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This issue is briefer in scope, but there are a number of events in the offing, and Friends are urged to take note of them, and enter them in their diaries or electronic calendars.

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### Friends of the Hocken Library Committee activities

A new focus for the Committee is the potential the Hocken collections have for use by senior secondary school pupils (with advice from Committee members Paul Enright and Lara Hearn-Rollo).

Further to this is the donating of copies of *Gaining a Foothold* (ed. Ian Church) to Southland secondary schools. Otago and Southland history teachers are very happy to have access to such a wonderful primary resource.

We are looking for a new Treasurer, as of the upcoming AGM on August 22, to replace (with difficulty!) Jane Smallfield. Jane has provided such sterling effort to the Committee over many years. If you are interested in this role, or know of a potential candidate, please let Secretary Sara Barham know.

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Dr Roger Collins has agreed to be our next speaker. Widely-known as an art critic and historian, he has published, among other things, biographies of Charles Meryon and Grace Joel. On Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> July Roger will present an illustrated talk entitled: '**A wheelbarrow full of surprises: Adventures of an art historian in the Hocken.**'

The venue is the Seminar Room at Hocken Library, and the talk begins at 7.00pm. Please RSVP to Sara Barham ([sara.barham@elucidate.co.nz](mailto:sara.barham@elucidate.co.nz) or 021 611 776). Coffee and cake to follow.

We have invited some key heritage people from the Ministry for Culture and Heritage to speak at our **Annual General Meeting**. This will be held in the Seminar Room at Hocken Library on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> August, at 7.30pm.

Dr David Butts is Manager Heritage Operations. Among the areas he manages are: Protected Objects Act, Exhibition Indemnity, War Graves and Memorials, World War 100, the History Unit and Te Ara. David ran the Museum Studies programme at Massey University for many years and was the Director of Tairāwhiti Museum and Art Gallery in Gisborne.

Andrew Matheson is managing the World War 100 commemorations and will talk about some of the projects being planned and how we might participate in them.

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Planning is already in hand for the **Annual Hocken Dinner** on September 2<sup>nd</sup>. Since the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the foundation of the Dunedin Botanic Gardens is being celebrated, the Committee is delighted that Dr Helen Leach has agreed to be our guest speaker on this important occasion. She had already supplied an intriguing title (with extra hints): 'Convicts, Monkeys and Chinese Junks — an Alternative History of the Dunedin Botanic Garden'. ("Along the way I may also touch on buried guns, missing mazes and monkey puzzles!").

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### What's going on in the Hocken Library

You can go online and keep in touch with what is new on the Library's shelves. The list of recent acquisitions is updated every Friday, and the books are displayed on the Recent Arrivals shelves for one week.

The list is to be found at:

[http://www.otago.ac.nz/library/newbooks/newitems\\_library.php?code=Hocken%20Library](http://www.otago.ac.nz/library/newbooks/newitems_library.php?code=Hocken%20Library)

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Another place to go for information on what is going on at the Library is to be found at: The Hocken Blog: Thoughts from the staff of the Hocken Collections Uare Taoka o Hakena  
<https://blogs.otago.ac.nz/thehockenblog/>

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May was **New Zealand Music Month**, and a good time to (re)introduce the Hocken recorded music collection! The Library currently has over 16,000 items in various formats (vinyl, CD, 78rpm discs and cassettes), and is increasing its collection holdings constantly. Hocken collects all genres of New Zealand music (with special emphasis on Otago and Southland recordings), and acquires major current releases, as well as all releases and re-releases from the re-born Flying Nun label.

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For Hocken the **New Zealand Music Month** ended with the launch of The Chills' new live album *Somewhere Beautiful*, held on May 31st. The recording is published in a boxed set including original diptych prints by the renowned artist Shane Cotton. The prints are called Rolling Moon - after a Chills' song, the music and lyrics by Martin Phillipps, the group's lead singer, multi-instrumentalist and songwriter.

At the launch both Phillipps and Cotton spoke about the work, and Phillipps also played a solo four song set. The Hocken Librarian Sharon Dell introduced the launch and expressed the Library's pleasure at being included in 'such a wonderful event.' It further commemorated the event by producing a postcard, using an iconic piece from Phillipps' collection.

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**Friends of the Hocken Collections  
Talk Series**

**'A wheelbarrow full of surprises:  
Adventures of an art historian in the  
Hocken' – an illustrated talk**

Dr Roger Collins, art critic and historian

Wednesday 3 July, 7pm, Hocken Library  
Seminar Room

Please **RSVP** to **Sara Barham**  
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