

# FRIENDS

August 2018



**Morning tea in Te Takere**  
**Wednesday September 5th**  
**10.30 am**

Did you know that we have a reciprocal agreement with Kapiti District Council which allows all of our residents to use libraries in both districts? You are welcome to use Kapiti libraries any time—all you need to do is register at no charge as a library user in both districts



**We will be playing host to the Friends of Kapiti Library this month.**  
**Do come along to meet them and hear what they do in their region**  
**to support their libraries.**



**FRIENDS OF HOROWHENUA LIBRARIES**



Once again the art in the display area of Te Takere is beautiful— We are so lucky to have so many talented artists in our region who are willing to share their work with us

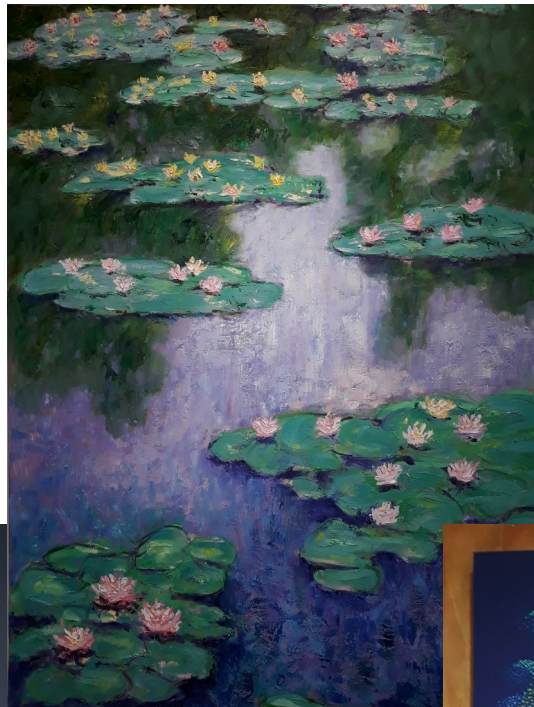
This month we have been privileged to see the work of **Angela McMeekin** who began painting in 2000 after attending a watercolour workshop while living in Te Anau.

Inspired by the surrounding landscape and the contrasting colours and shade Angela painted. For the next three years, after a pastel workshop, Angela worked in soft pastels. She continued to learn and study by distance learning with the Learning Connexion and moved on to oil paints, enjoying the richness and texture that was possible.

Arriving in our region in 2009 Angela joined the Horowhenua Arts Society where she is still a regular at the club rooms.

Her exhibition, **Evolution of an Artist** illustrates some of her painting journey. Whether the works are representational or abstract colour remains the main inspiration of her work.

I'm sure you will enjoy her work when you take the time to linger among the paintings that she has so generously shared with us.



## **We have a really full programme in for September—**

### **Festival of Stories**

Next month Horowhenua Libraries will be holding their yearly "**Festival of Stories**" with activities at each of the branch libraries. The theme for Festival of Stories 2018 is women.

With **19 September 2018** being the day of the **Suffrage 125** commemorations around New Zealand the Festival of Stories will begin with some women's suffrage activities and events. Over the next 5 days we will continue to celebrate stories of, by and about women by sharing workshops, storytelling, displays and talks with the community.

Some highlights to look out for include:

- Suffrage 125 women's breakfast at the Council Chambers
- A workshop for people who want to write about women, real or imagined.
- Positively Pink evening
- Celebrating women through song
- Guest speaker Georgina Beyer

### **Our month begins with—**

**FOHL morning tea Wednesday 5th with Kapiti Friends of the Library**

### **Afternoon tea in Te Takeretanga o Kura Hau Po with Karen Fifield**

**Sunday 16 September 2018**

2-3pm

Te Takeretanga o Kura-hau-pō

*Live streamed to Te Awahou Nieuwe Stroom*

**“How the traditional role of Women has changed  
– or not?”**



To begin our **Festival of Stories** we welcome  
**Karen Fifield Chief Executive of Wellington Zoo** to discuss women's roles.

