



WAIMARIE HAMILTON EAST COMMUNITY HOUSE

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Remember we also offer the following services and regular activities:

- Rooms for meetings and seminars
- Veggie co-operative \$10 a box of veg (includes some fruit). Egg trays: size 5 \$6.00, jumbo \$7.00 (30 eggs) and potatoes: \$4 for 5kg, \$5.50 for 10kg. Ring with your order and pay by Tuesday lunchtime. Collect from lunchtime Wednesday.
- Gardening group on Friday mornings.
- Free legal advice from 11.00am on Fridays - by appointment only.
- Cuppa and a bit of a chinwag
- Referrals
- Benefit Advocacy. Phone Craig Wills on 8504013. Craig is based at Waimarie on Thursdays from 10am -12 noon. Phone for an appointment or drop in.
- Opportunity Shop. Come and browse for a bargain in "Waste not want not". Open daily.

Cheryl on Symmington

IT'S turned out to be a pretty good growing season in the last few weeks. Despite the slow, cold start to the season, the garden is looking a little wild having been left to its own devices over the holiday period. There is a lot of work to gradually get through with the volunteers who will resume again in the garden on Friday, 19 January and a lot of produce to enjoy at our communal lunches after a mornings work.

Thanks to the person who dropped off the

bricks. Some recent visitors to the garden have decided to stay after settling into a birdhouse, so if you are in the garden enjoying its ambience, look out for the bees until they have been removed.

This year a main aim will be to become as self sustaining as possible. We have already started selling produce at the gate on Friday mornings. This includes vegetables, herbs and plants of which we will build up a supply.

The native area around the worm farm is almost complete with just the path to go.

Thanks to Sue, our friend from England who has taken on this project with the help of volunteers. We need a border for the path and are stuck on how and what. Is there anyone out there who can help us?

We are planning on holding a course in April, to be held in Waimarie Community

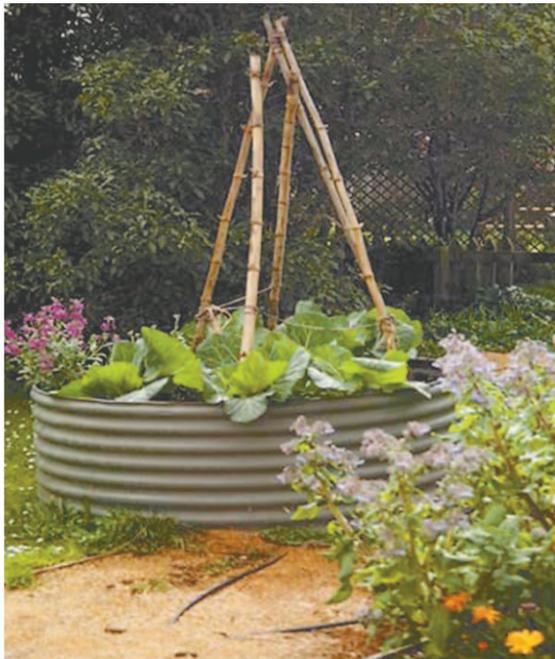
House and the community garden. The Garden to Table Course covers planning and working on an organic vegetable garden plus ways to use the produce. A recipe book on seasonal food preparation goes with the course.

WANTED

We still require some old bricks for paving the Greenhouse. Woollen carpet/underfelt is always welcome to use on the paths. If you have any please ring the Community House or drop off at 53 Wellington St.

Remember, all are welcome to join us on Friday mornings. See you then.

If you want to know more contact Waimarie or the Permaculture Trust: (07) 834 2249



Co-ordinator's Corner

by Jane Landman

WELCOME to our quarterly Newsletter. Waimarie: Hamilton East Community House serves the South East area of Kirikiriroa. Community Houses are located in local neighbourhoods and exist to support and serve the local community. We run a variety of programmes and services and we are always open to new ideas and suggestions.

Summer has finally arrived now that most of us are back at work! Bit of a shock to the system that. I hope that you and your families had a wonderful Christmas and managed some kind of holiday. I hope you didn't get too carried away at Christmas – I know I blew my budget again despite saving for Christmas all year! My sister and niece are visiting from Australia and it has been wonderful being able to spend time with them. I spent a few days at Waihi Beach. It was wonderful to take long walks along the beach and sing songs to guitar music. My dog Roxy, an Irish Terrier, was on the balcony when a fox terrier next door barked twice. Roxy immediately leapt over the railing. It was a twelve foot drop and amazingly she landed the right way up without breaking a leg, shook herself and looked a little surprised. She also specializes in jumping out of windows and running up walls. She must think she is a cat, spiderman or maybe a bird?

