

FRIENDS

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Behind the Words

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Te Takeretanga o Kura Hau Po

An Afternoon with **Fiona Kidman**

as she presents her compelling new novel about the second to last person to be executed in New Zealand.



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Morning tea in Te Takere

Wednesday July 4th

10.00am.

With Guest speaker

Manager of New World Levin

Matthew Rollinson

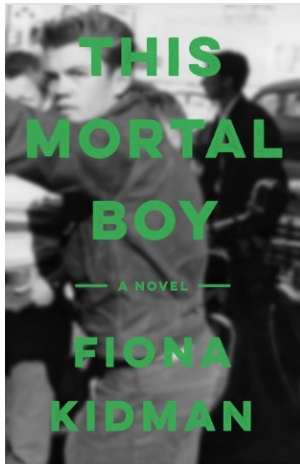


Just what is happening in the grocery world these days?



FRIENDS OF HOROWHENUA LIBRARIES

Just in case you need more to tempt you to come along to this FREE afternoon at Te Takeretanga o Kura hau Po here is a taste of what this great new offering from Fiona Kidman is about.



An utterly compelling recreation of the events that led to one of the last executions in New Zealand.

Albert Black was the second to last person to be executed in New Zealand. He was just 20 years old. He was hanged as a murderer, though in researching her latest novel, "This Mortal Boy", Fiona is convinced there is a strong case for manslaughter on the grounds of self-defence. There are lots of fascinating elements in this compelling new novel: teenage love, bodgies and teddy boys, child immigrants, a trial, prison and execution. As ever, Fiona has written a novel that is unbelievable, revealing, and insightful about our country, about us.

Albert Black, known as the 'jukebox killer' was convicted of murdering another young man in a fight at a milk bar in Auckland on 26 July 1955. His crime fuelled growing moral panic about teenagers, and he was to hang less than five months later.

But what really happened? Was this a love crime, was it a sign of juvenile delinquency? Or was this dark episode in our recent history more about our society's reaction to outsiders?

Black's final words, as the hangman covered his head, were, 'I wish you all a merry Christmas, gentlemen, and a prosperous New Year.' This is his story.



Fiona Kidman has published over 30 books, including novels, poetry, non-fiction and a play. She has worked as a librarian, radio producer and critic, and as a scriptwriter for radio, television and film. *The New Zealand Listener* wrote: 'In her craft and her storytelling and in her compassionate gutsy tough expression of female experience, she is the best we have.'

She has been the recipient of numerous awards and fellowships; in more recent years *The Captive Wife* was runner-up for the Deutz Medal for Fiction and was joint-winner of the Readers' Choice Award in the 2006 Montana New Zealand Book Awards, and her short story collection *The Trouble with Fire* was shortlisted for both the NZ Post Book Awards and the Frank O'Connor Short Story Award.

She was created a Dame (DNZM) in 1998 in recognition of her contribution to literature, and more recently a Chevalier de l'Ordre des Arts et des Lettres and a Chevalier of the French Legion of Honour. 'We cannot talk about writing in New Zealand without acknowledging her,' wrote *New Zealand Books*. 'Kidman's accessible prose and the way she shows (mainly) women grappling to escape from restricting social pressures has guaranteed her a permanent place in our fiction.'

Put it in your diaries — 2.00 pm Tuesday July 3rd

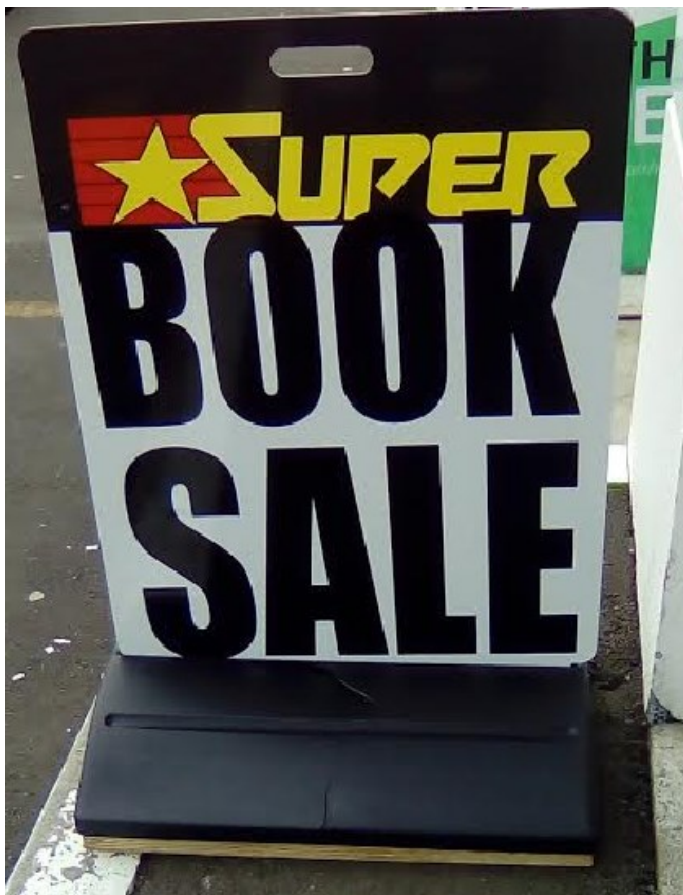
Our next Super Book Sale

is scheduled to run from Monday 9th—
Friday 20th July Keep a look out for some
winter reading bargains

Important to Note -

For this sale we will be asking you to bring your own bags to put books in. As more and more Supermarkets wisely phase out one time use plastic bags these are harder to come by, so please BYO!

If you don't have bags available we know there are lovely fabric tote bags available for sale in Te Takere which make great book bags!



