

## December 2019 Friends of the Alexandra Library Newsletter

Have you met our new team leader **Carly Heath** at the Alexandra Library.



Carly is new to Alexandra Library but worked in Yea before arriving here. Her background is in disability services. An avid reader as a child, Carly did not visit libraries for years after losing a book! She decided to pursue her love of books by retraining and helping change the emphasis of libraries from fines and quietness, to accessibility and patronage. Fines are no longer issued and there are automatic renewals online. New authors are presented and speakers booked well ahead of time. Children are encouraged through Junior Friends of the Library and events are published in the Standard. Borrow Box is another initiative and digital books are incredibly popular. Carly is standing next to the 4F created Christmas tree.

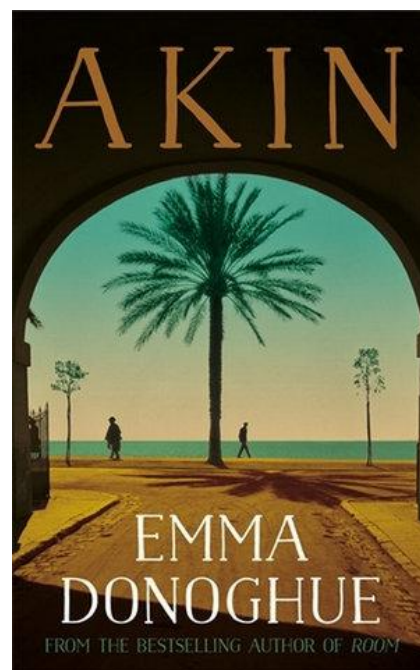
### Reviews by Sally Dean

#### Akin by Emma Donoghue.

This follows a journey taken by Noah, 79 and his newly acquainted great nephew Michael, to Nice, where Noah had been born. Circumstances have thrown these two unlikely travel companions together, and the developing relationship between them is amusing and touching. Michael is only 11, but in some ways appears much older, and yet Noah is reminded, by Michael's responses, that this is a child that has had a tough life so far. Mother in gaol, father dead and Noah is all that is between Michael, and being placed in care.

In Nice, Noah has a mystery to research. An odd collection of photos, taken by his mother, presumably during the end of WW2. What do they mean? With help from Michael, Noah does come to a conclusion which seems likely.

Well worth reading.



#### Le Reste de Leur Vie by Jean-Paul Didierlaurent (The Rest if their Lives).

An embalmer, a carer, an elderly mother, and an elderly man. This unlikely group end up going on a trip together, from France to Switzerland. Funny, endearing...read it

# What's happening at your library.

Please note Library 13<sup>th</sup> December library open 9-30 to 12-30pm

Please be advised Library closure is from Tuesday 24 December,

## Thursday January 2. Normal hours

Monday	2pm - 5pm
Tuesday	2pm - 5pm and 6pm - 8pm
Thursday	9.30am - 5pm
Friday	9.30am - 5pm
Saturday	9.30am - 12pm

## December weekly activities at your library

Monday	Bridge	2-5pm
Thursday	Stories for pre-schoolers	11-12
	Tech talk	11-12
Friday	Scrabble	2-4pm
	Knitters	2-4

## **Cafe Culture Series 2020 ALEXANDRA**

**All shows at Alexandra Town Hall at 7pm  
\$30 each show- INCLUDES SUPPER**

**PRE-SEASON TICKET - \$80 – four shows, only \$20 a show**

**Limited tickets available**

**On sale NOW at Grant St Grocer Alexandra**

**Alexandra Community Pharmacy**

**[www.trybooking.com/BGBOW](http://www.trybooking.com/BGBOW)**

If you are looking for a Christmas gift for that person who has everything then this could solve your problem!!

## Alexandra Library new destination for defibrillation

Friends of the Library Alexandra has purchased a defibrillator which Murrindindi Shire Council has installed out the front of the Alexandra Library. The Defibrillator is registered with Ambulance Victoria's GoodSam smartphone app which helps people locate the closest defibrillator in times of need.



Pictured (left to right): Murrindindi Shire Council Mayor, Leigh Dunscombe with Alexandra Library Team Leader, Carly Heath, Friends of the Library Alexandra President, Tom Farrell and (back) Murrindindi Shire Council Emergency Management Coordinator, Chris Price.



Our library is a beacon of knowledge and joy in our community.

This is due to the efforts of our dedicated library staff and volunteers.

Please borrow a book or books. Active borrowers affect funding. A card needs to be used at least once a year to be counted. Get the kids to use their card.

**Reading is important** because it develops the mind. ... Understanding the written word is one way the mind grows in its ability. Teaching young children to read helps them develop their language skills. It also helps them learn to listen.

## Thanks so much for your support for Friends of the Library in 2019.

And a BIG thanks to those who have already renewed their membership for 2020. Your re-membership helps us keep a strong voice for our wonderful library and provides practical support for its activities. Our membership is for the calendar year.

### January is Membership Renewal Month

There are now two easy ways to renew your Friends membership for 2020:

**Renew membership at Alexandra Library.** Please complete the membership form and present to staff at Alexandra Library. You will be given a receipt for your \$5 annual membership. Forms available at library also.

### Friends of the Alexandra Library

- Member 2020 \$5
- Second Member 2020 \$5
- 10 year membership \$50
  
- Also, I'd like give a donation to help Friends support library activities and projects**
  - \$5  \$10  \$50

( thank you )

NEW MEMBER / MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL FORM 2020  
Membership is for calendar year.  
**PLEASE PRINT**

Member Name: .....

Email Address: .....

Second Member: .....

Email Address: if different

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Friends of the Library Alexandra and District Incorporated  
P.O Box 390 ALEXANDRA Victoria 3714

Or

#### Renew on-line by bank transfer

Pay directly to our National Bank account. BSB: 083 503 Account No: 04 959 0822

In DESCRIPTION, please write *mship* and *your name*: (eg. *mship MandM Smith*)

Pay in Amount: \$5:00 per person

Please email the above form. With this newsletter is an attached membership form in word.

Once again, thanks for your renewed support.

Best wishes for another exciting library year!

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