

# FRIENDS

March 2018



We love the art in Te Takere. The ever changing works on display are always a treat. The exhibition this month is particularly entrancing with beautiful intricate paintings by Iris Reesby in her **Bird Song** exhibition.



The fine detail in her work makes these birds seem as if they are watching you.

The eyes of this beautiful little morepork will follow you as you walk around the exhibition

Iris is at work in Te Takere until the end of the month. Do drop in for a chat with her.



**FRIENDS OF THE HOROWHENUA LIBRARIES SOCIETY**

## **FOHL AGM 2018**

Fewer than expected members turned out for the AGM however which was a shame as they missed out on a lovely morning tea provided by the library for attendees. Maybe it was because this was the first rainy morning we can remember for a while! We missed you.

### **Extract from the Chairperson's Annual Report:**

It gives me pleasure to report to you the activities of the Friends of the Horowhenua Libraries for the year ending 31 March 2018.

It has been a year of settling down and adjusting to the Horowhenua District Council closing down the Library Trust and taking over administration.

Sometimes this tested everyone's patience, but despite this the Friends of the Library remained stoic and we continued to fundraise and support in our usual best manner.

We have tidied shelves, conducted book sales and stepped forward when asked to help on various tasks. The love of libraries and books being our motivator.

This year we have added our support in other areas to help with the running of the library.

After feedback from users of the Library we sought to :

Have improvements made to customer services

Have training updated to meet with public enquiries

Helped with organising the newspaper area to improve access

Last years discussion with Regional and District Councils over the siting of the Bus stop outside the library remain ongoing.

The really exciting part of the committee is the organising of a variety of high quality speakers, musicians and even our man from Owlcatraz to entertain, delight and inform us of a wide range of activities.

Our records show that FOHL are 25 years old this year and I think it would be great if we could have a celebration and congratulate those movers and shakers that started this organisation. To the people, volunteers, friends all, a big Thank You from the Committee for your continuing support

The Committee now comprises

Chairperson: Diane Brown

Secretary: Margaret Clarke

Treasurer: Tony Shaw

Committee members: Cath Bennet, Barbra Lucas, Diane Welch, Aileen Kopke, Christine Moriarty.

Co-opted additional member : Brian Peterson.

We are sorry to hear that Deborah Burns is no longer able to remain a committee member due to ill health. We will all miss her insight and contributions to our meetings.

You are invited to

Join us for

**Morning tea in Te Takere**

**Wednesday April 4th 10.00**

Our guest speakers will be

**Lynne and Bernard Long** who have recently completed a tour around New Zealand on their trusty Vespa Scooters.

Do come along to enjoy their presentation—who knows—it might inspire you to embark on an adventure of your own.

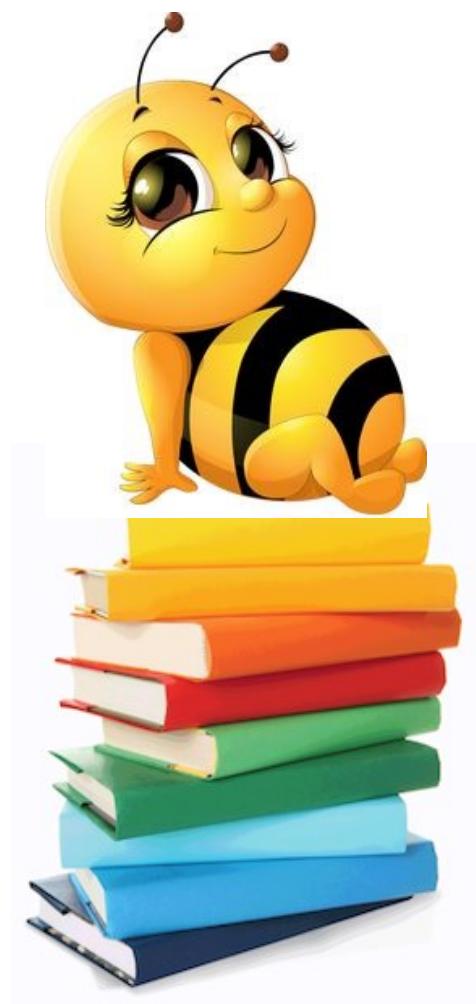


Our next **Shelf tidyng working bee** in

Te Takeretanga o Kura Hau Po will be on Wednesday 11th April

We begin working at 9.00am before the library opens which enables us to get through quite a lot of tidying up without inconveniencing library patrons.

