

## **How the Piha R&R Assoc. was Involved with and Supported the Development, the Funding and the Operations of the Piha Community Library**

The following material describes the development of the Piha Library, according to the annals of the Piha R&R Association. This current report has been generated as a response to an alternate, undated, version of events (**Appendix A**) previously promulgated by the Piha Library Trust.

**Appendix B** contains relevant items regarding the Piha Library, originally published in Piha News between 1988 and 2000, as collated and cited by the Library Trust.

### **How it Happened**

In Aug 2007, Yvonne Dufaur, as volunteer Library manager led

*'....a small deputation to discuss with the R&R Committee the concept of setting the library up as a separate trust. The Committee has made it clear that they would like the chance for the community to have a say in this process. The library provided documents for discussion and the committee was very supportive of what they are trying to achieve. There was a suggestion that one of the people of the trust board should come from the R&R / non library group. The next stage is to determine some of the ownership of the assets questions that arose from discussions and then Tony and Yvonne Dufaur to carry on discussions.'* (from the minutes of the R&R committee meeting 3-Aug-07).

At the Jan-08 R&R AGM Yvonne's Annual Library Report stated:

*"....last August a preliminary discussion was held with Tony and the R&R Committee. The ideas put forward were positive and helpful and need further development, careful consideration, and ultimately community consultation."*

The Piha R&R committee was therefore surprised to learn in Oct-09 that the library volunteers had formed a separate Piha Community Library Trust and were hoping to negotiate independently with Waitakere City Council to take over provision of library services. The Piha R&R committee received a number of letters from concerned R&R members and library users and asked members of the Library committee to attend the next R&R committee meeting to discuss this further. Unfortunately they did not attend.

In Nov-09 Yvonne Dufaur was requested to provide the Library's financial report for audit purposes and inclusion in the R&R's Annual Accounts to be presented at the Jan-10 AGM. That request was refused.

### **Understanding the Library Trust's Position**

The Library Trust published two documents titled "A Brief History of the Piha Library and How it was Founded and Developed," and, "Piha Library Building Project History". These include some quotes from various issues of the Piha Community News combined with some opinion, and have been provided to the R&R as evidence for the position the Trust is taking in regard to the development and funding of the Library. These documents are attached as Appendices A and B.

## **Understanding the R&R Committee's Position**

The main argument used in the information provided by the Library is that the Library was run and funded without any involvement of the R&R except to use the R&R's Incorporation status to enable grants to be provided.

The R&R refutes this assertion, in fact the R&R provided the very first donation in 1993 to start the Building Fund – source Glenda Northey who was R&R Sec 1993. The prime requirement for funding was in fact that it needed to be for a democratically elected organisation representing the community's interests and the R&R was, and still is, the only organisation at Piha that satisfies that requirement.

The R&R were in fact at the forefront of the concept of a Community Library building and totally controlled the process delegating the day to day activities of the fundraising and concept development to the enthusiastic sub-committee who were totally accountable to the R&R for all their activities including the fundraising and financial performance. At no time has the R&R ever handed over the accountability to the Library sub-committee.

The Library Trust uses quotes from the Piha News and mentions several times that the R&R were not present but in fact most of the people fundraising and seeking approvals during the 90's were also on the R&R Committee at the time so of course the R&R was heavily involved. In addition the fundraising group were on the sub-committee of the R&R and were appointed by the R&R specifically to raise funds for the Library on behalf of the R&R. More specifically:

1. Piha News 47 Mar 94 "Congratulations to Glenda Northey and her library committee..." – Glenda Northey was also R&R Sec 1994
2. Piha News 51 – Feb 95 "R&R AGM passed 3 motions unanimously in support of the new building, the proposed health care service etc' This ably demonstrates the R&R support for the Library
3. Piha News 56 Mar 96 – Report from Health Steering Committee stated a need for an independent legal entity not the Library Sub-committee
4. Piha News 60-Mar 97 R&R AGM gave support to start the building as soon as possible.
5. Piha News 63 – Nov 1997 ASB grant of \$35k. Lease to be between R&R and WCC. Definitely not the first involvement of R&R. R&R Sec Marilyn Trubuhovich
6. Piha News 70 – May/Aug 99 Opening of Library – No R&R representation? All but one of the people mentioned served on the R&R Committee.

