



Programme of Events

2016

From Friday, May 20 to Sunday May 22, Featherston will be the centre of attention for those who sell and love to buy and collect secondhand and antiquarian books. On Saturday and Sunday 21-22 booksellers and dealers from far-and-wide in New Zealand and Australia will have stalls in the ANZAC Hall and the streets of Featherston offering great deals and rare opportunities.

The owners of The Royal Hotel have kindly offered the dining room as a venue, but please note that refreshments will not be available there.

We have three ticketed events - Fish and Chips Supper, NZ String Quartet (three concerts) and Joy Cowley's Creative Writing Workshop. Tickets available on Eventfinda

All other workshops are entry by koha.

*Denotes events especially suitable for youth

Friday 20 May

6.30pm Fish & Chips Supper, with guest speaker, Richard Taylor, co-founder and co-director of the Weta companies in Wellington. Music by The Bush Rangers.
Kiwi Hall, in the ANZAC Hall complex, 62 Bell St
Tickets (\$40) on Eventfinda. **SOLD OUT**

12.00 noon Joy Cowley "the Elvis Presley of Kindergarteners" (San Diego Tribune), reads aloud (1 of 2)*
Royal Hotel, Dining Room, 22 Revans St

1.00 pm NZ String Quartet - Scary Music (2 of 3). Lyrics by Joy Cowley, music by Gareth Farr*
Most suitable for ages 5-12.
Senior Citizens' Hall, 6 Lyon St
Tickets (free for 5-18 years, adults \$5) on Eventfinda
Note price change - Free for children, only \$5 for adults

Saturday 21 May

Books to suit all will be available to browse and buy on this first day of Featherston Booktown while special and related events will be staged at venues throughout the town. Visiting booksellers are located in the ANZAC Hall on the corner of Birdwood and Bell Streets. 10:00am to 4:00pm.

9.30 am Anneleise Hall (The Secret Lives of Sheepdogs) reads aloud*
Royal Hotel, Dining Room, 22 Revans St

10.15 am Michelle O'Connell (The Crossing, Leaving for the Front) reads aloud*
Royal Hotel, Dining Room, 22 Revans St

10.30 am Jared Gulian (Moon Over Martinborough) Blogging as Literary Art Form
Kiwi Hall, in the ANZAC Hall complex, 62 Bell St

11.00 am NZ String Quartet - Scary Music (1 of 3). Lyrics by Joy Cowley, music by Gareth Farr*
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11.00 am PlayShop - 1 hour improvised theatre workshop, based on favourite children's literature (1 of 3)*
Supper Room, in the ANZAC Hall complex, 62 Bell St

11.30 am Antiquarian Book Consultation
Bring your family heirlooms or a curio you found and would love to hear about
Kiwi Hall, in the ANZAC Hall complex, 62 Bell St

1.00 pm Steve Braunias, interviewed by Lincoln Gould
Kiwi Hall, in the ANZAC Hall complex, 62 Bell St

2.00 pm Joy Cowley "the Elvis Presley of Kindergarteners" (San Diego Tribune), reads aloud (2 of 2)*
Royal Hotel, Dining Room, 22 Revans St

3.00 pm NZ String Quartet - Scary Music (3 of 3). Lyrics by Joy Cowley, music by Gareth Farr*
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Senior Citizens' Hall
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Harry Ricketts interviewed by Peter Biggs
Kiwi Hall, in the ANZAC Hall complex, 62 Bell St

4.30 pm Rushing for Gold
Professors Keir Reeves and Andrew Reeves, and Associate Professor Lyndon Fraser present a panel discussion on the new book, Rushing for Gold
Kiwi Hall, ANZAC Hall

Kids Literary Quiz, for all ages
Featherston Library, 72 Fitzherbert St

Sunday 22 May

Books to suit all will be available to browse and buy on this second day of Featherston Booktown while special and related events will be staged at venues throughout the town. Visiting booksellers are located in the ANZAC Hall. 10:00am to 4:00pm