The landscaping project around the gazebo is now complete and looks gorgeous. The gazebo is well used and makes a perfect lunch eating spot. The crazy paving project is in the doldrums again so if anyone would like to help with this, please let me know.

HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

The summer School Holiday Programme started on 15 January and will be running for three weeks to 5 February catering for 5 to 10 year olds. Please contact Waimarie for details and enrolments. We are licensed to take up to 20 children and are OSCAR registered, which means that parents on modest incomes can apply for a WINZ subsidy. The co-ordinator is Carol Williams who hails from Paeroa.

Remember you are always welcome to pop in for a cuppa and a bit of a chinwag.

J. Landman
Co-ordinator

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
MORNING	Waikato Home Tutor Scheme English Conversation 9.00 - 11.00pm Ph: 07 853 2188 Starts: 12th Feb 2007 Opportunity Shop 9.00 - 3.00pm	Veg & fruit boxes, eggs, potatoes and meatpack orders taken and paid for by 2.00pm Sport Waikato Green Prescription 9:30 - 12:30pm. Starts: 14th Feb 07 (lounge) Catt Sissons Opportunity Shop 9.00-3.00pm	Vege orders ready for pickup from 10.30 Mosaic Tiling Cost: \$25 + materials 9:30 - 11:30am 6 weeks Starts 21st Feb 07 Enrol by the 16 Feb 07 (outside) Min: 6 Max: 12 Budget Advice Please ph: 07 858 3453 for an appt. By appt only 9-3pm Opportunity Shop 9.00 -3.00pm	ESOL classes 9.30 - 11.30am Ph 07 853 2188 Starts: 15th Feb 2007 Benefit Advocacy Advice. Please phone 858 3453 to make an appt. 10:00 - 3:30pm SSI 10 - 12pm (Small Room) Opportunity Shop 9.00 - 3.00pm	Gardening Group (All welcome) 9.30 - 12.00am Free legal advice Please come in or phone to make an appointment. Opportunity Shop 9.00 - 3.00pm
AFTERNOON		ASD Support Group 1-2pm Every 2nd Tuesday of each month. Craft for Kids 3:45-4:45pm Tutor: Shan Maas \$20 per term Starts: 13th Feb 07 Enrol by the 9th Feb 07 Min: 6 Max: 12	Tai Chi 2.00 - 3.00pm Tutor: Eddie Tan \$2 per class Starts: 7th Feb 07 (lounge & Outside room) SSI 2:30 - 4pm (Small Room)	Craft for Adults 1 - 2pm Tutor: Chris Warrender \$20 per term Starts: 15th Feb 07 Enrol by: 9th Feb 07 Min: 6 Max: 12	Scapbooking Tutor: Tracey Renolds 12:45 - 2:45pm Costs: \$25 + some materials 6 week course Starts: 23rd Feb 07 Enrolments by the 20th Feb 07 Min: 6 – Max: 8
EVENING	Le Reve 6 - 9pm (Outside Room) Sahaja Yoga 7.00 - 8.30pm Tutors: Prem & Daya Govender Ph: 07 823 1589 Starts: 15th Jan 07	Toughlove 7.30pm - 9.30pm Ph: 07 856 5999 Starts: 9th Jan 07		Book Club Meetings 3rd Thurs of every month 6:30 - 7:30pm SEKCA Meeting 7:00-9:00pm. Every Second Thursday of every month New members welcome.	SGRNZ 1:30 - 3:30pm (Saturdays)



Courses and activities for Term 4, 2007

SCRAPBOOKING – Tracey Reynolds will be tutoring a new course in scrapbooking this term. Create beautiful albums or pages for your precious memories and photographs. The cost is \$25 plus materials and runs for six weeks from 23 February. Min: 6 Max: 8

CRAFT – We are introducing all new craft classes this term.