## **Some Selected Evidence of the True History from the R&R Archives**

1. 6-Mar-87 First meeting between R&R Committee and WCC at which the possibility of a free standing Library Building on Domain and appointing a part time librarian. Present: Hanson(P), Joyce(VP), Murphy(VP), Plowman(VP), O'Connor(S), Wallace(T), Ussher.
2. 3-Jul-87 Resolved that a Library Sub-committee consisting of Greg Ussher, Mary Dobbie and Glenda Northey be appointed for the purpose of looking at a new Library.
3. 19-Nov-87 Letter from City Librarian to R&R received thanking Glenda Northey for her Library sub-committee work and stating "Piha library is the responsibility of the Piha R&R Assoc....and I wish the Library much success..." and offering to visit Piha for discussion if the R&R would like that.

4. 4-Dec-87 Annette Hutchison resigned and R&R appointed Mary Dobbie, Library sub-committee member, to run the Library pointing out that the WCC holds the R&R entirely responsible for all books issued by them. Mary agreed to accept that responsibility.
5. 5-Feb-88 Separate account opened by R&R for Library funds with Mary Dobbie and Glenda Northey as signatories and confirming the account would be subject to the annual audit requirements of the R&R Assoc.
6. R&R made 10 page submission to Community Board and Council in 1990 asking for library building for expanding needs, site suggested opposite Post Office, yearly grant of \$2.5k to support the library, employment of part time librarian. A 2<sup>nd</sup> submission was made in Feb-91 requesting Council to make provision in current financial year for funds for a Library building, repeating request for annual funding now \$3k, and funding for part time librarian.
7. The library sub-committee on behalf of the R&R made another submission to the Community Board Nov-91. The R&R activated a briefing to members of what was intended and a survey to confirm support and thereby support the requests for funding.
8. Apr-92 Peter Joyce agreed to prepare a feasibility study for submission to WCC. This was tabled at Jun-92 meeting.
9. Dec-94 R&R resolved "That the R&R support the idea of extending the Centre to 100sqm to accommodate the Health Rooms".
10. Jan-95 R&R AGM Feasibility Study and draft plans presented to R&R AGM. 3 resolutions passed: (1)"That the Piha R&R support the idea of a multi-purpose building being sited on the area designated by the Waitakere City Council in their public notification", (2) "That the R&R AGM endorses the concept of a proposed health care service for Piha", (3) "That the R&R AGM endorses the setting up of a small steering committee to undertake the tasks set out in Brian McKenna's report".
11. Jul-97 Peter Joyce tabled redesigned plan and scale model of the library and cost estimate \$100k. R&R resolved that the plans as presented are approved and P Joyce is authorised to proceed with the Resource Consent Application.
12. Jan-98 Plans and model presented to the R&R AGM, Resource Consent now dependent on Lease negotiations which were under way.
13. Feb-98 Yvonne Dufaur, now library manager, tabled lease document proposed by WCC but R&R decided to obtain legal advice on several clauses, reply to WCC and sign on reaching agreement.
14. Sep-98 Resource Consent received.
15. Oct-98 First contract (labour only) let for \$14k.
16. 16-May-99 Library moved into new building.
17. 25 Sep 01 Submission to the ASB Community Trust "...the Library operated at a deficit over the last two years and is subsidised by the R&R"... "The Piha Library is a community facility owned and operated by the Piha R&R".
18. Feb-02 R&R asked Yvonne Dufaur to send a summary of accounts for inclusion in future monthly financial reports.
19. Mar-03 R&R held discussion with Yvonne Dufaur and resolved that Yvonne be asked to provide names of cheque signatories of both the Building Fund and Operating bank

accounts, details of the Library Insurance policy, the provision of a monthly financial report to the committee, the provision of a 3 monthly report to the committee and the presentation of a biannual report in person to the committee.

20. From late 1980's through to 2002 the Library Sub-committee presented a report to most R&R Committee meetings and discussion was held on the management, fundraising and financial performance at each meeting. After being formally asked to report to the R&R Committee in 2002 and 2003 Yvonne Dufaur failed to do so.

This is a small sample of evidence, from the R&R archives where there is a huge amount of further evidence confirming that the R&R have always been fully accountable for the Library and it's performance and have always held ownership of the Library building, all of its contents and its working capital (cash in the bank).