- 9.30 am** Mary-Anne Scott & Joy Watson – Grandpa’s Series of books and Snakes & Ladders*
Royal Hotel, Dining Room, 22 Revans St
- PlayShop (2 of 3) - 1 hour improvised theatre workshop, based on favourite children’s literature*
Supper Room, in the ANZAC Hall complex, 62 Bell St
- 11.00 am** Erin Kavanagh-Hall, editor and journalist, reads her poetry
Retro Back Room, Senior Citizens’ Hall, 6 Lyon St
- 11.30 am** Literary Fancy Dress Parade*
Prizes for winners of pre-school, 6-9 years and 10-12 years
Meet in Kiwi Hall, in the ANZAC Hall complex, 62 Bell St, parading to For the Love of Books, 89 Fitzherbert St
Judges - Kate De Goldi and Penny Griffin
- Bob Francis (A Story of My Town) reads aloud
Royal Hotel, Dining Room, 22 Revans St
- 12 noon** Judy Knighton writes historical romances with feisty heroines
Retro Back Room, Senior Citizens’ Hall, 6 Lyon St
- 12.30 pm** Discombobulated Dogs - a craft workshop for junior fiction readers 8-13 years, led by craft queen and WOW wonder Fifi Colston. Mākarō Press authors Julie Lamb and Anne Manchester will inspire the crafters with readings from their hot-diggedy-dog novels set in the Wairarapa. Koha appreciated.*
Royal Hotel, Dining Room, 22 Revans St
- 1.00 pm** Phillip Percy (Mr Phelps’ Fish Truck, Fairy Knees) *
Kiwi Hall, in the ANZAC Hall complex, 62 Bell St
- 1-4.00 pm** Joy Cowley’s Creative Writing Workshop for Adults - planning a work for any age of reader, the freedom of “telling” a planned story in writing and editing techniques ‘cutting and polishing the diamond’
Senior Citizens’ Hall, 6 Lyon St
Tickets (17 - 20 years \$20, 21+ years \$40)
- 2.00 pm** Kate De Goldi (The ACB with Honora Lee, From the Cutting Room Floor of Barney Kettle) reads aloud *
Kiwi Hall, in the ANZAC Hall complex, 62 Bell St
- Graeme Jupp – Upper Hutt-Featherston Railway:
Yesterday and Today
Royal Hotel, Dining Room, 22 Revans St
- 2.30 pm** PlayShop (3 of 3) - 1 hour improvised theatre workshop, based on favourite children’s literature*
Supper Room, in the ANZAC Hall complex, 62 Bell St
- 3.00 pm** Graeme Carter – the Rimutaka Tunnel
Royal Hotel, Dining Room, 22 Revans St

Ongoing events & workshops throughout the weekend:

ANZAC Hall Complex, 62 Bell St

Country Tea & Cakes (Supper Room, ANZAC Hall)

Mary and Shelley will once again run their pop-up tea shop from 10 am - 3pm on Saturday and Sunday. Take a break from book-browsing for a fresh brew and a home-made cake or biscuit. All profits to the Featherston Booktown Trust.

St Teresa’s School, 63 Bell St (opposite the ANZAC Hall)

Bookbinding (Robyn Ramsden, Jill Rose)*

Paper-craft - paper marbling and origami book art (Meg Prebble & Caron Dallas)*

Paper-making (Rob Kennedy)

Featherston School, Lyon St

Zine workshops (Murtle Chickpea – Sam Dew)*

St John’s Church, 49 Fox St

Fundraising bookfair, both days

Community Centre, 14 Wakefield St

Wairarapa Art Sale

Fundraising for Featherston Community Centre

Fell Engine Museum, Lyon St

Gold coin entry both days

Around town

Forgotten Kiwi Songs of WW1 with David Dell in the ANZAC Hall

Walking tours of Historic Featherston, guided by Porky Sexton - 11am, 3pm both days, setting off from The Royal Hotel carpark, 22 Revans St

Literary Treasure Trails* - collect your clues from Booktown HQ at Featherston Library

Three age groups for children; adult section as well

Cross Creek Railway Society (Mini-Fell Engine) both days - Village Green*

Booktown Headquarters for the weekend are located in the Featherston Library, 72 Fitzherbert St.