



**NOHANZ Seminar and Workshop**  
**Experiences and Opportunities in Oral History**  
**Saturday 30 March, 10am-2pm (with lunch)**  
**Waitemata Room, Auckland Central Library**

Join us for our first NOHANZ Auckland regional event of 2019!

You will hear from **Deborah Shepard**, a biographer, oral historian and teacher of memoir, whose new book *The Writing Life* (2018) features oral history interviews with twelve of New Zealand's most acclaimed and admired authors.

After the seminar, we will host a **workshop** on developing your oral history project and applying for oral history grants including the **New Zealand Oral History Awards**.

The workshop will cover:

- Key tips on how to write a successful application
- Selling your project
- Budget advice and feasibility

It will be a great opportunity to workshop your ideas with fellow oral historians in a supportive environment.

We ask for a \$5 koha towards catering.

Please RSVP to [infonyhanz@oralhistory.org.nz](mailto:infonyhanz@oralhistory.org.nz)

### ***The Writing Life: Twelve New Zealand Authors* by Deborah Shepard**

An account of the genesis of the book *The Writing Life* beginning with an oral history project for the NZ Society of Authors, that was funded by an Award in Oral History in 2015, to record the stories of senior members of the New Zealand literary community: Joy Cowley, Marilyn Duckworth, Tessa Duder, Chris Else, Patricia Grace, David Hill, Witi Ihimaera, Fiona Kidman, Owen Marshall, Vincent O'Sullivan, Philip Temple and Albert Wendt. Deborah will outline the process from oral history into book covering the research and preparation, her questions and establishing trust, her use of the participatory model of oral history to craft the verbatim transcripts into book chapters and she will reveal some of the surprises and discoveries she made along the way about the challenges of the writing vocation from twelve of our most experienced and brilliant practitioners. Deborah's presentation will be illustrated with sound excerpts from each of the twelve authors.

Deborah Shepard is an Auckland biographer, oral historian and teacher of memoir, journalling and biography through Public Programmes at the University of Auckland. Her recent book *The Writing Life: Twelve New Zealand Authors* was based on oral history interviews with twelve of New Zealand's most acclaimed and loved elder authors. Other major books drawing on Deborah's oral history interviews include: *Reframing Women: A history of New Zealand film* (2000) *Between the Lives: Partners in Art* (2005) and *Her Life's Work: Conversations with five New Zealand Women* (2009).