The R&R also holds 2 written legal opinions confirming that the ownership of the building, its contents including the books and all equipment and furniture, and the working capital remains with the R&R. These are quoted below:

From Presland & Co dated 13 Nov 09,

*"I confirm that I have reviewed the various documents that you have provided and discussed the history of the library with you. I consider that the library clearly belongs to the Association for the following reasons:*

1. *" The funds for the construction of the building and the purchase of the books were accumulated by and on behalf of the association.*

2. *The lease with Waitakere City Council clearly anticipates and records that the Association owns the building.*

*To transfer the building to the recently formed trust there would need to be a formal agreement completed. A price for the building would need to be established and a means of payment and/or forgiveness of that price.*

*As a further comment a trust could present a beneficial way of fundraising for the maintenance and development of the library. I note however that there is no control over who the trustees will be. One option would be to provide that the power of appointment and removal of trustees resides with the executive of the Association."*

and from Duncan & Wells dated 16 Nov 09

*"The library books and building etc are the property of the Piha R&R Association Incorporated, a separate legal entity. The ownership of the assets does not change just because someone set up a 'library trust', there has to be a formal sale & purchase of the assets from the association to the trust. If this has not happened then the assets remain with the association. Presumably if those assets generated income the income should be paid to the association."*

In conclusion the R&R believes that the only way the differences between the Association and the Trust can be resolved is by meeting and working together. The R&R has not supported a public debate through the media because this is not a professional process through which a quality outcome, in the best interests of the Piha community, will be achieved.

## **Appendix A      This document on the History of the Library was published by the Library Trust**

### **A Brief History of Piha Library and How it was Founded and Developed**

In the 1950s, Dulcie Ussher of the Country Women's Institute, approached the Country Library Service in Hamilton to see if they would consider providing a library service to Piha under the auspices of the CWI. They acceded to this request and arrangements were made to have some boxes of books on a 2-monthly basis. This service was initially operated for 15 years by Dulcie and Tene Erdman in various places, including the old schoolhouse. Dulcie was joined by other members of the CWI. The library was housed for many years in the old school house by the fire station. Over time a book exchange of paperbacks also operated with the Country Library books.

Later, first Jean Otto and then Joan Crossland took over the running of this small library service, and when Joan pulled out, Glenda Northey, a qualified librarian, was asked to take over. However, as she was going to an overseas posting for 3 years, Mary Dobbie stepped into the job until such time as Glenda returned to Piha.

In the early 80s the Country Library Service no longer supplied books and Glenda arranged for a small bulk loan of books to be delivered to Piha every 3-4 months from the Henderson Library (10 children's books and 40 adult books). The library was open to adults on Tuesday and Saturday and children on Saturday only. In 1983 Glenda approached the Glen Eden Library to see if they could supply a top-up of books, as the small loan from Henderson was not enough to keep the keen readers in the community going. This new supply was gratefully accepted by the community.

Ultimately the library was housed in one half of the old ARC unused implement shed, previously a bus shelter belonging to the Council, This was shared with the Post Office. When the Post Office moved out into its own premises, the library expanded into the whole shed and also took over the little room at one end of the shed which was originally used as a meeting room. Monty Mead did the necessary alterations to the building and put a doorway through to the meeting room, and this became the children's area.

By the time that Glenda Northey took over as librarian, the building was fairly closely packed with books, but many were old paperbacks and donated books in poor condition. Glenda culled the collection (it took 7 carloads to get rid of the unwanted material!) She then went around the various Councils in the area (it was before amalgamation) and asked for donations of books - the Auckland City Council in particular donated many children's books.

Glenda arranged for a continued 3 monthly loan from the Glen Eden Library, and this system continued for a number of years. On amalgamation of the local councils, Waitakere City Council's Glen Eden library continued to provide this service, largely through the good services of Adrian Bierbeck, who was the chief librarian at the time.

With the help of Adrian, Glenda successfully petitioned the Council to provide an annual grant to Piha Library for the purchase of books as the Country Library Service no longer came to the area and Piha, Karekare and Anawhata residents had no real local library service. A small budget was supplied by the Waitakere City Council and Glenda did the purchasing of new stock from this grant and accounts were sent to WCC for payment. All other expenses for the library were met by the fundraising efforts of the library committee.

As the library and its patronage grew and became more professional under Glenda's management, it was felt that a bigger and better building was needed. Adrian Bierbeck obtained Council funding for a feasibility study to look into the degree of support for the library service and for raising funds to build a new library. This study was carried out by Peter Joyce. The study provided evidence of strong community support, so the little group of volunteer librarians began the daunting task of raising money for a new building, based on sketch plans drawn up by Peter for a lovely new library to be placed on the Domain.

