

FRIENDS

February 2018



Annual General Meeting

The FOHL AGM will be held in the open meeting room at Te Takeretanga o Kura Hau Po on Wednesday March 21st 2018 10.30am.

You are welcome to join us and hear about the work we have done on your behalf during the past 12 months.

Morning Tea in March

Join us for morning tea on Wednesday March 7th at Te Takere and hear from

Di Buchan the author of **Sun, Sea and Sustenance: The story of the Otaki children's Health Camp.** (continues page 4.)



Friday Lunchtime Concerts

have long been a feature in Te Takere .

On Friday 23rd TeTakere will introduce you to **Gill Allen and Friends**

What a great way to spend your lunch break—buy something from the café or bring your own lunch and relax for a while in the middle of your busy day.

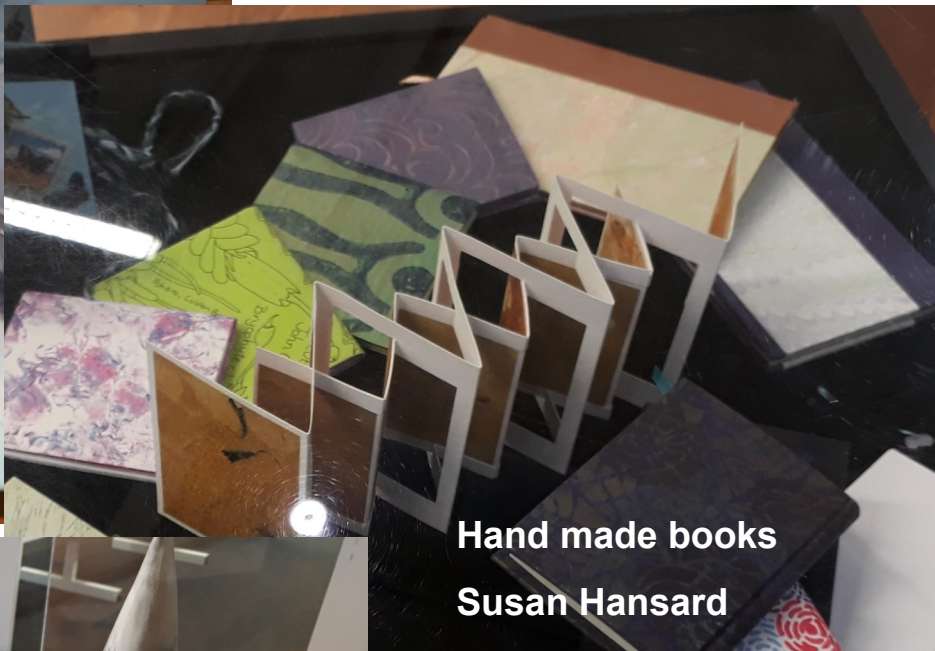


FRIENDS OF THE HOROWHENUA LIBRARIES SOCIETY

I think you will agree our lovely library staff have many hidden talents!



Awhina Tamarapa
Painting



Hand made books
Susan Hansard



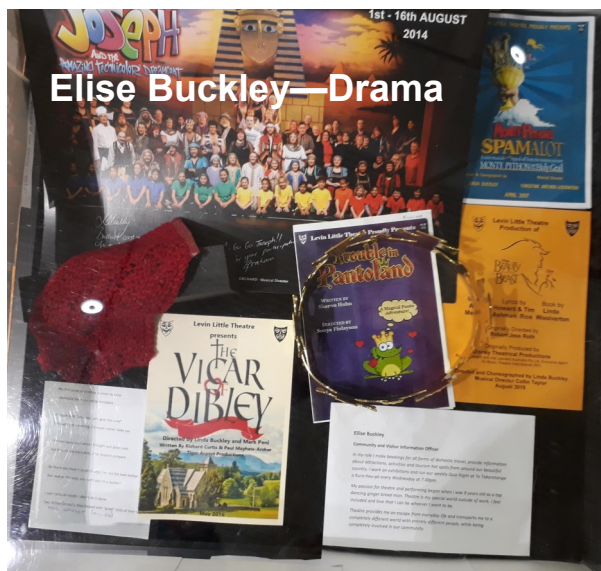
Pottery
Beth Bolton



Joanne Dillon Photography

There has always been art in Te Takeretanga o Kura Hau Po—but this month the very clever team have outdone themselves.

We know we have some lovely staff working there but were not aware of the depth and variety of talent hidden among them.



Elise Buckley—Drama



**Gill Allen
Summer Travels**



**Renee-Leala Faleseuga
Digital collage**

Thanks to the artists whose work appears on these pages

Awhina Tamarapa

Principal advisor, culture and exhibitions

Gill Allen

Booking and functions administration

Beth Bolton

Library Assistant

Elise Buckley

Community and Visitor Information officer

Susan Hansard

Customer Service officer, library

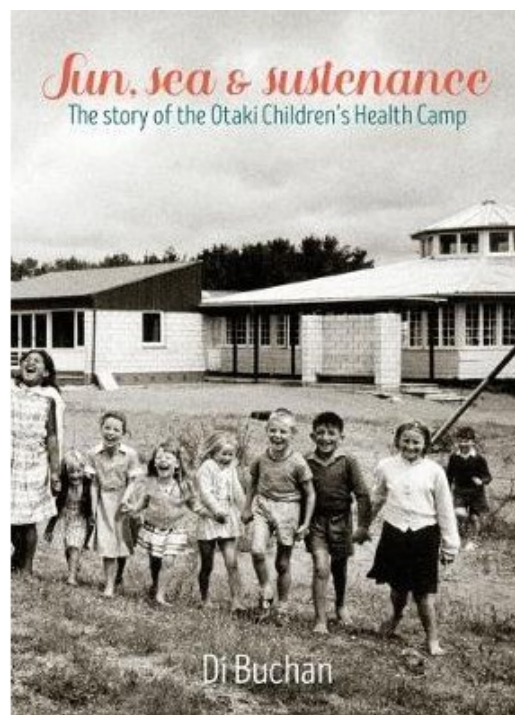
Renee–Leala Faleseuga

Library assistant

Joanne Dillon

Literacy and learning programmes librarian

Our March morning tea guest speaker, Di Buchan spent her working life as a social and environmental impact assessor and researcher on projects and programmes throughout New Zealand and the Pacific. She has recently retired and, in addition to being a board member of the Environment Institute of Australia and New Zealand, and of the DB Environmental Trust which she established, she is the primary caretaker of a two-acre garden and a family of chooks just down the road from the Stand Children's Village at Otaki Beach.



