



# *Kete: Telling Our Stories Together*

*Horowhenua Library Trust*



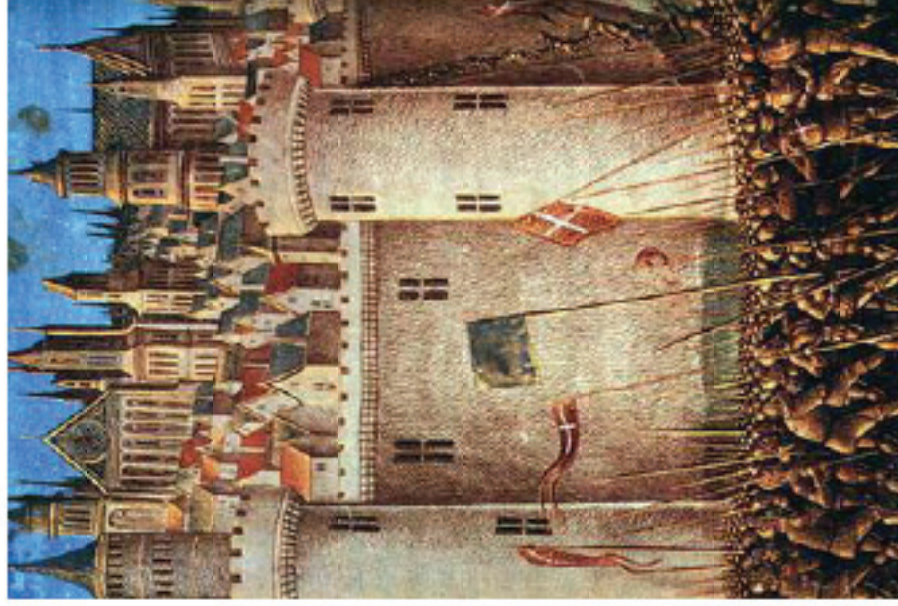
# *Once upon a time . . .*

In a place far, far away, there was a Kingdom called  
Horowhenua.

And that Kingdom had a great struggle with many of  
its treasures in peril from vermin and damp ... and  
no castle to store them in, nor a place for scholars to  
come and gaze upon their loveliness ....

# *Help us ! the town people cried ..*

- The heritage sector was challenged trying to balance the conflicting goals of access while preserving and protecting.
- The Councillors were concerned as well. In 2002 they commissioned a research report.



# *Our manuscripts overfloweth . . .*

Horowhenua Library

Trust worried that:

- Aging volunteers struggled with the backlog of heritage donations.
- The steady stream of donations kept flowing in.
- Some groups had limited storage facilities, but others stored collections in a number of barely suitable venues.





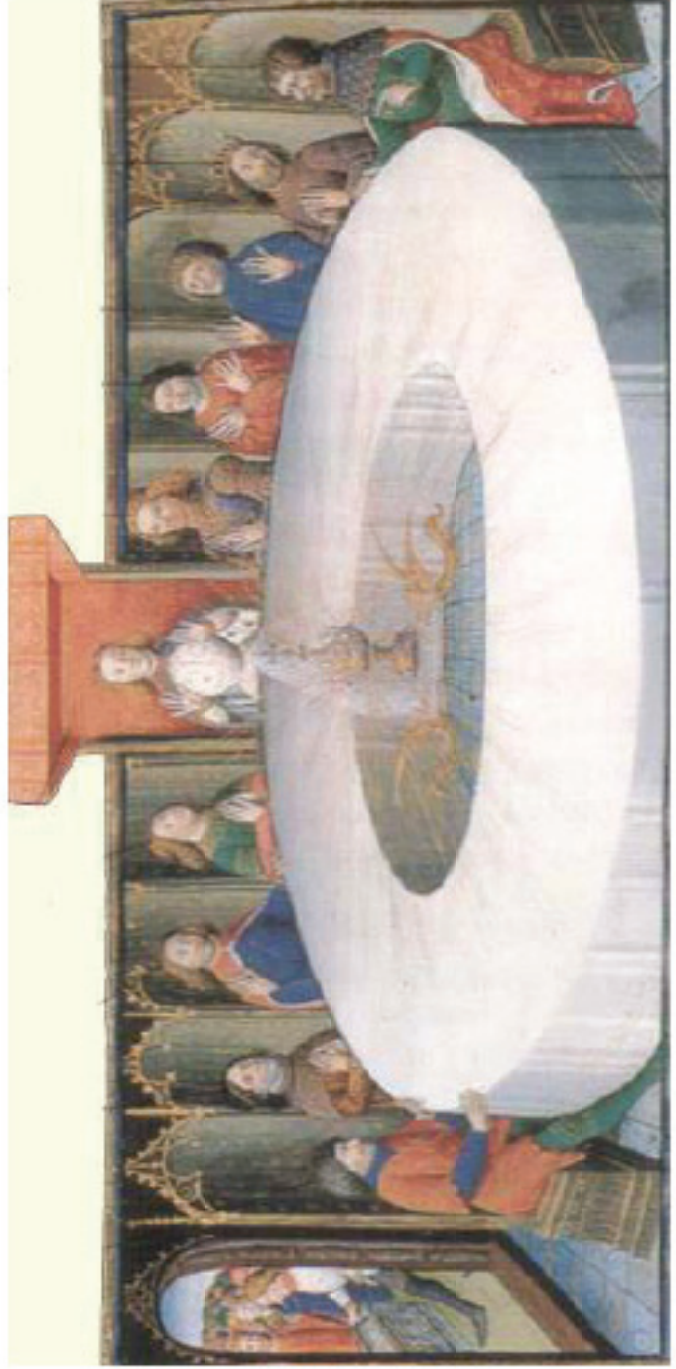
# *Our people can't see our treasures ..*

- **There was very limited access to arts, cultural and heritage information.**
- **No museum or archive, and no art gallery or public exhibition space.**
- **Several small specialised museums found it difficult to staff regular opening hours.**



# The Good Knights gathered at the Round

- Horowhenua Library Trust sought a collective way forward that would maximise precious resources of finance, expertise, space and manpower.