Over the next few years, Glenda and her group raised a great deal of money towards the building. There were fairs, fun runs, balls, and dinners, all locally organized by the committee and well attended and supported by residents.

At this time when they were considering upgrading the library, there was a first alert team operating in Piha and there was considerable discussion about the need for a health clinic in Piha. It was thought that the two services could be combined in one building, and fundraising continued on this basis, all the money being put into a special Library and Community Health bank account specially set up for the purpose. At this time it was decided that a trust should be formed to operate the library and also, if health services were included, undertake the management and ownership of the whole complex. The health services group's contribution to the funding of the centre was to be by way of a Government grant which the government at that time was offering for local health service clinics, and the health group applied to the Minister of Health (Jenny Shipley) for one of the grants for this purpose to be given to Piha. Ultimately, following an indication from Jenny Shipley that the fund was exhausted and no help would be forthcoming, the group decided that they would put the clinic idea aside as they did not have the time or energy to undertake the fundraising needed, and the group left the library committee to proceed alone. The formation of a trust, or alternatively an incorporated society was put on hold while the small library group put their energies into fundraising the total amount needed for a new building.

Prior to this, with \$25,000 in the kitty, and much more money still needed, Glenda was looking to donations from various trusts, and because many would only donate to properly incorporated societies or trusts, she approached the Residents and Ratepayers Association to ask if we could make applications for funding using their name as an 'umbrella' group to give the library the necessary standing for grants and ultimately for the lease of the small portion of Domain land from the Council. This was agreed to and the library finances were then added as a separate section to the R & R accounts for auditing purposes. In return for this assistance, Glenda made fairly regular reports to the R & R committee on progress.

At no time did the library hand over 'ownership' of the library, its funds or the library management to the R & R Association, nor did the R & R Association ever take any responsibility in any way for the running or financing of library management or operations. This 'borrowing' of the R & R's incorporation as a stop gap arrangement was understood and honoured by the then R & R Association personnel.

Presently this mutual agreement seems to have been forgotten or overlooked by the R & R Association and any misapprehension of the situation needs to be corrected.

In 1997 Yvonne Dufaur took over the management of the library and continued, with the help of the group of librarians, to raise funds for the new building. Applications were made to the ASB and the Waitakere Licensing Trust, both of which gave major grants towards the new building and these were received by the R & R as the incorporated body and passed on to the library committee for lodgment in the library's building fund account. Further successful community fundraising events, organized by the small library committee, eventually gave the library group sufficient funds to commence the new building. The contract for the new library was subsequently let and administered by the library committee.

The new library, still without its planned plumbing facilities, was finally opened with considerable fanfare in May 1999 by Mayor Bob Harvey, and has continued to provide a much appreciated service to the growing permanent residents and to the holiday home owners in the Piha, KareKare and Anawhata areas.

Continued fundraising and further grants enabled the library committee to finish off the building and install plumbing and the septic tank system. One of the very successful fundraising events to get the plumbing completed, was the 'Dunny Do' at which the well known author Fay Weldon joined with Max Cryer to provide an evening's entertainment for an appreciative audience. The library's toilet now has a plaque on the door labeling it as 'The Fay Weldon Room' and Fay herself, on a return visit, officially opened the room at a small ceremony.

In 2007, with a valuable asset in the building and its contents, thriving membership and expanded services, the library felt that it was time that the future of the library was safeguarded with setting up a proper structure of its own, as originally planned, instead of the very informal management system that has been in place up until this time. To this end, the library committee gave consideration to the most suitable structure and management system and elected to set up a charitable trust to ensure the best possible outcomes for the library in the future and to ensure that the future expansion of services can be properly planned and managed.

This decision was conveyed to the R & R Association at its meeting in August 2007 and it was agreed that the Library Committee and the R & R President should clarify the procedures needed to transfer the lease, in the name of the the R & R, over to the new Trust once it was formed. The Library Manager also mentioned the plans of the library committee to set up a properly incorporated entity at a recent Annual General Meeting of the R & R and there was no comment or disagreement offered from those at the meeting. A number of factors caused a delay in this process, but the library has now been registered as The Piha Community Library Trust under the Charitable Trusts Act 1957. The Waitakere City council has been approached and has agreed to the development of a formal Memorandum of Understanding between the council and the Trust and has also agreed that the Trust can use a portion of the Council grant to fund a part-time administration assistant for the library.

