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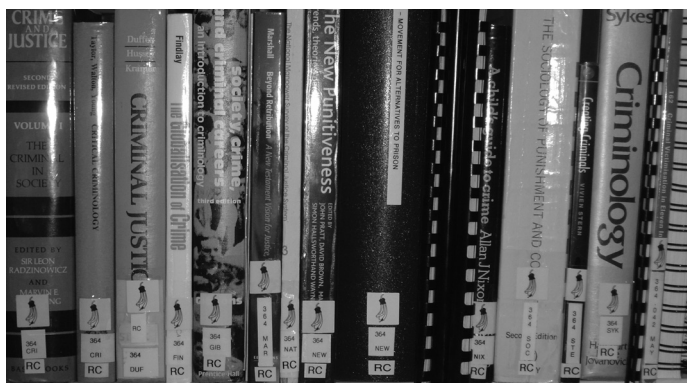
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Te Matou Taiwhenua Kokiri o Mataruahou

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Robson Collection celebrated

A celebration was recently held to acknowledge the 20 year anniversary of the establishment of the Robson Collection at the Napier City Library. Named after the late John Robson (who drove abolition of the death penalty and became the first criminologist at Victoria University) the collection includes a wide range of resources in criminology, community development, sociology, Maori history and restorative justice. The collection was established in part to promote the Trusts objective to support the building of communities rather than prisons.

The event included several presentations by a range of leading commentators who have supported the collection since its inception. These were Brenda Campbell, CEO of the Napier Woman's Refuge, Kim Workman (former CEO of Prison Fellowship NZ), respected criminologist Gabrielle Maxwell and Pam Thorburn (former National Manager of Community Corrections). At the conclusion of the speeches Trust Chairperson Martin Williams presented the library with 15 new titles for the collection (refer right for a list of these books).

Guests were then invited to a celebratory luncheon held at the local RSA. This included the viewing of a video of prominent criminologist Professor Philip Stenning and a presentation by a local trust working with released prisoners. Thanks must go to Pat Magill and team who worked so hard to make this event a success.

Unity Week 2011 taking shape...

The Unity Week planning committee has now met several times and is putting in place what should be a very exciting Unity Week 2011. The committee is planning a wider range of events than have been held in recent years; these include a series of lunchtime seminars on topics of local interest and a free lunch time concert. Other possibilities include a debate and / or a community forum for social service providers headlined by a prominent speaker.

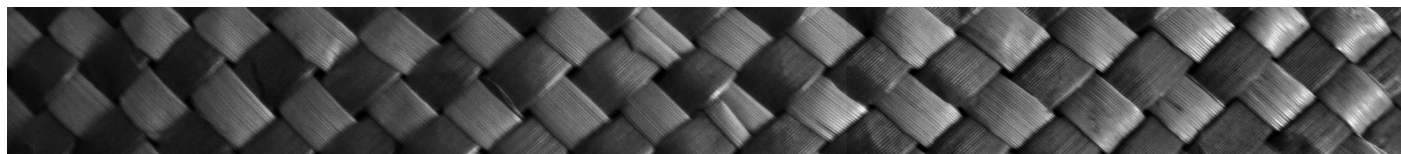
Old favourites such as the Robson Lecture (a high profile speaker will be announced in the New Year), Unity Dinner, Unity walk and Pilot City Awards will be in the programme as usual.

Next year Unity Week will take place in the week leading up to Easter (16th of April to 21st of April 2011, hint: place this in your diary!) A full programme listing will be provided in the next edition of The Napier Pilot City News and will be placed on the Trust website by the end of February.

Unity Week has now been running for over 20 years and has become a firm favourite on the local events calendar.

