




Community Wellbeing

It's NZ Music Month and Horowhenua residents are once again spoilt for choice with a wide range of events and activities happening across the District. May explodes into action with Te Takere's fantastic Festival of Stories on May 4 and Arts Smash on May 5, 6, Special Guest Speakers, Workshops, Food Trucks and so much more and Matariki Puanga in June

Upcoming Community Meetings

If you don't already, why not come along to one of our public Community Wellbeing Forums?

All are welcome to attend!

-  **Combined Arts, Heritage and Culture & Pride and Vibrancy Forum**
12 May 2017 at 10am
-  **Older Persons Network**
18 May 2017 10am
-  **Horowhenua Disability Leadership (Inclusion & Access Forum)**
29 May 2017 4pm

With regards,

*Monique Davidson, Denise Kidd,
Garreth Stevens, Wendy Fraser,
Cathryn Pollock, James Richmond,
Emma Childs; Helen Hayes;
Joshua Wharton*

Festival of Stories

When you think of stories and libraries, it's natural that you envisage shelves of books containing mysteries, romance and adventures, novels set in times gone by, the present day or far off futures.

However stories aren't limited to those contained within printed pages – they exist in movies and songs, in oral storytelling and artwork, in family trees and photographs.

Libraries Horowhenua are excited to announce a week-long Festival of Stories in which we will celebrate the stories you can find around you in a range of media and give you some skills to help free your own stories.

Between Monday 8 and Sunday 14 May, we are offering more than 65 events and activities that will bring us together to enjoy, create and celebrate stories. Come to our family fun night on Thursday 11 May for performances and stories and a yummy meal from the food trucks (or BYO picnic).

Our stories are free

During Festival of Stories we want to ensure everyone in the Horowhenua has a chance to enjoy our stories. All items you borrow from Te Takere, Foxton Library and Shannon Library will be free of charge that week. This means you can borrow the latest books, DVDs, audiobooks and magazines and it won't cost you a cent.

Visit our library catalogue to find your free stories at www.horowhenua.library.org.nz

Youth Voice:
Make your
Voice heard!



Hi there!
My name
is Emily
Anderson and
I am a year 13
student at
Waiopēhu
College. This is

my second year with Youth Voice, and this year I am grateful to hold the position of deputy chairperson.

I decided to apply last year because of the experiences and opportunities that I had seen my older brother gain from being involved while he was at school. After a little over a year with the group, I have gained many opportunities and knowledge that would not have been possible outside of Youth Voice. I know that these opportunities will be useful for both my future plans for study, and for the everyday skill of relating to other people. Although the year for Youth Voice is only beginning, I have already been able to expand my knowledge regarding New Zealand and the Horowhenua's Civil Defence procedures, and become more comfortable with entirely improvised public speaking. I look forward to more opportunities like these throughout the course of the year. One of the aspects of Youth Voice that I enjoy the most is the diversity between each person in the group. During each discussion we have had so far this year, this diversity has enabled multiple values and opinions to be shared, and each one has been equally respected. I personally believe that unity, through diversity is one of the greatest qualities that any team can possess, so to have this dynamic within Youth Voice is absolutely incredible. I am confident that this unity will only increase as the year progresses, and I am excited to see what Youth Voice will be able to achieve within the wider community.



Project Resilience

From the 24th to the 26th of March, young leaders from the Horowhenua were taken to the Makahika Outdoor Pursuit Centre for 'Camp Resilience'; a Ministry of Youth Development funded initiative, where students from the district were educated about civil defence, welfare, and household preparedness.

Over the weekend they were pushed mentally and physically, and even experienced a mock earthquake scenario after lights out on the first night, where they were forced to respond to the emergency, and prepare an evacuation response.

They also helped to convey their learnings to the local Gladstone Road community, who have suffered numerous road slips and power outages in the past months. The camp itself was just the start though; the lessons learnt at the camp are being incorporated into our districts' welfare planning, and our local Youth Voice will look to run events for the community to share what they have learned. Makahika was the perfect venue for such an activity, and all of the campers enjoyed the experience tremendously!



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Get Set

Get Set is all about giving our young people the confidence to enter the workforce.

Every Wednesday in the Contact Youth Space come and spend some one on one time with a mentor to help develop your CV and interview skills as well as being fitted out with an interview appropriate outfit if required.

We believe one of the key steps in our young people gaining employment is to engender them with confidence and provide ongoing support. Come in and see what we are all about or email youth@tetakere.org.nz to find out how you can get involved.

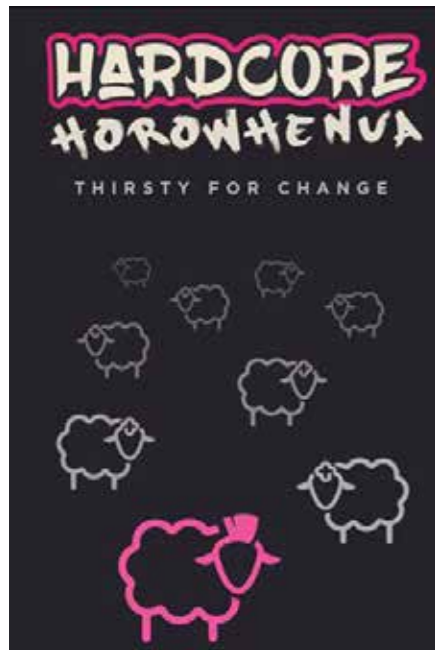


Youth Space Artwork

On the 18, 19 and 20th of April, our community was invited into the Contact Youth Space to add their mark onto our new Artwork piece that will be featured in the Youth Space over the next year.

The activity which formed part of the Youth Holiday Programming took place over 3 days. The first day was spent painting the background and the following 2 days, 10 young people joined forces to bring the blank canvas to life. We invited all members of our community to add

their own personal contribution by adding a stick figure to the piece. This art work represents our Youth Space kaupapa and give our young people a sense of belonging in the Contact Youth Space. We are looking forward to seeing it up on the wall in the very near future.



Hardcore Horowhenua

Hardcore Horowhenua is an initiative run by different local agencies forming the committee called RTDS – Reduce Teen Drinking and Social Supply.

On March 23rd-24th, the initial event for Hardcore Horowhenua kicked off a three year campaign for families in the district to rethink teen drinking.

