



Respecting the past, rewarding the present

Onehunga turned the clock back and rang the tills forward during last month's Heritage Festival, a fortnight-full of activities that drew big crowds to the historic town centre.

Onehunga's events and promotions co-ordinator Amanda Wellgreen reports that the festival weekend of October 6-7 was a particular success.

The popular horse and carriage rides, organised by Amanda, saw 180 experience the slow-paced historic transport mode.

"In addition, Bike Onehunga had 20 participate in its slightly faster, two-wheel tour.

"The Onehunga Fencible & Historic Society had 50 on its tour while a further 80 attended its talk about clergyman, surgeon, musician Arthur Purchas, who was considered to be the most gifted man ever to come to New Zealand," Amanda said.

"The afternoon tea held at Onehunga Community House was a sell-out at 36 people while the bobbin lace making at the library (*pictured bottom right*) was booked out too.

"It was a great example of a collection of community events working well."

The Onehunga Festival was part of the Tāmaki Makaurau-wide [Heritage Festival](#) which uncovered fascinating heritage stories and secrets behind our vibrant Tāmaki Makaurau.

- A Marketview event report has been commissioned to measure the economic windfall for the Onehunga BID programme which [Amanda Wellgreen](#) and [Laura Hulbert](#) manage following Amanda Kinzett's retirement.



Bobbin lace making at Onehunga Community Library