Toothbrush drill, sunbathing, treks through forest to the beach, marmite on toast, cod liver oil and Lane's emulsion ... here are 47 rich and often entertaining reminiscences from residents and staff at the Otaki Children's Health Camp. *Sun, Sea & Sustenance* is a salute to the outstanding individuals who have contributed to New Zealand's first permanent health camp, just north of Wellington, by the seaside at Otaki. This book gives us a diverse insight into camp life - from times of malnutrition and the TB epidemic, through the war, and to the reappearance of child poverty and the camp's increasing focus on psychological wellbeing with a whole-of-family approach. We also get snippets of Otaki's history and hear about the involvement of local residents: market gardeners, farmers, retailers and community groups. The one constantly uplifting element throughout the recollections, though, is the environment. The sea and the river, the sand hills and pine plantation, and that unforgettable building that became an icon of the health camp movement: the rotunda.

Chinese New Year Celebrations



Welcome in the Year of the Dog and Celebrate Chinese New Year at

Te Takeretanga O Kura Hau Po.

Experience traditional music, enjoy delicious culinary delights and learn more about the rich culture and traditions of China.

The Chinese Dragon dance as part of the celebration (Asian and non-Asian) will bring this event to a new level. It will enhance and educate the Horowhenua about Chinese culture - few people have been privy to such intricate and skilled performance before.

Date: Saturday 24 February

Venue: Main Space Te Takeretanga O Kura Hau Po

Timing:

11am – Dragon Dance performance

12pm – Delicious Culinary Delights

1pm – Drago Dance performance

Proudly Supported by: Horowhenua Chinese Community and Wellington Chinese Sport and Cultural Centre

Equipment update!

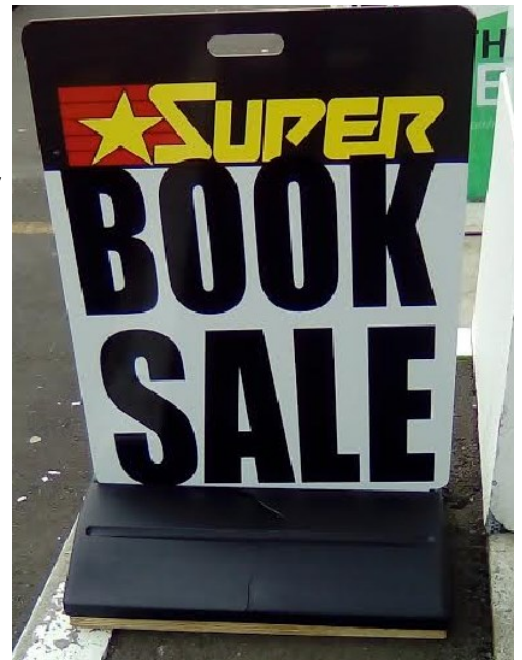
If you've been frustrated having to wait to issue your books lately because of out of order or busy self issue machines help is at hand!

A little bird tells us that there are new Self Issue machines coming very soon.

Book Sale

What a success our Great Summer book sale was
We are very pleased to tell you that we took in over \$4000.00 from the sales of cancelled and donated books.

We thank you for your support. All funds that we accrue are spent to assist our libraries in their activities and we rely on the Library staff to let us know where the monies are best used.



Friends—this is your newsletter

We welcome your feedback or ideas. If there is anything you would like to see included in these pages, or suggestions you would like to make please feel free to send your comments or letters for publication to the editor at editorFOHL@gmail.com

What a great team!

Thanks to the great team who spent their Valentines Day morning in Te Takere helping to tidy and clean all of the shelves in the Children's section .

The staff were delighted with the results of your labours.

We were very happy to welcome two new enthusiastic volunteers to this team—great to meet you both and we look forward to working with you again.

Our next big working bee (yes this will become a regular thing) is scheduled for **Wednesday 11th April** when we will try to get all of the Adult Non Fiction in order before the library staff begin their big stocktaking exercise.

Having the shelves in the correct sequence makes the whole stocktaking task run more smoothly and efficiently so this is a really important tidy up.

Many hands make light work so if you would like to join us please call
Gae Stewart (06)3685883
for more information.



How is your general knowledge?

Quiz Nights are on again in Te Takere

Every Wednesday night teams of intrepid quizzers gather in Te Takere for a night of competitive fun and frivolity. - Why not make up a team of like minded (and clever) people to come along and join in the fun

Looking for something different to do? —have a look at the events pages for Te Takeretanga o Kura Hau Po <http://www.tetakere.org.nz/Events-Activities>

and Te Awahou Nieuwe Stroom <http://www.teawahou.com/Whats-On>

There are a lot of exciting events coming up.



Working with the New Zealand Book council
The library is happy to confirm this visit from

Mark Vette

Wednesday March 21st

3.30pm—4.15pm

Come along to hear TV personality and
world-renowned dog behaviourist and
psychologist Mark Vette talk about his work with
animals of all shapes and sizes