# And set out to find out the truth ..

## **We found:**

- Lots of material in private hands.
- About half may be given to public collections – but half never will, and may be lost.
- Most is available for loan or copying.
- Lots of information is in people's heads.
- Everyone knew someone else with more material and knowledge.
- People really do care about arts, cultural and heritage resources.
- Physical space is a real issue.





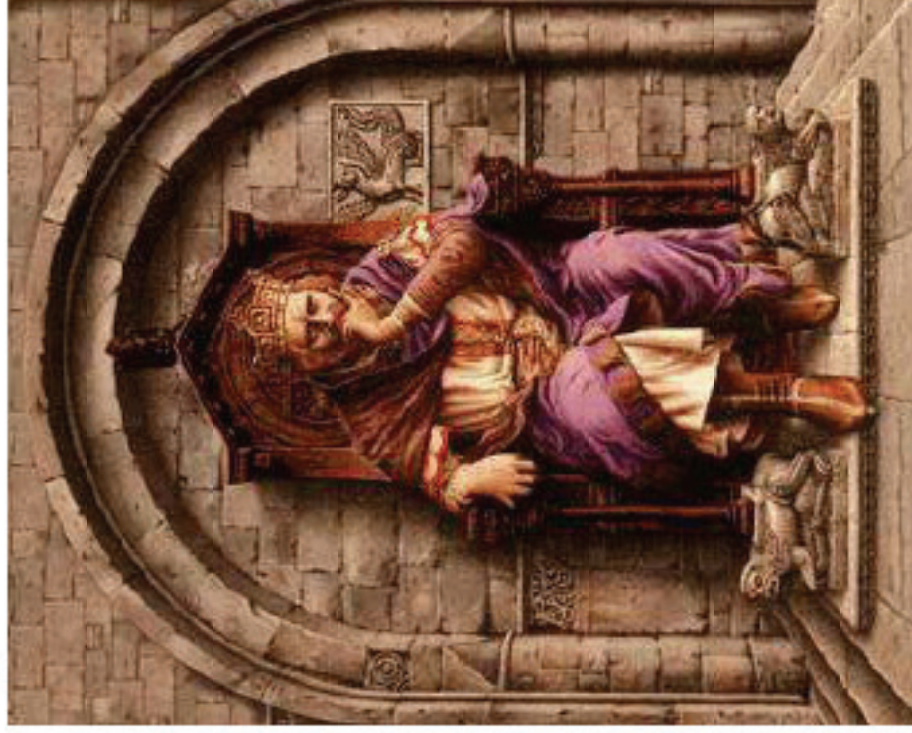
# *And great thoughts were had*

## **We consulted :**

- Historians
- Genealogists
- Artists
- Students and researchers
- Librarians
- Council staff

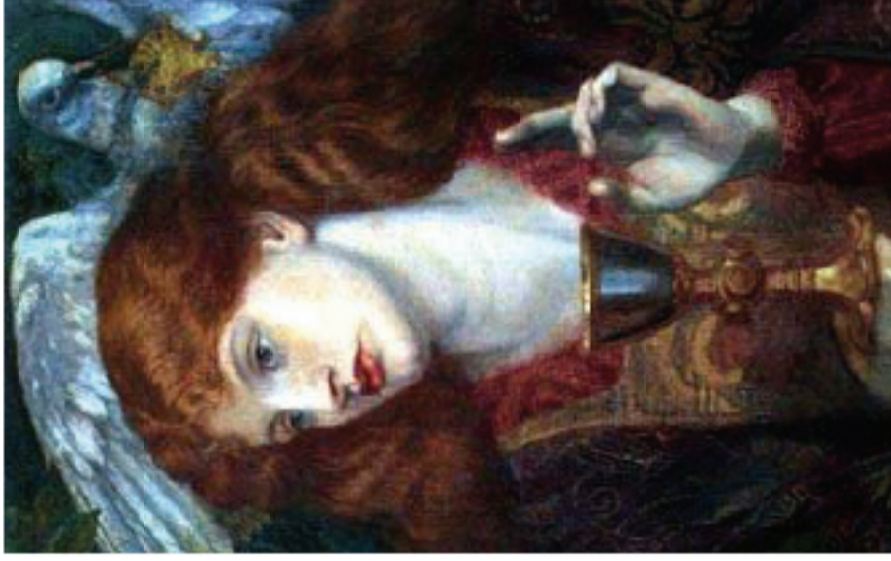
## **We defined the problems:**

- There is no ideal solution.
- Which problems could we fix?
- What solutions were achievable?