The completion of this process to formalize the appropriate guardianship of this valuable asset which belongs to and serves the Piha, Karekare and Anawhata communities will be the transfer of the lease with the Waitakere City Council to the Trust, and the appointment of the new trustees to take over from the founding trust members.

The Piha Community Library Trust will then be properly set up to act as 'kaitiake' (guardians) of the library and its services and assets into the future.

## Appendix B      This document on the History of the Library Project was published by the Library Trust

### Piha Library Building Project History

The following traces some of the publicly circulated information on the process of fundraising and organising the new library building as reported in the Piha News over the years.

#### **Piha News No. 24 - May 1988.**

Front page article covering early history of library (Attachment No.1). Further article inside about funding. Quotes:

'It was thanks to the efforts of two avid readers of 30 years ago - Mrs Dulcie Ussher and Mrs Tene Erdman - that Piha has a library. Dulcie Ussher took the first step in 1959 when she approached the Hamilton based Country Library Service through Piha's small branch of the CWI'

'The library would be known as the Piha Public Library and would be readily available to all ratepayers of Piha.'

'In May of 1959 the first consignment of books reached New Lynn by mail and thence by cartage to Piha. An elated Dulcie Ussher, in her new role of librarian, set them out in the only public place available - a small shed below Le Grice's boarding house. Tene Erdman became Secretary/treasurer and library assistant.'

'A permanent home was finally found for the library in the bus shelter, no longer needed for waiting passengers when the service was reduced to once a weekend.'

'When Dulcie and Tene retired, the library passed into the capable hands of Jean Otto.'

'The present librarian works with a management committee of Glenda Northey, Maggie Fergusson and Monty Mead.'

#### **Piha News 27 - February 1989**

Funding references on initiative of Glenda Northey and grant to library from Hilary Commission.

#### **Piha News 32 - May 1990:**

Piha Library's increasing use and desperate shortage of shelf space prompted two members of the Library Committee to enlist the support of the Waitakere Community Board in a bid for better premises. Mary Dobbie and Monty Mead proposed that Piha Library could be part of a community building that would also provide rooms for visiting doctor/district nurse/first aid officer. The present library (once a bus shelter) is actually on roadway and too close to traffic for the safety of small children. Community Services Manager of WCC, Adrian Birbeck, will visit the Piha library to look at our problems.

#### **Piha News 33 - August 1990:**

'With overflowing shelves and an ever-increasing number of readers, we badly need a larger library - and one that doesn't sit on designated roadway, with traffic hazards for small fry.'

#### **Piha News 47 - March 1994:**

Article on two fairs held in Piha. Quotes:-

'January saw two fund-raising fairs on the Piha Domain, the first in aid of the projected library/healthcare centre ....'

'Congratulations to Glenda Northey and her library committee .....

#### **Piha News 49 - August 1994:**

Article on Piha Community Library, Health and Service Centre (Attachment 2). Quotes:

'The Piha Library's Management Committee has for some time been working towards a new library at Piha.'

'The centre should incorporate the library, health care/consulting rooms, and space for volunteer service organizations.'

'Fund-raising to build such a centre needs support from all groups who may use the building.'

'The Library Committee is small and, though we have had several fund-raising activities in the last year, we need fresh people with good ideas and lots of energy to raise the \$80,000 needed.'

#### **Piha News 50 - November 1994:**

Article on front page on 'The New Library, Health and Service Centre - A Heart for Piha?' (Attachment 3) and mention inside of report on health needs for Piha (page 9) includes mention of 'the community building sponsored by the Library Committee'. Quotes:-

'Piha's need for a health clinic, somewhere for visiting doctor, health nurse, Plunket Nurse or First Aiders to work from - has

never been in doubt. It has just become more urgent with Piha's growth. So, when the Library Committee faced the problem of a hugely increased membership and a shrinking shelf and work space, it seemed sensible to combine the two needs in one building.'

#### **Piha News 51 - February 1995:**

Article on front page of R & R AGM includes the sentences 'First on the agenda was the proposed Health, Service and Library Centre. Three motions were passed unanimously in support respectively of the new building, the concept of the proposed healthcare service, and the setting up of a Health Services Steering Committee. (Set up subsequently by Brian McKenna). There was no mention of this being an R & R initiative, but rather a motion of support for the concept.