New books presented to the Robson Collection:

Healing our History (Robert Consedine); Limits to Pain, A Suitable Amount of Crime, Crime Control as an Industry (all by Nils Christie); Punishment and Civilization and The Penal Population (John Pratt); The Spirit Level (Richard Wilkinson & Kate Pickett); Family Victims and Culture: Youth Justice in NZ (Gabrielle Maxwell & Alison Morris); Restorative Justice Practises in NZ: Towards a Restorative Society (Gabrielle Maxwell & James Liu); Addressing the Causes of Crime: What is the Evidence (Ed. Gabrielle Maxwell); Effective Programmes for Young People at Serious Risk of Offending (Gabrielle Maxwell & Peter Marsh). *Napier readers in particular are encouraged to use the collection as a local resource. The collection can be searched on the Napier library website and is available for access during library opening hours on the library's first floor.*



Chairperson's comment:

Since my last report in the July newsletter, the Trust has carried on with its usual range of activities but is also focusing on some new and exciting projects and preparing for (the best ever) Unity Week programme in 2011. As Will Jenkins reports, an exciting programme for the 2011 Unity Week celebrations is developing.

Those that attended the AGM would be aware of the projects we are hoping to progress in the next couple of years. Good progress has already been made in a project to increase participation in sport by children within the Maraenui community. Trustees are also exploring ways to partner with the Napier City Council and I recently met with the Mayor to talk about how we could achieve better co-ordination between the (nearly 300) community agencies within Napier. This was an essential element of the original Pilot City model and I feel it needs to be revived.

We also hope to partner with some other community Trusts to ensure holiday programmes continue to be run during the holiday periods ahead as well as during Unity Week itself. I recently presented a set of important new texts to the Napier City Library to be included within the Robson Collection, an event that was well attended and promoted through the hard work and efforts of Pat Magill. We look forward to your continued support in the time to come and to seeing you all during our Unity Week celebrations next year.

Martin Williams

Trust news...

Treaty of Waitangi workshop: Another successful Treaty workshop was held recently (this is the seventh year these have been offered in conjunction with Treaty Associates). One participant described the workshop as "transforming and a must attend." Thanks as always must go to Trustee Kerry Kitione who organises the workshops and to presenter, Robert Consedine. Do contact Kerry (021 1309789) or the office if you would like to register your interest for a future workshop.

The AGM saw the election of three new Board members, namely Janet Paku, Mihi Rigby and Linda McManaway. All former Trustees stood again for election, with the exception of Russell Fairbrother (thanks for your contribution.)

The AGM also saw Joe Broughton confirmed as the Trusts' new Kaumatua, which further strengthens the Trusts goal to work within a bi-cultural framework.

Business plan signed off: The AGM also signed off on a business plan covering the next 24 months. This was a follow up to a series of strategic planning workshops held at the end of 2010 - progress will be featured in future newsletters.

Successful grant applications etc: Since the last newsletter successful grant applications have been obtained from COGS and the Endeavour Community Trust. Thanks must also go to Te Taiwhenua O Te Whanganui A Orotu for a \$500 donation; NZ Post for gifting 500 free community post envelopes and to BP for \$450 of petrol vouchers for Trust volunteers. It all helps!

Children's Holiday programmes: A successful midwinter children's holiday programme saw 20 children and helpers enjoy a wide range of activities ranging from a trip to the movies, skating, crafts, sports etc. A further privately funded programme was held in October. Thanks must go to Genesis Keefe who has done a fantastic job organising these programmes. Dependent on funding, a further programme is planned during the first quarter of 2011.

New website: Trust facilitator Will Jenkins is currently developing a "new look" website for the Trust (this will be online by Christmas). The website will include up to date information on the Trust and will feature a broad range of photos. It is hoped that supporters will regularly visit the site to find information on Trust events, news, send feedback and make online donations. **Facebook** users can also sign up to become a member of the Pilot City group page (to find it, just enter the name into the search box).

Your donation is welcomed: The Napier Pilot City Trust like most organisations has been impacted by the ongoing effects of the recession - funding has become harder to obtain and is often granted in smaller amounts. Your donation towards the work of the Trust is always welcome ; supporters can give by sending a cheque (address overleaf at the top of the page) or by making an online banking donation (please email the office and we will send you the bank account number). All donations over \$5 are tax deductible (a receipt and acknowledgement is sent for all donations). The Trust wishes all readers a very happy and safe Christmas and New Year period.

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