



# FRIENDS

July 2019

**Morning Tea**  
**Wednesday August 7th**  
**10.30am**

**Join us for a unique guided tour  
around a remote region of our  
amazing planet that most of us  
will never get to**

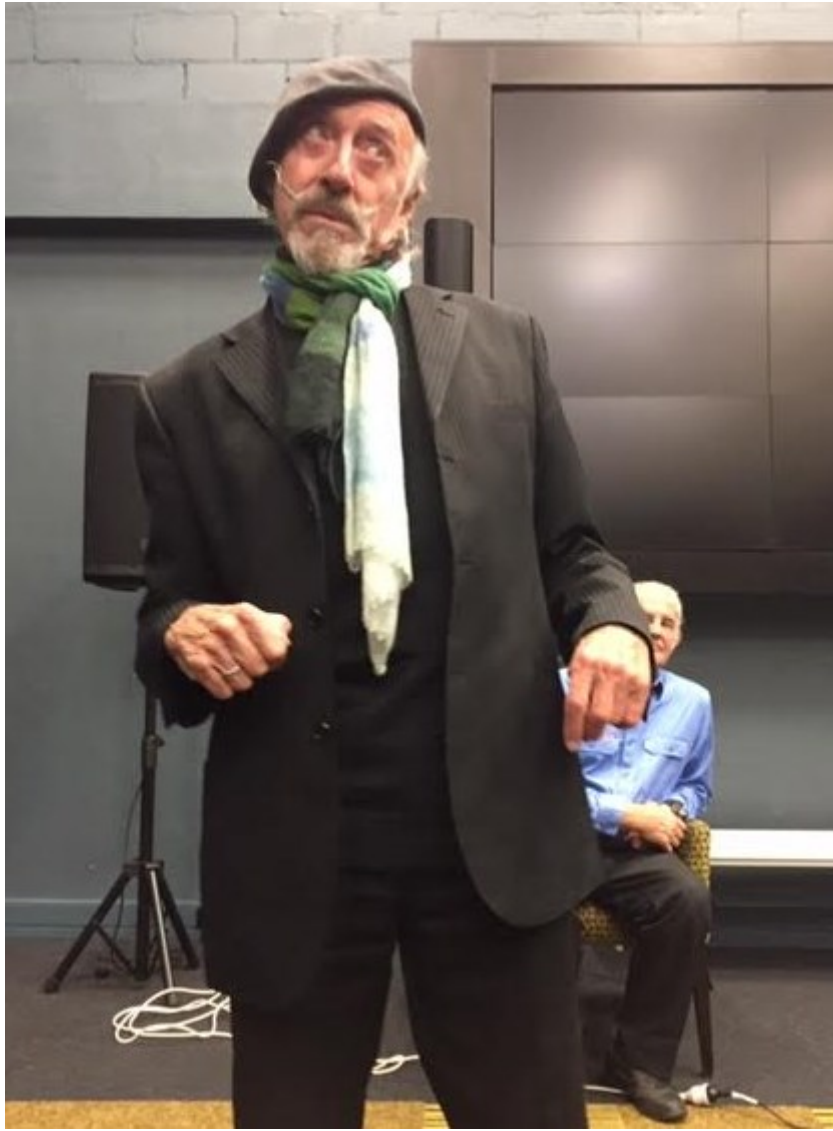


**Fred Cockram has offered to give us picture tour of Patagonia and  
talk to us about the amazing trip that he and Dianne have taken.**

**All Welcome—Remember—you don't have to be registered as a  
“Friend” to come along**

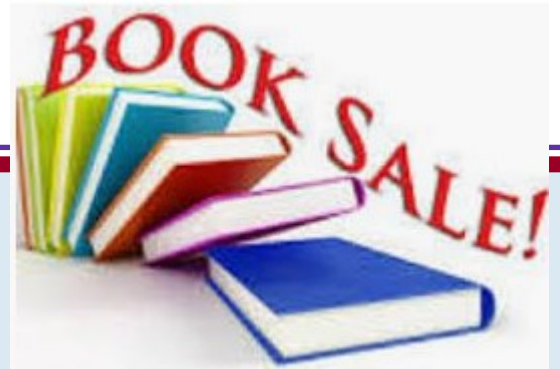


**FRIENDS OF HOROWHENUA LIBRARIES**



**What a lovely morning we had with Sir Jon Trimmer and his biographer Roger Booth last month.**

**Roger's books about NZ celebs are mines of information and we are fortunate that he has written them. If we don't record the lives of our NZ rich and famous who will?**



Thankyou to everyone who helped with our  
**Amazing winter book sale.**

The people who helped set out and sort the books, the people who gave time to man the sale and collect the cash , the library staff who collected money for us when there were no friends available to do so and who managed the eftpos purchases for us, the people who helped tidy up and pack away at the end and most of all - all of the wonderful customers who came to buy books.