The Campaign was launched with touring speakers Ramon Narayan and Richie Hardcore visiting the three Horowhenua high schools, sharing inspirational and educational stories about their journeys with drugs and alcohol. The speakers sort to illustrate how the binge drinking culture in New Zealand is

developing into something dangerous. Both speakers are talented youth workers, and the young people had lots of questions at the end of each presentation for the two men. The push for this 'rethinking' is a result of communities' concern around the issue of teen drinking and social supply, and work will as an ongoing initiative geared at affecting change among the youth of Horowhenua.

Youth Grooves

To celebrate Youth Week 2017, we are compiling an album of Horowhenua youths' musical compositions. Ten pieces will be selected to feature on an album called "Youth Grooves 2017".

Youth in the Horowhenua are invited to book free studio-time to record their song in Te Takere. Also during Youth Week these song-writers get to participate in a workshop by "NZ's song doctor" Charlotte Yates to help them develop skills required to be successful song-writers. This project will see our participants experience not just writing but also performing songs. They will experience a hands-on approach to how their writing and performing can be enhanced and moulded by studio technology. Each participant will be given 10 copies of the album for distribution purposes.



Thank you
for your ongoing contribution to the district's ANZAC Day commemorations. Without your assistance our services would not be able to go ahead.



Congratulations to the 113 participants that took part in our Go Active Kids Triathlons in Foxton Shannon and Levin this year.

This event would not be possible without all of our volunteers and sponsors. Thank you McDonalds - Levin, Aquatic Horowhenua, Levin New World, Contact Energy - Levin, Southend Cycles and to our volunteers from Tri Taitoko



MoveWell Classes with Aquatics Horowhenua!

The latest dry land programme to launch at Levin Aquatic Centre. Designed specifically to meet the physical needs of the senior Horowhenua Community. Gently participate in low-impact exercises at your own time with a qualified Personal Trainer. Benefits include; increased joint mobility, increased muscle and joint strength resulting in increased fall prevention and most importantly have a laugh and a chat as you go! The classes are only \$2 and occur every Tuesday morning at 1030 in the new conservatory.



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Great Forest

On Saturday 8 April over 3,000 people participated in the Great Forest Events. The unique event saw participants running and walking through the Waitare Forest.

Participants could choose to participate in events ranging from the Full Marathon Run to the 5km Fun Walk. Committee Chairwoman Kathy Mitchell said a range of people ran each year for fun, to compete and give back to their community. "It was a beautiful day out there after the stormy weather." Mitchell said the event is driven by volunteers, with more than 200 people volunteering their time assisting on site and around the new route.

Horowhenua District Council had a team of over 3,000 people participating in the event. Great Forest Events Inc. is proud to support the local community, every year around \$10,000 generated from the event goes straight back to Community Volunteer Groups, with an additional \$2000 being raised for Ronald McDonald House Charities NZ this year. Great Forest Events Inc. would like to thank all of the volunteers, participants and spectators for contributing to another fantastic event and look forward to seeing everyone again next year!



Go Active Bootcamps prove popular with kids

400 Horowhenua children were put through Go Active bootcamps by Horowhenua District Council recently.

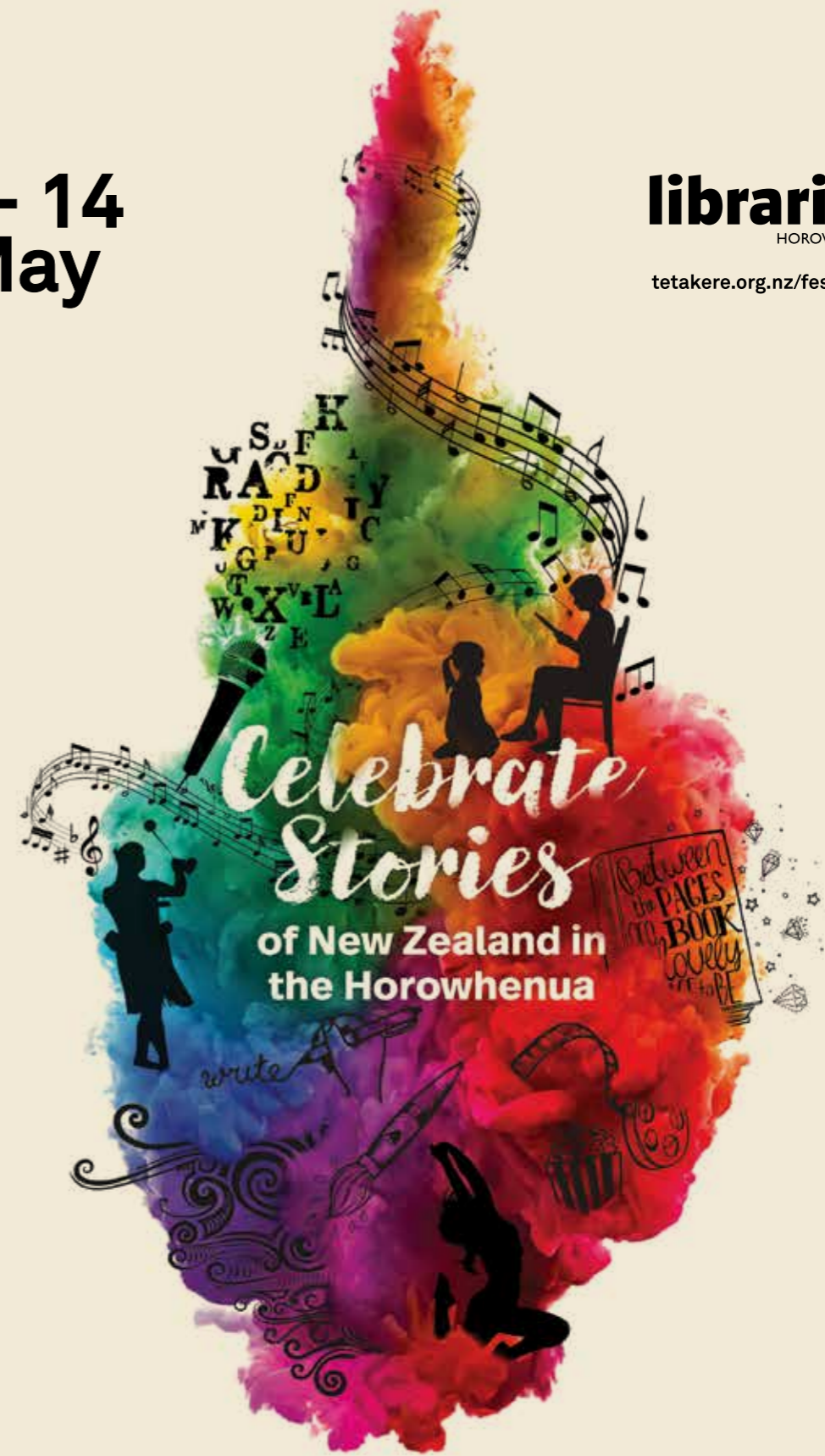
Council offered all schools and youth groups the opportunity to have free 'GoActive Kids Fitness Bootcamps', run by Council's Events Support Officer Emma Childs and Aquatics Programmes and Events Supervisor Greg Jackson. Miss Childs said there

