

CHECK IT OUT

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Manawatū Community Hub Libraries (MCHL) provides services at Te Āhuru Mōwai and satellite locations for the community and visitors.

Welcome | Haere mai

Welcome to the third edition of Check It Out, the bi-monthly newsletter from Manawatū Community Hub Libraries. We are delighted to share the latest updates, event news, and helpful information to enhance your experience.

The MCHL team is thrilled to witness so many individuals participating in our workshops, term-time programmes, and our upcoming school holiday activities. We look forward to providing you with more engaging and enjoyable experiences in the coming months.



Feilding and District Information Centre

The Feilding and District Information Centre is now open six days a week here with us at Te Āhuru Mōwai, 64 Stafford Street, Feilding. It's your ultimate destination for local information, brochures, maps, and travel booking assistance. Whether you're a resident or a visitor, our welcoming Manawatū Community Hub Libraries team is ready to help you. This is your go-to spot for everything you need to know about our stunning region.

What we offer:

- **Brochures & Maps:** Grab brochures and maps to plan your adventures in Feilding and the wider Manawatū District.
- **Local Insights:** Our friendly MCHL team is here to provide you with the best recommendations for attractions, dining, shopping, and much more.
- **Travel Bookings:** Need assistance with coach, ferry, or train tickets? We've got you covered.

For further details, scan the QR code or visit mchl.co.nz. If you require help during your visit, don't hesitate to ask a staff member for assistance.



Checkmate, Pokémon fans. Come make your move!

Manawatū Community Hub Libraries has introduced a unique Pokémon-themed chess set, created by the MCHL Makerspace team. Using 3D printing, laser cutting, and creative design, the set features distinct base shapes for each piece, such as circular pawns and octagonal rooks, making gameplay easier.


The set is available for use in the library, and a reference key is provided for easy piece identification. This Pokémon-themed set provides a digital escape while reconnecting with a classic pastime. MCHL staff are available to guide new players through a game of chess.



STAR WARS



SAVE THE DATE!
SUNDAY, MAY 4TH 2025

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Te Āhuru Mōwai

Celebrate Star Wars Day at the Manawatū Community Hub Libraries on **Sunday, May 4th, from 10:00am to 1:00pm** at Te Āhuru Mōwai, 64 Stafford Street, Feilding. Enjoy a galaxy of fun with activities for all ages, including **lightsaber building**, a **VR dojo**, **lightsaber fencing** with the Palmerston North Knights, **lego race**, **raffle**, **scavenger hunt**, **photo opportunities**. Get creative with character lanterns, badges, and themed **crafts** like lightsaber earrings, pillowcases, and tote bags. Please note that some of these craft activities require booking and have a small charge.

Scan the QR code or visit www.mchl.co.nz for more info and to book activities. **May the 4th be with you!**



Looking for something fun and social to enjoy with friends or perhaps planning a thoughtful Mother's Day gift?

Floral Workshop

Hosted by Flower Hut, Feilding



Create a hand-tied bouquet with fresh flowers. All materials provided. BYO Secateurs
Saturday 3 May, 12pm–2pm
Tickets \$70/pp

Held at Manawatū Community Hub Libraries
Te Āhuru Mōwai, 64 Stafford Street, Feilding

Scan the QR code or ask a MCHL staff member at the front counter to book a space.

→ BOOK NOW



What's On Calendar Spotlight

**Free! Children's
Writing Workshop
with Authors Paul
Beavis and Dean
Yipadee**

Start Date: Sunday,
April 27, 2025

Time: 1:00pm–
2:00pm

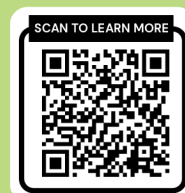
**Shaolin Kung Fu
Women's Self
Defence course**

Four sessions are
available –
\$10.00 per
session

Held on
Wednesday April
30th, May 7th,
14th and 21st
from 7pm–8pm.
(Ages 16+)

**Manawatū
Multicultural
Council
Community
Connectors
Drop-In Session**

Monday, 19 May
2025 10:00am –
1:00pm. Support
and guidance to
newcomers in
the area.