On page 5 is a brief report of the fund-raising committee's Gala Day to raise funds for the Piha Community Library, Health and Service Centre under the direction of Glenda Northey, Piha's Librarian.

#### **Piha News 52 - May 1995:**

Front page article on offer by Piha Lifeguard Service (Attachment 4) to accommodate the new library and community health centre in their planning. The Piha-Karekare Community Health Steering Committee was interested, but Glenda Northey felt that the library needed to be central and that maybe the two would need to have separate premises.

Further article on Page 9 by Brian McKenna (leader of the Community Health Steering Committee which investigated health needs in Piha and Karekare) about combining health services in the surf club.

#### **Piha News 53 - August 1995:**

Front page article 'Offers and Options'(See attachment 5) in which the possible inclusion in the community building proposal of a new Fire Station was reported on. The Health Steering Committee (led by Brian McKenna) and the Library Committee (led by Glenda Northey) will consider this and other options. The Library Committee has raised \$44,000 with the inclusion of a promised \$24,000 from Waitakere City Council for a sewage system. There was no involvement of the R & R in any of this.

Informal discussions between the groups look to the formation of a trust to own and operate the building.

Further article by Brian McKenna on page 7 covering desire for the health service to cover Piha/Karekare and the setting out of the objectives of the group.

#### **Piha News 54 - November 1995:**

Report on page 7 of a meeting (See attachment 5) of interested groups to discuss options for a community building project - Library, Health, Fire Service. With a number of new options and changes from original concept endorsed at R & R AGM, group would inform R & R of new ideas and seek endorsement of plans.

Further brief report from Brian McKenna of attempts by the Health Steering Committee to obtain funding support through health authorities.

#### **Piha News 55 - December 1995:**

Report on page 2 that Library Fund Raising Committee has now reached almost \$50,000.

Report on page 7 of community 'Fun Run' to raise funds for the Library and Health Service Centre, organized by locals, mostly library committee members.

#### **Piha News 56 - March 1996:**

Annual Report on page 7 from Health Steering Committee on activities and attempts to get support from Primary Health Care at North Health.

Quote: 'As we develop toward establishing a community service centre there will come a time when we will need to establish an independent legal entity, e.g. a charitable trust, in order to negotiate a contract with the RHA. Until that time it is proposed that the Piha and Karekare R and R Associations will be a channel for community accountability'.

#### **Piha News 58 - August 1996:**

Report of a ball organized by AnneMarie Bailey which raised \$1700 for Library/Health Centre.

#### **Piha News 60 - March 1997:**

Report on library building from Glenda Northey that a committee meeting decided to attempt to build the new library as soon as possible. 'The proposal was tested on the R & R AGM which gave support to the building project.'

'Peter Joyce's original plan provided a room for visiting Health Nurse and doctor. That is still kept in view though present funding may not stretch to the necessary equipping. Fund-raising has been a big task for the library committee.'

**Piha News 63 - November 1997:**

Library report indicates that Library Committee has received a grant of \$35,000 from the ASB Community Trust and that the lease of the land will be negotiated between WCC and Piha R & R for the building of a community building. (Use of the Piha R & R Assn's incorporation had been arranged in order to qualify for funding and a lease from WCC - first real involvement of R & R)

**Piha News 64 - February 1998:**

Library report that resource consent process nearly completed.

**Piha News 66 - August 1998:**

Library report that resource consent obtained and outlining plans for building and seeking assistance from local community.

**Piha News 67 - November 1998:**

Library report that building is under way and naming professionals involved. Announcing Bonanza Gala planned by Library Committee in January to obtain further funding.

**Piha News 68 - February 1999:**

Announcing successful \$9500 fundraising effort for library from the Gala organized by the library committee.

**Piha News 69 - May 1999:**

Library article announcing that the building will be officially opened on 29 May 1999 and inviting community to attend. Work still to be done on library will need further funding.

**Piha News 70 - May (August?) 1999:**

Front page article on opening of new library with honouring of Glenda Northey, Jean Otto, Mary Dobbie, Madge Carrie and Joan Crossland who managed library over the years, and thanks to Peter Joyce, architect, and Berk Morton, clerk of works.

(With no R & R personnel involved in opening, a clear indication can be confirmed that the R & R did not claim 'ownership' of the library at this stage, but were aware that the use of the R & R name preceding the Library title was for incorporation usage only for the receipt of funds.)