was a good response with around 400 pupils in total participating in the bootcamps, held at Ohau School, Fairfield School, Levin North School, St Joseph's Catholic School, Levin Intermediate School, and for the Shannon Youth Group. Each session began with a 15-minute talk about GoActive Kids TRIathlons, outlining the three disciplines (swimming, cycling and running) that make up a triathlon, and how these relate to and can improve performance in other sports. This was followed by a 40-minute workout, with both individual and team activities. Mr Jackson said that the bootcamps was a fun way to promote health and fitness to the kids, as well as inspire them to try a GoActive Kids TRIathlon. "I loved interacting with the kids, having a laugh, while passing on some knowledge, coaching and guidance," he said.

8 - 14 May



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Festival

of Stories

Speaker Profiles



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Ko wai au / Who am I? Friday 12 May, 3.30-5.00pm

Taaniko Nordstrom has done some incredible work taking portraits of customers in Maori, Pasifika and Native American and First Nations regalia. This connects people with their heritage, identity and stories and she's now running workshops in prisons in an attempt to reduce prison recidivism. Taaniko is offering a workshop on identity for young people as well as a public talk.



Storytelling in Social Media Sunday 14 May 1.30-2.30pm.

DK has a very short name but a huge reputation in the UK where he hails from but also in Wellington which is now his home. He has spoken at TED.com and is now the license holder for TEDxWellington. DK is a fast-paced speaker passing on a considerable amount of knowledge in a short time. Come along to his public talk about social media and book yourself or your staff into the social media workshops we have on offer after Festival of Stories.



Amati Vaaka storyteller Monday 8 May 2017 1:30-2:30pm

An expert orator in both English and te reo Maori, Tamati is a certified te reo translator. He has an extensive background in Maori radio, kapa haka (Te Whānau ā Apanui), and is also an accomplished children's book author. Tamati is a founding member of TRWOT, Te Reo Wainene o Tūa: a te reo Māori storytelling kaupapa, revitalising purakau, reviving oral traditions, normalising te Reo!

Thank you to Friends of Horowhenua Libraries for sponsoring our speakers and songwriters.



Sarah Laing is a cartoonist, fiction writer, illustrator, graphic designer and mother of three. She is the author of *The fall of light*, *Macaroni moon & otherp*, and *Mansfield and me*.



Ross Kinnaird is the illustrator of a number of well-known children's picture books including *Why do dogs sniff nottoms*, *Doggy do on my shoe*, *I need a new bum*, and *Mister Spears and his hairy ears*. The subject matter of his books often appeals to boys who are reluctant readers.



Mona Williams is a Guyanan storyteller, children's writer and teacher. She has done storytelling tours throughout New Zealand and Australia, and to Israel and Hawaii. She is performing at our Family Fun Night as the Caribbean Queen presenting stories of New Zealand.

Karl du Fresne has worked in newspaper and magazine journalism as an editor, feature writer and columnist. He is also the author of *A road tour of American song titles: from Mendocino to Memphis*.



Taaniko Nordstrom and her business partner are the creative stylist/photographer duo behind *Soldiers Rd Portraits*, which was a concept, first dreamed of in 2011. Based in Cambridge, New Zealand, the two stylists dress customers in Maori, Pasifika and Native American and First Nations regalia for a memorable native inspired vintage portrait. Taaniko says "The portraits we take are a beautiful and positive portrayal of people, specifically Maori, and we've seen, heard and felt people's reactions. They feel a sense of pride in themselves and in some ways, they feel closer to their tupuna."

DK is an international speaker, advisor and producer. He has spoken at TED.com and is the licence holder for TEDx Wellington. He is also the author of *Zen and the heart of social media*. He is speaking about storytelling in social media and promises to be a dynamic speaker.

Singer Songwriters

We have a series of singer songwriter performances scheduled during Festival of Stories:

Kerehi Wi Warena Monday 12-1pm
Andrew London Tuesday 12-1pm
Glen Colquhoun Wednesday 12-1pm
Steve McDonald Thursday 12-1pm

Kadha Sahar Friday 12-1pm
Charlotte Yates Saturday 2-3pm



Come along, enjoy the music and listen to the stories within the songs.

Family Fun Night

Thursday 11 May, from 4pm



Food Trucks (or BYO picnic meal)
from 4pm



HYPE: Narration in Action
4-5pm

Senior HYPE students performing Margaret Mahy stories



Dingleberry the Librarian
Stories of Maui
5.45-6.30pm



Mona Williams, as the Queen of Caribbean
6.30-7.30pm

Presenting Stories of New Zealand

Finale

Sunday 11 May, 1.15-5.00pm



Finale MC Victoria Gaither



DK
Storytelling in Social Media
1.30-2.30pm



Mary Kippenberger - Childrens storyteller
2-3pm



Karl du Fresne
3-4pm



Competition prizegiving
4pm







Nancy Pearl - Librarian and author of Book Lust
(Skype interview) 4.30-5pm

Festival Timetable

Throughout the week of Festival of Stories, we will be screening movies based on books at Te Takere at 10am, and Childrens movies based on books at 3:30pm most days.

A full programme of storytelling, TED Talks and other documentaries will also be offered on the big screen at Te Takere.