MCHL Highlights



Felonies in Feilding

2025 MYSTERY IN THE LIBRARY SERIES

Thursday, 1 May 2025

6:00pm – 8:00pm

Location: Te Āhuru Mōwai, 64 Stafford Street, Feilding

Free book lovers' event!



FREE
EVENT

Join us for a thrilling night of **Mystery in the Library**, as some of New Zealand's finest crime and mystery authors gather for a special panel event. Featuring Feilding's own **Patricia Dunmore**, launching her gripping new thriller *Human Error*, alongside fellow Manawātū writers **Gigi Fenster** and **Bing Turkby**. They'll be joined by the enigmatic 'Bookshop Detectives' and #1 NZ bestsellers **Gareth and Louise Ward**, visiting from Hawke's Bay.

Enjoy fascinating insights into their books, writing processes, and the art of crafting a great mystery, followed by a lively Q&A session. Refreshments will be provided.

Please RSVP: mchl.bookings@mdc.govt.nz



A Glimpse into History Digital Resource

This photograph shows ANZAC Day in Feilding in 1942, capturing a moment of remembrance for the soldiers who fought and fell in wars around the world. The tradition of gathering for ceremonies, and parades, remains strong today, with communities. To see a complete listing of the Anzac commemorations around the District scan here.



Findmypast offers a **searchable online archive** with over 10 billion records from around the world. This includes parish and school records, census data, migration records, and military documents. Findmypast is available for in-library use only via www.mchl.co.nz digital library section. If you need assistance, please don't hesitate to ask a MCHL staff member.



Fun and Learning For All Ages!

There's plenty to enjoy for term two.

Paw for Reading (Age 5+)

Mondays 3.30 – 4.30pm

Bookings via email

mchl.bookings@mdc.govt.nz

Minecraft (Age 8+)

Monday 3.30 – 4.30pm

Bookings Essential

Crafternoons (Age 8+)

Tuesdays 3.30 – 4.30pm

Bookings Essential

Lego Club (Age 5+)

Thursdays 3.30 – 4.30pm

No Bookings Required

Coding Club (Age 12+)

Fridays 3.30 – 4.30pm

Bookings Essential

Ask a MCHL staff member at the front counter to book a space or visit www.mchl.co.nz/whats-on



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MCHL Highlights



Staff Profile

Morgan Goodwin is a Library Hub Specialist at Manawātū Community Hub Libraries, having joined the team four months ago. With a background in healthcare and community support, she brings valuable experience to her role. Before MCHL, Morgan worked as a healthcare assistant and in community support, helping individuals with mental health challenges and disabilities, particularly enjoying working with young people.

She holds a Mental Health and Well-Being Support Work Certificate and aims to use her skills to develop support groups and friendly connections within the community hub’s programmes.

Originally from Feilding, Morgan spent a year in Germany, where she became fond of the German greeting "Guten Morgen," similar to her name. She enjoys creating welcoming spaces for others, particularly those who may feel overlooked or unheard. Morgan is committed to helping others reconnect in personal ways. Outside of work, she enjoys crocheting, drawing, tattoos, and gardening, with a growing collection of indoor plants. Her cat, Kova, is a big part of her life. Morgan’s enthusiasm, people skills, and dedication to community make her a valued member of the MCHL team. Stop by and say hello when you visit the Hub.



On the Same Page Book Club

Our morning book club is a warm and friendly gathering where newcomers are encouraged to join and feel right at home.

Come join us on the first Tuesday of the month from 10:30am – 11:30am. Held here at Te Āhuru Mōwai, 64 Stafford Street, Feilding.



Between the Covers Book Club

Our evening book club is a chatty group where new faces are always welcome and blending in is a breeze.

The book club starts at 5:15pm – 6:30pm on the last Wednesday of every month at Te Āhuru Mōwai, 64 Stafford Street, Feilding.



DONATE SPORTS EQUIPMENT FOR PLAY

QUALITY, GENTLY USED, AND CLEAN GEAR

Items received during open hours:
Manawātū Community Hub Libraries
Te Āhuru Mōwai
64 Stafford St. Feilding





1 Bag \$3.20

5-Pack \$16.00

You can purchase rubbish bags individually or as a 5-pack at the front counter of Manawātū Community Hub Libraries at Te Āhuru Mōwai.

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