



## FRIENDS OF TE HORO HALL

### Newsletter No 10 – July 2025

Welcome to our mid-winter newsletter.

**Please support us in continuing our mission to finish the restoration of the Hall. We are currently raising funds for the Re-Cladding, and your support is vital for the next stages of this important upgrade. Get involved in our upcoming events and help bring this vision to reality. Together, we can ensure the Hall shines brightly for years to come!**

As always, things are happening behind the scenes so it's time to update you. Since the April newsletter, in summary:

- A new committee was elected at the AGM on 8<sup>th</sup> April
- Planning is progressing for ongoing Hall renovations
- Fundraising is underway for Stage 2 (Recladding) – save the dates for the events below
- Future projects are being scoped
- A 3-year financial Plan is being developed

#### **BUT FIRST –**

#### **Quiz nights at the Hall**

Following the huge success of the quiz nights in 2024, another is planned for THURSDAY 31 JULY (and hopefully another in August). Form a team (maximum of 8), register and pay via the Te Horo Hall website, \$15 per person. Tickets are available online.

**Register your team NOW!**

Our website has the details – [Click here for your Quiz Night Tickets](#)



## **Annual General Meeting (AGM) 2025**

AGM reports presented by Chair Andrew Annakin, and Treasurer, Matthew Ineson are available on our website [www.tehorohall.org.nz](http://www.tehorohall.org.nz). Several committee members stepped down after significant contributions including Andrew Annakin, Kerry de la Haye, Michelle Papps, Avis MacInnes, and Diane White. Huge thanks must go to all these locals, especially for their work during Stage 1 (Earthquake Strengthening) of the Hall restoration.

Several new members were elected to form the new 2025 Committee:

Bryan Hall - Chairperson (new), Anne Barnett – Secretary (new), Matthew Ineson - Treasurer  
Peter Askwith, Judy Wood, Jenny Askwith, Barb Chatters (new), Deirdre MacInnes, Grant Robertson, Hans Itjeshorst (new) and Nienke Itjeshorst – Engel (new).

*Remember: any Te Horo resident is welcome to attend the monthly committee meetings (although cannot vote). Next meeting is Monday 11<sup>th</sup> August @ 7pm, at the Hall.*

## **Hall Renovation Stage 2**

During strengthening of the Hall last year, it became clearer that the weathertightness must be improved. This was included in the Resource Consent and was part of the original plan, but funding did not allow it to happen before the Hall was reopened. This is now a real and urgent priority. Relevant consents were approved, and new quotes are being obtained for recladding the exterior, insulating the walls and replacing the louvre windows.

Approval has also been granted to replace existing windows and doors in the rear wall of the building, with two sets of glass doors opening out to the deck. This will improve indoor/outdoor flow and enhance use of the renovated kitchen room for many functions, especially on warm sunny days/evenings. It is practical and cost effective for these upgrades to occur at the same time as recladding. WATCH THIS SPACE as we progress this planning.

## **Fundraising for Stage 2**

After stunning fund-raising for the strengthening work, we now need to raise more dollars to complete the restoration. Initial estimates indicate the above work will cost a substantial amount so additional quotes are being obtained, and we are exploring options to stage the recladding project. This will allow funds to be raised over a longer period, restoration to progress in stages, and benefits to be recognised progressively.

The community has already rallied around and so far, this year the following has been achieved:

- In March Stanmore Farm again donated the takings from a day's blackberry picking, contributing over \$2000 to the Hall's fund. Thanks so much to Kate, Harry and Tim Gibbs at Stanmore Farm for their continued support of Te Horo Hall.

- In April Neil & Avis MacInnes opened their amazing garden in Otaki Gorge Road, for a re-run of last year's fabulous night lights garden walk. This raised \$3380 for the Hall renovations. Huge thanks once again.
- Also, a local Te Horo resident has donated \$3000 towards Hall renovations as a thank you for work done by committee members and other locals who undertook a garden makeover! Great teamwork with a very generous result.

Our fundraising thermometer is beginning to rise but more is needed, so more is planned!

## Events Calendar 2025 (SAVE THESE DATES!)

- **Quiz night at the Hall:** July 31<sup>st</sup> - see above.
- **Disco/Dance:** remember the amazing 2024 Disco night? People wanted more so another will be held on the 18<sup>th</sup> of October this year.
- **Car Rally:** Tiki Tour Te Horo is scheduled for October 5<sup>th</sup>.
- **Garden Trail "Beyond the Garden Gates":** after a gap of 6 years the much-loved Te Horo Garden Trail is returning on 15&16 November.



This year 15 gardens have committed to open to the public. Gardens range from those on the coast to Otaki Gorge Road, so vary from colourful cottage and seaside gardens to stylish lifestyle blocks, native gardens, abundant kitchen gardens, restoration projects and a working lavender farm. Something for everyone.

Alongside the trail will be garden-inspired market stalls, a café and information centre in Te Horo's historic hall.

Details will be posted on Te Horo Facebook page (and others), plus the Hall website. So – alert your family and friends, make a weekend of it as this event is expected to make a significant contribution to fund raising for Stage 2. Tickets will be available in September.

Thank you to the Otaki Community Board who contributed \$700 to help promote the Garden Trail.

NB. Volunteers will be needed over the Garden Trail weekend. We'd love your help so please contact Judy Wood 0274996096 to find out how you could be involved. Every little bit of your time will make a difference e.g. welcoming visitors at each garden gate.

## Carparking

In addition to planning more renovations and fundraising, the Committee is working with KCDC on scoping options to Gift or Lease the empty KCDC paddock, next to the Hall, as a community car park. Our next newsletter will provide a progress report.

## Chair's Comment

It was a privilege and honor to be elected as the new THH Society Chair at the AGM in April and like my fellow new committee members we have had to hit the ground running.

Thankfully, due to the efforts of the outgoing committee we have a solid base to build on to move forward and I thank them all for their outstanding contributions. Yes, the Hall is earthquake strengthened, and we are now open for bookings but there is still a lot of work to bring it back to its full glory.

We still need to:

- Resurface the magnificent wooden floors, for which we just got a significant contribution of \$12k from the Waikanae Community Board. Thank you.
- Reclad the exterior walls which includes the renewing of windows and new doors to the rear deck. This is a large project and to spread costs we are looking to take a staged approach to this work.
- Install new soak pits on the western side of the Hall.
- Replace the roof within the next few years.
- Replace the chipboard floors in the extension area of the Hall.
- Complete negotiations with KCDC for 52 School Rd use as a car park.
- Restore the tennis courts as a multi-purpose sports facility.

So yes, there is a lot of work still to come but we can stage this and make it totally achievable and manageable. When this work is completed, we as a community will be leaving a significant community resource for future generations to enjoy.

We are in the process of developing a 3-year financial plan and part of this process is obtaining quotes for future work and recognizing our revenue streams from Hall hire, the cottage, events and applying for grants from appropriate organizations.

It is great to be working as part of this team to help develop, what will be a fabulous resource not just for Te Horo but for the region.

If you would like to help or contribute in any way or have any questions, please contact me or a committee member.

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