

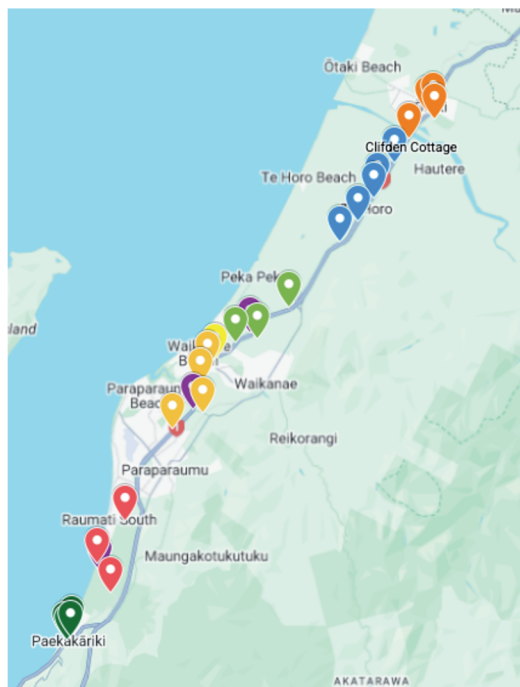


Not all of our stories are written by authors in books. Walk, cycle or run the expressway shared path to **connect story, people and place** with CycleStory!

Learn about our colonial history, quirky happenings, book settings, places of environmental interest and take another look at the cultural history that is already documented in the pou along the way.

CycleStory will be open for a few weeks before the event and a further week after.

As well as learning some **fascinating tales of early Kāpiti**, you can **win prizes**, send in your own **writing** and participate in our **online quiz**.



The trail runs **from Paekākāriki to Ōtaki** with more than 20 storyboards along the way. You can do any part of it, at any time. We have partnered with Ebikes and Mobility to offer **deals and prizes** as well as organised rides along the path. To find out more and download the map, go to our website [www.bookmarkapiti.nz](http://www.bookmarkapiti.nz).



Bookmark Kāpiti is a book festival that **celebrates the people, stories and places** of Kāpiti. The festival showcases our rich creative diversity and includes stories and writing or **all kinds of readers, writers and storytellers**. We have **events in all of the towns on the Kāpiti coast**. Our interactive CycleStory will populate the 'Coast 35' expressway shared path.

Unfold this brochure to find out what's on! **Bring your friends, your kids or moko and dive into a weekend of stories, conversation and learning**. Book your tickets now.



Go to our website to find out more and book your tickets. **Be quick, many events have limited tickets!**

[www.bookmarkapiti.nz](http://www.bookmarkapiti.nz)



Look on the website for **volunteer opportunities**. In exchange you will get to watch some awesome events and wear our cool apron!



**to our supporters**



# Paekākāriki

# Paraparaumu to Waikanae

# Ōtaki

## SATURDAY

### Storyland Adventures | 9.30am–11.00am

Join beloved local poet and performer **Apirana Taylor** alongside the award-winning picture book duo **Sacha Cotter** and **Josh Morgan** for a magical mix of stories, songs, dance, and theatrical fun.  
COST: Gold coin per person  
VENUE: St. Peter's Village Hall

### Speaking to the Land | 12.00pm–1.30pm

Three passionate environmentalists, with very different interests, discuss their mahi. **Lauren Keenan**, **Catherine Knight** and **Robin Peace**. Chaired by Paekākāriki's own councillor and environmentalist – **Sophie Handford**.  
COST: \$20 | \$25 | \$30  
VENUE: St. Peter's Village Hall

### Poetry Readings | 3pm–4:30pm

Celebrate the richness of Kāpiti's literary landscape and enjoy the voices that echo from—and shape—our connection to this beautiful place. Featuring **Apirana Taylor**, **Rob Hack**, **Maria McMillan**, **Mary McCallum**, **Dinah Hawken**, **Maggie Rainey-Smith**, **Madeleine Slavick** & **Sudha Rao**. MCed by **Helen Heath**.  
COST: Koha but you need a ticket (limited places)  
VENUE: The Holtom's Art Studios  
*Sponsored by The Cuba Press*

## SUNDAY

### All words welcome: Open mic | 3pm–5pm

All Words Welcome is Bookmark Kāpiti's very own open mic night with your wonderful host for the evening, **Ingrid Prosser**. Bring your words to share. Any medium welcome. 3 minutes max per speaker. Arrive early to sign up at the door.  
COST: Koha  
VENUE: Finns Paekākāriki

**Key:**  
**Workshop**  
**Rangatahi**  
**Performance**  
**Tamariki**  
**Panel/talk**



## SATURDAY

### Myths and legends | 1pm–2pm

Short readings by local author **Anne Ingram** followed by Q&A producing ideas for children to write their own stories. All welcome.  
COST: Free  
VENUE: Paraparaumu library

### Bookmark Big Night Out | 7.30pm–10.00pm

Music from **Mocean** with guest appearances from **Hinemoana Baker**, **Te Kahu Rolleston** and **Jess Deacon**. Visuals by **Phil Simmonds**.  
COST: \$50 | \$55 | \$65 (limited places, R18)  
VENUE: The Bond Store  
*Sponsored by Valley Audio*

## SUNDAY

### Author Alley | 10am–3pm

**Bookmark's Book Market**. Indulge in a stroll through Bookmark Kāpiti's very own Author Alley. Meet local authors, creatives and service providers.  
COST: Free  
VENUE: Big Mac Slabs

