



WAIMARIE: HAMILTON EAST COMMUNITY HOUSE

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Little library community initiative

This is a "take a book, return a book" exchange.

You can choose a book from the library and replace it with one of your own or return the same book when you have finished reading it.

However, in order to keep the Little Library full of good choices for the whole neighbourhood, the next time you swing by the library bring a few books to share.

Little Library book exchanges function on the honour system;

everyone contributes to ensure there are always quality books inside. This way, everyone wins!

You can find the Little Free Library beside the noticeboard in front of the Waimarie Community Garden 53 Wellington St in Hamilton East.

Waimarie is excited to share one of its latest projects — the Little Free Library.



Develop your own skills in drawing

Observational drawing is exactly what it sounds like: drawing via observation.

Simply look at the subject and draw what is presented to the eye.

Many people attempt to draw things the way that they think they should look, rather than the way they actually do look.

Participants don't need a high skill level to join the class.

Tutor: Nathan Bregmen
Date/time: Thursdays at 6pm over 6 weeks, starting March 2
Duration per class: 1 hour 30 minutes

Where: Waimarie: Hamilton East Community House, 53 Wellington Street Hamilton East in Raumati Room (back room)

Price: \$70 per person (materials provided)

Number of people per class: maximum 13 people

■ **To enrol, please contact Anne on 858 3453 or admin@waimarie.org**

STAFF PROFILE: TREVOR THE CAT

Waimarie's mascot

Have you met Trevor the fluffy cat at Waimarie?

Trevor doesn't actually belong to us and Trevor isn't even his real name. He has a home a couple of doors away, but we figure he likes a lot of attention and being around people all day so he is now part of our team.

Trevor is an old cat allergic to fleas so we have to make sure he doesn't get any.

He is very friendly and loves a pat, but has been known to bat people with his paws when displeased, such as when you have stopped petting him or if he doesn't like the look of you!

Trevor has quickly become the mascot at Waimarie.

He has been locked overnight inside the house, the office, the shop shed and the outside room.

This has resulted in us having to pay for several alarm callouts and several trips to let him out.

He is adept at scooting past you when you are locking up if the mood strikes him or if it is raining.

He also left his paws mark in the freshly laid concrete path.



Trevor the cat has made himself at home at Waimarie.

Trevor likes to walk on the keyboard when you are typing or to sleep in your in-tray because it is the best place near the open window.

He likes to check out all the after hours people and activities . . . and your lunch.

It is hard not to be fond of a cat with so much personality.

Scholarships on offer for students

Waimarie Community House helps primary school-aged children who would not normally be able to participate in organised sports, arts, music and cultural activities due to financial constraints by providing equipment and/or paying fees.

Waimarie can support each child for up to one year as they get a solid foundation in their chosen activity.

Waimarie has criteria that a family needs to meet to access these funds.

- A family must have a Community Services Card.
- An application form needs to be filled out.
- The children must be aged five to 12.
- There has to be a commitment from the family to support the children in the sport, music or cultural activity.
- The family must live in south-east Hamilton.

Group activities also help children to learn to be part of a team/group, to share, cooperate with others and develop team community spirit. It also teaches them to be good winners and losers. These skills will stand them in good stead right across their lifespan.

When a child is supported by SAM Project, Waimarie Hamilton East Community House pays the provider/school directly after receipt of an invoice.

Forms are available to download at www.waimarie.org or contact Anne on 858 3453 or email admin@waimarie.org

SEKCA Governance Scholarship for Waikato University students

The SEKCA Governance Scholarship is a \$600 per annum scholarship offered to Waikato University students who are interested in learning about governance and community organisations.

This is a good opportunity to add governance skills to your CV.

We meet once a month for an hour on Thursday afternoons with an occasional planning session or similar. Successful applicants are required to attend 10 meetings a year and the scholarship will be paid quarterly.

■ **If interested, contact Jane on 858 3453, email manager@waimarie.org or download at www.waimarie.org**

Learn to play the ukulele



Alice Bulmer tutors ukulele classes at Waimarie.

If you do one thing this year, learn to play the ukulele.

In term one, Alice Bulmer will be offering two adult ukulele classes at Waimarie.

A level 2 class will be held on Mondays at 5.30pm, starting on February 13. This class is for players who have done an introductory class (or already know the basics) and would like to keep going.

A beginners' class will be held on Tuesdays at 5.30pm, starting February 14.

Both classes cost \$75 for a six-week term.

Each class is limited to a maximum of 12 people, so please enrol and pay as soon as possible to make sure of your place.

■ **To enrol, contact Alice Bulmer by email aliceuke@gmail.com or 021 139 7402.**

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- COGS
- Community Post
- DV Bryant Trust
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- SKYCITY Hamilton Community Trust

- The Tindall Foundation
- Trust Waikato
- WEL Energy Trust

Supporters

- Community Living Trust (vegetable and fruit box packing)
- Hamilton Budget Advisory Service (budgeting advice)
- Integrated Recovery Service, Waikato DHB (joint social enterprise, JustWork)
- Neighbours and friends (items for the shop and the

garden)

- Niemand Peebles Hoult (legal advice support)
- Pukete Neighbourhood House (advocacy support)
- Sunshine Bakery (bread, pies)
- Waikato Environment Centre — Kaivolution (food)
- Also a big thank you to all those neighbours and volunteers who have given their time and energy to Waimarie: Hamilton East Community House.

WANTED

If you have good quality jewellery, kitchen ware, curtains, tools or china to donate, we would be happy to have them for our opportunity to shop.

We do not sell furniture as we don't have the space. Please check with us during office hours — 9am-4pm Monday to Friday.

Also wanted:

- Supermarket plastic bags
- Volunteers to help sort, clean and price items for the shop
- Volunteer sewers
- Volunteer gardeners

"Many people look forward to the New Year for a new start on old habits." — Anonymous