

Bookmark Kāpiti

2026

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Autumn Newsletter

Kia ora Bookmark whānau

After our successful 2025 festival, we have considered, consulted and decided on our direction going forward. As a result we have:

- Decided on a biennial (every other year) major festival;
- Identified some events for the alternate year; and
- Set up a charitable trust for our activities.

In February we hosted a successful retreat where 22 writers spent a weekend with Pip Adam – learning, sharing and writing. It was very well received and we are likely to repeat it once or twice a year. Go to our website to read more about how the weekend worked and sign up for a future retreat.

A lovely weekend to connect with my writing and with other writers. Pip inspired us with her exercises while leaving us space to be.

The laughter and relaxed setting belied the depth of work taking place - Penny

We have collaborated with WEA Kāpiti to curate a series of five talks which we can't wait to share with you. From historical writing to film, medicine, crime and Kāpiti's role in Te Tiriti. You can see the programme on our website. Be in quick as numbers are limited.

Kapiti Readers and Writers Autumn Series

Waikanae Presbyterian Church. Five Wednesday afternoons from 22 April to 20 May. <https://tinyurl.com/4ucrham>s

Following on from Author Alley we are going to run a larger book market and associated events. This event is another one we hope to put on the calendar every year. If you wish to be part of this, get in touch now!

Bookmark Bookish Book Market

Writers, publishers, book sellers, book swap, performances, workshops, events for children. <https://www.bookmarkapiti.nz>

Got an idea for an event? Or a book getting published? Or something to add to our 2027 festival? Email us at the address below.

Ngā mihi mahana – Kirsten and Keryn – Trustees

Calendar Dates

**22 April–20 May, Wednesday
2–4.30pm: Kāpiti Readers &
Writers Autumn Series.**

**6 June: Bookmark Bookish
Book Market. 10am–4pm
Waikanae Memorial Hall.**



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