# The Quest



We defined the achievable:

- To get public collections accessible by getting them online.
- To get private collections online too.
- To get the stories out of people's heads.
- To include both historical and contemporary material.
- To create a 'virtual' exhibition space for artists and craftspeople.
- To inspire a workforce of volunteers.



# *And a pathway appeared in the mist*

- **A collaboratively built digital library of arts, culture and heritage.**
- **Images, video, audio, documents, weblinks, encyclopedia-like articles and discussion threads with related material clustered together.**
- **Contemporary and historical content.**
- **Had to look gorgeous and be very clever but had to look simple and behave intuitively.**
- **Self managing and monitoring as far as possible; no layer of library expertise needed.**
- **Open source and open standards with an online community supporting it.**



# And the ladies of the town came to labour

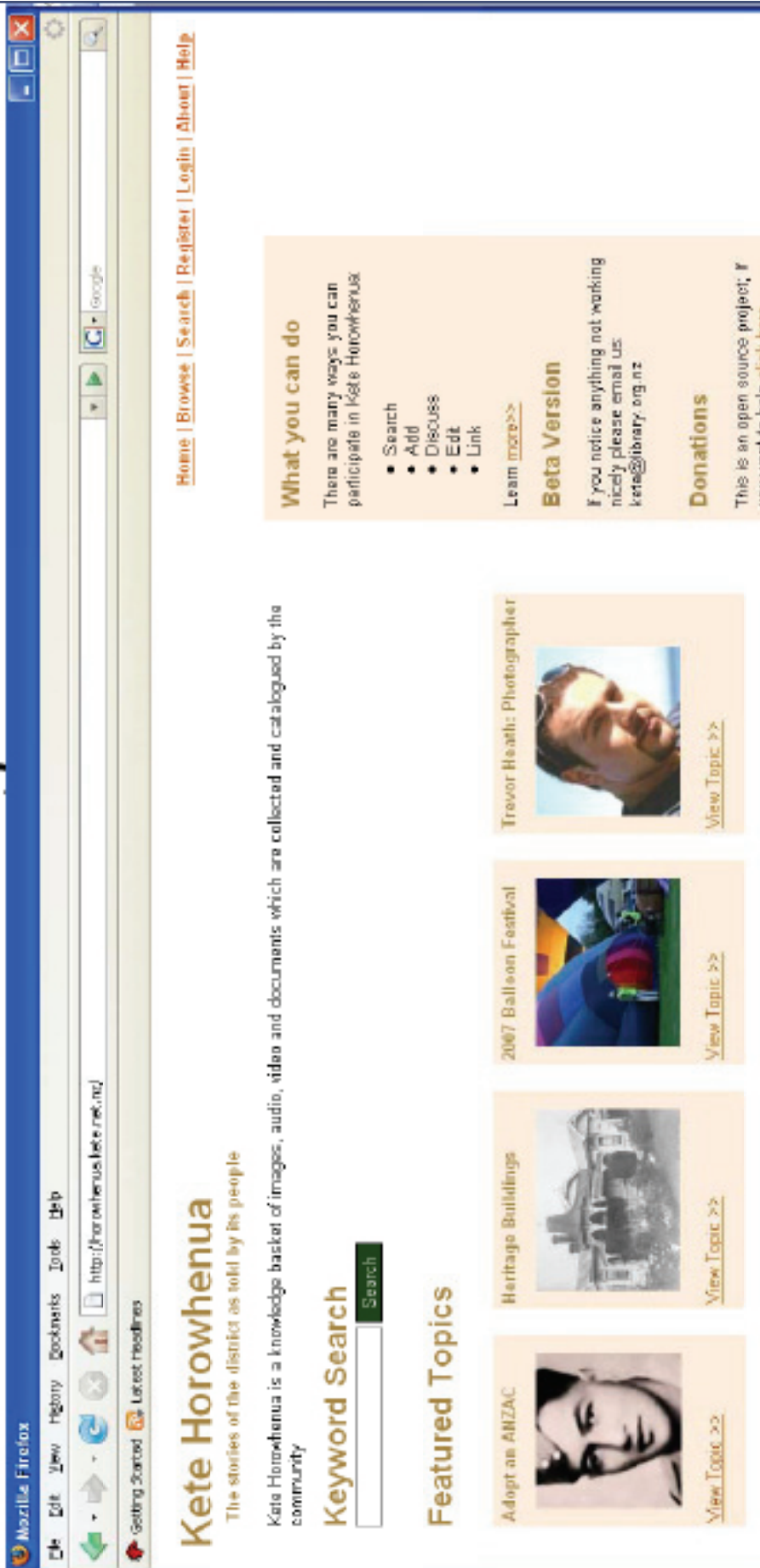


Many volunteers came forward to help prepare digital content for Kete:

- Typing
- Scanning
- Transcribing
- Indexing
- Promoting



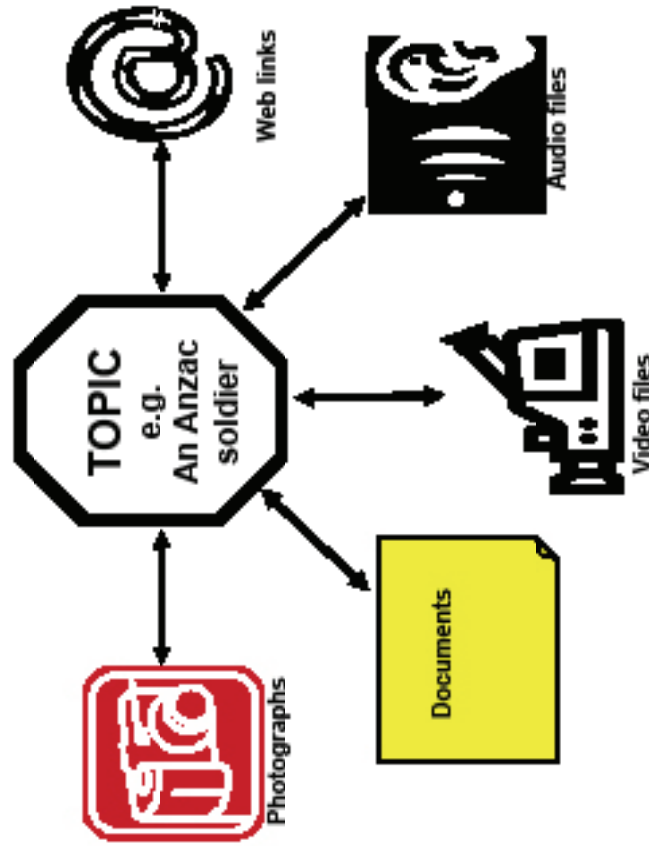
*And it looketh glorious indeed*



- **Featured Topics are changed monthly, and users can search by Keyword or Browse.**
- **Online help is extensive.**

# From chaos came order

- Photos are just one type of ITEM. Other ITEM types are documents, video, audio and weblinks.
- Related ITEMS can be gathered together into clusters by linking them to a TOPIC.
- A TOPIC is an article or encyclopedia entry about any subject, person, place, event or thing that someone wants to write about.



# Topic F

- Topic pages are created with a text editor.
- They can be plain text, or extensively formatted and illustrated.

## Kete Horowhenua

The stories of the district as told by its people

[← Back to Kete Homes](#)

### Topic: Trevor Heath Photography

Topic Type: Person

Levin Based Photographer

Tags: [anzac day](#), [Trevor Heath Photography](#), [Lt. Col. Levin Hor. Air Balloon Fiesta](#), [Photography](#), [Landscape Photography](#)

*My passion is to share my work and visions of this beautiful region. I enjoy photographing many aspects of the region from landscape to local events.*

A huge 3 metre wide print of the image below hangs in the Horowhenua District Council building.

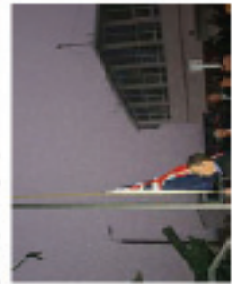


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Trevor created this page with no assistance from us.

and then we had to ask him how to use **OUR** Kete so successfully!!!



# And the Great People were revered

## Topic: Francis Swanwick (Corrie)

Topic Type: Person - genealogy

Corrie was a local identity, and Levin's unofficial his daughter Janice has authorised for use on Kete Heron



Corrie researched and wrote a book, but were out

**Linked and link display**



## Francis Swanwick (Corrie)

Date of birth:	23/12/1910
Occupation:	Nurseryman
Last known residence:	Wilton Street, Levin the Levin War Veterans Home.
Place of death:	Levin
Spouses name:	Lillian Helena Pickering
Date of death:	15/08/2005
Spouses place of death:	Levin
Children:	Janice
Fathers name:	Frank Swanwick
Fathers place of birth:	Lawrence (St) Island, NZ
Place of birth:	Levin
Mothers name:	Dora
Siblings:	Lilian
Alias:	Corrie
Awards:	Levin Borough Council Civic Honour Award, 1984, for outstanding contribution to the town's history. Horowhenua County Council plaque, 1985, for his help with the centennial celebrations.

... and which his ... were never published as PDF files along

[Public](#) | [Inappropriate](#)

## Other Kete Users have linked this topic

Images (4)



Topics (6)

- [Lillian Helena Swanwick \(0.0\)](#)
  - [Swanwick Stones](#)
  - [Lilian Stanley](#)
  - [Corrie Swanwick Funeral](#)
  - [Scott Farm, Invercargill - probably after 1915](#)
  - [Add related topic](#)
  - [Link to related topic](#)
- Documents (9)
- [Mentioned by school student](#)
  - [Interview transcript](#)

Done



Francis Swanwick (Co... | Kate Bechtle VI - N...

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## *and all people had a part to play*



- **Search** by keywords, or just browse.
- **View** linked items and topics and what others have to say.
- **Register** for RSS feeds so you can see changes to records you are interested in.
- **Contact** other people with similar interests.
- **Edit** records by typing in 'tags' or keywords to help other people find an item or topic.
- **Discuss** or comment on Items or topics.
- **Upload** new photos, documents, audio or video footage, or find and enter relevant websites.
- **Write** new topics or stories.
- **Link** Items together into meaningful subject clusters.

# and new legends are born

## Choose a topic type

Type of Topic?

