



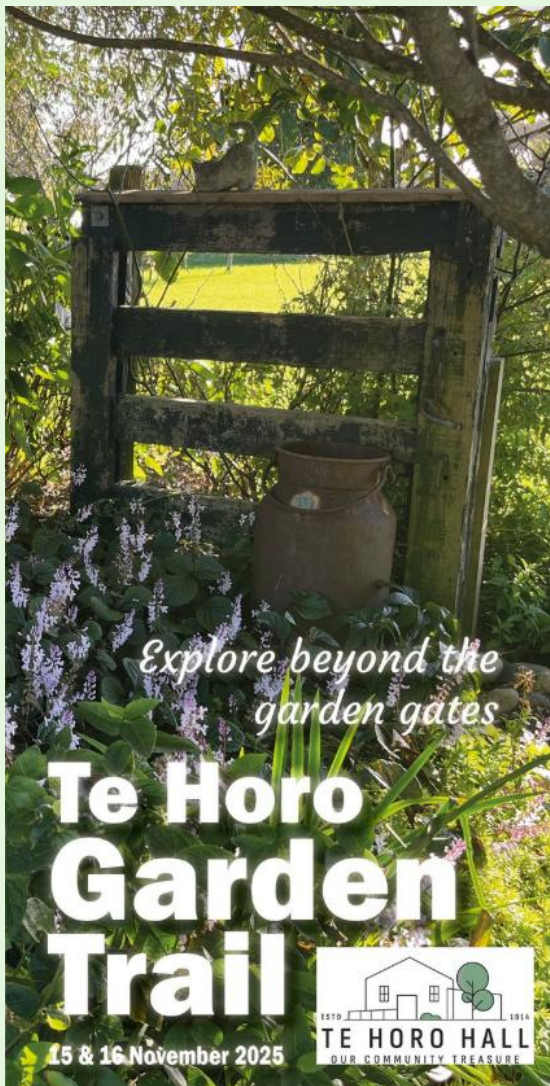
FRIENDS OF TE HORO HALL

Newsletter No 12 – October 30st, 2025

Please support us in continuing our mission to finish the restoration of the Hall. We are currently raising funds for recladding the Hall, 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!

Upcoming events:

November 15th and 16th: “Beyond the Garden Gates” – Garden Trail 2025.



Explore beyond the garden gates in beautiful Te Horo on the Kapiti Coast over the weekend of 15 and 16 November.

Fifteen gardens will open to the public. They range from colourful cottage and seaside gardens to stylish lifestyle blocks. There will be bountiful kitchen gardens and orchards, bush walks, native restoration projects, an apothecary and even a working lavender farm.

Tickets for this self-drive (or cycle) trail are on sale online at www.tehorohall.org.nz or at one of the following garden centres:

- Te Horo Garden Centre
corner Main Highway & Te Horo Beach Road, Te Horo)
- Harrisons Garden Centre (23 Peka Peka Road, Peka Peka)
- The Garden Depot (4 Buller Road, Ohau)
- Watson's Garden (17 Bells Street, Otaki)
- Palmers Garden Centre (99 Saint Andrews Rd, Plimmerton)
- and at the Te Horo Hall on the two days of the trail



Alongside the trail there will be a garden-inspired market at the Te Horo Hall featuring plants, 'pre-loved' garden books and tools, arts and crafts and a café. The trail will raise funds to continue restoration of the heritage listed Te Horo Hall.

Follow the Te Horo Garden Trail on Facebook as we prepare for this exciting event.

Questions? Email:

tehorohall@gmail.com

Ongoing information will be available at:

www.tehorohall.org.nz

A big thankyou to all those who have volunteered to help over the Trail weekend. Judy Wood will be in touch again soon to confirm details. If any others could give a little time either at a garden gate, or helping in the Hall or cafe we'd love to hear from you. Please contact Judy on 0274996096.

December 6th: Graeme James live at the Te Horo Hall.



Graeme James has built a large and loyal fan base in his native New Zealand and beyond with his captivating live shows and unique folk style, performing with the aid of a loop pedal to layer electric violin, guitar boxing in his one-man-band sound.