Karen has been Chief Executive of Wellington Zoo since 2006 and is a Member of the New Zealand Order of Merit. She won the 2009 HER Business Wellington award and was 2010 Wellingtonian of the Year in the Environment category.

Karen has transitioned the old traditional Wellington Zoo into a leading player in conservation and innovative animal welfare. She has succeeded in what was a traditional male role and in the year we celebrate Suffrage 125 we ask if there has been real change.

All welcome





You are invited to dress up in your finery (circa 1893) on Wednesday 19th September—or at least wear a white camellia to commemorate the date when women achieved universal suffrage in New Zealand

Join us for a Positively Pink evening on Thursday 20th with the delightful Mary Kippenberger. More details to follow



**Friday 21st—Join us for a *bus trip to Te Awahou Nieuwe Stroom* for the Friday lunchtime concert**

**Sunday 23rd *Te Takeretanga o Kura hau Po***—Afternoon tea with **Georgina Beyer**, *the world's first openly transsexual Mayor and Member of Parliament*. Come and hear her story—2.00pm followed by afternoon tea. All Welcome.



***All week from September 16th to September 23rd there will be volunteers from the Horowhenua Historical society available to help you hunt for your ancestors signature on the Women's suffrage petition rolls.***

***Do call in to visit them at Te Takeretanga o Kura Hau Po.***

***The week will also feature displays of memorabilia and story boards relating the period***

***A full programme of events will be emailed out to you as soon as it is available.***

## Show Quest Performance by Levin East School

We're excited to have a group of children from Levin East School coming to entertain us with a performance that saw them take out six first place awards at Show Quest in Wellington recently. Levin East were the only primary school competing against a number of secondary schools, and did an amazing job. Come along and see them perform:

Tuesday, 28<sup>th</sup> August

Te Takeretanga o Kura-hau-pō: 11am:

Te Awahou Nieuwe Stroom: 1pm.

## Maori Language Week for Pre-schoolers

Every year we put on an event for littlies to celebrate Maori Language Week. The programme will consist of stories, waiata and a performance by pre-school groups. The event will finish with a performance by the Levin School Kapahaka Group. Bring your little ones along for a lovely, cultural experience.

When: Wednesday, 12th September 2018.

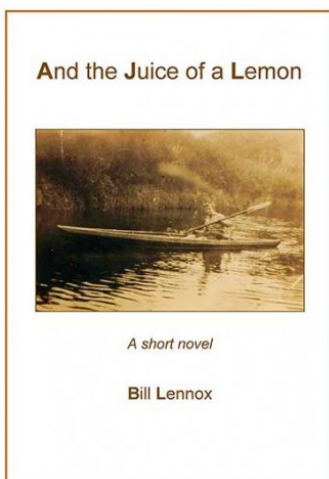
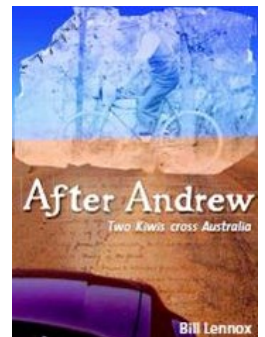
Time: 10.30am

Where: Main Space at Te Takeretanga o Kura-hau-pō.



### Local Writer—Bill Lennox

Will be in Te Takere during the Festival of Stories on a date yet to be confirmed. Watch out for the posters in the library to find out when you can see him