More information on all Festival of Stories events can be found at www.tetakere.org.nz/festivalofstories

	Monday 8 May	Tuesday 9 May	Wednesday 10 May	Thursday 11 May	Friday 12 May	Saturday 13 May	Sunday 14 May
Morning	<p>9am  Powhiri Festival Launch</p> <p>10am  Movie - Whale Rider</p> <p>10 - 11:30am  Record your story in our studio</p>	<p>10 - 10:30am  Pasifika Storytelling</p> <p>10am - 5pm  Family history stories</p> <p>10 - 11:30am  Record your story in our studio</p> <p>11 - 11:30am  Sign Language storytelling, rhymes and songs</p>	<p>10am  Movie -Mahana</p> <p>10am - 5pm  Papers Past</p> <p>10-10:30am - Shannon Library  Trevor Morley - Pop-up books</p> <p>10 - 11:30am  Record your story in our studio</p> <p>11:15-11:45am - Foxton Library  Trevor Morley - Pop-up books</p>	<p>10am  Movie -He Named Me Malala</p> <p>10 - 10:30am  Trevor Morley - Pop-up books</p> <p>10 - 11:30am  Record your story in our studio</p> <p>10am - 12pm  Workshop Journaling Helen Lehndorf - writer</p>	<p>10am  Movie -The Book Thief</p> <p>10:30 - 11:30am  Ross Kinnaird Illustrator</p>	<p>10am  Movie -Hunt for the Wilderpeople</p> <p>10 - 12pm  Workshop Illustrating Ross Kinnaird - picture book illustrator</p> <p>10:30am - 12:30pm  Workshop Songwriting - Charlotte Yates aka The Song Doctor</p>	
Afternoon	<p>12 - 1pm  Kerehi Wi Warena</p> <p>1:30 - 2:30pm  Tamati Waaka - Te Reo Storyteller</p>	<p>12 - 1pm  Andrew London</p> <p>1 - 1:30pm  Sign Language Bingo</p> <p>2-3pm  Sarah Laing - Author talk and Q&A</p> <p>2 - 3pm  Shannon Library Sign Language taster class</p>	<p>12 - 1pm  Glen Colquhoun</p> <p>3 - 4pm  Craft your stories</p>	<p>12 - 1pm  Steve McDonald</p> <p>1:30 - 2:30pm  Mona Williams: Caribbean Queen introduces Stories of New Zealand</p>	<p>12 - 1pm  Radha Sahar</p> <p>1:30 - 2:30pm  Ross Kinnaird Illustrator</p> <p>3:30 - 5pm  Workshop: Taaniko Nordstrom - Ko Wai Au / Who am I?</p>	<p>2 - 3pm  Charlotte Yates</p>	<p>Finale - Victoria Gaither, MC</p>
			<p>From 4pm  Foodtrucks</p> <p>4 - 5pm  HYPE Narration in Action</p>			<p>1:30 - 2:30pm  DK - Storytelling in Social Media</p> <p>2 - 3pm  Mary Kippenberger storyteller</p> <p>3 - 4pm  Karl du Fresne - Author</p> <p>4pm  Competition prizegiving</p> <p>4:30 - 5pm  Nancy Pearl - Librarian and author of Book Lust - Skype Interview</p>	
Evening		<p>6:30 - 8:30pm  Workshop Creative Writing - Helen Lehndorf - writer</p>	<p>Family Fun Night</p>	<p>5:45 - 6:30pm  Dingleberry the Librarian</p> <p>6:30 - 7:30pm  Mona Williams: Caribbean Queen introduces Stories of New Zealand</p>	<p>6:30 - 8pm - Shannon and Foxton libraries  Fireside Stories</p> <p>7 - 8:30pm  Taaniko Nordstrom An exploration of cultural identity</p>		

What's on at Te Takere



ArtSMASH

5 to 6 Friday 5 May and Saturday 6 May at Te Takere,

With local artist stalls all day and demonstrations of craftspeople showing their skills. Artsmash is an interactive market of displays, demonstrations of craft and art making in progress with work for sale. It will be an opportunity to buy Mum that something special for Mother's Day It will be great to have you join us! Sixteen artist stalls, music and fun will bring the main space to life, showing the work and talents of local artists in a friendly and festive atmosphere. Musicians entertaining include Geordie Parrant and Steve Poulton on Friday 12-2pm and The Kiwis followed by Jazz Jam Session on Saturday 1pm-3:30pm. Kids, come in and paint a rock or a pumpkin on Friday. Come back on Saturday when dry and transform your pumpkin into a pumpkin seedling planter pot to take home and grow.



NZ Music Month

Te Takere hosts a baker's dozen of New Zealand music performances during the month once more: **Not to be missed highlights include:**

5 **Liam Burgess & Steve Poulton**
Friday 5 May 12-1pm & 1-2pm

6 **The Kiwis Jazz Jam Session**
Saturday 6 May 1-2pm & 2-2:30pm

19 **Harley Pitihira**
Friday 19 May 12-1pm

26 **Peter Leith**
Friday 26 May 12-1pm

Release of 'Youth Grooves 2017' album
Friday 26 May 4pm

27 **Stampede Variety Club**
Saturday 27 May 10am-2pm

28 **Levin & Districts Brass Band**
Sunday 28 May 2-2:30pm

30 **Song-writing workshop by Charlotte Yates**
Tuesday 30 May 4pm

What's on at Te Takere

Comedy Cabaret

16 Friday June 16

Zane & Degge from New Zealand's Got Talent fame & support acts.

Matariki Puanga

Matariki is the Annual Maori New Year Celebration that takes place annually in June and once again Te Takere host workshops activities; cultural concerts and shared kai.

Te Takere Quiz Night

3 10 17 24 31 Wednesdays in May
7 14 21 28 Wednesdays in June

Every Wednesday at Te Takere Tease your brain and win prizes.. \$5.00 per person Quiz Starts at 7.00pm with tables available from 6.30pm. Everyone can play, register your team on the night – teams are made of up to 6 people. Drink and nibbles available



Yoga at Te Takere

Friday and Saturday at 10.30 to 11.30

Come and join a yoga teacher to learn some new ways to increase

your physical agility in a way that is peaceful, social, beneficial for all aspects of your body and health.



SeniorNet

Friday 2-4pm

Volunteers from SeniorNet are at Te Takere from 2-4pm each

Friday to assist people with their computers, phones and tablets.

What's on at Contact Youth Space



Minecraft club

Sunday 1pm to 2.30pm and Monday 3.30pm to 5pm weekly



Friday Cooking

Friday 3.30pm to 4.30pm weekly



Guitar Club

Weekly on Tuesdays at 4pm



Code Club

Sunday 2.30pm to 3.30pm weekly



Teen Book Club

Weekly on Thursdays from 4pm



Young Parent Coffee Club

Weekly on Tuesdays from 10.00am. Tea, Coffee and Snacks Provided.

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\$15 - Softcover

8 - 19
May

DK Social Media Fundamentals - \$40

Monday 15 May,
9:00 – 10:15am
10:45am - 12pm



Insights into the nuances of social media and how most folks get it wrong. A deeper appreciation of the opportunities which lie in the many platforms and available online channels Using detailed case studies this presentation will cover different ideas behind social media strategies plus the variety of executions which challenge what many social media “ninjas” / “rockstars” currently advocate.

