

## Friends of Horowhenua libraries November 2023



## Thanks!

First thanks must go to our wonderful Tony Straw who has been our organisation's treasurer for the past 6 years. Tony has been responsible for keeping our finances on track and also for the mammoth task of organising the roster for our twice yearly book sales. Tony is reluctantly resigning from our committee for personal reasons. We will all miss him and his dry humour at our meetings and Friends events.



Secondly - Thank you to Pam Colman who joined us last month for our final morning tea for 2023. It was lovely to catch up with her and hear about her new position with the Girl Guide association. Her enthusiasm for guiding shone through everything she said and i am sure she will be an amazing asset to the organisation.

She has been involved in guiding from her early beginnings as a Brownie and has worked her way up in the organisation that she is obviously very passionate about.

## 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 December. I know it's getting to be a bit crazy as we approach Christmas but we would very much appreciate some help ts keep this small service to the library and her customers going.



## Tea and Tales

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

Te Takeretanga o Kura hau Po - Thursday Dec 7th

Te Awahou Niue Stroom - Tuesday November 28th

## The Big Summer Booksale

Our next big sale is booked to happen in January 2024 (Where did last year go?) We will be setting up the sale on the afternoon of Sunday 14th January so if you have any books that you would like to donate we would be happy for you to drop them off at Te Takere at that time. Please do not drop books off at Te Takere before this date as there is very limited storage space in the library.

The sale will commence on **Monday 15th January** when the library opens.

I know many library users look forward to this sale every summer as it is a great source of summer reading that doesn't cost the earth which means if you get sand in your relaxing read at the beach it doesn't really matter!



Labour Weekend 2023 celebrated a century since the first cycle-racing event on Levin Park Domain's bitumen track. Since then, it has drawn in numerous local competitors, propelling some to national and international recognition. Hosting national championships, the track has nurtured a dynamic cycling community.

Come and celebrate Levin's rich cycling history with us! Explore the track's past, witness its enduring significance, and experience our town's deep cycling roots. This exhibition showcases the lasting value of this amenity, still enjoyed by our community today



**We believe having a chat can brighten your day.**

Meet Street is a great way to relax, meet new friends and get to know each other. So let's get together to chat, laugh, share and connect.

There will be a pop up Meet street at the **Masonic Village - corner of Queen Street and Arapaepae Rd on December 11th**. Do drop in if you are at a loose end and join the pre Christmas fun.



### **The Elves Workshop**

Will be open in Te Takeretanga o Kura Hau Po from December 1st until Christmas.

There will be a craft table set up for all age groups to use. Come on it if you want to try making that special Christmas tree decoration or

Christmas card for someone special. The library will be promoting Happy Mail again this year so you will have the opportunity to make a Christmas greeting card for someone who may be alone this Christmas. Just make your card and drop it into the Happy Mail box to be delivered to brighten someone's day.



**Storytime** plans to be out and about this summer! Check with your local library to find out where outdoor story reading for the little ones will be taking place in the great parks and reserves that we are lucky enough to have in our region.

Weather permitting you will be able to enjoy outdoor stories until Mondays at 10.00am until the end of January.

## Friday Concerts

Drop in and enjoy free live music at Te Takeretanga o Kura-hau-pō every Friday lunchtime. The Horowhenua boasts a plethora of seasoned musicians with musical stylings across a diverse range of genres.

Pull up a chair for a relaxing hour of live music in the main space, or just listen to the music in the background as you wander through browsing for a good read.



## Sunday concert November 26th

**Join us for our final concert of 2023 in November for the distorted psychedelia of S H E!**

(Spectres Haunting Europe), a three-piece band based in Wellington. Describing their music

as 'shoegaze rock', but in reality defying easy classification, the boys have been tearing up the clubs of the coolest little capital since 2020 with two singles under their belts and working on their debut EP to be released ~~2021~~2023-it's-coming they swear!

Influenced by the likes of My Bloody Valentine and Radiohead, with a dash of D'Angelo, U2 and Lady Gaga and topped with a helping of jazz- and metal-inspired drumming, **S H E** takes the staples of rock music and transforms them into a new modern sound, fusing them with electronic and shoegaze elements – aiming to open minds to what can be done in the rock genre.

If you like Six60, you'll hate **S H E**. Frenzied drums, soaring vocals, glitchy synths, feedback-soaked guitars and hooks for days.

## More events

There is so much more going on in our region organised or supported by our wonderful library team.

- Having trouble with technology? - try a Digital Drop in session
- Need a JP? - you will find one every Tuesday in Te Takere
- Learning to sew? - Wednesday mornings in Shannon Library or Thursday mornings at Te Takere
- Needing to update your digital skills? Check out the many options available on the Library events page (link below)

For more detailed event information and times go to <https://www.tetakere.org.nz/Events-Activities>

***Happy Reading and happy Christmas Everyone!***