Following the fascinating history of his grandfather

### 'After Andrew'

Bill has now written

### 'And the Juice of a Lemon'

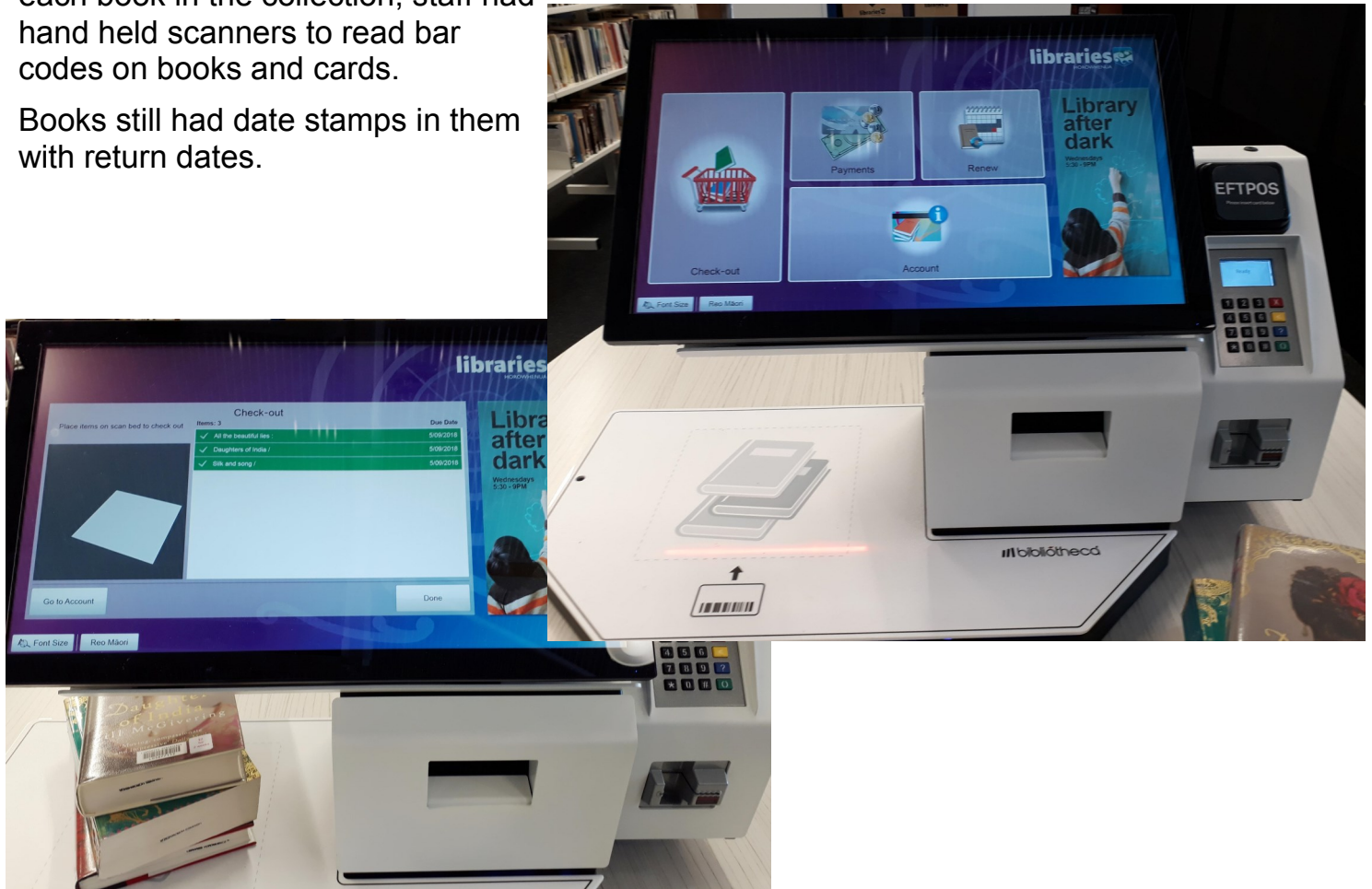
This short novel weaves together the story of a contract writer and the manuscript of young adult novel he has been hired to finish.

## Remember When...

50 years ago library books had cards and date sheets in the back? The librarian used to write your card number on the book card and stamp the back of the book with a heavy stamp with the due date. Those book cards were then all filed in numerical order each day so that it was possible to replace them in each book when it was returned. Time consuming, laborious and not always 100% accurate.

