

Hall fundraising continues apace

The Te Horo Hall committee is into its second month of intense fundraising to save and upgrade the local taonga.

About \$30,000 has already been raised through the Roadrai\$e campaign. Along with past fundraising, saving and income, almost \$150,000 is in the kitty – 45 percent of the way towards possible earthquake strengthening later this year.

“The community response continues to amaze us,” says committee chair Andrew Annakin. “We’ve had a great turnout to our events and while we are all about raising money, people are having so much fun along the way, which was very much our intention”.

As well as money raised at events and an increasing number of private donations, Te Horo Hall has received strong support from local businesses who have contributed prizes for events and food for barbecues, as well



as support for a raffle drawn in June.

“This has made our events even more appealing and it’s great to see local businesses getting in behind us and actively supporting this worthwhile cause,” Andrew says.

Kelly and Co Realty has also pledged \$20,000 as a contribution from sales over the next few months. It is the largest sponsorship commitment for the hall so far.

Andrew says the hall committee was grateful for the initial publicity support of Property Brokers Ōtaki, which enabled the development of professional signage as well as advertising and other promotional material to launch and maintain the Roadrai\$e campaign.

Mayor Janet Holborow has personally endorsed the committee’s efforts to save the hall.

At a recent Waikanae Community Board meeting the hall committee said it would be applying for a substantial “once in the generation” grant for the hall.

The Roadrai\$e campaign continues apace with upcoming events including Tour de Te Horo cycle events and a Rock the Night Away dance spectacular with Greg Christiansen.

Then there’s a unique series of walks supported by seven Te Horo farmers who are giving unprecedented access across their land. Hall committee Roadrai\$e champion Grant Robertson says farmers were instant and unanimous in their support when approached by walk organisers. There’s a different walk every Sunday until May 5.

■ *For more information about events, see tehorohall.org.nz*