

Friends of Horowhenua Libraries

April 2022



We are pleased to be able to let you know that Neil Hirini has been appointed to the position of Facilities manager for our libraries. You may know Neil as the much respected and loved past Headmaster of Poroutawhao School. We are delighted that he is willing to join our library family.



Neil has agreed to meet us next Wednesday morning for Morning tea in the Open Meeting room in Te takeretanga o Kura hau Po when he will talk to us about his new role. Do join us in welcoming him aboard

Wednesday 4th May
10.30am

Recently we told you that we were funding the refurbishment of two paintings by Shirley Unwin which had been donated to our libraries several years ago. Now we can show you the finished work. We think they look great!



Te Takeretanga o Kura Hau Po has always supported local artists. Have you caught the current exhibition that is in Te Takeretanga o Kura hau Po at present? It is definitely worth stopping to look.

‘The Three Musketeers’ is a showing of works by local artists

John Wysocki, Jill Brandon and Dave Brandon.

From woodturning, to oil painting, to bespoke rocking horses and rocking chairs, this collective of artists is a powerhouse of talent.



The art of Gordon Norfolk

The next artistic treat in store is a selection of work by local artist **Gordon Norfolk**. This exhibition will open on May 4th so why not come early for morning tea and spend some time looking at the work of this talented local on your way through the building?

Gordon is a largely self-taught artist and sculptor, having retired from his career in design draughting and industrial model making. He paints, sculpts and draws and often works in oils and graphite.



Gordon often takes on commissioned work, and particularly enjoys the challenge of portraiture.

Now that Covid restrictions have been relaxed somewhat it's good to be getting back to what feels much closer to normal life. Although we are still required to wear masks to keep ourselves and others safe and well, we are now able to pick up some of the activities that have been on hold for so long.

The school holiday programme is in full swing and is being well subscribed to by local children. Kids have been enjoying aeronautical themed activities in all three libraries



- As well as activities for Children Library staff are planning to extend their services further outside the library walls. In partnership with St Johns and the DHB plans are afoot to provide reading materials to support the work of our Star4 hospital ward at the local Horowhenua Medical Centre. The Friends of Horowhenua Library hope to be able to assist this great initiative by funding materials where necessary. This project is just in the planning stages so we will let you know where it goes from here.
- School and Kindergarten visits which had been suspended under the Covid health rules are about to recommence so once again our Children's librarians will be delighting kids with their storytelling skills and assisting students with their research.
- The Homelink service continues to keep folk who are housebound supplied with much needed reading materials
- Wednesday Quiz nights are now back on the calendar so if you and your mates fancy a fun night out this could be it.

Tea and Tales will recommence from Thursday 5th May.

If you've got a tale to tell or would enjoy hearing a story from someone else you are invited!



This is a small friendly group of folk who enjoy swapping tales - some of them may even be true tales!

Join us in the Mahi Space (Entrance on Bath Street) for a pleasant morning of fellowship and stories 10.00am Thursday May 5th.

More to Look forward to:

- A Mother's Day concert on Sunday 8th May
- Samoan language week beginning in the first week of June
- Matariki -plans are afoot

And of course there are always great books to find in our libraries.

Happy Reading Everyone