DK Social Media Masterclass - \$50

Monday 15 May,
1:30 - 4pm
Only 10 spaces

Following up from his previous “Social Media Fundamentals” session, DK will segway into a hands-on practical workshop. This is a chance to learn through action. Attendees will leave with: Skills to both create and curate social media content. A new appreciation of the opportunities which lie in the many platforms and available online channels (beyond just marketing e.g. professional development, market research, collaboration etc.). You must bring a laptop which is wifi-enabled, a huge chunk of curiosity and a hunger to learn by doing. Spanning strategy and execution through detailed case studies and overarching truths most ninjas/rockstars still don't understand. This is a fast-paced workshop for people already using social media. These courses are usually over \$150 each but we're keeping prices low to allow as many Horowhenua people as possible to benefit from DK's expertise. Register at Te Takere or on Eventfinda.

Free your Stories with free workshops

Free Your Stories is a key part of Festival of Stories. Each of us have stories inside of us – perhaps we have real life stories from travels, from our family history or from time served in the military. Or our imagination is full of

poems, short stories, songs or longer writing projects just waiting to be told. We have on offer a range of workshops with professional storytellers passing on some of their advice and techniques on how to ‘free your stories’.

As we want to remove all barriers to attending we have made all of these workshops completely free. This means we are expecting considerable demand so don't delay in popping into Te Takere, giving us a call on (06) 368-1953 or emailing us on learning@tetakere.org.nz. Bookings are required for all the workshops, except for DK's talk, and numbers are limited.

Creative Writing workshop – Helen Lehndorf

Tuesday 9 May
6.30-8.30pm



Helen Lehndorf is a published poet and writer from Palmerston North. Helen's book, *The Comforter*, made the New Zealand Listener's 'Best 100 Books of 2012' list while her poem 'Wabi-sabi' was selected for Best New Zealand Poems in 2011. Her second book, a book about the practice of journaling was published in 2016. Helen writes poetry and non-fiction, and has been published in *Sport*, *Landfall*, *JAAM*, and many other publications. She has an essay in Massey University Press's forthcoming essay anthology 'Home' (out July 2017) and is currently finishing her second volume of poetry.

Journaling workshop – Helen Lehndorf

Thursday 11 May
10am-12pm

Songwriting workshop – Charlotte Yates

Saturday 13 May
10.30am-12.30pm

Charlotte Yates, is the Song Doctor, and is not only performing a concert at Festival of Stories but also running a workshop for those interested in songwriting.

Illustrating workshop – Ross Kinnaird

Saturday 13 May
10am-12pm



Ross Kinnaird is an illustrator. He was born and raised in Hamilton and educated in Auckland, and has lived in both Sydney and Hong Kong before returning to live in New Zealand. He first began illustrating children's books in 2002 with the popular *Why Do Dogs Sniff Bottoms?*, by Dawn McMillan, which won the Children's Choice Award at the New Zealand Post Children's Book Awards. Ross's workshop is open to adults and children from 6+.

Community Development

Community forums & networks updates

Youth

The Horowhenua Youth Network is an open meeting for anyone involved in the youth sector.

This group discusses issues and opportunities that pertain to, or involve youth; and all who attend find that it helps to unite the actions of previously separate organisations towards shared positive outcomes. Meetings occur every 6 weeks, and are held at Te Takere; for more information, feel free to contact Community Development Advisor, Joshua Wharton at JoshuaW@horowhenua.govt.nz

Education

Education Horowhenua is a collective of nominated agencies with representatives from all areas of education in the District.

Meeting quarterly, the collective aims to take a unified stance on education in the Horowhenua, in hopes that shared knowledge and joint initiatives will produce greater outcomes for the community. Of specific note has been the numbers those achieving NCEA Level 2 or higher in our district increasing from 59.7% to 64% in recent years. The aim is to increase this further still, and achieve 85% of our young men and women achieving this level of education by 2019. The group has multiple targets such as this, and actively works to achieve them.

Education Horowhenua and HDC wish to thank Hamish Ruawai for his contribution to Education Horowhenua and wish him well in his new role. We also wish to congratulate and welcome Sheree Garton who has recently been appointed as principal of Levin Intermediate, and will represent this stage of learning at both Education Horowhenua and Community Wellbeing Committee meetings.

Inclusion

Horowhenua District Council are currently reviewing what has historically been referred to as the Disability Leadership Forum and its associated Disability Action Plan.

At the second in a series of consultative workshops that have been undertaken, representatives of the Disability Sector and the Disability Leadership Forum were unanimous in their wish for planning to be inclusive and for the Forum itself, which meets quarterly to be renamed to be a District Inclusion & Access Forum. A drop in session for individuals and family members impacted by a Disability is to be held at Te Takere Wednesday 10 May

A reminder that Sign Language Week is from 08 - 14 May 2017



Older Persons

The Older Persons Network have established a Age Friendly Communities Working Party Group who will going forward, report directly to Members at every Older Persons Network Meeting.

HDC Staff are meeting with Diane Turner, Director of the Office of Seniors on Monday 8 May 2017.

A reminder to everyone to make use of the new Levin to Waikanae Bus Service. To ensure this wonderful new initiative remains a permanent service it is imperative we all use it regularly



Pictured here: Margaret Williams (Grey Power) and Jo Mason (Horowhenua District Councillor) travelling on the Levin to Waikanae Bus Service that launched in March.

Arts culture heritage and pride and vibrancy

A joint meeting geared at reviewing the role of these 2 Forums will take place on 12 May 2017 as part of the Arts Culture and Heritage 2016-2019 consultation process.

There are currently two action plans that inform each of the groups invited to this work-shop. The Arts, Culture & Heritage and Pride and Vibrancy Action Plans are to be reviewed in 2017. Both Action Plans share similar goals, target areas, outcomes, etc. We are proposing an amalgamation of the two action plans; the purpose of the workshop is to gather your input for what will be an exciting Action Plan.

In addition, we are looking to re-define our membership base; please forward this agenda to anyone who has an interest in the topics mentioned, or anyone you think would be interested in actively contributing to the discussion.

If you have any further questions please email cathrynp@horowhenua.govt.nz.