- General
- Person
- Artist
- Person - genealogy
- Service man
- Place
- Event**
- Structure
- Organisation
- School
- Collection

[Cancel](#) | [help](#)

## New topic

Title:

Short Summary:

Description:

Tags (separated by commas):

Date:  Could be a date range as YYYY-MM-DD

Location:  A street address or a general locality

Web site:

Contact email address:



# And the Kete did Swelland Grow



... throughout the Globe  
... and people came



*And the Town Folk were happy*





*and everyone lived happily ever after.*



*The End*

# Help!

- Arts, culture and historical sectors struggling
- No paid staff available
- Limited facilities



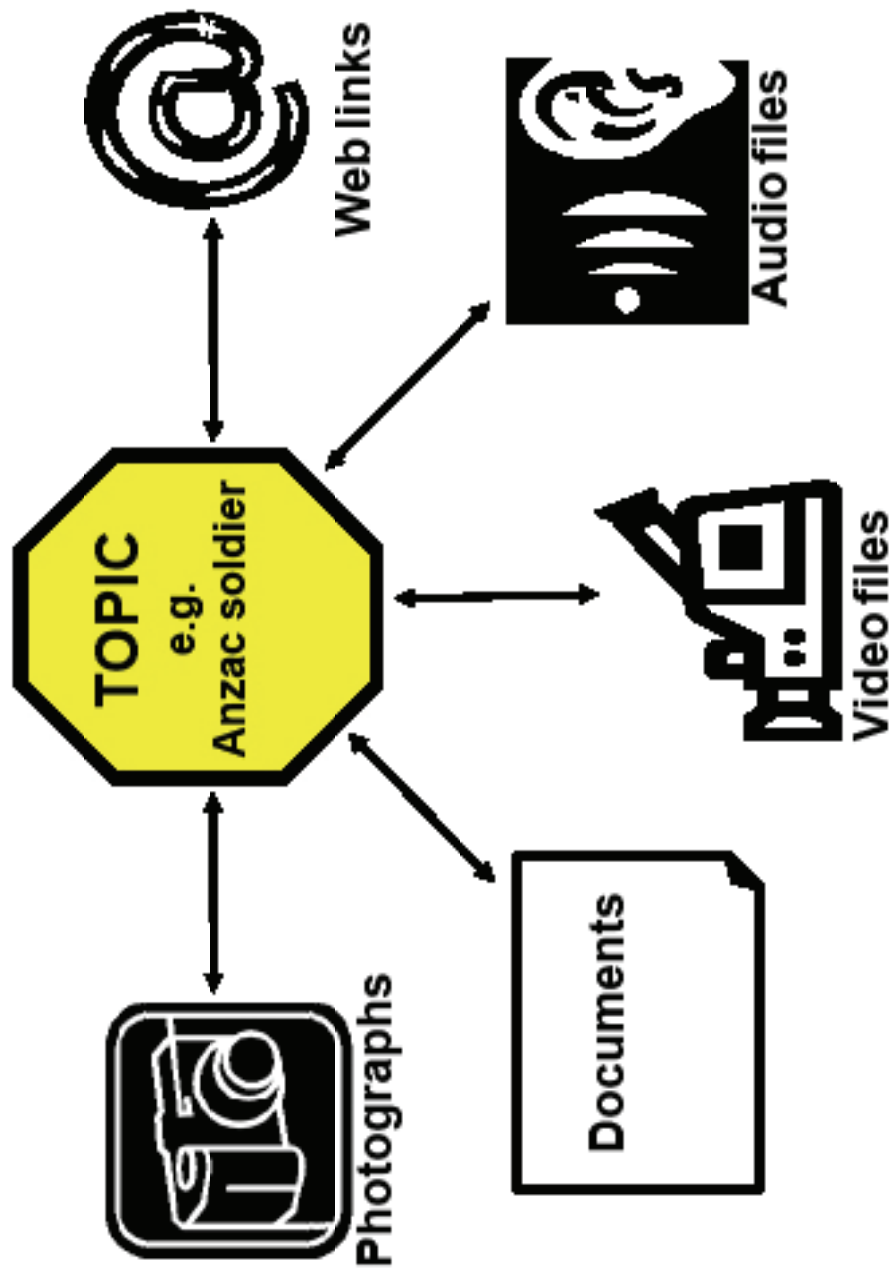
# A Way Forward

- Inspire a workforce
- A digital library



## Features:

- community built
- variety of formats
- informal content
- contemporary and historical
- open source, GNU General Public Licence
- content has Creative Commons licence



# Adopt an Anzac

Photo from family

Detail added

Official War Record

Home Help

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ies of the district as told by its people

<< >> [Edward Henry LAW](#)

## Topic: Edward Henry LAW

Topic Type: Serviceman

Tags: [Edward Henry LAW](#)



Height: 160 lbs.

Complexion: Dark. Hair: Dark. Height: 59 1/2".

Any use of this item must be accompanied by the credit: "Adopt an Anzac Project"

Enlisted as L-Cpl. Killed during the August Offensive. Promoted to Corporal at Anzac Cove 28 July 1915. Last NZ Address: Tokomaru. Occupation: Formed at Otauru Rd, Shannon then in 1907 with father bought the farm 'Tirohanga' at Shannon then a farm called 'Marinoto'. Next of kin: Father, Edward LAW, Shannon, also Thornton, Whakatane. Harry's mother died 28 Jan 1910 and is buried at Shannon, Headstone inscription reads: Jane dearly beloved wife of Edward LAW who died Jan 28, 1910 aged 40 years. Edward married again and moved to Whakatane where he is buried. Harry had 7 siblings 5 brothers and 2 sisters of which he was the second child. Previous Military Training: Shannon Rifle Club 1910-1913. Declared age on enlistment: 25 years 8 months

