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History is cool - pass it on

Finding out about your family history has become a whole lot easier with the centralisation of Levin's heritage groups.

The Horowhenua Family History Group and the Horowhenua Historical Society have their own space in Te Takere, Levin's library and community centre where members and visitors can do their research in comfortable surroundings.

A climate controlled room protects historical treasures including books, photos, and newspapers gathered over many years.

The family history group's enviable collection of books and microfiche to help with research fill the shelves in the Heritage Rooms. There's a computer with specialised databases and four microfiche readers to access the microfiche collection of births, deaths, marriages and electoral rolls.

Members of both groups are on duty most days from 10am to 3pm to answer questions and help with research, and for more individual attention newcomers can 'Book a Genie' to get them started or help them over a hurdle or dead end. Beginners' classes through Chalkle were a success and will be held again.

August is Family History Month so watch out for the all kinds of activities at Te Takere, a great time to find out more about the two groups protecting local and family heritage.

In September Te Takere is the venue for a research weekend organised by life member of the family history group Gloy Deadman, which will feature seminars on all aspects of researching your family tree.



The Horowhenua Family History Group's meeting in the open meeting room at 7.30pm at Te Takere on the last Monday of the month, except December, featuring guest speakers. Visitors and new members are welcome. For information contact Mervyn Judge, phone 368 4859.

The Horowhenua Historical Society holds regular meetings and field trips for members and guests. For information, contact Marjorie Law, phone 367 8546.



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