### Being in Print: Publishing | 11am–12pm

A panel discussing indie, professional and self publishing with **Katharine J. Adams**, **Leanna Morgan** and **Anne Ingram**. Learn why they chose to pursue their specific publishing pathway and the pros and cons of each.  
COST: \$20 | \$25 | \$30 (limited places)  
VENUE: Big Mac Slabs  
*Sponsored by NZ Society of Authors–Wellington Branch*

### Queer Rangatahi Ruri Rongoā | 11am–12.30pm

Spend time with Hinemoana Baker reading poems by awesome queer rangatahi, then write a couple yourselves. Suitable for 15–20 year olds.  
COST: \$5 (limited places)  
VENUE: Te Ara Korowai

### Picture This: Illustration panel | 1pm–2pm

Illustrator and designer, **Emma Weakley** and children's book author **Joanne Welch** chat all things illustration.  
COST: \$20 | \$25 | \$30 (limited places)  
VENUE: Big Mac Slabs  
*Sponsored by NZ Society of Authors–Wellington Branch*

### Emerging Spines: Bookmaking | 2pm–3pm

Emerging artists, **Isaac du Toit** and **Alex Rundle-Keswick** share their experiences creating picture books and books as art objects.  
COST: Free but you need a ticket (limited places)  
VENUE: Toi MAHARA

## SATURDAY

### Being a writer | 10.30am–11.30am

Award-winning writer **Philippa Werry** reads from her work, shares her journey as a writer and answers your writing questions! All ages welcome.  
COST: Free  
VENUE: Waikanae Library

### Whakarongo ki te Tai! | 9.30am–2pm

Whakarongo ki te kōrero a Whakarongotai!  
COST: Koha  
VENUE: Whakarongotai Marae

### The Story Inside the Song | 10:30am–12pm

**Jess Deacon** offers practical tools and creative techniques to bring stories to life through music.  
COST: \$28 | \$35 | \$42 (limited places)  
VENUE: Otaihangā Boating Club

### Writing the Past | 1pm–2pm

**Jenny Patrick** and **Mandy Hager** explore the craft and challenges of writing stories set in the past—both the recent and distant. With Philippa Werry.  
COST: \$20 | \$25 | \$30  
VENUE: Otaihangā Boating Club

### Game On! Writing Sports | 2:30pm–3:30pm

**John McBeth** and **Roger Booth**, pass the ball in an off-field discussion about sport.  
COST: \$20 | \$25 | \$30  
VENUE: Otaihangā Boating Club

## SUNDAY

### Your Story, Your Way | 10am–11.30am

Explore simple, engaging ways to begin writing your life story with **Gigi Fenster**.  
COST: \$28 | \$35 | \$42 (limited places)  
VENUE: Otaihangā Boating Club

### Script writing workshop | 12pm–1:30pm

Join **Natala Gwiazdzinski** for some fun stepping out of your writing comfort zone and maybe even surprise yourself at the direction you take.  
COST: \$28 | \$35 | \$42 (limited places)  
VENUE: Otaihangā Boating Club

### First plant some words | 2pm–3pm

Local gardening gurus – **Felicity Joy** and **Ann Chapman** talk about how they cultivate their passions. Chaired by **Hannah Zwartz**.  
COST: \$20 | \$25 | \$30  
VENUE: Otaihangā Boating Club

### Fantasy world building | 3.30pm–5pm

Join **Katharine J. Adams** to learn how world building can shape your story and vice versa.  
COST: \$28 | \$35 | \$42 (limited places)  
VENUE: Otaihangā Boating Club

## SATURDAY

### Te Whānau Moana | 10am–11am

Come and listen to the author of *Te Whānau Moana*, *Te Whānau Pāmu* and *Te Whānau Weriweri*, **Marie Waaka**, as she shares her experience of becoming an author.  
COST: Free but you need to register  
VENUE: Ngā Purapura (limited places)

### Te Key to your Ora | 10am & 11.30am

Paint your words onto a t-shirt, alongside a printed piece of **Hori** activism and wear your new threads out into Ōtaki. Hori's kōrero will focus on helping you identify the kupu or words that describe your harikoa or happiness.  
COST: \$10 BYO t-shirt; \$20 t-shirt provided  
VENUE: The Arcade, Ōtaki (limited places)

### Time-travel in Aotearoa | 2:30pm–3:30pm

**Lauren Keenan** reads from her awesome time-travel adventure series starring Amorangi and Millie. You'll have the chance to ask questions and maybe even do a bit of writing! This is an event for all ages. Nau mai, haere mai!  
COST: Free  
VENUE: Ōtaki Library

## SUNDAY

### Voices of Kapiti workshop | 2pm–3.30pm

Join acclaimed poet and performer **Te Kahu Rolleston** for a workshop where you'll craft and perform your own powerful spoken word piece inspired by your connection to Kāpiti. For rangatahi aged 13–18!  
COST: \$5 (limited places)  
VENUE: The Arcade, Ōtaki.

### Voices of Kapiti showcase | 4pm–5pm

Come and experience the power, passion, and creativity of Kāpiti's young voices in this vibrant spoken word performance. Guided by acclaimed poet **Te Kahu Rolleston**, rangatahi aged 13–18 take the stage to share original pieces that reflect their stories, identities, and connections to place.  
COST: Koha but you need a ticket (limited places)  
VENUE: The Arcade, Ōtaki.

**For more information and tickets, go to our website:**

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