



FRIENDS OF TE HORO HALL

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Newsletter No. 6 – Easter 2024

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.

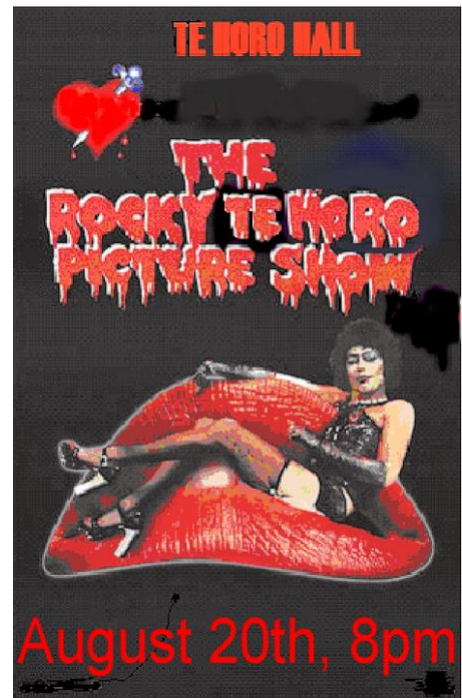
All The Way From America

Long time Te Horo residents may remember a past president of the Hall Society, **Jonathan Woolf**, who now lives in the USA.

Jonathan revived the Society after it languished in the early 2000's and took the Te Horo community on a very similar journey to what we are embarking on now. Jonathan led some much needed restoration work around 2005 and brought the Hall back from the brink as the centre of our community.

Amongst several fundraising drives, Jonathan and his team ran a series of movie nights at the Hall (we still have the cloth screen). By all accounts these were very popular, including a *Rocky Te Horo* night; all the rage back in the day. Some of you have already suggested that we *Do the Time Warp Again!*

An early member of the *Friends of Te Horo Hall*, Jonathan keenly follows our progress. As soon as the fundraising kicked off, he was the very first person to donate. Obviously, the current President just had to respond in kind!



Full-on Fundrai\$ing!

We are now in an intense period of fundraising ahead of the much hoped for commencement of earthquake strengthening works on the Hall. So much is happening it can be hard to keep up. Check out our website to join in on all the excitement.

The overall earthquake strengthening budget has come down slightly with some revised costings, so we now have a proposed budget of \$335,000. If we can raise even more, then we can do lots more to make Te Horo Hall the best community facility we've ever had.

Two very thorough grant funding applications have been lodged with the Lotteries Commission and one to the Nikau Foundation. Applications to other funding agencies are also under way.

Thank You for Coming Along...

By far the most exciting and inclusive part of our fundraising efforts is the Te Horo community and the donations we are receiving from locals and people with strong connections to the area and fond memories of the Hall. Three fabulous events filled our Roadraïše opening fortnight. Many more are planned but here are the brief highlights so far.

A Berry-full Day: Our very first event was blackberry picking at Settlement Road's **Stanmore Farm**. All proceeds from the day (nearly \$3,000) were donated to the Hall. Committee member Deirdre MacInnes who coordinated the event described it as "just the best, an amazing day - and a huge thanks to Kate, Harry and Tim for sponsoring this event". *Stanmore Farm's Kate Gibbs* said it was "an amazing day and broke all previous records. We were so pleased to contribute to such a worthwhile local cause."



Quiz Night #1: The Hall was pumping for this one! A 180-ticket sell-out. Lin McCarthy (organiser and Area 12 road leader) said "it was a great night. The turnout was amazing, and everyone had so much fun". Local quiz masters *Graeme Baumgart* and *Alan Flaws* led everyone through an eclectic world tour of questions, music clips and images. Over \$3000 was raised on the night including from raffle sales.



Many thanks to **Penray Gardens** and **The Soap Box** who kindly donated prizes.

Bookings for the **April Quiz Night**, brought to you by Road Area 11, are now open on our website. Get in quick, tables are limited to 30.

The Long Lunch: Old Hautere Road residents, *Glenda and John Parker*, opened their beautiful garden and kitchen for an outstanding alfresco lunch for 41 lucky guests. The setting was magnificent, and the food and hospitality were sumptuous. The event sold out quickly and raised \$4100. Hannah Chisholm entertained everyone with some glorious singing. Glenda said, "it was lovely to see people from the Te Horo community having a great day out together". She was also quick to praise the many other helpers who made the whole day work so well: Rachel Mason, Sue Stein, Charlotte Boyer, Janice and Garry Rudings, Sonia and Mark Jenkins, Jo and Tim Boyer, and Janet and Alan Cottle. Thanks everyone.



Te Horo Farmers Supporting the Hall

In support of the **Great Te Horo Road Rai\$e Walking Series**, eight Te Horo farmers are giving unprecedented access across their farms for a weekly series of six walks, each with 5km and 10km options.

The Hall Committee's Road Rai\$e Champion, *Grant Robertson* said "farmers were instant and unanimous in their support when approached by walk organisers. They recognised straightaway this unique way that they can support the Te Horo Hall fundraising efforts".

The first walk starts at 10am on **Easter Sunday, at Te Horo Hall**, with a different walk every Sunday thereafter until 5 May at various other local locations. Go to our website for further details (you can book online or pay on the day).

All walks are along farm tracks, very occasionally along short stretches of road verge, and are circular in nature to bring walkers back to the start point, where a cup of tea will often be available.

Cost is \$15 per adult walker; accompanying children can walk for free.

What About This for An Idea?

The Hall Committee are looking for Te Horo 'Hosts' to accommodate guests from outside Te Horo on **Saturday 27 April**. This is the day of the 'Fun Cycle' event, and the evening Barn Dance at Te Horo Hall. A range of 'Sedate Sunday' events are planned for the following day.

Do you have an unused sleepout, studio, or spare room with separate amenities that will be available on this date?

Please email hosttehor@gmail.com if you would like to help or for further information.

Come and Grab Some Mulch

A local family has generously donated a truck load of arborist's mulch to the Hall.

Come and get some for the autumn garden, **Sunday, 24 March, 10am – 12pm**.

Fill up your own bag for a gold coin donation or else \$20 for a trailer load (1/2 a cubic metre).

Meet at Te Horo Hall from 10am with your bags or trailer and follow the directions of our crew – they know what to do!



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