Community Grants and Funding update

Community Facilities and Recreation

Fundraising Capacity Building Clinic

HDC in partnership with ECCT and the DIA are offering a joint Community Funding Clinic for Horowhenua based community Community Organisations on Thursday the 18 May 2017 at Te Takere.

Neil and Nathan will each have 12 slots of 20 minutes available for Community Organisations and will meet with organisations who want a one on one funding clinic sessions with them. During the one on one sessions Neil and Nathan will provide in-depth advice on their respective organisations funds they administer, namely ECCT and DIA (COGS and Lottery Community Grants), as well as can give generic information, support with application writing, advice about supporting documentation, help with results reporting, and/or helping communities to understand their respective fund's priorities. Organisations who wish to book a slot with Neil Attapatu from Eastern and Central Trust and/or Nathan Cross from Department of Internal Affairs should contact joshuaw@horowhenua.govt.nz

Neil Attapatu - Neil has worked as a donations advisor for Eastern and Central Community for the last 2 years. He has a background in banking specialising in business finance but has always had a community bent. He is currently on the board of the Hawke's Bay Environment Centre and is involved with Project K as a Youth Mentor. He acts as an advisor for charitable trusts, Niche Aotearoa and Kiwi Adventure Trust. He has hosted and facilitated several workshops relating to community fundraising strategies.

Nathan Cross - Nathan has been a Community Advisor with the Department of Internal Affairs since July 2013. He has coordinated the Lottery Manawatu/Whanganui Community fund and has recently taken up the role of coordinator for both the Manawatu/Horowhenua and the Whanganui/Waimarino/Rangitikei COGS committees. Nathan has delivered a number of workshops across the Manawatu/Whanganui Region mostly themed around tools for better planning (strategic, operational, project, and financial).

Community Capacity Building

Council's Community Capacity programmes will draw to a close for this financial year on 18th of May with our Community Organisations Funding Clinic.

This will be the 15th capacity building workshop for the 2016/2017 financial year (most of which are completely free for anyone to attend). 186 people have attended. Keep an eye out for the 2017 Winter Programme that will be launched in just over a month, and book yourself in for one of the courses that could help develop your own skills and facilitate growth. HDC seek to champion the values articulated in its Community Wellbeing Strategy and will be placing an increased emphasis on advancing Volunteerism in our 2017/2018 Capacity Building Programme. We are looking for a sponsor for our proposed "Valuing Volunteers Workshop Series" so if you would like to partner with HDC in supporting community volunteers from Levin Shannon and Foxton Community organisations please get in touch with helenh@horowhenua.govt.nz

Te Awahou Nieuwe Stroom

Te Awahou Nieuwe Stroom Mauri laying ceremony took place on 26 March 2017 with partners, Te Taitoa Maori o Te Awahou, Dutch Connection Museum Trust, Horowhenua District Council, Cook Whanau and other members of the community placing Mauri stones within the foundations of the building.

It is anticipated that the building will be water tight by the end of April. Many of the taonga that will be exhibited in the facility are on their way from the various lending institutions.



What's next in the proposed Community Housing transfer?

Horowhenua District Council is moving to the next steps in the Community Housing transfer, after the proposal deadline closed last week. The portfolio includes 115 rental units at eight complexes in Levin, Foxton and Shannon, as well as one hectare of residential development land in Levin. After a comprehensive review and public consultation process, Council resolved in April 2016 that it:

- no longer provides Pensioner Housing as a core Council service.
- seeks expression of interests from Community Housing Providers for the stock transfer of Council's Pensioner Housing Portfolio.
- continues to take a leadership role in advocating and facilitating for wider community issues with regards to accessibility and affordability of quality housing.
- Council's 2015-2025 Long Term Plan was also amended to reflect these.

To implement Council's decision, staff were instructed to initiate a robust procurement and evaluation process to find the best provider to deliver community housing in Horowhenua. A Request for Proposals (RFP) was issued in February 2017, and at the closing date last Friday, (add number after Friday) proposals from Community Housing Providers (CHPs) had been received.

The proposals will now be reviewed and shortlisted by an evaluation panel. The CHPs with the shortlisted proposals will then present to the evaluation panel as part of commercial negotiations. The panel will then make recommendations to Council.

The panel presently comprises Council's Customer and Community Services Manager Monique Davidson, Councillor Jo Mason, as well as Paula Comerford and Earl Hope-Pearson from Stimpson and Co, commercial advisors to the public, iwi and community sectors.

Council's Chief Executive David Clapperton says it is important to remember that it is Council, not the evaluation panel, that will decide whether or not to advance negotiations with a CHP, as well as terms and conditions of any transfer.

"The evaluation includes two non-negotiable criteria; that the selected party must be a registered CHP and that it must be willing to make a long term commitment to Horowhenua District," he said.

"There are other important criteria, including the offer price must be realistic, the selected CHP will have a track-record of managing a social housing portfolio of this scale, that it has excellent property and tenancy management systems, as well as sound management and governance, and with the ability to fund the transaction and maintain a high standard of service delivery.

"However, most important is safeguarding the terms and conditions for our tenants, as well as their wellbeing. We want to ensure the selected CHP will work with Council during the transition phases to make the transfer a positive experience."

Community Engagement and Consultation

Some sad farewells

Council Meetings



Horowhenua District Council hearing of Annual Plan submissions

Wednesday 3 May at 2:00pm in Council Chambers, 126 Oxford Street, Levin. All welcome.



Horowhenua District Council deliberations of Annual Plan submissions

Wednesday 24 May at 9:00am in Council Chambers, 126 Oxford Street, Levin. All welcome.

Have your say session - inclusion and access planning 2016-2019

Consultation focus groups and interviews for our 2016-2019 Inclusion Access Plan continue in May with a "Have Your Say" session scheduled for Wednesday 10 May from 5-7pm at Te Takere.

If you wish to give your feedback with regard to what you think planning priorities for disability in the district should be then please RSVP email helenh@horowhenua.govt.nz Please pop in and give your feedback. HDC staff will be onsite distributing questionnaires.



Have your say session
5-7pm Te Takere



Have your say session
7-9pm Levin Aquatic Centre - coincides with Special Olympics Swimming



Have your say session
3-5pm Shannon Library

Arts Culture Heritage And Pride and Vibrancy

A joint meeting geared at reviewing the role of these 2 Forums will take place on 12 May 2016 as part of the Arts Culture and Heritage 2016 & 2019 consultation process.

For more information contact cathrynp@horowhenua.govt.nz

Welfare Planning

Horowhenua District's welfare planning is reaching its final stages of consultation.

