Kete: Telling Our Stories Together
Horowhenua Library Trust
Once upon a time . . .

In a place far, far away, there was a Kingdom called Horowhenua.

And that Kingdom had a great struggle with many of its treasures in peril from vermin and damp . . . and no castle to store them in, nor a place for scholars to come and gaze upon their loveliness . . .
Help us! the town people cried..

- The heritage sector was challenged trying to balance the conflicting goals of access while preserving and protecting.

- The Councillors were concerned as well. In 2002 they commissioned a research report.
Our manuscripts overfloweth . . .

Horowhenua Library Trust worried that:

- Aging volunteers struggled with the backlog of heritage donations.

- The steady stream of donations kept flowing in.

- Some groups had limited storage facilities, but others stored collections in a number of barely suitable venues.
Our people can’t see our treasures..

- There was very limited access to arts, cultural and heritage information.

- No museum or archive, and no art gallery or public exhibition space.

- Several small specialised museums found it difficult to staff regular opening hours.
The Good Knights gathered at the Round

- Horowhenua Library Trust sought a collective way forward that would maximise precious resources of finance, expertise, space and manpower.
And set out to find out the truth ..

We found:

- Lots of material in private hands.
- About half may be given to public collections – but half never will, and may be lost.
- Most is available for loan or copying.
- Lots of information is in people’s heads.
- Everyone knew someone else with more material and knowledge.
- People really do care about arts, cultural and heritage resources.
- Physical space is a real issue.
And great thoughts were had

We consulted:

- Historians
- Genealogists
- Artists
- Students and researchers
- Librarians
- Council staff

We defined the problems:

- There is no ideal solution.
- Which problems could we fix?
- What solutions were achievable?
The Quest

We defined the achievable:

- To get public collections accessible by getting them online.
- To get private collections online too.
- To get the stories out of people’s heads.
- To include both historical and contemporary material.
- To create a ‘virtual’ exhibition space for artists and craftspeople.
- To inspire a workforce of volunteers.
And a pathway appeared in the mist

- A collaboratively built digital library of arts, culture and heritage.
- Images, video, audio, documents, weblinks, encyclopedia-like articles and discussion threads with related material clustered together.
- Contemporary and historical content.
- Had to look gorgeous and be very clever but had to look simple and behave intuitively.
- Self managing and monitoring as far as possible; no layer of library expertise needed.
- Open source and open standards with an online community supporting it.
And the ladies of the town came to labour

Many volunteers came forward to help prepare digital content for Kete:

- Typing
- Scanning
- Transcribing
- Indexing
- Promoting
And it looketh glorious indeed

- Featured Topics are changed monthly, and users can search by Keyword or Browse.
- Online help is extensive.
From chaos came order

- Photos are just one type of ITEM. Other ITEM types are documents, video, audio and weblinks.
- Related ITEMS can be gathered together into clusters by linking them to a TOPIC.
- A TOPIC is an article or encyclopedia entry about any subject, person, place, event or thing that someone wants to write about.
Kete Horowhenua
The stories of the district as told by its people

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Topic: Trevor Heath Photography
Topic Type: Person
Levin Based Photographer
Tags: anzac day, Trevor Heath Photography, Lift Off Levin Hot Air Balloon Festival, Photography, Landscape Photography

My passion is to share my work and visions of this beautiful region.
I enjoy photographing many aspects of the region from landscape to local events.

A huge 3 metre wide print of the image below hangs in the Horowhenua District Council buildings.

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And the Great People were revered
and all people had a part to play

- **Search** by keywords, or just browse.
- **View** linked items and topics and what others have to say.
- **Register** for RSS feeds so you can see changes to records you are interested in.
- **Contact** other people with similar interests.
- **Edit** records by typing in ‘tags’ or keywords to help other people find an item or topic.
- **Discuss** or comment on Items or topics.
- **Upload** new photos, documents, audio or video footage, or find and enter relevant websites.
- **Write** new topics or stories.
- **Link** Items together into meaningful subject clusters.
and new legends are born
And the Kete did Swelland Grow
... throughout the Globe... and people came
And the Town Folk were happy
Help!

