

Friends of Horowhenua Libraries

January 2022



FOHL Morning Tea meetings

Unfortunately we are still unable to host a morning tea meeting in February due to the current restrictions. Our Council are at present deciding how to proceed re Vaccination certificates and until they make a clear ruling on this we are unable to have large gatherings of folk.

We will let you know what the situation is as soon as we have definite information available.

Happy New Year to all of our wonderful friends. We hope you are having a relaxing and enjoyable summer.

We are grateful that our libraries have been able to remain open to all of us during the run up to Christmas and New Year and that they continue to serve us well.



A message from our chairperson

We would like to hear from you...

The activities we are able to offer this year are likely to be impacted by the ongoing effect of Covid 19. Do you have any ideas or suggestions about activities we could offer our members or the library community? We have funding available for suitable projects, so ideas are very welcome. Please contact us with any ideas or suggestions. You may email me at cmclarke@xtra.co.nz.

You have been receiving our monthly newsletters for some time now. We like to think that you enjoy reading them, but if you are no longer interested, remember you can unsubscribe or just email our newsletter editor, Barbara Lucas at bmserendipity@gmail.com.

Margaret Clarke
Chairperson

As you have probably noticed our '**Great Summer Booksale**' is somewhat diminished this year. Sales tables are replenished daily so do have a look when you come into Te Takeretanga o Kura Hau Po to see what catches your eye.



How we are helping

The bank balance of our organisation is in a healthy state so we are pleased to announce that we are able to assist with funding several projects at this time.



Firstly we are funding the **Summer Reading programme** which runs in all of our branches for the duration of the summer break. \$3,600.00 will fund this programme which encourages literacy in Primary School and Intermediate age school children.

Secondly we will be funding the **Bonus books for Under 5s** to the amount of \$2,000.00 this year. Under this scheme all new entrants to the library under 5 years of age are gifted a book of their own to keep. A lovely introduction to the childrens library.



And on a smaller but no less important scale we have been asked to contribute \$500.00 towards the refurbishing and reframing of two paintings by much loved local artist **Shirley Unwin**

If you are wondering what to read next perhaps the **Adult Reading Challenge** is for you



All you need to do is register at your local library and pick up a booklet to work from. You will be encouraged to broaden your reading horizons and discover new books, authors and genres. There is also a chance to get together at a hosted meeting with other participants. Rental fiction is free to participants during the challenge. Why not give it a go?

Happy Reading Everyone