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AROUND FEATHERSTON THROUGHOUT THE WEEKEND

- Booksellers Stalls** Saturday & Sunday 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM Anzac Hall
- Country Tea & Cakes** Saturday & Sunday 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM Supper Room, Anzac Hall Complex
- Featherston Saturday Market** Saturday 9:00 AM - 12:30 PM 33 Fitzherbert St

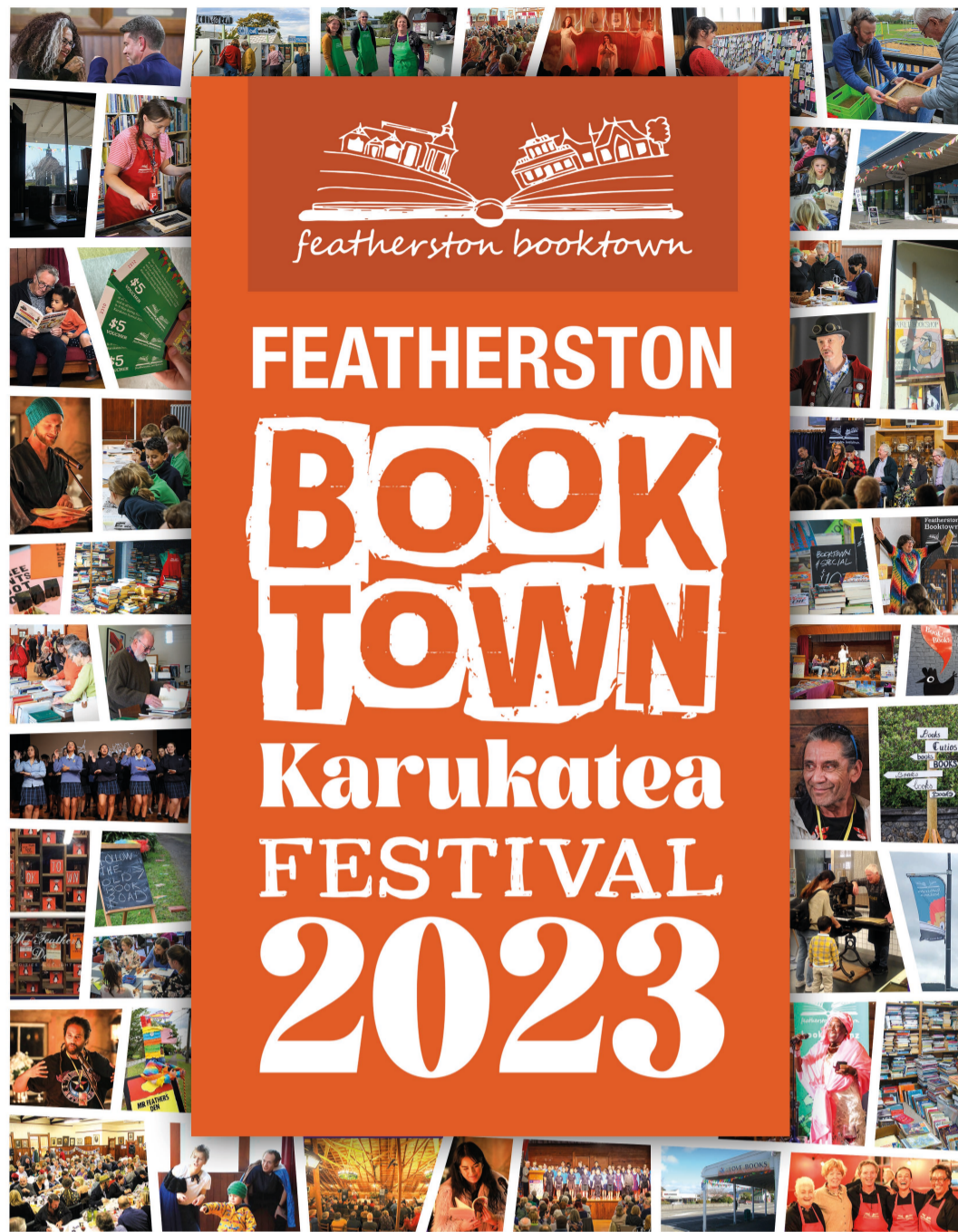
- Sign the Hand-Made Featherston Booktown Visitors' Book** Saturday & Sunday 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM Supper Room, Anzac Hall Complex
- Mini Fell Engine is on Track** Saturday & Sunday 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM Clifford Square (weather permitting)
- Booktown Buskers** Saturday & Sunday, Various Times & Places

