

## Friends of Horowhenua libraries September 2022



### Morning tea Wednesday October 5th Open Meeting Room from 10.15am

Last month we welcomed **Kim Stewart, Community Development Advisor** at Horowhenua District Council to speak to us at our Morning tea meeting. Unfortunately the very cold weather conspired against us and only a handful of folk braved the chill to come to Te Takeretanga o Kura Hau Po that day. Consequently we all agreed that it would be a shame for Kim to have such a small audience and she has kindly agreed to join us again on **Wednesday October 5th** to tell us about the great work she does in our community.



Her role is to work in partnership with Community groups and agencies to improve wellbeing in accordance with identified community needs. Do come along to meet her.

## Te Takeretanga o Kura Hau Po - Still thriving 10 years on

I read in the paper today about how difficult it is to meet and make new friends as we approach middle/old age. We are so lucky in our community that many opportunities to meet people abound. All we need is the confidence to go to the places where folk with friendly intentions gather. The original vision of Te Takeretanga o Kurahaupo was conceived with exactly this in mind - and so far it is living up to expectations. Some of these gatherings - like the folk who gather to do craft work together on Wednesdays are completely informal. Others are a little more organised, but all are friendly and welcoming.

Our **Tea and tales** meetings are always held in Te Takeretanga o Kura hau Po on the first Thursday each month. I'm sure the regular group who come along would love to see new faces.



If the idea of sharing written words is a bit daunting, maybe you would prefer to just come along to the “**Meet Street**” get together which is held in

**Te Takere on Monday mornings from 10.00am to 11.00am.**

This opportunity for a friendly coffee and chat is open to everyone. There is no need to feel isolated or lonely when we can gather and share a friendly word.

Don't forget the regular **Wednesday night quiz sessions** 7.00pm - 9.00pm

Or the **Senior net sessions** where you can get help with your digital devices on Fridays between 2.00pm and 4.00pm.



## It's Time for another Working Bee

Once again

we are calling for volunteers to give us a helping hand with a Shelf tidying bee in Te Takeretanga o Kura Hau Po.

If you are available to help, join us at the Bath Street entrance to Te Takere at 8.30am on Wednesday morning 12th October. The early start gives us one and a half hours to work before the library is open. If you are unsure of what to do we can show you. We'd love your help.



### **Where has the time gone!**

It seems such a short time since we were working towards the dream of a fabulous community centre and library. The planning, the lobbying, the fund raising events, the jubilation as funding targets were met, community support (and a small amount of opposition), the excitement, pride and delight when we finally reached our goal.

Now Te Takere is a living room for the town and is appreciated and loved by many.

### **Time to celebrate!**

**Plans are afoot for Thursday 29th September and**

## **The whole town is invited.**

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| 12 noon. | The Story of Te Takeretanga o Kura Hau Po                  |
| 1.00pm   | Kapa Haka Performance                                      |
| 1.30pm   | Concert                                                    |
| 3.30pm   | Friends horowhenua Library Afternoon tea and Photo montage |

Other activities will include a Children's colouring competition

- ☐ A display of Love letters to the library - What do you love about our library?
- ☐ Commemorative bookmarks
- ☐ Top 10 in 10 years - Top 10 borrower wins tickets to WOW
- ☐ Limited edition commemorative library cards for sale

**For more detailed information check out the library column in this week's Horowhenua Chronicle**

## Looking forward:



Te Takeretanga o Kura hau Po will be hosting several events to celebrate Chinese language week.

### **Chinese Calligraphy workshop** September 25th

**Te Awahau : 11.am - 12pm   Te Takere 1.00pm - 2.00pm**

Book a workshop with calligrapher Judy Hua to explore traditional Chinese culture and celebrate Chinese Language Week. Revered in East Asia, Chinese calligraphy is the ancient art of writing Chinese characters, with beauty and precision, to convey meaning.

Following a fascinating introduction and simple demonstration, participants will put paintbrush to paper and create their own delicate calligraphy.

Booking is essential as places are limited.

### **September 25th is National Dumpling Day**

the NZ Chinese Association - Horowhenua-Kāpiti Branch will be selling their delicious roast pork buns and dumplings. Get there promptly as they are sure to sell out fast!

### **Building Community Resilience - a talk by Georgina Beyer**

**Sunday October 2nd**



Transgender politician Georgina Beyer shares how she finds the power and resilience to grow from a lifetime of challenging experiences. Hear how she helps support building community resilience in a world of multiple emerging challenges.

***Happy Reading Everyone***