



## updating everyone on our recent achievements

### WALK THE PLANK EXHIBITION

We are delighted to report that this exhibition has been a great success in gaining public interest in the Trust. Feedback from the Museum has been positive, they report very satisfactory visitor numbers. Special thanks to the Museum Exhibition staff who provided the striking cutouts which really enhanced the display. They also hung the display, their expertise was most appreciated. The frames were purchased with a donation from a very generous Trust member and will be used in future exhibitions.

We wish to thank our Members for supporting this exhibition by attending the opening and the cocktail party. These events are valuable in gaining public interest in the work of the Trust. Thanks also to the teachers who took classes in to view the exhibition and attend the storytelling sessions by Mark Carthew, Gavin Bishop and Craig Smith, your support is much appreciated.

### 2009 CALENDAR

Our 2009 calendar is now on sale in bookshops. This makes a great gift for family and friends overseas. Sales to date indicate that once again we will make a satisfactory profit. The Calendar Committee is well underway in selecting illustrations for the 2010 edition.



### COMING UP

Very exciting news here, COCA, Centre of Contemporary Art, in Gloucester Street are hosting an exhibition of picture book illustrations by German artists in February and have invited Te Tai Tamariki to follow with an exhibition of New Zealand Children's picture book illustrators from 17 March to 5 April. This will include a programme of presentations by the exhibiting illustrators. The Exhibition Committee is already working on the arrangements.

### MARGARET MAHY DAY 28 MARCH 2009

Storylines have invited Te Tai Tamariki to host this occasion which will include the Storylines AGM and the guest lecture by the recipient of the 2009 Margaret Mahy Medal. This event will be held in the auditorium at Heaton Intermediate. Keep this date free - it is a special event and the first time that it has been held in Christchurch.

### COLLECTION NEWS

We are pleased to report that two more illustrators have indicated that they will be gifting original artwork to the Trust, a positive reason to press on in reaching our Business Plan objectives. As this collection develops





Support for Te Tai Tamariki is coming from all quarters. Among those attending the cocktail party and enjoying a drink and a natter, before the address by Christine Fernyhough were Rose Crossland from Ronald McDonald House and Christine Dale from Scholastic NZ, Barry Rich and Lyn Aikenson, Jim Anderton and Margaret Mahy.

we will keep members up to date.

#### TRUST BOARD ACHIEVEMENTS

At the October meeting we welcomed Rosemary Bonkowski to the Board. Rosemary has library qualifications and a long time interest in children's literature and her experience will be valuable.

The Business Plan is now complete, copies are available on request. This means that we can proceed with funding applications to appropriate organisations, enabling us to employ a person to attend to administrative functions.

We are currently working with Rob Smith of Public Relations South Ltd to prepare a Marketing Plan to increase more public awareness of the Trust and its goals. Rob's time is being generously sponsored by Book Design Ltd.

As indicated in the first newsletter, we need member involvement in the various committees to enable the Trust to achieve our goals. Following are details of the Trust Committees which need your support. We know there is a vast bank of specialised knowledge and interest in our membership. We need you to put your names forward for committees that interest you.

#### PROGRAMME, MARKETING and EVENTS

Kim Dovey, Sheila Sinclair

It is envisaged that this committee will evolve into a range of small working groups, each with specific goals and events. This committee will be responsible for organizing the informal events that promote the Trust, including the newsletter.

#### EXHIBITIONS

Gavin Bishop, Cilla Clements

This committee will be looking at exhibition opportunities, both local and national. There will be working groups for each exhibition.

#### STORYLINES FAMILY DAY

Following the success of this year's Family Day we will be co-hosting this early in June at the Town Hall, more details later.

[www.tetaitamariki.org.nz](http://www.tetaitamariki.org.nz)



#### A SPECIAL REQUEST TO MEMBERS

In our first newsletter, we outlined the revised, open, membership policy of Te Tai Tamariki. As you will be aware we need to seek funds from many sources, one of which could be member donations, either as a one off or a regular donation. We intend to keep everyone who is interested in the Trust on the database, but we plan to offer those members who have made donations, reduced entry to 'pay for' events such as the Margaret Mahy Day.

Donations can be made by direct credit to the Trust's bank account:

Aotearoa New Zealand Children's Literature

Charitable Trust WP, Armagh 03 0855 0556223 00.

Please put your name in the details and DONATION as the reference.

The Trust is now a registered charity, so all donations over \$5 are tax deductible. Please contact the Treasurer if you require a receipt.

#### BEST (AND WORST) BOOKS of 2008

*Presented by Christchurch City Libraries and*

*The Canterbury Reading Association*

Wednesday November 26 from 7-9pm at Fendalton Library cnr Clyde and Jeffreys Rd.

Discussing their favourite books of the year, we are delighted to present:

- Teacher extraordinaire Heather Orman
- Talented book designer Kim Dovey
- Super book seller Sheila Sinclair from The Children's Bookshop

Plus a few extra surprises. Light refreshments and a raffle (so remember to bring a little cash!).

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