

# FRIENDS

March 2017 Newsletter

## Art in Te Takere

What a treat this month. I personally love Oamaru stone carvings and the ones on display in the Te Takere Art Space are lovely.



In particular, 'Sprung' by David Saunders caught my eye. The other artists exhibiting are equally as talented—but don't take my word for it—go and see for yourselves!

Watch out too for the exhibition of work by the *Horowhenua Embroiderers Guild* in April



Friends of Horowhenua Libraries have been around for over 25 years and we think it's time to **CELEBRATE**

We are truly fortunate to have such wonderful library and community facilities in our district which are the envy of many communities around New Zealand. So thank you to our library staff, past and present—we really do appreciate the work you do for us.

Come along and bring a friend to our next

***Friends of the Library***  
***Morning tea***

***Where we expect to have special goodies to enjoy***

**Wed. 5th April.**

Our guest speakers for April will be Ross and Janette Campbell of **Owlcatraz** telling us about their fascinating business and experience as tourism operators in our region



FRIENDS OF THE HOROWHENUA LIBRARIES SOCIETY

## *Just who are the Friends of Horowhenua Libraries?*

The Friends are a happy group of people who love their local libraries. Many of the Friends are supporters of our fund raising activities while others are willing volunteers who help out with non professional tasks in and around the libraries. We are involved in fund raising to support non-core library activities which enhance lives in our community at all levels, shelving books, delivering much needed material to homebound people, covering and strengthening stock to make it shelf ready, keeping the library shelves clean and tidy, and many other odd jobs as required—all essential tasks which our very busy, professionally trained library staff do not always have time to do.

Our Friends began in the 1980s under the auspices of Librarian Rosalie Blake, who is now a valuable committee member, and have been supporting our libraries for the last 26 years. Our aim is to ensure that our libraries will remain the valuable community asset that they are, long into the future.

### *AGM 2017*

We had a great attendance at our Friends of the Library AGM on 15th March. Thanks to everyone who came along to show their support. We have two new committee members this year and it occurred to me that you might not know people on the committee so I've asked them to submit a few lines to introduce themselves. There is not room in this newsletter to tell you about everyone so I will put a few of us in this newsletter and a few in the next, space permitting.

The committee consists of our Chairperson, **Diane Brown**, our Secretary, **Margaret Clarke**, our Treasurer **Cath Bennet** and eight other committee members.

**Margaret Clarke** retired from teaching mathematics at Horowhenua College four years ago. Aside from teaching she helps her husband run his automotive business. Before moving to Levin in the 1980s, she worked in Wellington in a middle management role in the then Department of Health. Margaret has always enjoyed reading, and since a number of her friends were already involved with the Friends of the Library, joining the group was an obvious step.

We welcome **Tony Straw** to our number. Tony hails from Christchurch. His background is in forestry and film & TV production (NZ), and hospitality, tourism & travel (Australia). More recently he has been a Finance & Admin Manager for a large community services organisation in Brisbane, then Information Services at Christchurch International Airport. Tony moved to Levin 3 years ago and is now working as a volunteer in several organisations here. In his spare time he loves to travel.

**Gae Stewart** has lived in rural Horowhenua for the last 50 plus years. Retired from the farm into town 5 years ago and with more time to spare got involved with FOHL. Gae has been on the committee for 4 years and enjoys very much the opportunity to give a little back to the district.

**Deborah Burns** is an avid reader, and three years ago chose Levin to retire to from Wellington, because of Te Takere. A psychology graduate from Victoria University, Deborah operated a research and policy consultancy, with a focus on stakeholder management and communications. She now enjoys local walking and tramping, plus wider interests in arts and architecture.

**Barbara Lucas** began her library career in Levin in the late 1970's and since then has worked in libraries around New Zealand for over 30 years and loved every minute of it. Now happily retired, her time is divided between her family, her hobbies (music, sewing and quilting) and working with the great people on the FOHL committee to support library services in the Horowhenua. Barbara is the current editor of this newsletter.



Join us in the open meeting room where a small drum kit, guitar & bass amps, keys and mic will be set up for all comers to jam their finest licks.

**All musicians and listeners at all levels are welcome. Please let people who may be interested know and bring your axe to play or sing standard jazz & blues tunes.**

I am constantly being pleasantly surprised by the range of musical activities offered within our community and in Te Takere in particular. Not only do the staff bring top class visiting performers to our region but they also give opportunities for locals to shine and join in.

This Jazz Jam session is a first. Do come along and support them.

## Stepping Up workshops—



Stepping UP is free community-based computer & internet training that helps adults build their digital skills in small easy steps. Register to attend the following classes at [www.steppingup.org.nz](http://www.steppingup.org.nz) or phone Te Takere on (06)3681953

Employment readiness	4th April	10.00—12.00noon
Google and the internet	6th April	10.00—12.00noon
Facebook	11th April	10.00—12.00noon
Computer basics	13th April	10.00—12.00noon

# Getting Involved in our Community

## Lego Clubs are coming!

Help our local kids by donating any spare LEGO that you might have around the place for our local children's team. Drop it in to Te Takere or Shannon or Foxton libraries.

To find out more contact (06)3681953 or enquiries@tetakere.org.nz

## Calling all cooks! - A Birthday cook book for Te Takere

I heard that they are a bit short of entries for this book—I know everyone is busy but let's get behind this project.

We are looking for your favourite recipes to be put into a cook book to be launched for Te Takere's 5<sup>th</sup> birthday. Any format is fine and if you have more than one favourite, we are happy to have as many as you want to give us. Make sure you include your name, so we can include it with your recipe/s

If you would be happy to make your dish and have it photographed closer to the time, please indicate this on your recipe with a contact phone no. We look forward to reading through all your yummy recipes.

Could we please have them by Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> April. Either email

[larisad@tetakere.org.nz](mailto:larisad@tetakere.org.nz)

or drop them in to Linda at the Customer Service Desk at Te Takere



## Coming Events to watch for -

**Friday concerts 12.00—1.00 pm**

**31 March The Shannon International Touring Band**, a multi instrumental duo featuring former NZ accordion champion Rebekah Greig with a quirky set of familiar tunes.

**April 21 Myrna Michele** piano and vocals—light classics and show tunes

**Sunday concert April 30th 2.00—4.00 pm**

### **Baroque Voices**



Baroque Voices was founded in June 1994 by Wellington-based soprano Pepe Becker. They are a vocal consort which specialises in pre-Classical music written for ensembles with one voice to a part.

Its size varies according to the particular demands of the repertoire for each concert or project. The group has a core of singers with considerable experience in both choral and solo performance, especially in the field of early music. Several of its members have studied in Europe – the director, Pepe Becker, studied singing with Jessica Cash in London and then Baroque Singing with Marius van Altena at the Royal Conservatory in The Hague, 1991-93.

These singers are all committed to using appropriate vocal techniques, ornaments and styles, based on what is known about the performance practices, resources and musical ideals of the era in which music was written. Baroque Voices are equally at home in the world of contemporary music, for which the group also has a growing reputation.