Working alongside representatives from a number of social groups, local organisations, and experts in the field; the welfare plan aims to illustrate and inform readers regarding the important actions that may be taken, and the areas of focus in the event of an emergency. If you wish to give final input do not hesitate to get in touch with Joshua - joshuaw@horowhenua.govt.nz

Foxton Main Street North Street Upgrade

As part of the upgrade underway along Foxton's Main Street, April saw a focus on ideas for the northern end of the street.



A community workshop provided an opportunity for the Foxton community to contribute ideas for how the upgrade should occur

at the street's northern end. Focused on the northern part of Main Street, Ravensworth Place, the traffic island that the war memorial sits upon and surrounds, the community workshop saw a constructive exchange of ideas and aspirations. Held in the school hall at Manawatu College, the well attended workshop invited people to contribute their thoughts in response to questions such as "Do you visit Main Street North often? What do you like about the area today and what don't you like?", "What words would you use to describe the type of place you want Main Street North to be in the future?" and "How can we design Main Street North to acknowledge its role as a memorial site?". Thank you to everyone who attended the workshop and contributed their opinions and ideas. A second workshop will be held in May, where work will begin to evolve the ideas gathered at the community workshop into a design concept for Main Street North. If any questions regarding the Main Street North project, please contact us on enquiries@horowhenua.govt.nz



Garreth Stevens

Garreth Stevens started as a Community Development Advisor with Horowhenua District Council on 16 July 2013 and what an impact he has made.

As a member of a team of his peers at Council, Garreth recently completed a Strengthfinder Profile. The Profile described Garreth as someone with endless energy and enthusiasm, a natural problem solving ability, someone who is never at a loss for a great idea, someone who is able to always come up with a way forward and someone who is always keen to include others. The Profile got it right, that is the Garreth we have all got to know and enjoy over the last few years.

Garreth has a particular passion for young people and put numerous hours and energy in to Youth Voice Forum for young people and the planning and delivery of a vast range of programmes and initiatives that are for the benefit of the young people of our district. Garreth also had a real commitment to the activities of Education Horowhenua and the Older Persons network. More recently Garreth threw himself in to a leadership role with Te Takeretanga o Kura-hau-po (Te Takere) ; a place and a Team that Garreth is particularly proud of and completely enthusiastic about. There would not be too many community wellbeing issues or opportunities within the district that Garreth has not played a role in.

Garreth's last day of employment with Council is 18 May, 2017 after which time he is off to travel the world for some time. We will miss Garreth deeply but all feel pleased to have had the opportunity to work with him and get to know him.



Monique Davidson

HDC Group Manager appointed CEO of Central Hawkes Bay District Council

Horowhenua District Council's Customer and Community Services Group Manager Monique Davidson has been appointed the Chief Executive Officer of Central Hawke's Bay District Council. Mrs Davidson was born, bred and schooled at St Joseph's School, and Waiopahu College in Horowhenua, before attending Victoria University in Wellington and graduating with a Bachelor of Laws and Bachelor of Arts.

CEO David Clapperton said of the appointment "Monique had epitomised of our organisation's vision of 'working together to take Horowhenua from good to great'," he said. For some time now, Monique has aspired to being a chief executive. I thought she would achieve that by the time she was 35-years-old, but she has done so before she is 30, and will likely be the youngest-ever chief executive of a council in New Zealand. However, it's not about age, it's about her ability to do the job." Mrs Davidson said she is honoured to be appointed to a council chief executive's role, helped made possible by working under Mr Clapperton. "David Clapperton is an exceptional Chief Executive and under his leadership and mentoring, I have been able to develop and now move onto an amazing opportunity Mrs Davidson's last day at Horowhenua District Council will be Friday 26 May and she will begin her new role at Central Hawkes Bay on Tuesday 6 June.

The Community Services Team would like to take this opportunity to thank Monique for her outstanding leadership. Having spent her "formative" years at Council in a Community Development Advisory role we have been fortunate to be led by someone with a heart for Horowhenua Go Well Monique we wish you and your family nothing but happiness in your new home in the Hawkes Bay

Community Champion: Here's to you Mrs Robinson

Levin's Heather Robinson turned 88 years old last weekend and, to celebrate, she swam 88 lengths of Levin Aquatic Centre's main pool.

That's right; 2.2 kilometres, non-stop and completed in just under an hour and-a-half (1:28:23 to be exact) and a pretty impressive result for anyone, let alone a great-grandmother.

Asked "why?", Heather replied "hmm, good question".

"Actually, swimming the same number of lengths as my age is something I've done for my birthday every year since I turned 60," she said.

However, endurance swimming is not something she keeps for only once per year; far from it. A regular customer at the Levin Aquatic Centre, every Monday, Wednesday and Friday she swims 60 lengths of the main pool; a 1.5 kilometre distance. Then, every Sunday, she cycles 25 kilometres. She no longer



runs, due to fallen arches and several foot and leg injuries, suffered while completing marathons.

Heather says she hopes she can inspire other people, of any age and who are less sporty or otherwise unfit. She says that Aquatics Horowhenua's pools and fitness activities on offer can be a great start for someone's road to fitness journey.

"Being physically fit improves your general quality of life. The only medication I'm on is for blood pressure, but I think that's just old age-related. I also read a lot too, because being mentally active is also important."

Horowhenua District Council's Aquatics Programmes and Events Supervisor Greg Jackson said that Heather's 88 length swim is an amazing achievement.

"Also, her swim was consistent from the start, about one minute per 25-metre length," he said.

"Many people think once you get to a certain age it's game-over, but Heather is living proof that's the wrong attitude. She's definitely an inspiration."



Rob Fifita-Tovo Matanga Auahi Mutunga

Rob has been employed with Muaupoko Tribal Authority since September 2016 as a part of the TOAM Regional Stop Smoking Service, a MoH purchased service.

He brings a wealth of community knowledge particularly from the Social Services and Education sector, his last role as a Team Leader of Community Services at Life to the Max in Levin.

Rob has strong ties to his Tongan Church, as well as the wider Pasifika Community of the Horowhenua & Manawatu, to increase their opportunities to receive stop smoking support and assist TOAM Matanga to better understand the approach to this group.

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- Information about prescribed medications such as Champix, Zyban and Nortriptyline
- Support options in my clinic community or in your home



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Community Sector Classifieds

THE NEXT ARTHRITIS SUPPORT GROUP MEETING BEING HELD ON MONDAY 8TH MAY 2017@ 1.30PM AT THE LEVIN COSSIE CLUB.

