



# Friends of the Williams House Paihia Library Inc

P R O T E C T I N G P A R A D I S E

## NEWSLETTER

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### An Old Workhorse Restored

We are delighted to report that the pump house in the garden has been completely rebuilt and the original pump restored. This was quite a project as Gibson Pumps had to bring in a crane to inspect the bore and remove the motor which was then taken to their workshop for restoration. Here it attracted many admiring comments from machinery enthusiasts. A new pressure vessel was also needed. Keith Roberts prepared the plans and sourced materials in keeping with the shed's original construction and we are extremely grateful to Jacques Janssen and Garth Craig who spent many days laying a new concrete pad, digging drains for the power supply and rebuilding the shed using totara framing, corrugated iron and lead headed nails. The supply of materials by FNDC was a great assistance.

The shed now looks very smart and the pump works like a charm supplying water for the gardens. A safety-glass viewing door is planned so people can appreciate this fascinating reminder of the past.

*The fully-rebuilt pump house and restored pump ready for action*



### Vegetable Garden

We have been very fortunate in having the children of Paihia School take over responsibility for the vegetable garden for the last two

## Committee

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## Committee

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## Library Happenings

**Book Club** – 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the month 10.00 – 11.30 am.

## Annual General Meeting

Monday 12 May

5.30 p.m.

Paihia Memorial Hall  
Back Meeting Room.

All welcome.

seasons. There is much happy chatter each Friday morning as they weed and dig and plant and they have achieved wonderful results. With the guidance of Shirley, their green-fingered tutor, they have learned a great deal about how to grow vegetables and also a little about the history of the Williams House. Many of them bring their families along to see what they have achieved which encourages a whole new generation of residents to take a pride in the garden.



### Williams House Second Hand Book Garage

Our second hand book sale continues to generate funds for Friends' projects and we are grateful for the wonderful support we receive from the community. The stall is open on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of each month and for cruise ship visits and provides a welcome activity for visitors who often like to stop in for a chat. This summer we had the doors repainted and new lighting has brightened up the interior. The real stars are our loyal volunteers who provide such a friendly, cheerful



service (see Primrose at left with a young customer). Many visitors return again and again and often donate books themselves. Please call Margaret Rasmussen if you have books to pick up (402 8040). Books need to be in good clean condition to be suitable for sale.

### Williams House Garden

The gardens provided a beautiful display in early summer but the long, hot summer has been a challenge. We had a good working bee recently and will soon replant now we have had some rain. A new garden seat which we purchased this year and installed in the rear garden is being well used. It is great to see visitors picnicking and relaxing in the garden and the history trail attracts much interest.

### Protecting Paradise in Paihia

Just a reminder that this interesting social history of the Williams House, "Protecting Paradise in Paihia" is still available to purchase. It is available from the Williams House Garage 2<sup>nd</sup> Hand Book Sale, Paihia Bookshop, and other Northland book shops.

**Special price - \$20.00**

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### Volunteers Welcome

If you would like to help out in the **garden** occasionally, Barbara Traviss (402 7327) would love to hear from you. If you would prefer to work in the **book garage**, please ring Margaret (402 8949). Remember, you do not have to be on the committee to be a volunteer and you can work as often or as little as you choose. Every little helps.



### New Books for Paihia Library

With your help, The Friends recently donated \$1000 to the library for the purchase of new books. Our aim was to provide reference books which the library may not otherwise be able to acquire. These will remain in the Paihia Library permanently. The wide selection of books chosen are on local history, NZ native birds and forest, the seashore and leisure activities. Each will have a sticker attached to say it was donated by the Friends. Well done everyone.