CRAFT FOR KIDS – Shan Maas studied art in Natal and is experi-

enced in a wide range of art and crafts including metal embossing, painting and clay. Classes are on Tuesdays at 3.45pm from 13 February \$20 per term. Min: 6 Max: 12

CRAFT FOR ADULTS – Chris Warrender is experienced in teaching a wide range of craft including needle punch, candle work, glass painting, leatherwork, pokerwork, shell work, plastic canvas, knitting, tapestry and cross stitch. Classes

are on Thursday afternoons from 15 February at 1.00pm. \$20 per term. Min: 6 Max: 12

MOSAICS – Angela Ruck will be tutoring a mosaic tiling course this term. This course runs for six weeks from 21 February at a cost of \$25 plus materials. Min: 6 Max: 12

TAI CHI – Tai Chi will be offered again this term. This course targets people 55 years of age and over and is aimed at reducing falls through

its incorporation of elements of strengthening balance, postural alignment and concentration. This modifies important risk factors and reduces a "fear of falling". The class will be sponsored for 20 weeks by ACC and there will be a \$2 charge per class. The existing group will run concurrently with the new group on Wednesdays from 2pm-3pm. The tutor, Eddie Tan, has been teaching Tai Chi for over 30 years and is a member of the New Zealand Tai Chi Association.

Celebrating the community of Hamilton East

CECILIA drove back to town for a flying visit to drop off her mother and pick up supplies before heading back to their bach but still managed to fit me in before my looming deadline made it impossible.

She picked me up in the family van, complete with twin girls in the back, and we headed off to the Hydro for coffee. There is an aura of contentment, vivaciousness and fun around her and a strong sense that this woman has found a way to stay happy and calm despite her extremely full and busy life.

Cecilia was born in Bournemouth, South England, and adopted by Mary and Wilbert George. She has one younger brother, Richard. Mary was a pianist and singer whilst Wilbert was a scientist, specializing in metallurgy. Wilbert helped to develop fibre optics and often travelled abroad with his work. Sometimes during the holidays Cecilia travelled with him and remembers an occasion as a 13 year-old when friends of his in Mississippi took her to morning tea with Elvis Presley at Graceland. Being a teenager she only remembers his hands being covered in rings and glass bowls filled with lollies!

After leaving school she worked as a librarian for a scientific laboratory. Her employers paid for her library training at Cambridge University.

Joining the "The Moot House Players" in 1976 was a life-changing event for Cecilia. The group was a semi-professional repertory group. She toured with the group professionally for five years travelling in Essex and Hertfordshire. The group also played for private and social clubs. They performed a variety of work from Shakespeare, old time music hall (with just a touch of the risqué) to British and American plays. It was in 1981 that she met her future husband. Owen Mooney was a kiwi who had worked at Mercury Theatre



Cecilia Mooney

in New Zealand before travelling to the UK where he joined the same theatre group. There was a little fascination with someone from "the other side of the world".

Cecilia and Owen married in Essex in 1984 and moved to Hamilton, New Zealand, in 1986. Owen worked as an engineer, consultant and tutor for the Polytechnic. Cecilia worked part-time as an inter loan librarian for the Hamilton City Council for 10 years. They bought an old villa in Nixon St and seven years later moved to Silverdale.

Family is paramount in the Mooney's lives.

Cecilia says she felt very fortunate and wanted to share some of her good fortune with others. They both wanted a family soon after they married and decided to foster children before having their own. Wayne was their first; then they adopted Matthew as a baby and later adopted their other son, Jordon. They fostered five other children for varying amounts of time. In 1996 Cecilia gave birth to Hannah and Miriam.

Along with the children, the Mooney's have eight cats, two dogs, guinea pigs, a rabbit and a chinchilla. Luckily, they have half an acre so there is plenty of room for all the inhabitants.

Cecilia continued her passion for drama and the theatre on her arrival in New Zealand though she says it took a little getting used to after England. She joined the Hamilton Operatic Society and Owen joined the Left Bank Theatre. She also joined a folk group at St Mary's Church. In 1999, the Board of Directors at Riverlea Theatre decided to run a teaching theatre and Cecilia was appointed co-ordinator /tutor for the drama school. In 2000 she began teaching and has been able to combine her passions for drama and writing with her love of children. These days she works part-time on contract for the theatre.

There are six tutors at the school: Owen teaches the adult classes and Cecilia and Nicole Antoniadis teach the four to 16 year-olds. 'Singing for the Stage' is taught by Coryn Knapper. Sam Stacy is currently training as a drama teacher and Shelley Marie is training as a singing teacher.

Through her theatre work, Cecilia is sometimes offered acting work. She helps with staff training doing role plays for doctors and companies. She has also been in short films including "Jubilee" in Cambridge as well as advertisements. Along with all her other

activities, she works as a storyteller (Stories and More) and puppeteer. With Michael Joyce, "The Gardener" she has performed in shopping malls and the zoo, for Palmers and the City Council. There was also a stint as a singing side-kick with Arno Minnema in a Julian Clary tribute show.

