

# Friends of Horowhenua Libraries

Newsletter February 2021



Join us for **Morning Tea in Te Takeretanga o Kura Hau Po**  
at 10.30am on Wednesday 3rd March

Our guest speaker will be

**Sheryl Bowling**

Sheryl will share with us her delightful collection of memorabilia  
from a bygone age.

Come a long and share reminiscences and stories.



FRIENDS OF HOROWHENUA LIBRARIES

# Thankyou to our library friends

## Shelf-tidying Working Bee



A big thankyou to the seven helpers who came along for this.

With such an efficient workforce we managed to clean and tidy the whole Adult fiction section. Your work is much appreciated by library staff and volunteer shelvees as well!



## Annual General Meeting

Our Annual General Meeting is being held at **10.30am on Wednesday 17 March.**

You are invited to come along and hear what we do and how we spend the money that you help us to raise.

We are looking for new members for the committee but **you will not be pressured to join us if you don't wish to.** We are a happy bunch of folk who enjoy the social contact that working together in our community offers .

If you would like to be more involved with the work of the Friends then please talk to one of our committee members or phone Margaret Clarke, 368 9881.



With cooler weather approaching you might feel like spending a morning in the library occasionally.

Why not take the opportunity to listen to live story reading while you enjoy a nice morning tea with us?

**Tea and Tales** is going “off site” on February 25th when we will visit the Levin War Vets and share some stories with them.

**The next Tea and Tales in Te Takeretanga o Kura hau Po will be at 10.30am on March 4th.**

We'd love to have you join us.



# What an amazing Book sale!

**We are delighted to report that the January Great Summer book sale raised almost \$5000.00 !!!**



Here is an example of how we spend the funds we raise—these two chairs make a visit to the heritage room in Te Awahou Nieuwe Stroom much more comfortable for visitors to sit and research. We are open to requests from our libraries and are always happy to help./



## A Familiar Friendly Face is leaving Te Takeretanga o Kura Hau Po

We will miss the lovely happy face of **Deborah MacDonald** when she retires on April 1st this year.



Deborah has long been a valued member of the Horowhenua Library team.

She started work with the library in 2005 when she was appointed as Finance manager responsible for paying library accounts and payroll under the Horowhenua Library Trust. Before too long she was working 'front of house' as a library assistant. She was hooked, and decided to do further studies towards a library Diploma.

Deb graduated in 2012 after which time she decided to further her studies by adding a specialist paper in Children's library service. For the last 8 years she has been a valued member of the Children's library team.

'Toddler time', and visits to local kindergartens is a favourite part of her job. She is an accomplished story reader, often having children totally spellbound with her story telling.

Deb says she loves how refreshing it is to work with kids and how she loves what comes unfiltered out of their mouths.

Little girl at story time fascinated by Deb's French tip nails... "How did your claws get so long?"

And when singing the goodbye song "Why do your arms flop like that?" Debs reply ... "If you practise really hard by the time you get to my age yours will do that too" (Thinking, I must go to the gym to tone up).



I'm sure she will miss being involved with the young developing minds of Levin once she retires but I know she has some exciting plans for her own future.

Having always wanted to pursue her hobby of photography she will now have more time for that, as well as getting back to playing her flute and continuing some cycle adventures.

We thank her for everything that she has contributed to our libraries over the last 16 years and we all wish her well in the years to come.



# Chinese New Year celebrations

at Te Takeretanga o Kura hau Po will celebrate on Saturday 27th February



The programme will include something for everyone

11.00am. Chinese Dragon Dance

12.00 noon Concert from Zoe Li in erhu (two stringed Chinese violin)  
and Jeff Lin on dizi ( flute)

12.30pm. Erhu workshop with Xiaotong Yang

Childrens crafts

Chinese animals of the zodiac face painting

Pork dumplings

# Horowhenua Volunteering Expo 2021

**Thursday March 11 2021**



The 2020 Horowhenua Expo was a success some are bringing it back in 2021!

## **Interested in becoming a Volunteer?**

This event aims to create connections by allowing people to meet organisations that have volunteer opportunities as well as the services they provide to the local community. A day dedicated to inform, promote and engage.

This is your chance to meet organisations that have volunteering opportunities.

Come and find out what services they provide and what roles they have available. Many organisations rely on volunteers to keep running, so it is an amazing chance to make a difference.

**Youth Space, Te Takeretanga o Kura-hau-pō., 10 Bath Street, Levin**



**The new lounge chairs are now in the reading area between the shelves downstairs in Te Takere.**



Margaret Williams trying out the new comfortable seating

These chairs have been chosen to suit older people who may have difficulty using furniture without arm rests.



Brian Peterson takes a well earned break after the working bee!

## ***Regular happenings In Te Takere***

***Toddler time***—every Monday 2.00—2.30pm all Parents and toddlers welcome.

***Wednesday Quiz nights***—fun for everyone at just \$5.00 per person

***Lego fun hour***—after school fun first Thursday every month  
3.30—4-30 pm

***Friday lunchtime concerts*** are on again. Check Facebook or ask in the library to find out who is performing. What a great way to spend a lunch break at the end of the working week

***Jazz Jam*** is in full swing again on the third Sunday every month—come along for a relaxing afternoon listening to some smooth music

***Wednesday Crochet/Knitting circle*** - 10.00am Wednesday mornings. Come along and bring your handwork. Enjoy a coffee and chat while you work on your own projects.

***Justice of the Peace clinic Tuesdays 11.30am—1.30pm***

<https://www.tetakere.org.nz/Events-Activities> for more information.



***Happy reading everyone!***