For tickets:

<https://events.humanitix.com/graeme-james-live-at-te-horo-hall/tickets>

Graeme has kindly stated that \$5 per ticket will go to the restoration of the Hall.

News:

Retro Rewind Disco

The recent Retro Rewind disco night at the Hall on October the 18th was a very successful event again. It was good to see so many locals present. Many people felt, at least for one night, to be teenagers again.

Big thanks to everyone involved, in particular to Kerry and Trudie Cooper and Regan and Elise McMurchie for organising the disco. Many thanks to Deirdre as well for organising the great buffet.



Firewood fundraiser

Some real heroes on the 21st of October doing firewood. We anticipated 4 or 5 loads and that is exactly what we got, so \$1950 for the haul for the Hall funds! We expected to be finished by 1pm, and amazingly it stayed fine until about then, but we finished at 2pm, starving, wet, cold, and buggered!

Peter and Jenny first time firewooders, Deirdre came with smoko and stayed to the bitter end, Hans flat out on chainsaw most of the time, Grant mastering the woodsplitters and Roger was a big help too. The lifting slowly got heavier, we finished with two to a block to lift them onto the splitter! Customers delighted with the wood and the value, gifts of wine and pink earmuffs!

Well done everybody, a great effort, and thanks to Bev Marshal who donated the tree.



Tennis courts

The committee has started some work on the tennis courts. The trees and branches that were damaging the fences have been removed. The net on court three is at the correct height again. The weeds on the courts will be sprayed one of these days.



Car park



At the last Waikanae Community Board meeting of the triennium held at Te Horo Hall on 2 September 2025, Mayor Janet Holborow announced that the KCDC owned land, adjacent to Te Horo Hall at 52 School Road, will be formed into a gravel carpark for use with Te Horo Hall events. Parking has been an ongoing issue on School Road for many years whenever there are large gatherings in Te Horo Hall. The Hall committee are delighted with this outcome. The resource consent for earthworks has been prepared and is currently being processed. The work has been budgeted in the KCDC Long Term Plan and scheduled to start in 2026

Soup Sunday



Soup Sunday at the Te Horo Hall on the 28th of September was well visited. This was a fundraiser for the Te Horo Kilns. People enjoyed their bowl of soup while listening to live music from the band Timberline. With the ceramic bowl they picked in the hand, many visited the Mirek Smíšek Kilns in Te Horo to see the End of Residency exhibition the resident potter Jasmina Vučkovič. Some beautiful stuff.



TE HORO COMMUNITY HALL SPORTS CLUB

While the renovation of the hall is ongoing (the earthquake strengthening phase has finished, but the recladding phase has just started) we would like to make a start with rejuvenating the Te Horo Sportsclub. To start with the tennis courts. The courts need to be resurfaced and the old fencing needs repairs and parts need to be replaced. This will be done after the renovation of the hall has finished. It would be great if they could be upgraded for multisport. Think of mini football and hockey, paddle tennis, netball, bowls and of course tennis. The aim for now is to have lots of community members play tennis and paddle tennis there, and particularly children. I would like to start with social tennis as soon as possible. Summer is approaching and the weather improving. Depending on the interest of we could have an evening of social tennis with a BBQ and drinks (weather permitting), once week or fortnight.

If you are interested in joining us or you know someone who is, please email us at

tehorohall.sportsclub@gmail.com



The late Joe Walker giving tennis lessons at the Te Horo courts in 1998

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A PLEASANT AFTERNOON

A very pleasant afternoon was spent at the Te Horo tennis courts, when a Waikanae team played a friendly tennis tournament against the Te Horo players. Singles and mixed doubles were played throughout the afternoon.

A very enjoyable afternoon tea was supplied by the Te Horo members, and at the conclusion of the day three cheers were given for Te Horo by the members of the Waikanae Club, which were heartily returned by the Te Horo team.

A return match will be played in the near future.



Book the Hall

The Te Horo Hall can be booked for meetings and events.

<https://www.tehorohall.org.nz/bookthehall>