Incredibly, she finds time to write lyrics and plays. She has written 80 songs, some of which have been produced including "Whizz Kidz" and a song inspired by boy racers driving up and down - "Boy Racer," which was played on radio and television. She writes one act plays for her students and has written two musicals for the theatre - "The Magic Paua Shell" written with Nicky Clegg and "The Magic Land of Theandrican." Other interests include photography and avid reading (she is currently reading three books) as well as watching Coro St and other British dramas on television.

Cecilia says that acting helps people develop confidence for public speaking and helps to increase self-esteem. Developing a public persona can help anyone in their work or private life. In her own life, it helped her to "meet my husband", increased her self-confidence and self-esteem, provided an acting education and enabled her to make lots of friends. Acting can be its own little world creating a sense of family and belonging.

The biggest influence in Cecilia's life has been her mother, Mary, now eighty-seven. Mary and Richard emigrated to New Zealand twelve years ago. Mary has given her "nothing but love and support." When I asked her what her philosophy on life is Cecilia thought for a moment and replied "Everybody is deserving of love and respect. I try to make a difference. Whatever I've been given I want to share. If we have a skill or talent it is our responsibility to share it with others."

Mike's message: South-east Hamilton youth

KIA ora koutou katoa.

He tino mihi ki a koutou. Greetings to you all for 2007.

My name is Mike Rarere, South-east Hamilton Youth Advisor.

Hopefully you have had a great holiday break and are ready for a busy new year. The new year is a great time to set yourself some personal goals like getting fit, joining a club, or enrolling in a course. If you need some information or advice, you can contact me on 07-8592571 or 021-315469.

A big welcome back to the many young people in the South-east Hamilton area. Primary and secondary schools will soon be started for 2007, so to all drivers in the area, be extra careful around our schools. The south-east area has some of Hamilton's busiest roads, and more schools than other areas, so it's a particularly relevant issue. Even more young people will be arriving during February and March to live and study in the South-east area as the University of Waikato begins for 2007.

If you are interested in Youthwork, The Hub - Community Youth Trust, is facilitating youthworker training workshops. The training is free but spaces are limited so be in quick. Workshops include;

'Setting Goals and Motivating Young People' on 22 February, 'Youth Development - understanding adolescents' thoughts, fears and needs' on 23 February and, 'Young People and the Education System' on 28 February. For more information contact The Hub (07) 8478555.

Hamilton's Youth Sector Network meetings, 'Hui Whakapiri', are facilitated quarterly throughout the year. These meetings are open to all and are a good opportunity to find out what youth services, events and other opportunities are available in our community. Hui Whakapiri are scheduled for Friday, March 9, June 22, August 24 and November 30. The venue is the Hamilton City Council Reception Lounge, meetings start at 10am. For more information contact Mike 07-8592571.

The South-east Hamilton Community Network meetings are held on the second Tuesday of each month at the East Hamilton Community Policing Centre, 245 Clyde St. Many local organisations utilise the meetings to promote their services, projects and/or current issues. All are welcome. The next meetings are 2pm February 13, March 13, April 10, May 8 and June 12. For more information contact Mike (07) 8592571.

Local youth-focussed organizations include Te Ahurei a Rangatahi Ph.07-8383013, Whaimarama Youth Connex and the Youth Transition Service Ph.07-8382558 located in the central city, and The Hub Community Youth Trust Frankton Ph .07-8478555 provide a range of services supporting local youth including youth groups, counselling services, jobs and training information, and camps. For more information about these services, contact the organisations on the phone numbers provided.

'Wassup', 10.30am weekly on Thursdays, is a Youth and Community Notice-Board Radio Show on Community Radio Hamilton AM1206 and FM106.7. Interviews, community notices, job vacancies and much more relating to the youth and community sector is the topic of this show. If you have something appropriate that you want to promote or want more information contact Mike 07-8592571.

Major local youth events coming up include Orientation Festival 07 in March, Hamilton Youth Week in April with Beatstreet2007 and Recognyz Youth Awards07, and an all new event called Urban-Ex, later this year. Urban-Ex will be an exciting new youth-



Mike Rarere

focused expo aimed at the local youth sector and include the latest technology, careers information, music, sports etc that appeal to young people.

This is the year to do those things that you have always wanted to, so whether it be learn karate, take dance lessons, or enrol at Wintec, do it now. If you want more information or advice please give me a call: Mike Rarere, South-east Hamilton Youth Advisor. Ph. (07) 8592571 or 021315469. Kia ora.