

Friends of Horowhenua libraries July 2022



Morning tea Wednesday August 3rd.

We are fortunate to have some wonderful community minded folk in our town. At our next morning tea gathering Tanya Moleti, a representative of Hope Kete will join us to tell us about the amazing ways in which they assist families in our community. Do come along to meet her and hear about the work that they do.

Tea and Tales

Here is the programme for the next few weeks of Tea and tales so that you can note the dates in your diaries

Foxton Library

(Meet in Te Awahou Nieuwe Stroom): Thursday 28th July and Thursday 25th August

Levin Library

(Meet in the Mahi Space at Te Takeretanga o Kura Hau Po) Thursday 4th August and Thursday 1st September

Tea and tales is from 10.30am t- 11.30 am and is a gathering of keen readers (and sometimes writers) who join to share their love of the written word. This is a very informal group who welcome anyone who would like to join them for a cup of tea and chat.



Time to say thank you.



Thank you to everyone who came along to take part in the library stocktake at Te Takere. We had a great crew turn up to help. Generally we work from 8.30am until Wednesday opening time but some of the keen helpers stayed much longer which meant that much more was achieved. Well done to everyone concerned. You are library heroes.

Book sale thanks

More thanks are due to the team who helped set up and run the Winter book sale - once again a popular local event well timed for the school holidays.

It is sad that the cafe is not currently functioning but being able to use the cafe space to display the children's books on sale was a bonus for us.

Special thanks are due to **Rose Boyle** who has organised and managed 7 book sales for us over the last few years. Rose has streamlined the process for us and made the whole exercise much less stressful. However Rose is now stepping back from this work so if anyone out there would like to volunteer to pick up the baton to help us out in future book sales we would love to hear from you.

Cash sales for this event raised \$3,442.00. The sales through eftpos are still to be added to this total.



Keep your eyes on this space - we will be calling for another Working bee in Te Takere soon. We will let you know as soon as dates have been confirmed.

Spending our money

The Horowhenua Historical Society and the Horowhenua Family history group provide a great service to locals who are researching local history or their family genealogy. The collection of resources available is housed in Te Takeretanga o Kura Hau Po in the Heritage room. Members of these two groups are often on duty in the Heritage room where they are happy to assist anyone who asks.

The societies have requested help with funding some scanning equipment which will enable them to make precious documents and information available in digital format for researchers to use without endangering the delicate originals. The Friends of Horowhenua Libraries are delighted to be able to assist with this.



Timber, Flax, Flour The History of Mills in The Horowhenua

During the month of August the Library Heritage Room and the Horowhenua Family History Group will display a selection of Milling in the Horowhenua.

Discover the history of Milling in the Horowhenua. The flour mills built from the early 1840's encompass a rich history in the Horowhenua.

Flax mills were a source of employment and created a market in exports which made towns like Foxton the centre of Flax production in New Zealand. Timber mills were vital for helping create early settlements and providing income.

Winter Flu and Covid are still with us

I'm sure you are all well aware that we are still at risk of infection and so are our beloved library staff.

We, and they, ask that you please still wear your masks in the library to protect other library users and the staff. Most businesses in Levin and Foxton have been affected by shortages of staff due to the requirement to isolate with Covid infections and our libraries have not escaped this.

Please help ensure that we can continue to enjoy the great library service we enjoy by wearing your mask properly ie. over your nose as well as your mouth, and using the hand sanitiser provided. There are also free masks available should you need them.

Thank goodness for books while the weather is so horrible!

Happy reading everyone