

Friends of Horowhenua libraries August 2023



Morning tea Wednesday September 7th

Our guest speaker for September will be Adie Transom from PARS - the Prisoners Aid and Rehabilitation service. Prisoners aid provides support to ex-offenders who need help with practical day-to-day issues. They assist with setting up bank accounts, accessing WINZ benefits, health appointments, identifying employment and volunteer opportunities and support with day to day activities.



Manawatu PARS was established in 1959 and celebrated sixty years of prisoner reintegration in May 2019. Come along and hear about the worthwhile work that these wonderful folk do.

Shelf-tidying Working Bees

A small group of volunteers are continuing with tidying the Adult Fiction of Te Takeretanga o Kura-hau-pō. We are sure users of this section of the library are appreciating the improvements in the order of these shelves. We meet at 8.30am at the Bath Street entrance on the second Wednesday of each month. Our next date will be Wednesday 13th September. Numbers of helpers have dwindled a bit in the last couple of months but we are hoping that with Spring approaching and lighter mornings coming more folk will be willing to come and help. We'd love to have you join us.



Tea and Tales

The Friends are always welcome to join Tea and Tales either at Te Takeretanga o Kura-hau-pō on the first Thursday of the month, or at Te Awahou Nieuwe Stroom on the last Tuesday of the month.

Next meetings :	Foxton Library	Tuesday 26th September
	Te Takere	Thursday 7th September

Both meetings are from 10.30am to 11.30am. Those attending are welcome to bring a tale to share or just to listen.

Sunday Concert



Clint Taylor and Charlie Wootton

Join us on **Sunday August 27th** for the talented stylings of Clint Taylor and Charlie Wootton!.

Clint and Charlie appeared on the scene when two experienced and like-minded musicians were asked to help a band out for summer events around Horowhenua and Kapiti Coast. They had never met before and it turned out they were whānau. They sang together, they owned every song and decided it would be a blast to 'do that' more often!

This captivating acoustic pop rock duet, formed by Clint Taylor (guitar/male vocalist) and Charlie Wootton (female vocalist), have been creating fun-fueled moments in time with a sound reminiscent of the 80's and 90's music, loved by many.

Postponed!! - the Festival of Stories.

This will still be happening but the whole Festival of stories has been postponed until the week of 20th - 24th November.

The postponement is due to the resignation of Pam Coleman , Community Engagement Librarian. Pam has been made an offer that was too good to refuse by the Girl Guide Association of New Zealand and is moving on to work for them. Lucky Girl Guides to have such a powerhouse of ideas and enthusiasm joining their team. We will miss Pam.

The Festival will definitely be happening once a new appointment to Pam's old position is in place. WE will now have a little more time up our sleeves to prepare for the events that the Friends of Horowhenua Libraries have been asked to help organise.

A Murder Mystery evening.

This will involve a very social gathering of folk in Te Takeretanga o Kura Hau Po during which the mystery will unfold. There will be a finger food supper and bar available, and as you mingle and chat with other guests you never know what might happen. Some of the guests will be more than they at first appear to be... Tickets for this event will be limited so don't be slow when you see them advertised.



If you fancy yourself as an amateur actor and would like to be more than a mere bystander observing the mystery unfold please email Barbara at bmserendipity@gmail.com to express your interest.

Library News in brief:

The good news for all of the avid readers in our town is that this year the library book vote has been increased. So we can look forward to even more of our favourite authors on the shelves. Remember if there is a particular title that you would like to read and that the library does not hold you are able to place a request to purchase on the library website.

Just log in to your own library account at Horowhenua.library.org.nz and place a purchase suggestion. The staff review these suggestions and if yours is approved a free reserve is placed on the title so that you are notified as soon as it arrives and is available to borrow. Just another great service offered by our wonderful library.

The Children's library space is about to be updated and made even more child friendly ... watch this space!

Sadly the Mobile online library bus service is currently on hold awaiting an upgrade of the vehicle that is being used.

Happy Reading Everyone