDs in the preferred Region 4 format, and it seems many members now access movies online. LILAC currently has 2690 books and 153 DVD titles. We gratefully acknowledge the ongoing donation of DVDs and books to our collections and invite suggestions for purchases.

At the end of the 2017-2018 year we were subscribed to three print magazines. We have recently cancelled our subscription to Curve (US) because of the substantial overlap of content with LOTL. We continue to purchase *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](http://lesbianaotearoa.wordpress.com).

### LILAC Catalogue

The LILAC books catalogue is searchable at [LibraryThing](#) where you can also browse sections of it, and follow links to book reviews and discussions.

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

### LILAC Statistics

	July 2017 – June 2018	July 2016 – June 2017
Visitors	404	371
Books borrowed	468	448
DVDs borrowed	44	158
Magazines borrowed	5	17

### **Clippings file**

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

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](http://lilac.lesbian.net.nz/bookgroup.htm).

All members are very welcome to come and join us.

### **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, Valda and Sue who take turns on the LILAC desk.

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](mailto: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,  
especially at the AGM on Wednesday, 21 November 2018 at 6.30pm.

*The LILAC Collective*

**LILAC Collective nomination form 2018**

I nominate ..... for membership of the LILAC Collective

**Nominator**

Name: .....

Signature: ..... Membership number .....

**Nominator**

Name: .....

Signature: ..... Membership number .....

**Nominee**

Signature: ..... Membership number .....

Please print and complete this form.

Return the signed form to LILAC not later than **2 November 2018**

Return options:

- deliver your form to LILAC during opening hours. The person on duty will be able to sign it if you need a nominator.
- deliver your form to LILAC during business hours. You can post it in the book return box.
- post your signed form to  
LILAC  
PO Box 427  
Wellington 6140
- email an image of the signed form to [lilac@lesbian.net.nz](mailto:lilac@lesbian.net.nz)