### Edward Henry LAW

**Date of birth:** 16/12/1889

**Cause of death:** Killed in action

**Place of death:** Anzac Cove, Gallipoli, Turkey

**Spouses name:** Unmarried

**Date of death:** 09/08/1915

**Fathers name:** Edward LAW

**Place of birth:** Wairau, Marlborough

**Mothers name:** Jane McMorrin

**Date of arrival overseas:** 03/12/1914

**Theatres of war:** Egyptian 1914, 1915. Balkan 1915

**Surname:** LAW

**War memorial:** Shannon

**Place enlisted:** Palmerston North

**Christian names:** Edward Henry

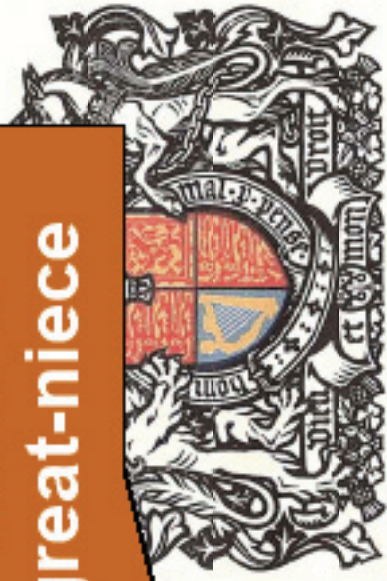


# Memorabilia

Medals



Hand of  
great-niece



**H**E whom this scroll commemorates was numbered among those who, at the call of King and Country, left all that was dear to them, endured hardness, faced danger, and finally passed out of the sight of men by the path of duty and self-sacrifice, giving up their own lives that others might live in freedom.

Let those who come after see to it that his name be not forgotten.