Check booktown.nz for the latest on what other events will be happening around town during the weekend.



Scan for Karukatea Festival 2023 tickets on eventfinda.co.nz

Where events are not sold out beforehand, there will be door sales. Discounts for students and seniors with ID will be available for general events. For full details about all our events (including any last-minute programme updates or additions) as well as bios on our presenters, visit booktown.nz



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Welcome from the Chair of the Featherston Booktown Trust

Kia ora koutou

Welcome to the eighth Featherston Booktown Karukatea Festival - where we celebrate books, storytelling and ideas, and the artefact and craft of the book. And welcome to the vibrant and generous Featherston/Pae Tū Mōkai community - Aotearoa New Zealand's Booktown.

This year, our highly popular Festival features 51 events and hosts 101 presenters and literary provocateurs, and 25 booksellers.

A special welcome to our booksellers - including Featherston/Pae Tū Mōkai's seven bookshops. They are the heart of the Featherston Booktown Karukatea Festival.

Featherston Booktown belongs to the Featherston/Pae Tū Mōkai community, many of whom generously volunteer their time and talents to ensure the Festival's success. We are deeply grateful to mana whenua for our ongoing partnership which adds so much to the richness of the Karukatea Festival experience and programme.

I'd like to thank sincerely our sponsors, donors, supporters, Friends and volunteers - Featherston Booktown's Karukatea Festival, Young Readers Programme and our events series couldn't happen without your support.

A heartfelt "ngā mihi" to our Operations Manager, Mary Biggs, and her wonderful team. Thanks too, to the tireless and dedicated Featherston Booktown Board of Trustees - Liz Mellish, Cheryl Gallaway, Mary McCallum, Craig Linkhorn, Dave Adams, Noelle McCarthy (who has finished her term as an amazing Trustee) and Darrin Goulding. We also recognise and celebrate our Patron, Joy Cowley, and Founding Kaumātua, Lincoln Gould.

Enjoy the 2023 Featherston Booktown Karukatea Festival!

Ngā manaakitanga

Peter Biggs, Chair
Featherston Booktown Trust,
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FRIDAY 12 MAY

Featherston Booktown Opening Night
Supported by Creative New Zealand

The Fish'n'Chip Supper
Doors Open: 6:00 PM - 9:30 PM, Anzac Hall. \$45

Enjoy a warm welcome from mana whenua kaumātua Paora Ammunsun and Featherston's school children, then tuck into our famous Fish'n'Chip Supper. MC Liz Mellish guides proceedings and our guest speaker, Guyon Espiner, will entertain us with tales from his many years as a parliamentary journalist, investigative reporter and presenter.

Late Nite Lit: The Mansfield Mash-up
10:00 PM - 11:00 PM, Kiwi Hall. \$15

Writers Redmer Yska, Catherine Chidgey, Sam Duckor-Jones, and Victor Rodger create flash fiction and nimble non-fiction to celebrate in witty and wacky ways the 100th anniversary of Katherine Mansfield's death. Mary McCallum will referee.

Campfire Tales R13 (1)
10:00 PM - 11:00 PM, Waimarie/RSA. \$20 includes a free take-home zine.

Gather round as we chill your bones with four dark tales written for this event by Kiwi horror authors. Take home a free zine with the stories and original artwork by Alex Shatford. Produced by Denver Grenell and Ricky Dey with support from Creative New Zealand.

