

Friends of Horowhenua Libraries

Newsletter March 2021



Join us for **Morning Tea in Te Takeretanga o Kura Hau Po**

at 10.30am on Wednesday 7th April

Our guest speaker will be

Sheryl Bowling

who has kindly agreed to share with us her delightful collection of memorabilia from a bygone age.

Sheryl was scheduled to be with us at the beginning of March but Level 2 made this not possible

Come a long and share reminiscences and stories.



FRIENDS OF HOROWHENUA LIBRARIES



Chairperson's Report for 2020 - 2021

It gives me much pleasure to present my annual report. In spite of the disruption caused by Covid 19, the Friends have had another busy and successful year.

Our twice yearly book sales have continued to be successful raising in excess of \$9000.00. This has been largely due to the hard work and dedication of Rose Boyle who continues to manage the book sales for us. Excellent advertising, signage and organising of the stock have had a huge impact on the success of the sales. Thank you, Rose.

We are pleased to have been able to provide some resources for the libraries this year. The council have spent a considerable sum renovating Shannon Library and we were pleased to be able contribute by purchasing blinds for the large east facing window in the library. Towards the end of 2020 we purchased two comfortable arm chairs for the downstairs area of Te Takere. Recently we purchased a storage cupboard and two chairs for the Heritage Room at Te Awahou Nieuwe Stroom. The Horowhenua Family History Group asked for our assistance in purchasing a scanner and we were delighted to be able to help. We have also been able to help Jack Bull by enabling him to tackle two library papers with the Open Polytechnic.



An important function of the Friends is to support the staff at Te Takere. So it has been a pleasure to help with the annual stocktake, to hold a shelf tidying working bee, and to continue to support the Tea and Tales. We were particularly pleased to be able to support the Shannon Library Open Day last October by providing paint, plants and compost and helping with the revamp of the courtyard including the painting of the two park benches. Our sausage sizzle on the day proved very popular with young and old alike.

We have continued with our morning teas and have had some excellent speakers over the last year. Our speakers have included David Harris from English Language Partners, Celle Gore talking about her life and her move to New Zealand, Sophie Handford KCDC councillor, Paul Russell from the Menz Shed and Deborah Campbell from Neighbourhood Support. My thanks go to Cath Bennet who has provided excellent raffle prizes every month. Cath is relinquishing this role, and I would like to acknowledge her commitment to the Friends for a number of years.

I continue to appreciate the support and encouragement I receive from the library staff. A strong partnership between the Friends and the staff is essential for us to be able to enhance the provision of library services to the people of Horowhenua.

I would like to thank all the members of the committee for their hard work and support during the year. Special thanks to our Secretary, Diane Welch and Treasurer, Tony Straw. In particular I would like to thank two members who are not seeking re-election this year: Diane Brown and Gae Stewart for their contribution over a number of years.

Margaret Clarke





It's Tea & Tales time again!

Join us at Te Takeretanga o Kura-hau-pō
Thursday 1st April from 10.30am for this month's instalment.

On the first Thursday of every month we enjoy morning tea, lively conversation and an hour of stories read by local people and the odd special guest.

Listen to a selection of short stories, poems, excerpts from books and anecdotes. Kindly supported by the Friends of The Library.

**Join us in the Open Meeting room
(where we have our regular morning tea meetings.)
See you there!**

Thanks to those faithful supporters who came to our 2021 AGM.

It was good to see you there. We are so fortunate being one of the few countries in the world where we are able to meet freely.

FOHL Committee for 2021—some comings and goings

We welcome Trish Tough onto the committee of the Friends of the Horowhenua Libraries following our Annual General Meeting held earlier this month. manager.

The full committee is:

Chairperson Margaret Clarke

Secretary Diane Welch

Treasurer Tony Straw

Committee Aileen Kopke

Barbara Lucas

Christine Moriarty

Brian Peterson

Trish Tough

Margaret Williams

Book Sale Rose Boyle

At our April meeting we will be planning our programme for the coming year. All details will appear in our newsletters as they are finalised.



Don't miss this beautiful exhibition that is currently showing in
Te Takeretanga o Kura Hau Po

Our Voices

Twenty Women's Stories



Te Takeretanga o Kura-hau-pō is proud to present

Our Voices Horowhenua – Twenty Women's Stories, by Shepherdess Magazine.

Our Voices set out to uncover the personal voice of women living in the Horowhenua. In these stories, women share what is important to them, the trials they have been through, and where they have found hope and fulfilment. Each story is unique, but they are all connected by a common thread – finding a sense of belonging in the Horowhenua.

Shepherdess held several writing workshops in 2020, bringing women from across the district together for an evening of camaraderie and exploration of the written word.

Shepherdess writer, Carly Thomas, worked with each of the women over a few months to put their experiences on paper and give some insight into what has led them to where they are today. Photographer, Helen Lea Wall, then captured each woman in a place that was meaningful to them and their story.

The result is an exhibition full of power and narrative, sharing the voices of Horowhenua women.

WRITER: Carly Thomas / PHOTOGRAPHER: Helen Lea Wall

EDITOR: Royna Ngahuia Fifield-Hakaraia / PROJECT MANAGER: Kristy McGregor

School holidays are approaching rapidly. The winter holiday programme will feature an old favourite who I am sure we all love. Maybe it is time to introduce the young people in your family to this character if they don't know him already.



"What day is it?" asked Pooh. "It's today," squeaked Piglet. "My favourite day," said Pooh.

Make every day your favourite day this school holiday and join us for a Winnie the Pooh inspired programme of crafts and activities.

Winnie the Pooh isn't looking bad for his age at 95 years old, and continues to be a childhood staple, enveloped in mindfulness, joy and tales of true friendship.

There are things we can all learn from his adventures in Hundred Acre Woods, so join us this April holiday, 19 to 30 April for Book Bingo, crafts and stories all based on the wisdom of Winnie the Pooh and all his friends.

This programme will run in Te Takeretanga o Kura hau Po and in Shannon library from Monday April 19th to Friday April 23rd.

Sessions in Te Takere will run from 10.00 am—12.00 noon

Shannon Library session times are from 1.00pm—5.00pm

If you need more information about this programme contact childrens@horowhenua.govt.nz

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!