I'm sure you will all agree it was a great success. We will let you know how much was raised as soon as we have a final total.

All of the money raised goes directly back to our libraries for purposes specified by the library staff.

## Review : The Shepherd's Hut

by Tim Winton

When Jaxie Clackton finds his brutal father dead under a car, the teen imagines the town will point the finger at him because "People knew I had good reason, it was no secret in Monkton how he was and what he done to us". Jaxie hightails it to the bush and takes us on a journey of near death, salvation and a redemption of sorts.

The catalyst to much of this is the disgraced priest-in-exile he meets at the shepherd's hut of the title. The priest provides a literal salvation of water, food, clothes and shelter but as the months go by these two provide another type of succour for each other.

These two protagonists are outsiders, not so much lost in the bush as seeking asylum in it, and through them Tim Winton explores many of the BIG themes he has covered in his very fine Western Australian novels since his breakthrough **Cloudstreet** in 1991.

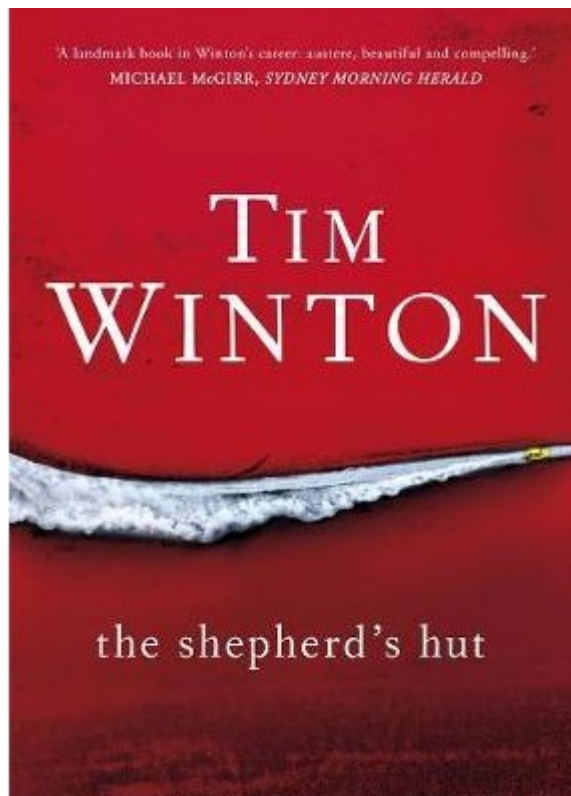
Jaxie struggles with the conflict between masculinity represented by fists and brutality and his desire for a different way to live, for "peace".

The landscape, essentially the third character in the novel, bears silent witness to the human struggles while at the same time is itself degraded and abused with human detritus littering even its remotest parts.

Explorations of belief, goodness, hopelessness and hope, faith and salvation provide a subtle moral clarity to the novel even if you disagree with Jamie's final redemptive act.

And raw, visceral, rich Aussie vernacular places you right in Jaxie's head, heart and soul.

Highly recommended. 4.5/5 (Held at Te Takere library)





## **A celebration of Harry Potter's 21st birthday is taking place between 27th July and 4th August**

Here is a list of some of the events planned for the week so that you can note them in your diaries and tell your families

**Please note—bookings are necessary for many of these events.**

- **Saturday July 27 or Sunday July 28th. 10.00am—3.00pm (all ages)**  
**Professor W. Therese Eberhard's Wand making workshop**  
Limited places . Bookings necessary. Saturday July 27th enquire at Te Takere regarding age limits, registrations and times.  
Classes from 5yrs upwards
- **Monday July 29th Wizard Chess 3.30—5.00pm**
- **Monday July 29 Shannon Library 3.30 pm—The Magical world of VR (Virtual Reality)**

- Tuesday July 30th & Friday August 2nd  
Te Takeretanga o Kura Hau Po **The Magical world of VR** (Virtual Reality)  
Check with Te Takere for booking and session times.
- Wednesday 31st July 3.30pm **21st Birthday Celebrations at Te Takere**
- Wednesday 31st July 6.00pm at Te Takere
- Thursday 1st August Classical Board Game—  
**Devils Snare and Luminous** (all ages)
- Saturday August 3rd 10.00am—3.30pm **Diagon Alley Markets**  
Te Takere
- Saturday August 3rd and Sunday August 4th **2 for 1 deal to visit Owlcatraz** 12.00 noon.
- Saturday August 3rd from 6.30pm.. **Yule Ball** (18+ years) RSA Devon Street Levin Tickets available online through Eventbrite or from Te Takere. \$55.00
- Sunday 4th August Young muggles are invited to join in the **House Cup Party**—games and challenges from the world of wizardry



## Shelf Tidying working bee

It's that time of year again—School Holidays finish at the end of this week and as you can imagine after such a wet couple of weeks our libraries have been really busy and well used.