All are welcome so you can learn more about how to manage your form of arthritis and join others with similar problems. The group meets on the 2nd Monday of each month at the Levin Cosmopolitan Club at 1.30pm.

For more information phone Yvonne 06 368 5068 or Carroll 06 368 6255"

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Wednesday 17 May 2017 @ Palmerston North Hospital

09.00 – 12.00, Education Centre

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May/June Horowhenua Events Calendar

May 2017

June 2017

1 Tai Chi 10 - 11:30am Exhibitions May - Large Print Appeal	1 Exhibition June - Matariki (artists not confirmed)
2 Young Parent Coffee Group 10am Guitar Club 4pm Stepping Up: Employment Readiness	2 Cooking Club Youth 3.30 to 4.30pm Salvation Army Band Friday Music, 12pm Yoga 10:30-11:30am
3 Get Set Project Launch Afternoon Tea 1pm Quiz Night 7-9pm	3 Yoga 10:30-11:30am
4 Teen Bookclub 4 - 5pm	4 Youth Week ends Minecraft Club 1 - 2.30pm Coding Club 2.30 to 3.30pm
5 Cooking Club Youth 3.30 to 4.30pm ArtSmash 10am-5pm Geordie and Steve Friday music 12-2pm	5 Queen's Birthday
6 ArtSmash 10am-5pm Kiwis Jazz 1-3pm Yoga 10:30-11:30am	6 Young Parent Coffee Group 10am Guitar Club 4pm
7	7 Get Set 10am-3pm Quiz Night 7-9pm
8 Festival of Stories starts Tamati Waaka: te reo storytelling 2-3pm Festival of Stories lunchtime concert - Kerehi Wi Warena	8 Teen Bookclub 4 - 5pm Stepping Up: Employment Readiness
9 Young Parent Coffee Group 10am Creative writing workshop 6.30pm-8.30pm Festival of Stories concert: Andrew London 12-1pm	9 Cooking Club Youth 3.30 to 4.30pm SeniorNet 2-4pm
10 Get Set 10am-3pm Quiz Night 7-9pm Festival of Stories concert: Glenn Colquhoun	10 Yoga 10:30-11:30am
11 Food trucks, 5 - 8.30pm Festival of Stories: family fun night Journalling workshop 10am-12pm Festival of Stories concert: Steve McDonald 12-1pm	11 Minecraft Club 1 - 2.30pm Coding Club 2.30 to 3.30pm
12 Festival of Stories Taaniko Public Talk 7.00pm Contact Youth Space Fireside Stories, (Foxton and Shannon 6.30-8.00pm) Festival of Stories concert: Radha Sahar, 12-1pm	12 Minecraft Club 3.30pm-5.00pm Ed Suite
13 Festival of Stories concert: Charlotte Yates Festival of Stories songwriting workshop 10.30am-12.30pm Festival of Stories illustrating workshop 10am-12pm	13 Young Parent Coffee Group 10am Guitar Club 4pm Stepping Up: Digital Design
14 Minecraft Club 1 - 2.30pm Coding Club 2.30 to 3.30pm Mary Kippenberger storyteller 2-3pm Festival of Stories finale	14 Get Set 10am-3pm Quiz Night 7-9pm
15 Minecraft Club 3.30pm-5.00pm Ed Suite Social Media Fundamentals, 9.00am-10.15am and 10.45am-12.00pm Social Media Masterclass 1.30pm-4.00pm Tai Chi 10am-11.30am	15
16 Young Parent Coffee Group 10am Guitar Club 4pm	16 Cooking Club Youth 3.45pm Friday music 12-1pm Matariki Karakia, 9am Comedy Cabaret, 8pm Yoga 10:30-11:30am SeniorNet 2-4pm
17 Get Set 10am-3pm Music for Littlies, OMR, 11am-12pm Quiz Night 7-9pm	17 Yoga 10:30-11:30am
18 Stepping Up: Employment Readiness	18 Minecraft Club 1 - 2.30pm Coding Club 2.30 to 3.30pm
19 Stepping Up: Email Cooking Club Youth 3.30 to 4.30pm Harley Pitihira Friday Music, 12pm	19 Minecraft Club 3.30pm-5.00pm Ed Suite Matariki events, from 10am
20 Yoga 10:30-11:30am Ohau Market, Ohau Hall, 9am - 1pm	20 Young Parent Coffee Group 10am Guitar Club 4pm Matariki events, from 10am
21 Minecraft Club 1 - 2.30pm Coding Club 2.30 to 3.30pm	21 Get Set 10am-3pm Matariki events, TT, Children's Matariki Puanga 10:30am Quiz Night 7-9pm
22 Minecraft Club 3.30pm-5.00pm Ed Suite Tai Chi 10am-11.30am	22 Matariki events, from 10am Stepping Up: Computer Basics
23 Young Parent Coffee Group 10am Guitar Club 4pm	23 Cooking Club Youth 3.45pm Friday music 12-1pm Primary schools Kapahaka Concert, MS, 4pm
24 Get Set 10am-3pm Youth Space Bootcamp 3:30pm Quiz Night 7-9pm	24 Matariki events, from 10am Kapahaka Concert & Kai, MS, 4pm Mid - Winter Pool Party, 1 - 4pm
25	25 Minecraft Club 1 - 2.30pm Coding Club 2.30 to 3.30pm Sunday Concert MS 2pm Brannigan Kaa Te Reo
26 Youth Week Begins Peter Leith Friday Music, 12pm GeriARTrics 9am-3pm	26 Minecraft Club 3.30pm-5.00pm Ed Suite
27 NZ Music Month Concert, 10am-2pm	27 Young Parent Coffee Group 10am Guitar Club 4pm Stepping Up: Employment Readiness
28 Minecraft Club 1 - 2.30pm Coding Club 2.30 to 3.30pm Sunday Concert Levin Brass 2pm-3:30pm	28 Get Set 10am-3pm Quiz Night 7-9pm
29 Minecraft Club 3.30pm-5.00pm Ed Suite Tai Chi 10am-11.30am	29 Stepping Up: Skype
30 Stepping Up: Tablets Young Parent Coffee Group 10am Guitar Club 4pm	30 Cooking Club Youth 3.45pm Friday music 12-1pm GeriARTrics 9am-3pm In Vogue in the Village, 7pm-12am Mangaore Hall, Shannon
31 Smokefree Day Get Set 10am-3pm Quiz Night 7-9pm	