

## Friends of Horowhenua libraries March 2023



**Our AGM was held on Wednesday March 15th  
11.00am in the Open Meeting Room at Te Takere**

**Thank you to those who were able to attend.**

For those who were unable to be with us here is a copy of the Chairperson's Report for 2022 - 2023

Our **twice yearly book sales** have continued to be our major fundraiser. After managing our book sales for the last 3 - 4 years, our book sale manager, Rose Boyle has relinquished her position. I would like to thank Rose for her dedication to the success of the sales over that time. Our January sale was a smaller affair with less stock available, but still managed to return us about \$2500 bringing our income from book sales to around \$7000 for the year. I would like to thank the library staff who continue to support us in the setting up and managing the sales.

Again we have been able to provide **resources for the libraries** this year. We have purchased two returns trolleys for Te Takere and a magazine tower for the Shannon library. The Heritage Room is taking on a huge task in scanning a large number of resources which will be available to community, so we were pleased to be able to help towards the purchase of a scanner and laptop for this purpose. It was our pleasure to be able to provide children's entertainment for the Matariki celebrations, to provide afternoon tea for the 10th anniversary of Te Takere, and to have two paintings by local artist, Shirley Unwin refurbished. Of course, we are continuing to support Books for Babies, and Bonus Books for Under 5s.

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, to continue to support Tea and Tales, and to assist with the Matariki celebrations.

We have continued with our **morning teas** and have, again, had some excellent speakers over the last year. Our speakers have included Tim Mills talking about living and working in China, Kathy Setchell showing us photos of magnificent organs, Neil Hirini – Facilities Manager of Te Takere, Tanya Moleti from Hope Kete, Chris Clarke from RDA, and Samantha Tibbs, the children's librarian. While these events are supported by a number of very loyal attendees, it would be pleasing to see the event attract greater numbers particularly as we seem to be able to arrange some very interesting speakers.

### **Friends who have passed**

This last year we have lost three staunch supporters of the Friends. **Margaret Williams** who joined our committee for a time last year and who always volunteered for our book sales died late last year after suffering a fall and going into care. In November we farewelled **Rosalie Blake**, one of the original Friends and a major player in the push to build Te Takere. **Gae Stewart**, a committee member for a number of years died in December after a short illness. We remember all three for their hard work and commitment to Horowhenua libraries.

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 Christine Pedersen and Karen Corkill onto the committee following last year's AGM. Unfortunately Christine is not seeking re-election and we wish her well. Christine Moriarty has also indicated that she is standing down. Christine has been a valued member of the committee for the last six years and I have appreciated her support over that time. 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.

Margaret Clarke  
Chairperson

## **New Committee members!**

It's great to be able to welcome two new committee members this year. Many thanks to Catherine White and Yvonne Creasy who have volunteered to join us. It's always great to have new ideas and new faces around the committee table. We are all looking forward to working with you.

## **Next Morning Tea Wednesday 5th April**



Our guest speaker will be Gillian Bell who will talk about her work as a speech therapist and communication related to her profession.

Gillian lives in Levin and runs her own Private Practice Speech-Language Therapy business.

## **Next Working bee**



Did you make it to the shelf tidying working bee in March? If you'd like to help there is another coming up in April. We will meet at the Bath Street entrance to the library at 8.30am and work until opening time at 10.00am. Many hands make light work with this sort of thing and the end result is always pleasing. The other bonus is that one often comes across some great reading material that may have not been noticed before!

If you can make it we'd love to see you on April 12th at 8.30am.



## The Summer Concert series continues at Te Awahou Nieuwe Stroom

- Enjoy local food trucks while listening to great music!
- Thursday, March 30, 2023 | 05:30 PM - 08:00 PM
- Thursday, April 27, 2023 | 05:30 PM - 08:00 PM
- Food Trucks from 5.30pm - 8pm.
- Performers from 6pm - 7.30pm.

**This month the performers are Sparkles**

**There is a great exhibition with more than just a little nostalgia to look forward to coming to Te Takeretanga o Kura hau po**

## Rewind to the 80s - Exhibition



**Monday, March 20, 2023 | 11:00 AM to Friday, March 31, 2023 | 05:00 PM**

MAVtech has scoured its archives for all things 1980's, so bring your big hair and your acid-wash jeans and take a nostalgic trip back to the forgotten future!

