

## Friends of Horowhenua libraries

### April 2023



### Join us for Morning Tea Wednesday 3rd May

If you know anyone who is new in town and would like the opportunity to meet new friends please let them know about the friendly gatherings that we have in Te Takere every month. Tea, coffee and often delicious muffins are on offer as well as friendly conversation and interesting guest speakers.

Our speaker for May will be Kevin Miles who volunteers in the heritage room. Kevin is involved in the digitization of our historical resources. Last year the Friends helped fund the purchase of a laptop to help with the work that he does. The Heritage Horowhenua Charitable trust researches and celebrates the unique character and heritage of the people and places of the Horowhenua.



You may remember some of the places on their files, like the historic home of the builder George Douglas which was relocated to Otaki in the mid 2000s and has sadly since been removed from the list of buildings worth preserving.

## Papers Past

Our libraries have plans to digitise the next tranche of local papers 1940 - 49. This is a brilliant way to preserve our local history as newsprint does not last indefinitely. FOHL may be asked to help fund this project.

### Friends of Horowhenua libraries committee for the coming year.

Margaret Clarke – Chairperson  
Diane Welch – Secretary  
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We welcome all new friends. Remember there is no membership fee. Please let people know that all they need to do to keep up with the happenings in and around our wonderful libraries is to subscribe to our monthly newsletter by signing up on our web page.

Just fill in the box on the right hand side of the page at  
<https://friendsofhorowhenualibraries.org.nz/>

## Coming up...

Our next Book sale is scheduled for the July School holidays. Set up will be on Sunday 2nd with the sale running from Monday 3rd to Friday 7th July.

## Working bees -

**Next shelf tidy** - Wednesday 10th may 8.30am - 10.00am

If you are willing and able to help be at the Bath Street entrance to the Library at 8.30am to be let in.

We have had some very positive feedback from staff and customers alike as to the tidy (and much more accessible) state of the adult fiction shelves. So well done to everyone who helped out last time. Thank you and keep up the good work!

## Library Stocktake

**A full library stocktake** will take place in June. Once again FOHL have been asked to help. Most of the stocktake is done digitally and usually volunteers are asked to help with the final mop up of items that may have been missed. If you would like to

help with this process keep an eye out for the call to action. It's not a difficult job and with many hands making light work doesn't take too long.

## Issue Statistics

There had been some concern that issue stats in our libraries had been falling. However the library staff are pleased to report that issue numbers are now back to pre Covid levels in all three libraries.

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

The next Session is on May 4th 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 are now on. 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.

## Seniornet -

Are you having troubles with your technology? If so, feel free to bring your device along to SeniorNet, where others will work with you to resolve any issues, or teach you some new tricks.

These helpful folk are in Te Takere every Friday from 2.00pm - 4.00pm so if you are having trouble keeping up with all of the rapid changes in this technological world they are happy to help.

## Sunday Concerts

With the cooler months approaching if you are looking for a way to spend a lazy Sunday afternoon don't forget the FREE concerts which happen in Te Takere on the last Sunday each month. 2.00pm - 3.00pm



This month's concert on April 30th features the unparalleled skills of a virtuoso guitarist and singer Steve Poulton.

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

***Happy Reading Everyone***