Once computers were introduced into libraries and library catalogues were databases instead of large wooden filing cabinets which held several cards with carefully planned access points for each book in the collection, staff had hand held scanners to read bar codes on books and cards.

Books still had date stamps in them with return dates.



Then came the Self issue machines and the interaction between staff and library users changed – not so much time to chat over the issue desk. The function of the library as just a place to get your reading material has morphed into a place where much more happens. Our libraries are now true community centres where almost anything can happen. Safe spaces to relax and meet friends, where you don't have to spend huge amounts of cash to enjoy yourself and places where you can get information on almost any subject as well as your recreational reading.

The new Self Issue machines are great – easy to use and they can even give you suggestions of further items that you may be interested in. Do take the time to explore their possibilities. I often read e-books, but I still prefer the paper variety. I hope they never disappear – I wonder what we will be reading 50 years from now.

But please – don't forget your library staff – they are still there to help you, willing to chat and advise on where and how to find what you are looking for if you need help. And everyone loves a friendly smile and greeting whatever they are doing!

## Crop Swap

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An opportunity to swap your excess fruit and vegetables, seeds or seedlings, jam and preserves, chutneys, homemade cleaning products, soaps and other homemade crafts. All welcome.



*Thanks to everyone who helped with the last monster Booksale– What a roaring success it was!*

*Te Awahou Nieuwe Stroom have also had a permanent sales table running for several months and with the proceeds from their table and the Te Takeretanga o Kura Hau Po sale we are in a good financial position to help our libraries with the up coming September speaker expenses.*

*The monies from Foxton will be ring fenced to fund events and activities there. Once the final banking from EFTPOS sales has been accounted for we will give you the final total.*

## **Sept 1st—30th**

### **Remembering Kingsford Smith**

An exhibition by the Horowhenua Philatelic Society - our local Stamp Club.

28th September 2018 marks the 90th Anniversary of the first crossing of the Tasman Sea by air, a significant event in New Zealand's history.

Charles Kingsford Smith piloted the plane, "Southern Cross," with 3 other crew from Sydney to Christchurch, a flight of nearly 14 ½ hours.



He went on to pioneer many other routes in his career and left a lasting legacy on both sides of the Tasman.

This display shows some of the stamps and covers that detail his achievements as well as other memorabilia associated with Kingsford-Smith.



**Do you have a LEGO enthusiast at your house?**

**Why not come down to Te Takere on the first Thursday each month to join the other LEGO builders between 3.30pm and 5.00 pm.**



## 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

**Tai Chi** every Monday 10—11.30am suitable for beginners

# Looking Ahead

**For a change, our morning tea in October will be held at  
Te Awahou Nieuwe Stroom in Foxton.**

Kiri Pepene is excited to show off the facility in Foxton that she is now managing. If you haven't had a chance to visit this unique facility yet, why not make a trip north to have a look, meet some friendly people and hear our guest speaker on October 3rd at **Te Awahou Nieuwe Stroom** is **Chrissy Pederson** a Foxton resident and businesswoman who has been actively involved in Foxton life for many years. Her talk is titled -

## **Life, The Future, and In the Middle**

Should be an interesting and entertaining morning I think!

Why not make up a car load of friends and come and join us? If you need help with transport you are welcome to contact Margaret Clarke on 06 3689881 and she will try to put you in touch with someone who could help you. Likewise if you are willing to help someone who may be car-less get to Te Awahou, please let Margaret know.



**Its Still not too late to book for the trip to Wellington to see**



**Departing Levin 10am for the 1pm Matinee.**

**A reserve Seating. Small group trip. \$175.00 pp**

**Contact Levin I-Site for more information and bookings  
ph.(06)3660848**

## **And further ahead still!**

Keep Friday 16th November from 5.30—7.30pm free to come and join us to celebrate the 30th birthday of the Friends of Horowhenua Library.

All old friends and volunteers are welcome so if you know anyone who may have supported us in the past who you think would like to come along please let them know.

Watch this space for more information

