



# WAIMARIE HAMILTON EAST COMMUNITY HOUSE

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## Regular Services and Activities

Remember we also offer the following services and regular activities:

- Photocopying @ 10c per A4 page and 20c per A3. Over 10 copies 7c and 15c
- 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 10.00-12.00 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

THERE have been some enquiries about Symmington Estate and what is "Cheryl on Symmington" all about.

So it is timely now to give you some history on the property.

Most of you will have seen the community garden next to Waimarie Community House. The section that the garden is on was known as the "Symmington Estate" as it was once owned by the Symmington sisters.

The two sisters were regarded as quite eccentric characters of Hamilton East. Neither of them had a family so when the last remaining sister, Francis, died she bequeathed the property to Hamilton City Council with a request that it be used as a passive recreation reserve. The old dwelling, a Victorian villa had not been maintained and was only fit for demolition. In 1986 Hamilton City Council accepted the overgrown land and maintained it as a passive recreation reserve.

In 2000 the Waimarie Community House was established on the property next to Symmington Estate and in the following year, Jane the co-ordinator was approached by Andrew Thompson from Community Mental Health with the idea to start a community garden for clients. The Hamilton Permaculture Trust was contacted to help with advice and facilitation of the project and to promote and teach the growing of organic food. This is where I came into the story, Cheryl on Symmington.

There have been some intriguing stories uncovered about the Symmington sisters while looking into the history of their place. Children in the



neighbourhood were fascinated and frightened at the sight of these two elderly women wearing old, long dark clothing, hunched over and reclusive although always polite when spoken to. The front door to their home was always open with a blanket hanging in the doorway enabling their animals to freely come and go from the house. They had a fox terrier and hens and it was not uncommon to see them driving in their old Vauxhall car with the hens free in the back.

We know they had a fireplace as in our digging we have unearthed a lot of charcoal.

We would be interested in collating more information about the history of the family and property. If you are able to help us please contact the community house.

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

## 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.

The weather is finally cooling down which suits me as autumn is my favourite time of the year.

### Hamilton East Development

MANY of us are concerned at the increased development in the area and the removal of old houses to make way for rows of town houses and apartments. Much of our heritage and sense of history is being lost and can never be replaced.

We are holding a public meeting to gauge support for creating a heritage area in Hamilton East. If you have an interest in saving the area please come to the meeting where we will discuss submissions to the annual plan and how to progress from here.

The meeting will be held in Knox St Church in Albert St on Wednesday 18 April at 7.00pm. Ring Waimarie for details or to register your interest if you cannot attend the meeting but would like to help.

### Holiday programme

The Easter School Holiday Programme starts on the 10 April and will be running for two weeks to 20 April catering for 5 to 12 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.

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

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
MORNING	Waikato Home Tutor Scheme <b>English Conversation</b> <b>9.00 – 11.00pm</b> Ph: 07 853 2188 Starts: 23rd April 2007  <b>Walking Group 9.00 – 10am</b> Meet @Waimarie out the front  <b>Opportunity Shop</b> <b>9.00 – 3.00pm</b>	<b>Veg &amp; fruit boxes, eggs, potatoes &amp; orders</b> taken & paid for by 2.00pm <b>Sport Waikato Green Prescription</b> <b>9.30am – 12.30pm</b> (lounge) Catt Sissons. Starts 24th April 2007  <b>Garden2Table – Cheryl Noble</b> <b>9.30am – 12.30pm</b> (1st, 15th, 29th May 07)  <b>Opportunity Shop</b> <b>9.00 – 3.00pm</b>	<b>Vege orders</b> ready for pickup from 10.30  <b>Budget Advice</b> Please ph: 07 858 3453 for an appt. By appt only 9-3pm  <b>SSI</b> 10.00 - 12 noon (Small Room)  <b>Opportunity Shop</b> <b>9.00 – 3.00pm</b>	<b>ESOL classes</b> <b>9.30 – 11.30am</b> Ph 07 853 2188 Starts: 26th April 2007  <b>Benefit Advocacy Advice.</b> Please phone 858 3453 to make an appt. <b>10.00 – 3.30pm</b>  <b>Opportunity Shop</b> <b>9.00 – 3.00pm</b>	<b>Gardening Group</b> (All welcome) <b>9.30 – 12.00 noon</b>  <b>Free legal advice</b> Please come in or phone to make an appointment.  <b>Walking Group 9.00 – 10am</b> Meet @ Waimarie out the front  <b>Opportunity Shop</b> <b>9.00 – 3.00pm</b>
AFTERNOON	<b>Beginners Yoga</b> <b>12.00 noon – 1.30pm</b> Costs: \$36 per 9wks Tutor: Samadhimurti Starts 30th April Enrol by the 27th April Min: 6-8.	<b>Craft for Kids</b> <b>3.45 – 4.45pm</b> \$20 per term Starts: 24th April 07 Enrol by the 20th April 07 Min: 6 Max:12	<b>Tai Chi</b> <b>2.00 – 3.00pm</b> Tutor: Eddie Tan \$2 per class Starts: 25th April 07 (lounge)	<b>Craft for Adults</b> <b>1.00 – 2.00pm</b> Tutor: Chris Warrender \$22 per term Starts:26th Apr 07 Enrol by: 22nd Apr 07 Min: 8 Max: 12	<b>Scrapbooking</b> Tutor: Tracey Renolds <b>12.45 – 2.45pm</b> Costs: \$25 + some materials 6 week course We are taking enrolments for Term 3 Starts: 10th Aug – 14th Sept 07 Min: 6 – Max: 12
EVENING	<b>Le Reve</b> <b>6.00 – 9pm</b> (Outside Room)  <b>Sahaja Yoga</b> <b>7.00 – 8.30pm</b> Tutors: Prem & Daya Govender Ph: 07 823 1589	<b>Toughlove</b> <b>7.30pm – 9.30pm</b> Ph: 07 856 5999		<b>Book Club Meetings</b> 3rd Thurs of every month <b>6.30 – 7:30pm</b>  <b>SEKCA Meeting</b> <b>7.00 – 9.00pm.</b> Every Second Thursday of every month New members welcome.	<b>SSI</b> <b>2.00 – 3.30pm</b> (Small Room)  <b>SGRNZ</b> <b>1.30 – 3.30pm</b> (Saturdays)