Thinking about Volunteering in our community?

Consider our own Horowhenua libraries.

During the past twenty years I, and several of your local library staff, have had a close association with our libraries. That may seem like a very long time – but there are those wonderful volunteers who have been working in our libraries for even longer! They are the unsung heroes of our library service. The hours that they give helping out in many ways means that the staff are free to provide great service and keep the wheels turning smoothly.



Volunteers assist with re-shelving returned books, shelf-tidying, stocktaking, preparation of the new stock and repair of the old, deliveries to homebound people, book sales, fund raising for special programmes such as 'Books for babies' helping to host and sponsor special events such as the Festival of Stories, monthly morning tea meetings with interesting guest speakers for library users and many more and varied activities.

BUT – like many of us, our Volunteers are getting older and we could use some new and enthusiastic helpers. If you have a few hours to spare each week and would like to spend them doing some really useful stuff with a great team of people. just call in and pick up a form from the service desk or email info@horowhenua.govt.nz



I love when organisations in our community combine to showcase their work and activities.

Te Kokiri have always been willing to share their skills and expertise with us and welcome one and all to the courses they offer. If you are interested in checking what courses are on offer you can email them at tekokiri@hotmail.com for more information or just call in and visit.

On 27 May 2018 is a beautiful exhibition of contemporary weaving has been assembled by weavers at Te Kokiri Development Consultancy Inc. Levin who in 2018 are completing a Te Wananga o Aotearoa Toi Paemataua - Diploma in Maori Art (Raranga) – Level 5.

This exhibition falls in the period of Matariki an ideal time to recognize the individual achievements for taura (students) and Kaiako (Tutor) to share their personal development and achievements with family, friends, iwi, hapu, marae and community through a collective exhibition of works.



Lana-Lisa Maree Woodford created this Matariki inspired version of the three kete of knowledge which legend says Tane ascended to the heavens to collect.

Kete Aronui—the knowledge that could help mankind

Kete Tuauri = the knowledge of ritual memory and prayer

Kete Tuatea—the knowledge of evil

Hinake by Birgit Moffat



Onward by Heather Manners

A cloak representing the soldiers who are now stars in the night



Whakawhanake—to improve

By Rowena Bullen



Some exciting Coming Events to mark in your calendar

Regular Happenings



Wednesday night is QUIZ night—so why not make up a team (usually 4 people) and come along for some fun. Its got to be better than blobbing in front of Telly!



Jazz Jam

Like to listen to smooth music? —why not drop in on the Jazz Jam on the second Sunday each month in Te Takere? You never know, you might be inspired to join in. They are a friendly encouraging bunch who would make you very welcome.

Guitar Club begins Wednesday 23rd May

Do you have a young person at home who would love to join this group? Guitar Club, a great new initiative with a talented Te Takere staff member which encourages people to learn or perfect their guitar skills in all genres. With the help of a professional musician, these weekly lessons each Wednesday from 5.00pm—5.30pm will be the perfect place to hone a wide range of guitar knowledge which can then be shared with family and friends!



Concerts

Keep alookout for the regular Friday Concerts in Te Takeretanga o Kura Hau Po and for the Free concert on the last Sunday afternoon every month. We have certainly had some really classy performers to entertain us over the last few months.

COMING UP FAST!



Winter Warmers Reading Programme which runs from the 25th of June until the 3rd of August. The theme this year is 'Climb into reading'.

Our **School holiday programme** from the 9th July to the 20th July will have an explorers theme to fit in with the Climb into reading programme and the Abel Tasman exhibition in Te Awahou Nieuwe Stroom.

There will also be a presentation from HYPE Theatre who are doing **James and the Giant Peach** in the July holidays at the Little Theatre.



'Maths is fun' is returning this year,

look out for registration details at your local library

There is certainly no need for kids to be bored during the mid winter holidays. If you have grandchildren coming to stay they are welcome too—just have a chat with the Children's librarian at your local Horowhenua library

You won't want to miss this very special exhibition

Monday, 02 July 2018 | 09:00 AM - Tuesday, 31 July 2018 | 05:00 PM

Free entry.

Orokohanga – the beginning of the world - is an art exhibition that celebrates and explores the Māori stories and teachings about the way the world was created. It will lead you on a journey through the beginning of time, from darkness into light, and explore the balance of the powerful forces still at play in the world today.

The art has been created by two old friends; John Moriarty of Ngati Toa Rangatira and Ngai Tahu iwi and Gavin Reedy of Ngati Porou, who have a relationship of nearly 40 years.

Together, they have brought to life key concepts and ideas from orokohanga; which itself is a cornerstone of the Māori worldview.



Upcoming trips to Wellington

Chicago the Musical - Group Trip

Sunday 16th September

Departing Levin at 10am for a 1pm Matinee in Wellington - A Reserve Seating

Small Group Trip - Limited Seats Available

\$175.00 per person

30th Anniversary World of Wearable Arts - Group Trip

Sunday 7th October

Departing Levin 11am for a 2pm matinee in Wellington - Premium Show Seating

Limited Seats Available

\$195.00 per person

Contact Levin i-SITE for more information and bookings 06 366 0848



***Calling past and present Friends and
Volunteers***

This year is the 30th anniversary of the Friends of Horowhenua Libraries and we are planning a celebration for old friends and volunteers later this year

If you have played an active part in supporting our libraries over the last 30 years or know someone who has been actively involved in keeping the libraries running we would love to hear from you.

This could be your chance to catch up with some old friends and meet a few new ones. Please register your interest in this event by sending an email to editorfohl@gmail.com so that we can ensure that you receive an invitation.

We'd love to catch up with you!