



Working Bees great success!

We had our first Working Bee for some time on Jul 2nd and it was a great success. If you didn't make it, there will be more!

From the Executive

A report on items discussed at the last Executive meeting.

KORA installed

The donated Heidelberg Kora was recently shifted into the Printery after many months sitting outside. A huge thanks to those involved for giving their time

Kidsfest a huge hit with kids

The six sessions for the Kidsfest holiday programme proved to be highly popular and successful. Check out the photos

Working Bee Photos

Check out who turned up for the recent Working Bee. The Printshop is now looking very good.

Our Condolences

It is with sadness that the Society acknowledges the passing of John Robertson on July 9th. Our condolences and thoughts to John's family.

In this issue



Working Bee a great success!

We had a very successful Working Bee on Saturday 2nd July. It was great to see a few members we haven't seen for a while. Some just dropped in for a chat and to see what has been happening around the place, while others lent their expertise on the likes of the 1867 Albion that has just been installed in the Studio after being in storage for many years. In the photo above, Dave Lee dropped in to have a chat with Gary, our President, while Steve Johnstone works on the newly installed Heidelberg KORA. We were very grateful for all the help we received which lead to many jobs on the list being ticked off. As well as the very large Albion now closer to being usable, some new Vintage posters were put up on display, some newly acquired desk units were put together, a shadow board built for the workshop tools and Danielle, Jane and helpers continued sorting and cataloguing the Library. And of course, it was nice to finish the hard work off with a Fanta, sausage and a chat. A very successful day.

More photos further on in this rather larger issue. Because it met our expectations and achieved so much, the Executive has decided to continue with regular monthly Working Bees so if you missed the last one, we would be very pleased to see you the first Saturday in the month. And as per the last one, please don't feel there is any obligation to roll your sleeves up - your presence is all we ask!

From the Executive

- Executive decided that Executive meetings will be bi-monthly
- New Health and Safety documentation was presented
- Amendments to the Constitution tabled. This is a long term process which can't be approved until the AGM
- The Exec received a verbal report on the first Kidsfest workshops. More on this...
- Decided that after the success of the Working Bee, this should become a regular feature not only for the work achieved but also for the socialisation
- New equipment in the form of large desk units, cupboard, shelving, filing cabinets and other handy bits have been donated to the Society.
- There are two new groups wanting to use the Workshop / Studio.
- Concerns about the state of the building was raised. Some repairs to be undertaken during Working Bees.

Event Calendar

Things are now happening at the Printery. Please feel free to come along to one of these sessions

- 1st Saturday in month (Working Bee / Social Time)
- 1st Sunday - Junior Printing Group (10 - 15 year olds)
- Every 2nd / 4th Tuesday Twilight Workshop - 7:00 - 10:00 (Check with Gary for more details)
- 3rd Saturday - Print Group - a group of newer members who enjoy meeting to explore the wonderful world of printing
- Executive Meeting - 2:00pm



KORA installed

With the help of our wonderful print engineer, Murray Aspinall and the generosity of City Fork Lift Hire, the Heidelberg KORA kindly donated by Wilson Print Rangiora and transported for free from Rangiora by Rangiora Transport is now installed in the Printshop. After sitting outside for a few months, it is great to see it inside the building and gradually getting prepared for use. Chris Horsham and Steve Johnstone have been quietly cleaning and de-rusting this large beast and we hope to have it up running shortly. We were thrilled when City Fork Lift Hire donated their mornings work, shifting quite a bit of gear around for nothing so please remember these people who have so generously helped us. Murray spent the afternoon moving the KORA into position and getting it level. It is amazing to watch a professional move a 3 ton beast so easily around the Printery. We are very lucky to have his services! The photo above shows Gary and Chris from City Forklift Hire with Murray after a successful shift with the forklift.

Kidsfest a huge success!

During the first week of the school holidays, Gary, Fiona and Howard, with the help of two of our Junior Print Group members, Isobel and Soraya, ran some sessions as part of the ChCh City Council Kidsfest Holiday Programme. Two hour sessions were held each morning and afternoon on Monday, Wednesday and Friday. The children had five different activities they took part in and left with a large paper bag of goodies. This was the first time the Printing Society has taken part and it was great to hear Mothers say, on two separate occasions that while they had been taking their children to Kidsfest activities for a number of years, the Printing sessions were the best they had been too! As well as being a financial success, it also helped raise the Printing Societies profile. A huge thanks to Gary for the work he did setting this up!

Kidsfest Photos



One of the activities the children undertook was type setting their name which was then printed onto a Wanted Poster and a paper bag which had “(their name) had fun in the Printshop at Ferrymead Park”



Another activity was typing setting their name into a chase loaded into an Adana which was then printed onto an A5 saying - 'It is OK to Try and Fail but never to Fail to Try.' The type was then dusted and heated to raise the type (thermograph) and inserted into a small picture frame, which proved very effective



The children used the large stencil maker acquired from the Rural History Society to make a stencil of their name.



Another small hobby press we hadn't used before was put into service printing a Dr Seuss saying which was then dusted in silver or gold.

As can be seen by all the smiles on faces, the children really enjoyed their time in the Printery!

Working Bee Photos



It was great to see Peter Vangioni along for the Working Bee to offer his expertise on the newly installed double demi (large!) 1867 Albion along with Michael de Hamel, another keen Albion enthusiast who dropped in to see what was happening. Michael is owner / editor of the Akaroa Mail / Kaiapoi Advocate. Lending a hand is new member Kuvalesaya Zakheim.

Agnieszka Parr and Lana Skinner (right) dropped by to lend a hand and used their layout and design skills to help put up some of the new Vintage car, truck and tractor posters we have back on sale in the Printery. It was great to see all these members along to lend a hand.



Steve Johnstone enjoys some sunshine while cleaning up some KORA bits!



Kuva helps Chris Horsham assemble one of the new donated desk units which have been set up in the Studio.