

# Friends of Horowhenua Libraries

Newsletter April 2021



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

Our guest speaker for May will be

**Kerry Geertson**

who is instrumental in the establishment of the  
**Horowhenua Heritage trust.**



Join us to hear more about this organisation  
and the ways in which it will help celebrate our local heroes.



Two meetings at Te Takeretanga o Kura hau Po that you may be interested in coming along to.

# Heart Medications

Come along to Te Takeretanga o Kura Hau Po to hear about this important topic

Next date: Tuesday, May 11, 2021 | 10:30 AM to 12:00 PM



# Heart Foundation™

The Heart Foundation is holding a free session to discuss heart medications for people living with a heart condition and their whānau.

Run the Primary Care Support Pharmacist from THINK Hauora, we will talk about the various groups of medications, what they do, and common side effects.

Whānau are encouraged to come along and learn about your heart condition.

To book, contact Annette on [04 472 2780](tel:044722780), email [annettes@heartfoundation.org.nz](mailto:annettes@heartfoundation.org.nz) or visit the [Heart Foundation](http://HeartFoundation.org.nz) website.

# Do More With Xero

**Next date: Tuesday, May 18, 2021 | 12:00 PM to 01:00 PM**



Learn about Xero, an internet based accounting software platform for small and medium-sized businesses.

If you already understand the basics, we can offer some tips and tricks to make handling your business accounting functions, such as invoice reminders, online invoice payments and more, to help you save time and get paid faster.

This is a virtual workshop. The group will connect on an exclusive link via Zoom, on a large screen monitor in The Mahi Space.

**The Mahi space entrance in Bath Street, Levin next to the entrance to the Youth Space**



## **It's Tea & Tales time again!**

Join us at Te Takeretanga o Kura-hau-pō  
Thursday May 6th 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!**

With so many wonderful titles to choose from in our libraries sometimes it is difficult to find your 'next good read'

I always appreciate recommendations for good books so here is one for you.

## The Last Train to London

by Meg Waite Clayton

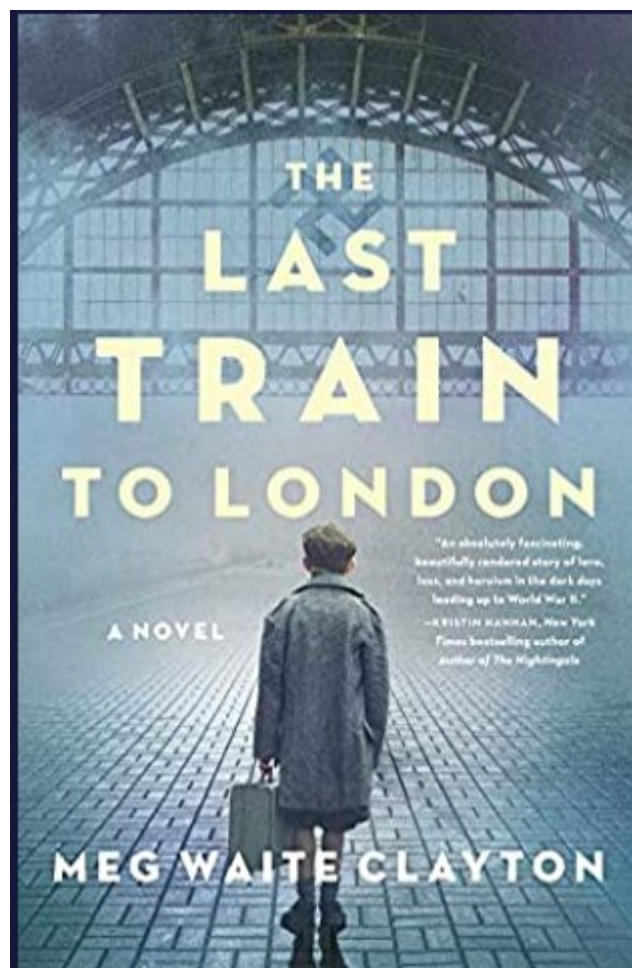
This novel stayed with me long after the last page.

It tells the story of the escape of thousands of children from Nazi occupied Europe in the years leading up to the Second World War..

Truus Wisjmulder was a member of the Dutch resistance who risked her life smuggling thousands of children out of Nazi Germany and into other European countries who were willing to give them refuge. After the annexation of Austria by Hitler this became even more dangerous and Tante Truus, as she was known to the children hatched a plan to send them out of Europe to England by train.

Although this story is told as a novel it is based on the exploits of a remarkable woman.

Definitely worth reading.



**Geertruida Wijsmuller-Meijer** (21 April 1896, [Alkmaar](#) – 30 August 1978, [Amsterdam](#)) was a [Dutch resistance fighter](#) who brought [Jewish](#) children and adults into safety before and during the [Second World War](#). Together with other people involved in the pre-war [Kindertransport](#), she saved the lives of more than 10,000 Jewish children, fleeing anti-Semitism. She was honored as [Righteous among the Nations](#) by [Yad Vashem](#). After the war she served on the Amsterdam city council.

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



## Library Stocktake

Stocktaking is a part of almost every business and our libraries are no exception. They are required by our Council to account for all holdings on an annual basis. Much of this work can be done electronically but the final count up needs to be done manually, sighting books and other library materials that may not have been issued during the previous 12 months .

We can help with this by physically checking that these unsighted items are actually still on our library shelves. Towards the end of June we will be calling for volunteers to help with this. Many hands make light work so if you are interested in helping watch out for a call for help nearer the time. It's easy, it's not heavy or difficult work and we can show you what to do .

## Midwinter Book Sale

Yes! We are planning ahead and thinking about this already.

Our summer sale was a great success and we know that you look forward to these events.

The next sale will be from Monday 12th July until Friday 16th July. Again one working week only. However we will be setting up the sale on the afternoon of Sunday 11th July.

**THERE WILL BE NO SALES MADE ON SUNDAY 11th JULY.**

If you are interested in helping out with the roster it might pay to make a note in your diaries to be available for an afternoon or morning of that week. No need to contact us yet—this is just a heads up to let you know when we are likely to need you.

We will keep you posted!



## ***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!***