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News from Otorohanga District Library

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Kawhia survey reveals satisfaction with current library service

“Great to see a library we knew as children still available for use by our children today”

The Kawhia community responded enthusiastically to our recent library service questionnaire.

A total of 161 questionnaires were returned by Kawhia residents and ratepayers, who were asked to indicate their levels of satisfaction with the Kawhia War Memorial Library's opening hours, book collection, staff and the library building.

A clear majority (78%) indicated the library opening hours were either convenient or very convenient. However, comments indicated that people would like to see the library open for more hours, particularly during summer.

Of those who expressed an opinion about the book stock, 86% believed the collection was either adequate or good. One respondent commented that: *“For a small community library [there is] a good general collection”*.

Those who gave an opinion about the Kawhia Library staff were in almost complete agreement that they were either very helpful or helpful (96%).

A significant majority (77%) also felt that the current building was either very good or adequate for its purpose.



Kawhia's charming War Memorial Library is an asset to the coastal community.

Several respondents noted the library's "ideal position" within the village. However, the building's shortcomings were also noted.

“The site of the library is excellent, but the building needs to be updated and brought into the 21st century,” said one person.

Survey participants had clearly taken the time to make thoughtful comments about the Kawhia Library service, with one succinctly outlining the Library's present difficulties:

“Adequate at present but no room for expansion. Issues and returns need to be part of the Otorohanga computer circulation system. The present manual system is too cumbersome and prone to human error. Patrons also need access to the online catalogue.”

Overall, survey respondents were overwhelming positive about the value of the Kawhia library service to the community.

Residents and ratepayers may rest assured that there is no intention of discontinuing the service – rather, data gathered from the survey will assist with planning for future improvements.

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