*Join us on a nostalgic time-warp as we revisit the technology of the 1980's.*

The 1980's was an important and amazing decade, full of momentum and transformation with a new millennium on the horizon. Futurism and forward thinking were de rigueur, inspiring the aesthetics and creations.

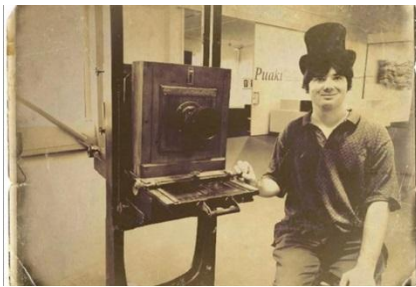
Much of the technology we enjoy today, the hallmarks of the modern age, stems from the innovations, digital technology, and futuristic thinking of this time. Analogue transitioned into digital, some innovations stuck, and others became forgotten tech. VCRs, Walkmans, polaroid cameras, floppy disks, personal computers, fax machines, Pacman & Nintendo, transistor radios... the list goes on. A space helmet television? A camera with echolocation?

Stranger things have happened!

**Te Awahau Nieuwe Stroom also have their share of nostalgia on show**

## **Hold That Pose! Vintage Cameras from the Studio to the Streets**

**Come along on Sunday, March 26, 2023 | 02:00 PM to 03:30 PM**



**What was it like to have your picture taken in the 1860s, and why did everyone look so serious?**

**Find out during this free public talk by MAVtech!**

**We'll be displaying vintage cameras made from the 1860s to the 1920s and explaining why they, and their photographs, have changed the way we view history.**

**Bring your own vintage cameras and have all your questions answered.**

### **When**

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**Sunday, March 26, 2023 | 02:00 PM - 03:30 PM**

# The Black Out - Fundraiser

Next date: Saturday, April 01, 2023 | 06:00 PM to 10:00 PM



The Black Out is a district-wide event taking place from 31 March - 1 April where businesses and schools are encouraged to wear black and donate to the fund.

To end the campaign join us for a glamorous evening at Te Takeretanga o Kura Hau Po which will include good wine, yummy food and top notch entertainment and a fabulous auction. Tickets may be purchased online - just follow this link on the Te Takere events page <https://www.tetakere.org.nz/Events-Activities>

Through this event we aim to raise \$100,000 for the Tararura and Hawkes Bay District Mayoral Funds.

**WOW! There is so much going on** - Take a look at a few of the events on offer.



- The next get together is on Monday February 27th. Recent times have reminded us what it is to feel isolated. So, let's get together now that we can!

Come and meet, have a coffee and share a chat. Open to one and all. 10.00am - 11.00am.

**Tea and Tales** . This programme has been running for quite a while now and is proving to be a lot of fun.

Sessions run from 10.30am - 11.30am .



Come along with a tale to share or just join the old hands for a cuppa and listen to them until you feel confident enough to share your own tales. Some folks find short tales to read and share, other clever folk write their own. The groups meet at Te Takeretanga o Kura Hau Po on the 1st Thursday of every month or at Te Awahou Nieuwe Stroom in Foxton on the last Tuesday each month. They are a very friendly bunch and always welcome new faces. Do come along and join them.



**Quiz nights** The ever popular weekly Quiz nights start up again on Wed 22nd February

Assemble your crew of up to 6 people and test your trivia. Every Wednesday at Te Takeretanga o Kura-hau-pō. \$5.00 per person.

Quiz Starts at 7.00pm with tables available from 6.30pm. Everyone can play, register your team on the night. Snacks and soft drinks are available for purchase.



**An opportunity to learn a new skill or improve your existing ones.**

Machines and expert guidance provided! Weekly sessions 10.30am - 12.00 in Shannon library. If Shannon doesn't suit there are also classes in Te Takere available. Just enquire at whichever venue suits you best.

**Other events coming up include:**

Rewind to the 80s photography challenge

Digital Apps pathway - a 4 week course on how to best use your smartphone

Digital drop-ins - for help with your device

Ugly Shakespeare - 'The Dream', a hilarious take on a Shakesperian classic

**For a full listing and more details about these events go to the Events page on the Te Takere web site**

[https://www.tetakere.org.nz/Events-Activities?dly\\_OC%20CL%20Te%20Takere%20Events%20Listing=\(pageindex=1](https://www.tetakere.org.nz/Events-Activities?dly_OC%20CL%20Te%20Takere%20Events%20Listing=(pageindex=1)

***Happy Reading Everyone***