If you can help—be at the Bath Street entrance to Te Takere at 9.00am to be let in by a staff member. If you cannot make it by 9.00am you would still be welcome to join us when the main doors open at 10.00am.



For more information please contact Margaret Clarke on (06)3689881.

# Some exciting Coming Events to mark in your calendar

## Friday concerts

The Kiwis – 23 March

Closed on Good Friday

Rondda Tyler – 6 April

## Affordable internet for families

Spark Jump helps families and whānau get home broadband so children can learn online at home.

It's a low-cost, pre-pay internet service for families with children under 18, with no current broadband connection. No contract or credit check is needed.

They attend a 2-hour workshop and we send them home with a modem and 30GB of data. When this data has run out, or expires in 30 days, they can purchase another 30GB for \$10.

Our first workshop is already fully booked with the next ones filling fast.

Find out more and reserve your seat at <https://steppingup.nz>

## John Parsons – keeping yourself safe online

John Parsons is New Zealand's leading authority on cyber-safety for children and the author of "Keeping your children safe online". He works with victims of cyber-crime, the New Zealand Police and within the education and health sectors

John is an engaging presenter and will share statistics, facts and everyday stories about children and families in our community who had been affected by unsafe internet usage.

This will be a practical workshop with John providing skills and strategies to help you to be safe online and be responsible digital citizens in the digital world.

6.30-8.00pm Wednesday 4 April at Te Awahou Nieuwe Stroom

6.30-8.00pm Thursday 5 April at Te Takeretanga o Kura-hau-po

## Outdoor Cinema at the Levin Doman: Hop

Friday 30 March

Kate Martin Dance School will perform at 5.30pm, movie starts at 7.00pm. Families are invited to bring a picnic or purchase something to eat from the food trucks.

## School holiday programme

The school holidays are coming up mid-April and the theme this term will be Harry Potter. It is the 20th Anniversary Harry Potter. Activities will include watching one of the movies, making butter beer and themed cookies.

Week 1 of the holidays at Foxton and Shannon

Both weeks at Te Takeretanga o Kura-hau-po



We are super excited to have New Zealand's Soul Sister, Hollie Smith to take centre stage with her magical Duo. That's right kiwi music fans, we have Hollie Smith performing with her stripped back duo here in the Horowhenua.

She's described as the reigning queen of Aotearoa soul, an original voice that whispers as well as it soars and that's captivated and overwhelmed thousands.

Friday 18th May 8.00pm—10.00pm.

Grab your tickets now from Te Takeretanga o Kura-hau-pō or online

Pre sale \$40.00

Door Sales \$50.00

Contact: [events@horowhenua.govt.nz](mailto:events@horowhenua.govt.nz)

**And at Te Awahou Nieuwe Stroom—a fascinating FREE event**

**Saturday May 5th 11.00am.**

A promotional graphic for a free event featuring Victoria Gaither. On the left, there is a portrait of Victoria Gaither, identified as an African American Broadcast Journalist. Below her photo, text reads 'Free Event Afternoon Tea'. To the right, the main title 'Slavery in America: Past, Present, and Politics' is displayed in large, bold, blue text, followed by 'With Broadcast Journalist Victoria Gaither'. Below this, the venue 'Te Awahou Nieuwe Stroom' and date 'Saturday, May 5th at 11am' are listed. In the bottom right corner, there is a historical illustration of a slave auction and a small inset image of a person in a superhero costume. At the very bottom right, a historical advertisement for 'SLAVES TO SELL!' is partially visible.

