

Hawke's Bay Museum & Art Gallery
Education Information Sheet

The Good Old Days

Technology of the 1930s and 1940s A Hands-On Workshop @ the Faraday Centre

1½ hours \$4.10 per student Suitable Years 3 – 13 Available throughout the year

KEY CURRICULUM LINKS

SOCIAL STUDIES: How time and change affect people's lives.

TECHNOLOGY: How society impacts on and is influenced by technology in historical contexts.



How did our grandparents get by without refrigerators, television, computers and mobile phones? In this roll-your-sleeves-up workshop, students will rehearse and broadcast a radio play, operate a manual telephone exchange, use a ration book to shop for food and discover why sewing machines and sugar bags were prized possessions during these decades of economic depression and war.

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Radio Play

Hi Ho Silver! Students will rehearse a short radio drama adapted from a 1940s episode of 'The Lone Ranger', then 'broadcast' their performance live to a radio in another part of the Faraday Centre.

Technology at Home

Students will examine home appliances and work out what they were used for, then sew, read, play board games or knit scarves for the troops, while listening to 'The Lone Ranger' on the radio.

Office Technology

Students will write a letter in 1930s or 40s styles using pen and ink, do some addition and subtraction on an old-fashioned adding machine and take a typing test on a manual typewriter.

Telephones

"Number please!" Students will phone each other using hand-cranked and dial telephones. They will operate a manual telephone exchange to connect people making calls with a hand-cranked phone. They will see what happens inside an automatic telephone exchange when someone makes a call using a dial telephone.

General Store and Cobbler's Shop

Students will shop at the general store, using a ration book and pounds, shillings and pence. They will take turns at being the cobbler or grocer – using the olden-days cash register and scales, and wrapping goods in brown paper.



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