

FRIENDS' FLASH – OCT 2023



KEEP THESE DATES!

Kia Ora, whānau. Just a quick email to let you know about some upcoming events you don't want to miss!

OPEN DAY AT THE COTTAGE 14 St. MARY ST. SATURDAY 28 OCTOBER 1- 4PM

This year's Open Day at the Cottage. Mark in your diaries the 28th of October from 1.00PM. Please note that this year it will be a **Saturday** – differs from the usual Sundays. As usual it will be part of Wellington Heritage Week.

Come along and explore the Cottage you support. If you have been already, why not bring a friend?

A highlight of the day will be the visit of Her Worship, the Mayor, Tory Whanau.

Free afternoon tea while listening to readings by our current resident writer, Rachel O'Neill, Redmer Yska and others.

Bring cash for some raffles with amazing prizes up for grabs, including a Thistle Inn meal voucher; copies of the Cottage's wonderful retrospective [Room to Write](#) - courtesy of Randell Cottage Writers Trust; a selection of recent titles from [The Cuba Press](#); and copies of former resident James Norcliffe's new book [Letter to 'Oumuamua](#), courtesy of Otago University Press.

Volunteers to help with the afternoon are welcome to get in touch with Robyn at robynskrz@gmail.com



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2023 – 24 SUBS & DONATIONS

A quick reminder - If you have not yet paid your subscription, please pay as soon as you can.

Our ANZ account number is **06 0545 0329586 00**

Please include your name and the words 'new sub' as references.

Annual Subscription: Business \$60 / Joint / Family \$45
/ Individual \$30 / Student/Senior \$15 / Or Donation (\$ State amount)

Please also email info@www.randellcottage.co.nz with your contact details, category of membership, and details of payment via internet banking.

ALL SUBS PAID BY 30 OCTOBER GO INTO THE DRAW FOR A MEAL VOUCHER, WORTH \$80.00, AT THE THISTLE INN*

(*includes those already paid this year)



REFLECTIONS ON A "SPRING BATH" AT THE COTTAGE

As I enjoy my last few weeks in residence at Randell Cottage, I have been reflecting on the creative leaps the fellowship has afforded me, the hearty connections I've made, and the wonderful local walks, which lately have me feeling like I'm taking a 'spring bath'.

I've grown particularly attuned to the sensory richness of the location and am continually reminded of how rewarding it is to simply be aware of and present to place and moment.

To give insight into my research process, I have updated my website with two new projects <https://rachel-oneill.com>. The first is titled 'Listening practice' and features text, images, and audio examples of experiments I've undertaken in the last six months at the Cottage.

You'll also find a bonus recording of a new prose poem called 'The Lantern of Fear sausage sizzle', which playfully reimagines a sausage sizzle as phantasmagoria, a form of horror theatre popular in the 19th Century: <https://rachel-oneill.com/portfolio/listening-practice/>

The second project relates to my third book of poetry, 'Symphony of Queer Errands', a hybrid-form narrative poem that follows a composer attempting to create an irreverent symphony with a ribald orchestra.

If you'd like to meet a selection of the instruments (all invented and designed to embody concepts of experimental musicality, both classical and contemporary) you can listen to me read poems introducing them here <https://rachel-oneill.com/portfolio/symphony-of-queer-errands/>

I'm looking forward to reading at the Randell Cottage Open Day on October 28th and talking more in depth about my Fellowship work at the National Library event on November 21st.

Ngā mihi nui, Rachel

FILM EVENING FUNDRAISER, CUBA LIGHTHOUSE, 29 WIGAN ST. THURSDAY 23 NOVEMBER

This will be a fundraising event for new amenities in the Cottage. We promise a scintillating evening starting with a glass of bubbles and raffles @ 5.15PM. Bring cash for prizes, including a [Beach Babylon](#) Meal voucher and sarong; a 2-book set of Redmer Yska's [Katherine Mansfield](#) titles and a set of 11 NZ [Penguin](#) Classics.

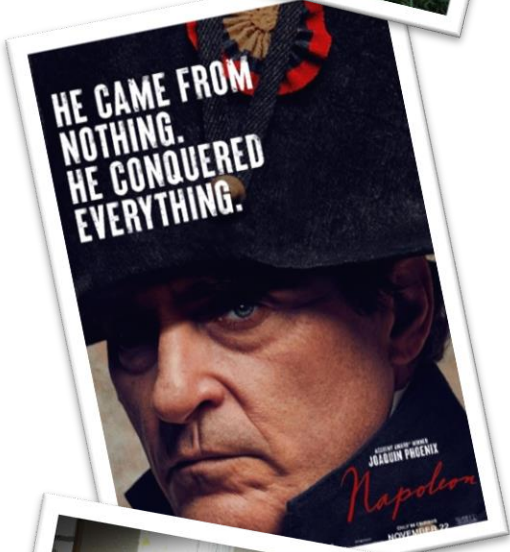
Be in Quick— Only 5 Seats left!

Tickets \$25.00 available from robyskrz@gmail.com

RACHEL O'NEILL & CAROLINE LAURENT NATIONAL LIBRARY, 70 MOLESWORTH ST. TUESDAY 21 NOVEMBER 6PM

Also make sure you diary this special evening event at the National Library featuring Rachel O'Neill and Caroline Laurent, who will be returning to the Capital.

This event will be hosted by Friends of Randell Cottage and the Randell Cottage Writers Trust.



APPLICATIONS INVITED FOR 2024 RANDELL COTTAGE WRITERS RESIDENCY

Applications are now open for one of New Zealand's top writing residencies: the 2024 Creative New Zealand Randell Cottage Writers Fellowship.

The fellowship comprises a generous stipend, funded by CNZ and currently set at \$30,582, and six-months' rent-free accommodation in one of Wellington's oldest heritage homes.

The residency will run from July to December 2024.

[Click Here](#) to find out all about it.



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