

Friends of Horowhenua Libraries

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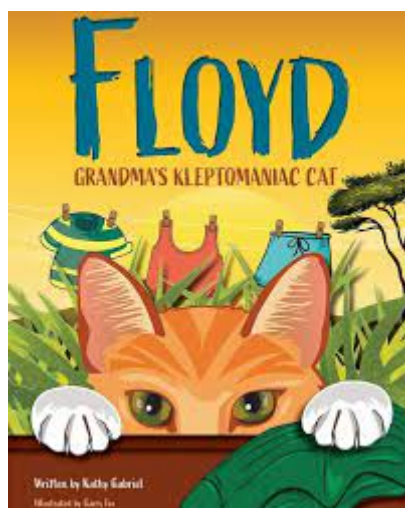


Don't miss morning tea on Wednesday 6th April from 10.00 am.

Our guest speaker will be

Kathy Gabriel, local author of **Grandma's Kleptomaniac Cat**.

I'm sure Kathy will have some amusing exploits to tell of her feline felon!



COVID Notice

The latest changes to the Red Light setting of our traffic light system may have altered access conditions to the library. From 5th April the requirement for Vaccine passes and to scan in to enter some public places have been removed. It is still a requirement however to wear masks indoors.

Check for up to date Covid restrictions for our libraries at

<https://www.tetakere.org.nz/Home>

Due to covid restrictions we are unable to offer tea or coffee but can supply juice, water and light refreshments

Friends of Horowhenua Libraries AGM

We were pleasantly surprised by the attendance at our AGM. Thanks to all who came along to support us.

We are delighted to welcome two new faces onto our committee.

Karen Corkill and **Christine Pedersen** Have joined us to work for our libraries on your behalf.

For those of you who were unable to join us here is the report from our Chair. As you can see, some activities have continued despite the difficulties the past year has thrown at us.

Chairperson's Report for 2021 - 2022

It gives me much pleasure to present my annual report. The Covid pandemic has continued to impact our lives and the work of the Friends is no exception. In spite of this challenge I am pleased with the work we have continued to be able to do. Our twice yearly book sales have continued to be our major fundraiser. While the July sale went ahead as usual, our January sale was severely affected by the restrictions imposed by the pandemic. Rose Boyle, our book sale manager, worked hard to keep the limited sale stocked with new books on a daily basis. I would like to thank the library staff who collected the money for us this time. We still managed to make close to \$2000 from the sale which, along with the \$5600 we made last July, was a welcome addition to our funds. Thank you, Rose, for your continued hard work.

We are pleased to have been able to provide some resources for the libraries this year. We have purchased a magazine rack for the Foxton library and two new trolleys for returned books – one for Levin and the other for Foxton. We were particularly pleased to be able to fund the children's Summer Reading Programme. It attracted a large number of children and by all accounts was enjoyed by all. We are also continuing to fund the Bonus Books for Under 5s programme.

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 Tea and Tales. The increased interest in the Tea and Tales initiative was particularly heartening until it fell victim to increased restrictions. Hopefully it will be able to start up again soon as there is no doubt it is filling a need in the community.

We have continued with our morning teas and have had some excellent speakers over the last year. Our speakers have included Sheryl Bowling with her huge collection of memorabilia, Kerry Geertson from the Horowhenua Heritage Trust, Lisa McFarlane who gave an interesting talk about the use of common plants, Ian

Nightingale who entertained us with talk of his early career in travel and tourism, and library staff members Leala Falesuega and Jennifer Walton who provide the services to seniors. We had planned to hold a morning tea in Foxton, but again Covid got in the way. As soon as we are able we plan to go ahead with that event.

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.

We were delighted to be able to welcome Trish Tough and Margaret Williams onto the committee following last year's AGM. During the year we received resignations from Brian Peterson and Margaret. I would like to thank Brian and Margaret for the contribution they have made to the work of the Friends over a number of years. Special thanks to our Secretary, Diane Welch, Treasurer, Tony Straw and Barbara Lucas, Newsletter Editor. We have two vacancies on the committee and we look forward to welcoming new committee members at this meeting if at all possible. Looking to the year ahead, I am enthusiastic about promoting the work of the Friends to the wider Horowhenua community.

Margaret Clarke Chairperson.

Our Treasurer's report show our finances to be in a healthy state entering the next 12 months

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TREASURER'S REPORT for the AGM on WED 16th MARCH 2022

Hello everyone. I've left copies of my financial report around the room. As usual, there are two pages: the formal End-of-Year Accounts; and a page headed 'Details to the Accounts' outlining how funds were raised, and what library items and events those funds were used for.

The first thing to note in the main report is that income is nearly \$2,000 less than last year. This is due to two things: (1) our January book sale was reduced in size due to Covid-19 restrictions; and (2) several morning teas were cancelled for Covid-19, reducing earnings from raffles.

Consistent with this, fundraising expenses are significantly down from last year. And if you're wondering why speakers' presentations aren't also down when there were fewer morning teas, it's because we bought a supply of gift vouchers for future presentations. So, although we've spent the money, we have a stock of vouchers still unused.

Fortunately we began the year in a strong financial position, so the reduced fundraising hasn't affected our ability to fund library items and events. Contributions were almost double those of last year. The second page of the accounts lists them as follows:

Furniture for Foxton's Heritage Room \$1,295.00

A Magazine Tower for Foxton Library \$2,621.00

Bonus Books for 5-year-olds Te Takere \$2,000.00

2 x Coloured Metal Trolleys Te Takere \$1,124.00

Summer Reading Programme Te Takere \$2,600.00

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Totalling \$10,640.00 contributed to various Horowhenua library items and events overall.

Note that at the end of the financial year (31st January) we had cash of \$300. It's unusual to have cash at the end of a year, but I had it for the January book sale cash float which turned out not to be needed. It was in carefully-worked-out notes and coins for change, so rather than re bank it and go through the process again later, I've held it over for the next book sale.

Our Operating Account finished the year with \$1,263.88, our Savings Account \$8,554.74, and income earned from the reduced-size book sale in January, but not banked at year's end, was \$1,862.60. This has since been banked, and is now in our operating Account. So we've finished the year in good condition, with funds totalling \$11,981.00.

I'd like to thank Barry Cross for his excellent work in reviewing these accounts, and I'm pleased to report he's happy to continue in the role next year. Thanks too to our Committee who've been such a good team to work with, and to all of the Friends for your help and support throughout the year.

Tony Straw Treasurer.