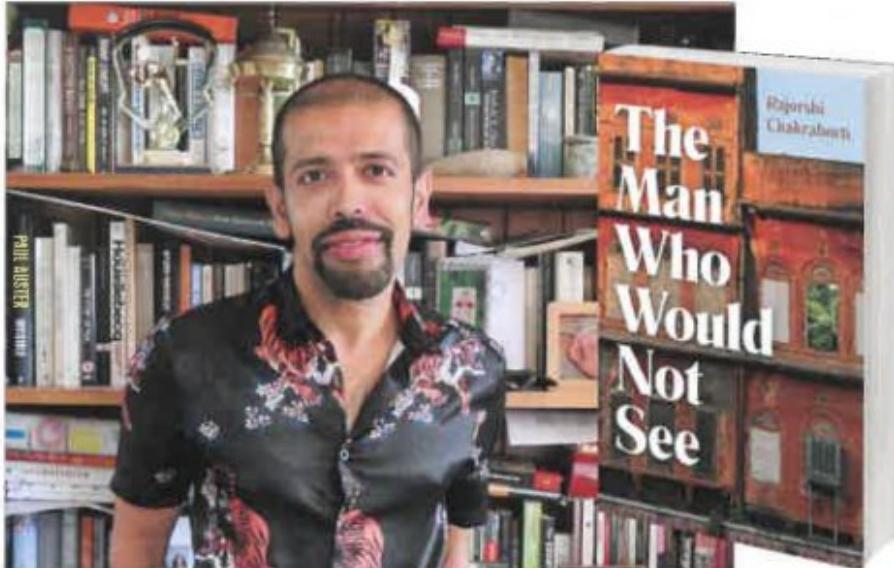
How lucky we are to have such entertaining visitors to Te Takeretanga o Kura hau Po  
Thanks to everyone involved in bringing these stars to our town.

## **Mark Vette and Reggie were a real hit!**



A big turnout - Library staff had to rush around looking for extra seating! A very informative and interesting talk from Mark Vette, an animal behaviour expert who runs animal training clinics and has written books on the subject. Today's talk focussed on the importance of training and socialising a dog while still a pup, and was accompanied by some entertaining demonstrations of his training techniques with sunglass-wearing labrador (I think he was a labrador!) Reggie. Reggie had been a rescue dog, and is now famous in his own right as the star of a UK TV show in which he successfully learned to fly a plane! The talk was followed by question time, which proved to be so popular that time ran out before all could be heard.

# Behind the words



*Don't miss this engaging hour with*

## Rajorshi Chakraborti

Come meet Indian-born novelist Rajorshi Chakraborti, award-winning author of five novels and a collection of short fiction.

His short story 'Knock, Knock' won second prize in the 2011 Sunday Star-Times Short Story Award.

Join him while he talks about his new novel, where he explores the divergence of perceptions, how relationships can become distorted by guilt and remorse, and how we choose what we are willing to see.

This is a truly gripping novel that will keep you avidly engaged.

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**Brought to life at your favourite library.**

Levin Library, Saturday 14 April, 2:00pm

During April we welcome local abstract artist  
**Rae Lamble** to Te Takeretanga o Kura-hau-po.



### **From Mountains to Sea—Art Exhibition by Rae Lamble**

Art has been a hobby and a passion for most of Rae's life. In the last 15 years she has had the opportunity to explore and produce large acrylic works. Rae loves the process of experimentation and allowing the painting to evolve and take on a life of its own, rather than being constrained by a predetermined plan.

We are very impressed with Rae's paintings and we are excited to have her exhibit with us for the month. We look forward to being able to share Rae's fabulous exhibition with the Horowhenua community.

**If you want to improve your computer skills here would be  
a great place to begin.**

**Enquire at the information desk in Te Takere if you are interested.**

### **Stepping Up computer workshops**

Tuesday 27 March	10am-12pm	Employment Readiness (help with CVs)
Tuesday 10 April	3.30-5.00pm	Computer basics
Tuesday 24 April	3.30-5.00pm	Word processing
Tuesday 8 May	3.30-5.00pm	Internet
Tuesday 22 May	3.30-5.00pm	Email

**Happy Easter Reading everyone!**