



FRIENDS OF TE HORO HALL

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Greetings everyone; here is the latest *Friends of Te Horo Hall* newsletter brought to you from the Te Horo Hall Society Incorporated. As always, there's so much to update you on!

Fantastic Fundrai\$ing!

We are halfway through the Roadrai\$e campaign and the response from our community has been quite overwhelming. So many of you have given up your time and enthusiastically embraced the fundraising as organisers, helpers, and participants. We are struggling to keep up with all the people we need to thank, but we do promise to do this properly in due course.

In the meantime, here are some of the amazing fundraising events since the last Newsletter:

- **Mulch Day:** An Area 6 family donated a truck load of arborist mulch to the Hall and a small group of us helped fill bags and trailers. There's still some mulch left over which has been great for the many returning customers to buy more. Thanks to everyone who took part, it was an excellent morning's work.
- **Penray Gardens BBQ:** The indefatigable Lin McCarthy and her Area 12 team camped outside Penray Gardens during their annual Chilli picking weekend selling sausages and tasty Gilmour vegan patties to hungry pickers. Great work team. Thanks also to *Penray Gardens* for your continued support.
- **Quiz Night #2** followed the huge success of the first quiz night, and this one also lived up to expectations. Quiz masters *Graeme Baumgart* and *Alan Flaws* led everyone through another eclectic tour, this time it was world events since 1914 (the year the Hall was built). Area 11 led the event and who can forget the sight of *Kerry Walker* in a variety of outrageous blow-up suits (seen here with Graeme)! A blast of an evening and Quiz Night #3 is already set for 2nd May. Book online.



Graeme Baumgart and T-Rex!

- **The Great Te Horo Walking Series** has been a particular highlight, with walkers coming from as far afield as Wellington, Levin and beyond. Four of the six scheduled walks have been completed and the weather has been near perfect with up to 70 walkers taking part. Each experience was unique, and a lot of time and effort went into planning and preparing the walkways. Many thanks to *Grant and Jo Robertson* for the organisation and to *Jenny and Peter Askwith* for testing the walks and preparing the descriptions and maps. And, of course, our huge appreciation to the many farmers and landowners who have supported our fundraising by opening their beautiful properties for others to enjoy.



One of many view sites along the walks

- **Garden Lights** was an absolute standout and a clear crowd favourite with a magical lights display at the beautiful *Meadowcroft* gardens owned by *Neil and Avis McInnes*. Running for two special nights, the first night was well attended but word obviously got out as the second night was full on! This has been the highest grossing Roadraïše event so far. Meadowcroft will also feature in the *Te Horo Garden Trail* in November, again in support of Te Horo Hall – more details out soon.



Garden Lights

- **The Caramello Blues Band** put on another popular show at the Hall which doubled as a tribute to the band's late founder, Tom L Brown. The event was also an unofficial fundraiser for the Hall with the Caramellos making a very generous \$1,000 donation. Many thanks to the Band and to all those who enjoyed their show.
- **Kapiti Brass Band** donated their time to entertain an enthusiastic audience at the Hall. After the concert there was a great Facebook post along the lines of, "if you thought you didn't like brass bands you really missed out if you weren't at this concert". The Band were very engaging and the well-regarded acoustics in the Hall added a magnificent tone. There was even some singing along!

Donations and Sponsorship

As well as the incredible support we've received for events and raffles, several individuals have also made direct donations through our website. We are most grateful for this.

Kelly & Co Realty

Our largest donation so far has come from *Kelly & Co Realty, Ōtaki*, who have generously given a \$20,000 sponsorship deal to Te Horo Hall whereby they will donate \$1,000 from each of their next 20 house sales. This will provide a great boost to the community fundraising currently under way. *Kelly & Co* are an established local real estate company and well-known for their community spirit. Hall Chair, Andrew Annakin said "Derek Kelly and fellow director Tracey Savage were keen to support what we are doing at the Hall, and this is a wonderful and timely contribution which we really appreciate".



But Wait... There's Much More!

This Saturday, 27 April, 7pm, we have the big dance at the Hall: *Rock the Night Away* (with Greg Christensen). Not to be missed! We've also been given some great prizes to be auctioned off on the night. So, bring loads of cash along with your BYO drinks and nibbles.

Sunday, 28 April, 10am, is the *Mansell Farm* walk which promises to offer the most spectacular views so far.

And please start gathering up all your attractive but unwanted items and donate them to our *Trash and Treasure* sale that's on Saturday 4 May at 9am (donated items need to be at the Hall on the Friday prior). There's also a Hangi lunch available by pre-order for \$15.

Our new website is proving both popular and useful and most events and activities are now ticketed. Check it out!

Farewell to Jan Richmond

We were honoured to provide Te Horo Hall as the venue for a large community gathering to commemorate and celebrate the life and times of long-term Hall supporter and noted Te Horo resident, Jan Richmond, who passed away recently. Our thoughts are with Jock, Fiona, Tom, Abi and the wider Richmond family and friends.

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