Arts, culture and historical sectors

No paid staff available

Limited facilities
A Way Forward

- Inspire a workforce
- A digital library
Features:

community built

variety of formats

informal content

contemporary and historical

open source, GNU General Public Licence

content has Creative Commons licence
**Edward Henry LAW**

**Date of birth:** 15/12/1889  
**Cause of death:** Killed in action  
**Place of death:** Anzac Cove, Gallipoli, Turkey  
**Spouses name:** Unmarried  
**Date of death:** 09/08/1915  
**Fathers name:** Edward LAW  
**Place of birth:** Wairau, Marlborough  
**Mothers name:** Jane McMorin  
**Date of arrival overseas:** 03/12/1914  
**Theatres of war:** Egyptian 1914, 1915, Balkan 1915  
**Surname:** LAW  
**War memorial:** Shannon  
**Place enlisted:** Palmerston North  

**Personnel Details:**  
**Height:** 160lbs  
**Complexion:** Dark  
**Hair Colour:** Dark  
**Eye Colour:** Green  

Occupation: Farmed at Otau Rd, Shannon before he enlisted.  
Next ofkin: Father, Edward LAW, Shannon, also Thornton, Whakatane. Harry’s mother died 28 Jan 1910 and is buried at Shannon. Headstone reads: Jane dearly beloved wife of Edward LAW who died 28 Jan, 1910 aged 40 years. Edward married again and moved to Whakatane where he is buried. Harry had 7 siblings, 5 brothers and 2 sisters of which he was the second child.  

**Previous Military Training:** Shannon Rifle Club 1910-1913.  
Declared age on enlistment: 25 years 8 months.

Any use of this item must be accompanied by the credit "Adopt an Anzac Project"
Memorabilia

Hand of great-niece

Medals

Scroll

He whom this scroll commemorates was numbered among those who, at the call of King and Country, left all that was dear to them, endured hardness, faced danger, and finally passed out of the sight of men by the path of duty and self-sacrifice, giving up their own lives that others might live in freedom.

Let those who come after see to it that his name be not forgotten.

Martin (Jack) Butler was well known in Levin for his home-built plane which he successfully flew in 1932.
“After making several short hops, Mr Butler managed to coax the aircraft to a height of about 300 metres ...”
“After 15 to 20 minutes, Jack’s machine seemed to have a long vapour trail behind it – steam ...”

“Mr Butler recalled throttling back to descend ... but ...
In Jack’s words:

“the wheels hit the beach, the plane bounced and fell back, and the fuselage broke at the cockpit, allowing the engine and wing to fall forward.

“I escaped without injury.”
Unique Visitors to Kete Horowhenua

Feb-07 | April | June | Aug | Oct | Dec | Feb-08 | April | June

The chart shows the number of unique visitors to Kete Horowhenua from February 2007 to June 2008. There is a significant increase in visitors from October 2008 onwards.
Topics: 1,508
Images: 13,147
Documents: 836
Why has it been successful?

- Community: the local, “ours”
- Contribution: people like to help
- Valuable: real work being done
- Easy to find stuff about people and places
- Addictive
Awards

- 3M Award for Innovation in Libraries
- WSA Special Mention for excellent e-content (North America and Oceania)
Kete moving on ...
Version 1.0

- Wiki model of collaboration
- Baskets
- Different levels of moderation
- Themes
Version 1.1

- Privacy controls.
- OAI – PMH repository.
- Variety of licences.
- Sortable search results.
- Bulk importing
... from anywhere in the world!

- Start using it
- Internet access
- A web server somewhere

How it works
Contract the Developers

Katipo Communications Ltd
www.katipo.co.nz

for setup and / or hosting
DIY

Download Kete Version 1.1

http://kete.net.nz
DIY + Help

DIY

then consult Katipo

for help or training once you get stuck

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