



Family Circle September 2008

From the South

Campion.on the Mountain top

- **From the past**
Bob Scott on Ngaio Marsh
- **From the board**
survey results



The skies were blue and there was a lot of snow. We skied Cardrona, Treble Cone, The Remarkables, and Coronet. All were blissful in different ways. Much love, Campion

Bob Scott on Ngaio Marsh

Bob Scott gave a short speech at the launch of *Ngaio Marsh: Her Life in Crime*

. A couple of extracts: There are a great many people throughout New Zealand, especially around about the 70s as I am, who have reason to be very grateful to Ngaio Marsh. She took our love of theatre; our love of drama; our love of dressing up; our love of showing off; and made something grand of it, while still being fun. They were memorable times which have stayed with us. One of my friends still calls them ☐my golden days☐.

Who could forget Ngaio? In draughty rehearsal halls; her beret askew on her head; her cigarette dangling from the corner of her mouth with the ash drooping in a downward curl as we waited for the moment it would drop; her huge book of the script with its many side drawing and production notes; her deep demanding voice which rose to a shriek if the theatrics demanded it.



To Jo: thank you for writing this biography. You have done it so well. And borrowing words Elric Hooper sent to you last week I want to say: □with this biography you have helped us fall in love with Ngaio all over again□.

The survey about our services

has been collated and was considered at a Board Meeting. The next stage is a community discussion. In the meantime the board has made some minor decisions which were obvious outcomes of the survey, including :

1. more efforts to encourage women to attend
2. some steps that preparers are urged to take to ensure our services are not too long:
options of
 - additional dispensers of communion if there is a crowd,
 - fewer verses of hymns where appropriate,
 - two rather than three Bible readings where appropriate and use of a non-biblical reading where appropriate
3. homilies / sermons should not be longer than 20 minutes.
4. announcement slot to be focused and not extended

There are some broader issues to consider, and these will be discussed at a church meeting in place of the Bible study on Tuesday 21 October at Mark and Alan's house.

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