

FRIENDS

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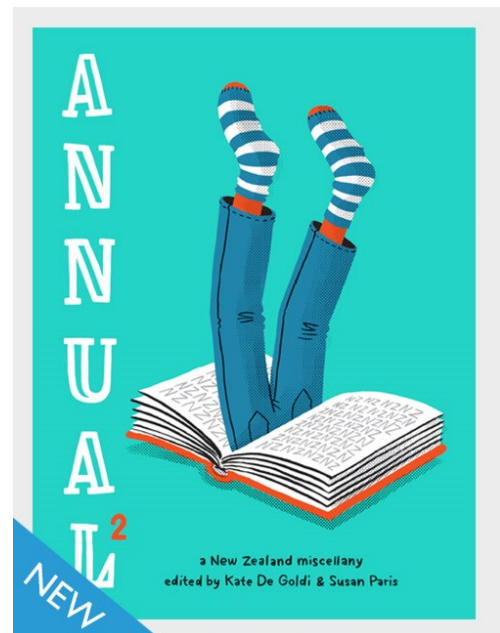
Happy New Year Friends!

Here's hoping that 2018 will be a wonderful year for everyone. I know that there are a few exciting things on the horizon for our libraries so your committee is looking forward to sharing them with you.

Morning Tea

Our first morning tea for the year will be on Wednesday February 7th.

Our guest speakers will be the wonderful writers Susan Paris and Kate de Goldi who will tell us about their latest joint venture 'Annual 2' which has been hailed as *the most intriguing selection of articles for middle-aged kids (you know, 8-13 year olds – and older) you could ever hope to find.*



Come along to meet them and hear about the inspiration behind this fabulous joint venture from two of our finest literary figures



FRIENDS OF THE HOROWHENUA LIBRARIES SOCIETY

New directions for 2018

2017 saw some major changes in the way our libraries are administered. Horowhenua District Council has assumed the role of library service provider much in the same way that district and city councils all around New Zealand do. So the library is now a council department. While this is not a bad thing for libraries, the redesign of the Te Takere Website has resulted in the online information about our Friends of Horowhenua Libraries disappearing. So we have decided to remedy this by setting up our own website where we can highlight FOHL activities and keep an online archive of our newsletters.

Our new website is at <http://friendsofhorowhenualibraries.org.nz/>

Newsletters will be posted each month to the website and you should receive an email notification when the next one is available to read with a link to click on to get to the newsletter. If you don't wish to continue receiving notifications from the FOHL there will be an unsubscribe button within the email for you to let us know that you no longer wish to receive our newsletters.



We celebrate that we are well served for library services in our region. **Shannon library** is a well used and much loved local gem, **Te Takeretanga o Kura Hau Po** is a major asset to our region and is the envy of many library users and librarians around New Zealand, while the new and exciting **Te Awahou Nieuwe Stroom** is a wonderful collaboration between [Oranjehof Dutch Connection Centre](#) the [Piriharakeke Generation Inspiration Centre](#) and the Horowhenua District Council.

The Opening of Te Awahou Nieuwe Stroom

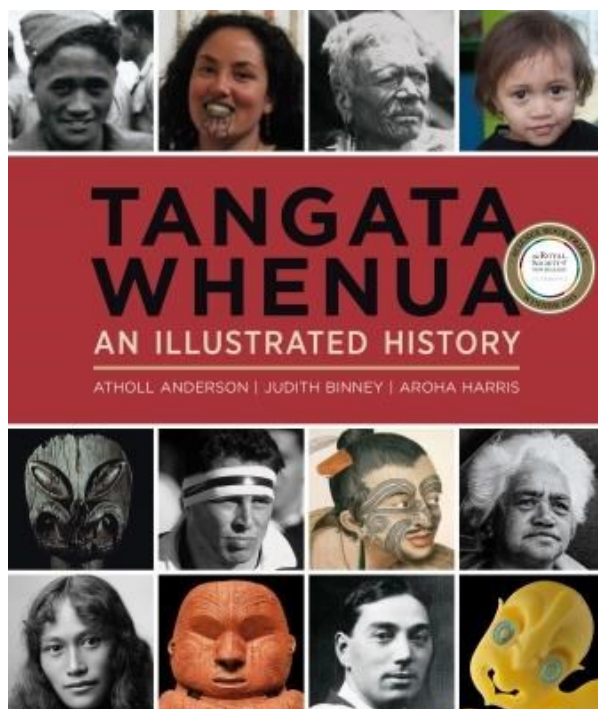
Several members of the Friends of the Horowhenua Libraries attended the opening of Te Awahou Nieuwe Stroom in November 2017.

In spite of the blustery and none too warm weather, we were entertained by some excellent speeches by the various partners involved in the project and performances by the Dutch community and local Maori groups. It was a colourful occasion with a true mix of cultures.

Having seen the building when it was clearly a construction site, it was wonderful to see it completed. The Dutch and Maori galleries are extremely well done, and the library flows through the facility.

The Friends were very pleased to be able to provide some of the resources for the children's section of the library.

We also marked the occasion by donating a book entitled "**Tangata Whenua –An Illustrated History**". We trust that it will be a welcome addition to the resources available in the library.



The Art of Ramila Parbhu which we enjoyed during January gave us an intriguing look at what happens when cultures blend. First generation born Gudjurati growing up in the rich cultural environment of Otaki Ramila demonstrates what can happen when worlds meet.

Ramila's goal—*'to be a nurturer of the earth that nurtures me'* shows in her beautiful work.



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I hope you found some bargains at our great summer book sale.

What an amazing range to choose from



We will bring you an report of the money raised in our next newsletter.

Love your Library

Join us on Valentines day February 14 for an

After School Holidays Shelf Tidy up

If you would like to help call Gae Stewart on 3685883 to volunteer.

Gae will let you know where to meet up on the 14th



And Something to look forward to ...

Animal lovers will want to keep March 21st free when world-renowned dog behaviourist and psychologist Mark Vette will be in Te Takere to launch his new book.

A great opportunity to meet Mark and talk with him.

**Happy Summer reading
everyone!**

