



FRIENDS OF TE HORO HALL

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Greetings and welcome to the third *Friends of Te Horo Hall* newsletter brought to you from the Te Horo Community Hall Society Incorporated.

Christmas Special Event! Friday 1st December from 5.30 p.m.

This December, the monthly Te Horo Hall **BYO drinks and nibbles** will be bigger and better and with a festive flare.

Come and see **LIVE MUSIC** and enjoy a sausage sizzle, donuts and *Mr Whippy*!

The Pretty Boys will set the scene, followed by the *Kapiti Brass Band* playing Christmas carols, then *The Brooklyns* from Te Horo Beach will entertain from 7.30pm onwards.

Bring family and friends, plus something to drink and nibbles to share. The tennis nets will be up (bring rackets or use those at the Hall) and if you wish, play French cricket, petanque, pole tennis, quoits, and dance into the evening!

There's no Te Horo Christmas market this year, so help us to make this community event a success - spread the word and save the date.

Te Horo Hall
invites the community to a
Twilight Christmas!
Friday 1 Dec from 5.30pm
Please join us for BYO drinks & nibbles

Music for the evening generously provided by

- ❖ **The Pretty Boys**
- ❖ **Carols with Kapiti Brass Band**
- ❖ **The Brooklyns**

Everyone welcome - bring the children
Try the tennis courts & lawn area for games.

Mr Whippy
Super Hero Donuts
\$3 Sausage Sizzle

Earthquake Strengthening Quotes

The Hall Committee has agreed that a steel portal design is the most cost-effective quake strengthening solution and which best fits the Hall's character. Engineering drawings drafted by *Seajay Engineering* are now with three local building companies for pricing. We hope to have firm costings to quake strengthen the Hall by the end of the month.

One of our requirements in approaching local builders for quotes was to ensure there is room for volunteers to help with the work. Obviously, this will depend on skills and requirements, as well as health and safety considerations. So we anticipate there will be opportunities for the local community to lend a hand with quake strengthening tasks.

For those who may be interested in the detail, the engineering drawings will be on display in the Hall at the Twilight event on 1 December.

Fund Raising Plans

Based on builders' estimates from 2022, the Hall Committee believes it can meet around a third of the cost of quake strengthening the Hall from reserves and past fund raising. However, significant external fund raising will also be required.

Firmer costings for the building work will give the Committee greater confidence to approach potential donors. The Committee is finalising its fund raising plans and some initial enquiries have already been made. This work will ramp up after the Christmas break.

The Hall has not had major work undertaken for some time and several areas are needing attention. Examples include the kitchen area, paintwork and cladding, tennis court fencing, landscaping, and parking improvements. These are all meaningful opportunities for donors to contribute towards renovating and improving the Hall; any one of which could readily align with donor values, skill sets and interests. All of these areas will be addressed over time, however, the Committee has agreed that quake strengthening is the current priority.

KCDC Mayor Janet Holborow has also kindly written in support of quake strengthening the Hall and has commended the community support for this local taonga.

The quake strengthening work cannot start until funding is secured and while it might be ambitious, the Committee would like to see the work commencing around mid-to-late 2024.

Faster, Safer, Tsunami Evacuations

On 19 October, WREMO Kāpiti, GWRC, and GNS Science held a public workshop at Te Horo Hall, on *Faster, Safer, Tsunami Evacuations* for the Kāpiti Coast, focused on Te Horo beach.

The 25 participants heard about the new science leading to a better understanding of tsunami risks along the Kāpiti Coast and the need to prepare for and practice fast evacuations. Coastal maps depicting the latest tsunami evacuation zones were used to discuss evacuation routes and options for walking, biking, or vehicle use – particularly for those with mobility issues.

A tsunami evacuation practice followed on 28 October. Volunteers from the Te Horo Emergency Hub and Friends of Te Horo Beach worked together for a successful evacuation from Te Horo Beach to Te Horo Hall. Some participants walked to the Hall (taking about an hour), several biked (15 minutes) and one drove. Radios were used to communicate with Kaitawa and the Western Otaki Hub. About 25 people (and four dogs) took part and later enjoyed lunch provided by Te Horo Hall stalwarts. A Uzabus returned evacuees back home.



Nga mihi nui.