We are planning a morning working bee on Wednesday July 24th from (.00am.

If you are available to help be at the Bath Street entrance to Te Tareretanga o Kura Hau Po at 9.00 am in the morning so that we can start work before the library is open.

Past experience has proven that we can make good progress before the general public arrive.

If you would like to help please contact Margaret Clarke on (06)3689881 or [cmclarke@xtra.co.nz](mailto:cmclarke@xtra.co.nz)



In our last newsletter we said the Café in Te Takere would open in the first week of July—  
I guess you noticed that didn't happen!

But never fear—it is going to re open.

The contract has been let and it is now up to the contractors to organise the opening date and get the smell of freshly brewed coffee wafting through Te Takere once again.

Hopefully it won't be too long now

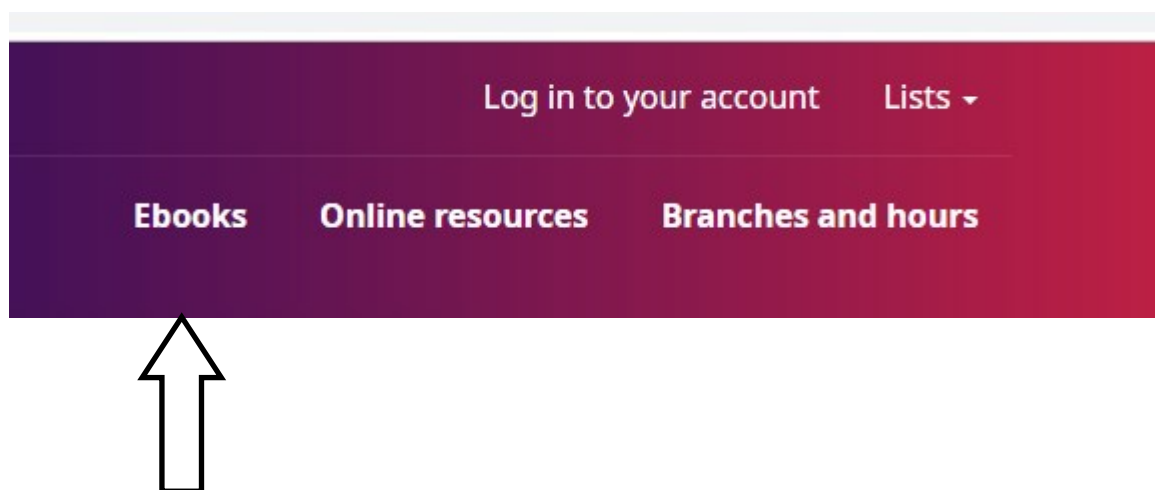
So watch out for the opening of ***'The Library Café'*** it can't be too soon for us!



## Are you a reader of Ebooks?

I never expected to be an ebook reader but I love them when I am away on holiday—no need to carry heavy books in my luggage when an e reader or mini ipad will hold dozens of my favourite titles. With a little help initially it's easy to figure out how to download a title - or several to your device. Our libraries have a collection online which you can use FREE and there is also the added bonus of never having an overdue book as books will automatically return themselves when they are due unless you choose to extend the loan by renewing them.

And now the library will be extending the catalogue of ebooks on offer by linking in with another EBook supplier—Yippee! That's my holiday reading sorted for the foreseeable future.



If you want to explore the ebook catalogue you will find it by clicking on the link at the top of the Library home page... and if you are unsure of how to go on from there don't hesitate to ask one of the librarians to show you how to load a title onto your reader..

You will never run out of reading material while on holiday again as long as you have an internet connection that you can use to download the book you want to read. If you think you are going to be in an internet free zone (and don't we love those!) you can pre-load your device with as many books as you think you may need and read them at your leisure.

# It's not all Harry Potter!

**Remember the regular happenings that you or your families are all invited to take part in**

**Tai Chi** on Monday mornings from 10.00am Fees apply.

**Toddler time** on Mondays at 2.30pm bring your little people along to and join in the fun

Remember the regular sessions of the **Crochet/Knitting Group** on Wednesday mornings

**Quiz nights** on Wednesdays from 6.30pm –make up a team. Only \$5.00 per person

**LEGO club** on Thursdays after school at 3.30pm

**Lunchtime concerts every Friday** from 12.00 am—why not take your lunch along and eat while you listen.

**Sunday afternoon concerts** on the last Sunday every month.

**Beautiful Art Works** on display in the Exhibition Space

## Last but not least

Don't those new uniforms look great! Do take the time to tell the library folk in our libraries how great they look in their new uniform shirts.

No excuse now for not knowing who the staff are in our libraries when they look so professional.

Congratulations to the designers. A very clever ide to have them in the colours and designs of our library cards. Well done everyone!



**Stay warm and Enjoy your winter reading everyone!**