SATURDAY 13 MAY

Author Spotlight: More Than a Magpie: The Novels of Catherine Chidgey
9:00 AM - 10:00 AM, Kiwi Hall. \$15

Catherine Chidgey is one of this country's leading fiction writers, producing novels that are both provocative and sublime. Her latest, *The Axeman's Carnival*, has been called a 'Kiwi Gothic classic, astonishing readers with its magpie narrator. Catherine discusses her work with Linda Clark.

SATURDAY 13 MAY (continued)

The Two J's: Two Writing Workshops for Adults with Joy Cowley and Jillian Sullivan
9:00 AM - Midday, Featherston Community Centre. \$30

Start the morning with a warm welcome from two remarkable writers with over 117 years' of experience between them before you split into groups. Joy Cowley will share what to do before you start writing and offer hints on writing for children, while Jillian Sullivan will focus on how character and structure drive a story.

Paint it Pink - Gloria Pop-up Installation by Sam Duckor-Jones
10:00 AM - 1:00 PM, Back of the Anzac Hall, entrance via Birdwood Street. KOHA

Former Featherstonian, Sam Duckor-Jones, returns to share his innovative and immersive art. Gloria, based on his new home of the same name in Greymouth, will explode this year's festival with resplendent pink hues and tones, and invite you to reflect on transformation - both artistic and human.

Book Binding Workshop
10:30 AM - 12:30 PM, St. Teresa's School. \$30

Robyn Ramsden shows you how to make a 4th century Nag Hammadi codex. Her design is reusable and the leather will last long after you fill your notebook, but with her written instructions you can make your own at home.

Invasion and Resistance: Facing up to Parihaka
11:00 AM - 12:30 PM, Kiwi Hall. \$20

Remember, remember the fifth of November? Writers and historians Rachel Buchanan, Mahara Okeroa, Richard Shaw, Vincent O'Malley and Chris Finlayson all have different experiences in relation to Parihaka. With moderation by Paul Diamond, they will face up to the the invasion of Parihaka in 1881 and what it means to New Zealanders.

Ōtari: Passion, Plants and Picknickers
11:00 AM - Midday, Waimarie/RSA. \$15

Bee Dawson, author of *Ōtari*, reveals the secrets of this botanic garden dedicated to the conservation of plants unique to Aotearoa New Zealand. She discusses with Penelope Borland the passionate gardeners and botanists who have made this Wellington landmark what it is, and the pleasure it brings to visitors.

The Other Woman
11:00 AM - Midday, The Joy Cowley Room, The Royal Hotel. \$15

Biographer Joanne Drayton and playwright and novelist Renée left their husbands when they fell in love with a woman - explosive events that changed the trajectory of their lives. They talk to Rebecca Hawkes about their new books - *The Queen's Wife* and *Blood Matters* - and what it means to put LGBTQIA+ at the centre of their work.

Get Outdoors
11:00 AM - Midday, St Teresa's School. FREE

Launch a rocket, fossick in a creek, build an epic fort, hunt for bugs or sleep under the stars. These are just some of the fascinating activities Wairarapa author Paul Adamson suggests in his latest book, *Get Outdoors*. Bring the family and gather great ideas for some fresh-air fun.

Exploring the New Book: Substack/Patreon/Metaverse
11:00 AM - Midday, Featherston School Hall. \$15

The internet now offers new ways to read and experience books including Substack, Patreon and the Metaverse. Join one of Substack's Pro deal writers, Emily Writes and Martin Baynton, creator of other worlds in the Metaverse, as they discuss this brave new world with investigative journalist, Mike White.

Print and Paper Fun with Cheryl Gallaway and Rob Kennedy - Drop-in Session
11:00 AM - 12:30 PM, St Teresa's School. KOHA

Pop-up print and paper-making fun! Drop by for a chat, make some native plant paper and print yourself a bookmark with the Featherston Booktown logo using a letterpress printing machine. Casual open workshop. Suitable for all ages and abilities.