*Cpl. Edward Henry Law  
Wellington Inf. Regt., NZS.F.*

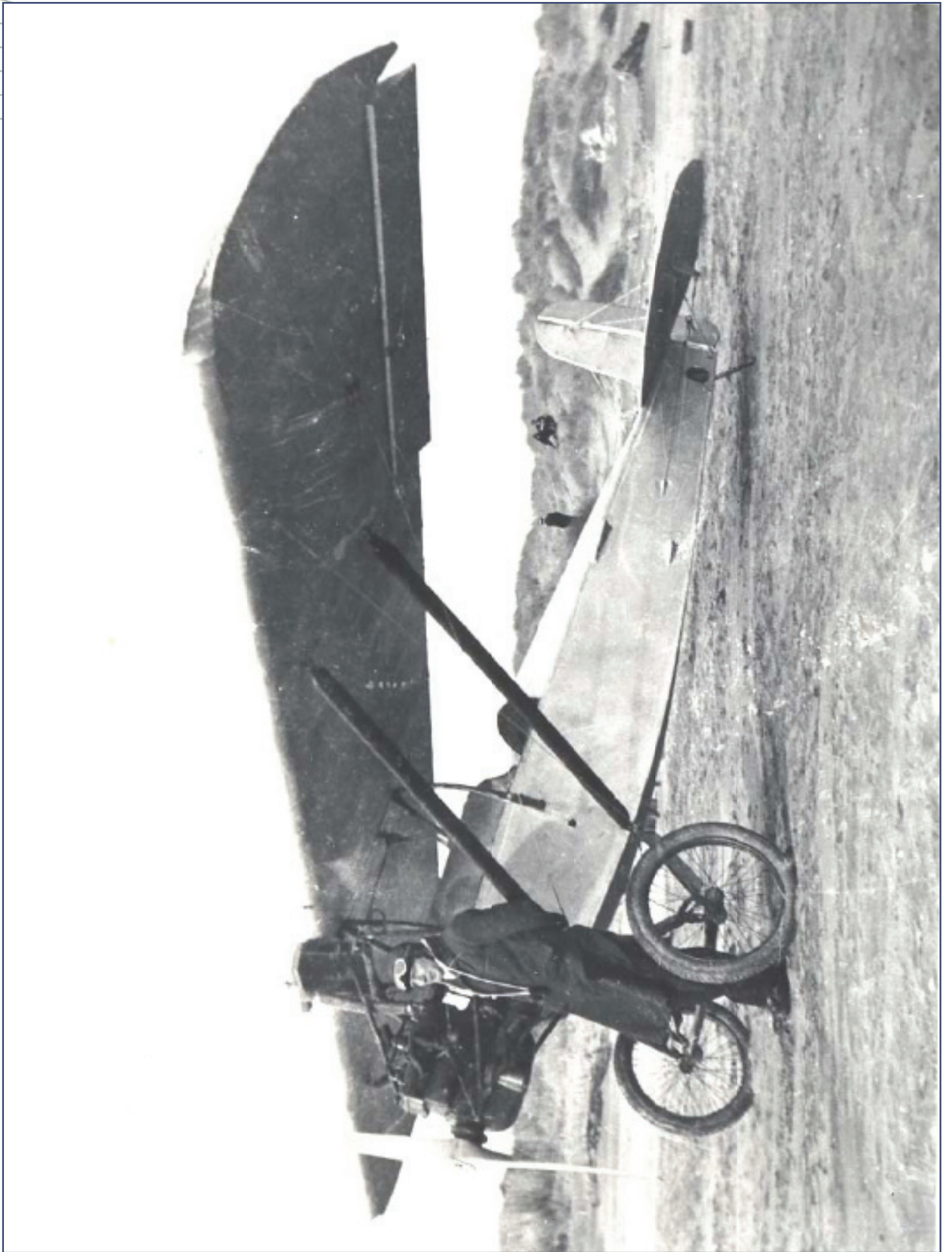
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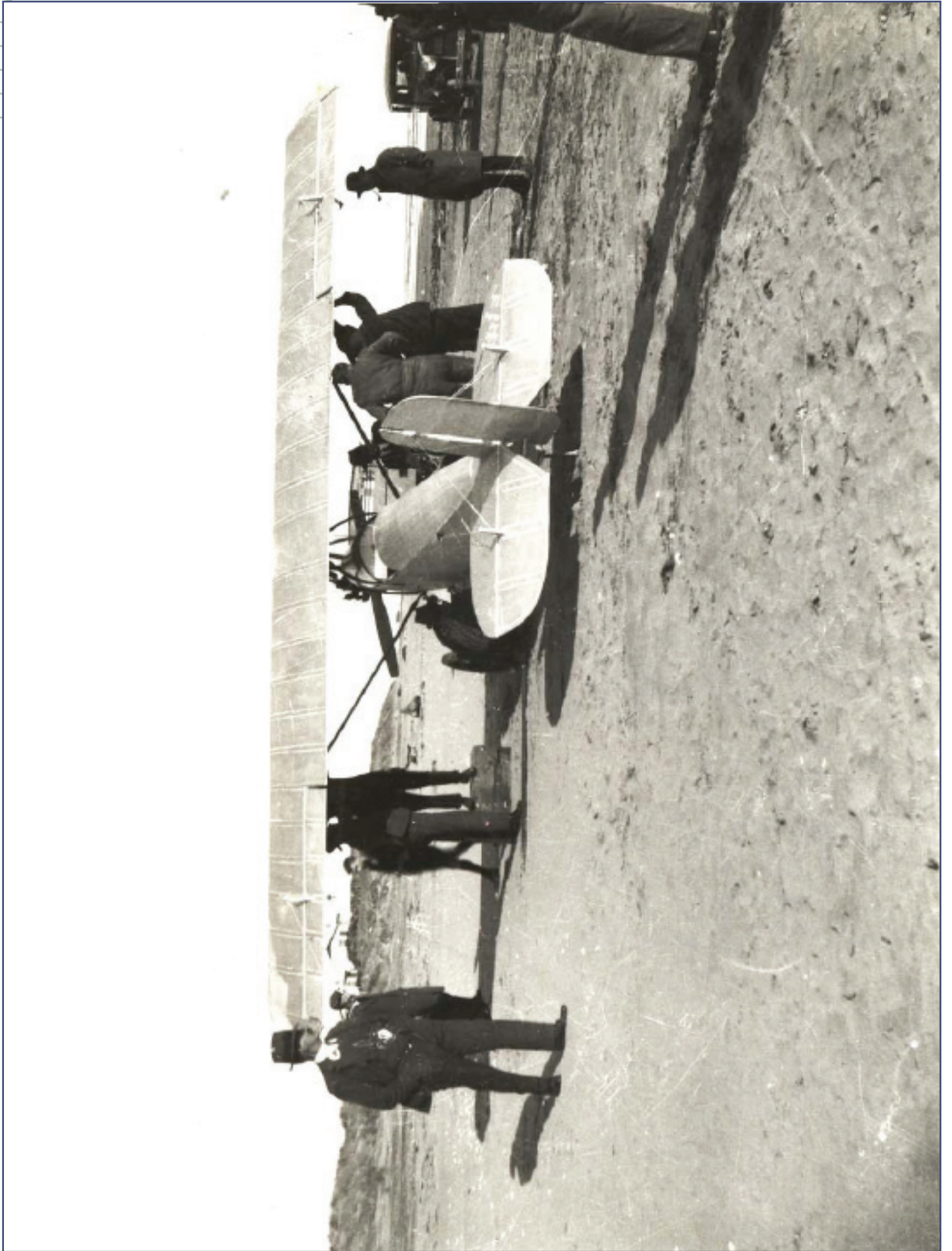
**Martin (Jack) Butler  
was well known in Levin  
for his home-built plane  
which he successfully  
flew in 1932.**











**“After making several short hops, Mr Butler managed to coax the aircraft to a height of about 300 metres ...”**

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**“After 15 to 20 minutes, Jack’s machine seemed to have a long vapour trail behind it – steam ...”**

**“Mr Butler recalled throttling back to descend ... but ...”**

***In Jack's words:***

**“the wheels hit the beach, the plane bounced and fell back, and the fuselage broke at the cockpit, allowing the engine and wing to fall forward.**

