

FRIENDS

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**October morning tea will be held at
Te Awahou Nieuwe Stroom in Foxton.**

Recently your FOHL Committee committed funding to the Heritage room in Te Awahou Nieuwe Stroom to help with the storage of their resources. We are inviting everyone to come along to Te Awahou on November 6th for morning tea.



Our speaker will be **Kiri Pepene** who is passionate about the regions local history and is excited to show us what Te Awahou has to offer.

If you need assistance with transport to get to Foxton for this event please contact Margaret on (06)368 9881 or email cmclarke@xtra.co.nz



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Helping to keep our Kiwi kids Kiwi by reading NZ novels

During the school holidays, I, along with many other grandparents and grandchildren went to the movies. The choice of my grandson was to see Dora the explorer - a very American style adventure, a sort of Lara Croft tomb raider for kids. I couldn't help but notice that the speech patterns of my English born, Kiwi raised grandchild are following the patterns of these American shows. I find this a little sad as it seems as if our kids are losing their unique kiwi identities and becoming homogenised into clones of their TV and video heroes. I think we all need to encourage our kiwi kids to read books written by New Zealand authors for teens. It is easy for children to relate to local geography and idiom so if the junior reader in your family is a bit reluctant, local novels are a great way to inspire and entice them into books.

There are some fantastic New Zealand teen writers who are telling our own stories and who may yet save the day!

One such is **Steve Matuku** with her excellent book **The flight of the Fantail** which was recently reviewed by Julia Kuttner. Julia's blog can be found at <https://kuttnerschoice.blogspot.com/> and is definitely worth checking out if you are looking for some reading guidance. Here is the beginning of her review. of her review.



"In a remote New Zealand National Park, a bus crashes off the gravel road into a steep gorge: inside are seniors from Kotuku High School, all set for camping until they hit the bottom of the gorge and the front of the bus is swept away by the deep, fast-moving river. Very few survive the trauma, but some are washed up along the banks and manage to find each other..."

If you haven't tried reading any of the excellent selection of teen novels in our libraries I recommend that you do. Most of them are good light reading, with the added bonus that the physical paperback format of the books means that they are not too heavy. The teen section is located on the mezzanine in Te Takere but there is a lift you can use to get up there if the stairs are an obstacle. In Te Awahou Nieuwe Storm and Shannon libraries the teen sections are easily accessible on the ground floor.

An exhibition of sculptured paintings, photographs and wooden furniture by local artists

Radha Sahar and Charles Bagnall.

Radha Sahar's unique three dimensional paintings become alive as you move around the room. Nature is her theme, with natural materials such as flax, grasses and feathers often woven into the artwork by hand. She has works in the New Zealand parliamentary collection as well as other public and private collections.



Charles Bagnall has been creating objects – fine woodwork, houses and photographic records all his life. In this exhibition he will showcase his photography, snapshots of his perception of the world, alongside examples of his wooden furniture.

Radha and Charles are local artists, based here in the Horowhenua.

You can view their beautiful work until October 30th in Takeretanga O Kura Hau po



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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!



If you have a little one you would like to introduce to the world of books why not bring them along for some fun with our wonderful children's liibrarians.

Toddler time sessions run every Monday afternoon 2.00pm—2.30p



There are a only two more sessions of the **Lego fun hour** coming up this year They will be on the 7th November and the 5th of December. 3.30pm—4.30 pm. Everyone is welcome to come along to Te Takere play with the Library Lego.

Tai Chi every Monday 10—11.30am suitable for beginners

Next date: Sunday, 20 October 2019 | 02:00 PM to 04:00 PM



Slyly over the past few months, Te Takeretanga o Kura-hau-pō has been hosting a Jazz Jam session open to all musicians. They have been livening up the library on the third Sunday afternoon of each month.

It has brought an all-sorts mixture of experts and amateurs to share and rejoice in the classic jazz repertoire.

Seasoned musicians such as Geoff Culverwell, Radha Sahar and Kevin Watson have blessed us with their sound. They have played professionally, releasing recordings with a who's who of Kiwi acts for over forty years. Vocalists, drummers, guitarists, bassists, wind and brass hooters have all come out of the woodwork and contributed to the festive jazz mood.

Now the group is keen to unleash their hot licks and cool croons for the public.

Come along to a relaxed afternoon and support our local jazz talent. Expect to be treated to some Ellington, some Ella, a little bit of Sinatra, a dash of Ray Charles with a side of Miles Davis to woo your ears and soothe your Sunday afternoon.

Did you know that you can book audio recording facilities in Te Takeretanga o Kura Hau Po?

From the Te Takeretanga o Kura Hau Po website...

About the Studio

As a cultural and community centre, Te Takeretanga o Kura-hau-pō provides basic audio recording facilities for the Horowhenua Community.

- Guitars, bass, keyboards and drums are available on site or bring your own instruments.
 - Use Apple software (Logic Pro X or Garageband) to do multitrack recordings, then mix and burn your recordings onto a CD.
 - Sound Engineering services are available.
- Affordable rates and conditions apply.

Studio resources

- Apple iMac with latest versions of Logic Pro X and Garageband
- Tascam Us-1800 audio interface (10 inputs)
- Behringer 1832FX mixing desk
- Behringer Truth B3030-A monitors
- Behringer B2 condenser mic
- Yamaha electric piano (weighted keys)
- Cort acoustic & electric guitars & bass
- Roland TD11 electric drum kit

Audio

- Make a demo CD to enter a song competition, or post your recordings online?
- Bands & solo artists, want to record your music?
- Book your sessions to access this popular community facility

Record narrations for radio or historical value



Maybe you want to record your memories or music for your family—this would be a relatively low cost way to get the job done. What a treasure to leave for future generations.

Happy reading everyone