



WAIMARIE: HAMILTON EAST COMMUNITY HOUSE

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Snippets on Symmington

We arrived back on January 11 to the usual chaos of rampant summer growth and no gardening!

We have good crops of black and green beans, corn, squash, tomatoes, silverbeet, radish, beetroot, courgettes and lettuce. The garlic harvest was disappointing this year for some reason. We have our first few passionfruit and cooking apples. The plums and strawberries are finished. The new herb spiral is flourishing.

We have some beautiful sunflowers, both red and yellow. We have a lovely show of gerberas, alstroemerias and sweet peas.

Hamilton City Council now charges us to lease the garden and with no funding for the gardening (apart from the coordinator's wages) it is a bit of a struggle to meet the costs of resources, plants and the cost of the weed bins.

On the up side, Council removed the large phoenix palm from the garden. Thank you to the guys for their great job with

this. Although impressive looking, the palm has many disadvantages: the roots absorb all the moisture for quite a distance from the tree meaning the fruit trees along the front have really been struggling to grow, the fronds are very sharp and, along with seed pods, dropped a lot of mess in the pond and around areas.

These palms are now considered noxious and this one housed hundreds of pigeons.

We are looking forward to a growth spurt in the fruit trees. A little research revealed that palms can turn into valuable mulch with a little patience and time, the huge pile of roots and branches is already composting down nicely.

We try to turn what is normally expensive waste into resources as much as possible.

We are also looking at extending the depth of the pond and creating a little wetland ecosystem which will also benefit from the removal of the palm.

Happy gardening!



Learn to play the ukelele

Ukulele classes start Monday, February 15 for six weeks.

There will be two children's ukulele classes and one adult ukulele class:

- Child beginners/foundations (3.30pm-4pm) for students who are mastering the basic chords and strums.
- Child next step (4.15pm-

4.45pm) for students who are ready to move to the next stage.

Each class will be half an hour. This is to ensure the classes are small enough to cater to the individual learning needs of each young musician.

Each class is limited to a maximum of six students so please enrol and pay early to make sure of

your place. \$20 for six lessons. This class is free for families with a Community Services Card.

The adult beginner plus class runs from 5.30pm-6.30pm and costs \$60 for six lessons.

To enrol, please contact Anne at Waimarie Community House, phone 858-3453 or email admin@waimarie.org.nz.

Term 1 – 2016

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Morning			Vege & fruit boxes \$11 Place and pay for your order before Wednesday 2pm. Organic gardening course Starts March 2. Phone for more information.	Free legal advice Niemand Peebles Hoult from 9am. By appointment only Phone Waimarie. Vege & fruit boxes Ready for pickup from 10.30am.	Gardening group 9.30am-12.30pm New members welcome. Call Jane or Ange at Waimarie to join the gardening group
Afternoon	Ukulele for children Tutor: Alice Bulmer 6 weeks from Monday, February 15 3:30-4pm Beginner 4:15-4:45pm Next step Cost: \$20 (Family with community services card subsidised) Contact Anne at Waimarie to book.	Budgeting advice 9am-3pm By appointment only (one-hour appointment) Phone Waimarie to book.	Tai Chi 2-3pm \$5 per class Starts February 10 Contact Anne or Jane at Waimarie.	Free public access computer 1-4pm Use it for research, CV updates, to look for work (help available on request). SEKCA meeting 3.30-4.30pm Every second Thursday every month. New members welcome.	Chinese dumplings Friday, February 5 at 2pm. Gold coin donation. Register by phoning 858 3453 or email admin@waimarie.org.
Evening	Ukulele beginner for adults Tutor: Alice Bulmer 6 weeks from Monday, February 15 5.30-6.30pm Cost: \$60 Contact Anne at Waimarie to book. RH Sahaja yoga meditation 7-8pm Inquiries to Novell, phone 027 839 4556	RH Toughlove 7.30-9.30pm Phone 856 5999 for more information. Ongoing meetings.		Book club meetings Third Thursday of every month. Held off-site from 6:30-7:30pm Phone Anne on 856 8531 for more information. Green Party RH 7-9pm Third Thursday of every month.	

RH: Room hire

These may vary from school term to school term.