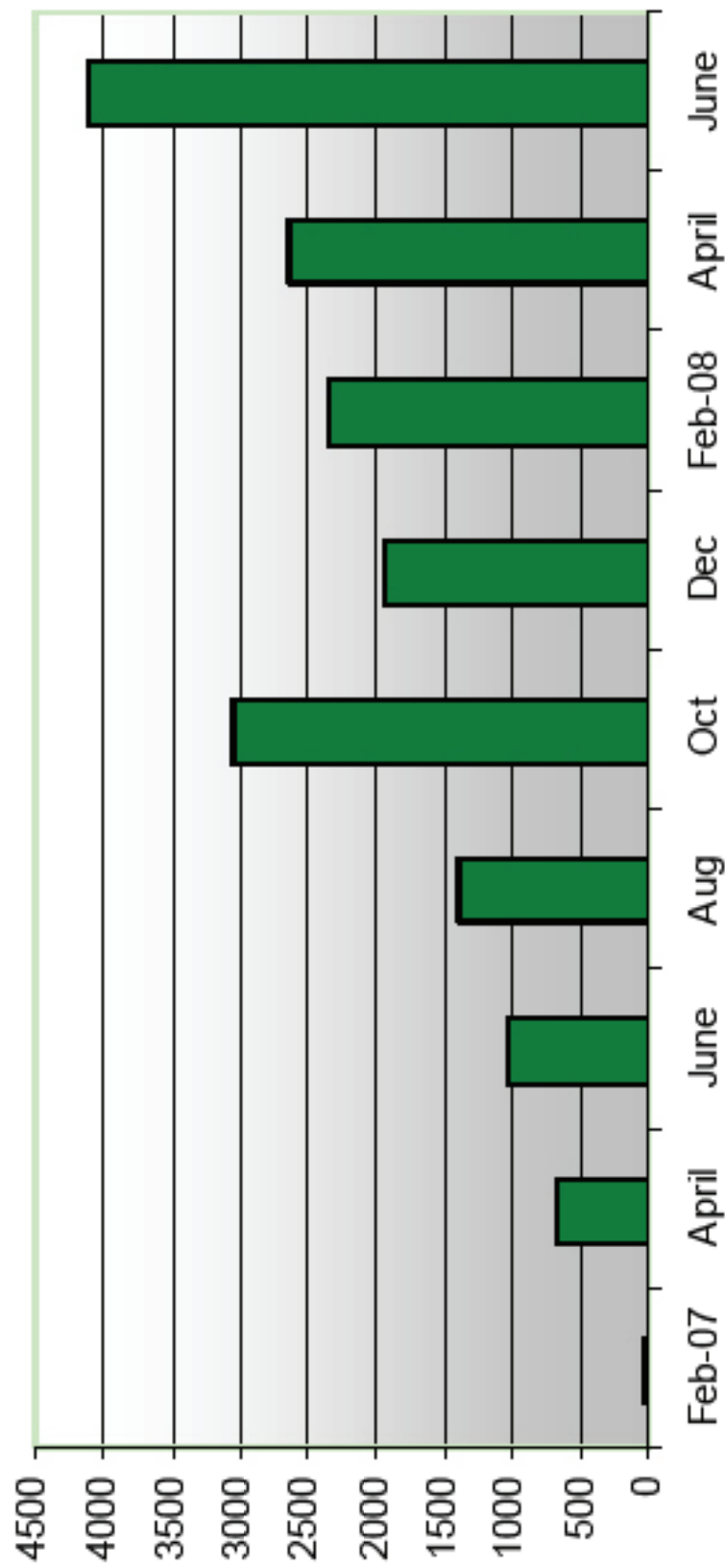
**“I escaped without injury.”**







# Unique Visitors to Kete Horowhenua



Search:  Go

Kete Horowhenua is a knowledge k...

catalogued by the community.


### Featured Topics

Jack Kingsbury Collection



View Topic >>

Jack Martin Pioneer Aviator



View Topic >>

Artist: Rhonda Turk



View Topic >>

Cyclopedia of New Zealand



View Topic >>

**Topics: 1,508**

**Images: 13,147**

**Documents: 836**

### What you can do

There are many ways you can participate in Kete Horowhenua. [Learn more >>](#)

[Kete.net.nz](#)

The Kete project site for users and developers.

### Contents by type

- Topics (1,508)
- Images (13,147)
- Audio (94)
- Videos (18)
- Web Links (108)
- Documents (836)
- Discussion (93)

### Latest 5 topics

**Stanley Charles Cecil SOUTHWOOD**

Parents buried at Tiro Tiro Road Cemetery, Levin Any use of this item must be accompanied by the credit: Adopt read more >>

**Horowhenua Dance Club Membership and annual programme.**

read more >>

**what in the shed ....(Please add you treasure pic s as the world might want to remember with you .**

people collect things. (Anything from family memorytreasures to just want to save it for history read more >>

**Horowhenua Dance Club Activities**

The Horowhenua Dance Club meets every Monday evening and every second Saturday evening

### Random Image from the Archive



SlideShow: [New](#)



## **Why has it been successful?**

- **Community : the local, “ours”**
- **Contribution : people like to help**
- **Valuable : real work being done**
- **Easy to find stuff about people and places**
- **Addictive**

# Awards

- 3M Award for Innovation in Libraries
- WSA Special Mention for excellent e-content (North America and Oceania).



# Kete moving on ...



# Version 1.0

- Wiki model of collaboration
- Baskets
- Different levels of moderation
- Themes

# Version 1.1

- Privacy controls.
- OAI – PMH repository.
- Variety of licences.
- Sortable search results.
- Bulk importing

# How it works

- a web server somewhere
- internet access
- start using it

... from anywhere in the world!



# How to get a Kete?

- Contract
- DIY
- DIY with Help

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# **Contract the Developers**

**Katipo Communications Ltd**

**[www.katipo.co.nz](http://www.katipo.co.nz)**

**for setup and / or hosting**

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**DIY**

**Download Kete Version 1.1**

**<http://kete.net.nz>**



# DIY + Help

- **DIY**
- **then consult Katipo**  
for help or training once you get stuck



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