



COURSES AND ACTIVITIES FOR TERM 2, 2007

WALKING GROUP – This group has started up again. The group leaves from Waimarie at 9am on Mondays and Fridays. Just meet out the front for some exercise and fresh air.

YOGA – Samadhimurti, Arban Levande, was born and raised in Bremen, Germany. She immigrated to New Zealand in 1985 and has raised her daughter here. She holds a University degree in Mathematics and a post-graduate diploma in Dispute Resolution. She has practised Yoga for a quarter century, lived for over three years at Satyananda Ashram's around the world. She taught Yoga from 1986 to 1993 in New Zealand and has recently enrolled in the Yoga Teacher Training with the Satyananda Yoga Academy in Australia to become an accredited Satyananda Yoga Teacher, with level 1 of 3 completed in 2006. Classes are on Mondays from 12-1.30pm and cost \$36 for nine weeks starting on the 30 April. Min: 6

SCRAPBOOKING – Tracey Reynolds will be tutoring a new course in scrap book-

ing next term. Create beautiful albums or pages for your precious memories and photographs. The cost is \$25 plus materials and runs for six weeks from 10 August. Min: 6 Max: 8. Enrol now for term 3.

CRAFT FOR KIDS – Classes are on Tuesdays at 3.45pm from 24 April. \$20 per term. Min: 6 Max: 12

CRAFT FOR ADULTS – Chris Warrender is experienced in teaching a wide range of crafts including needle punch, candle work, glass painting, leatherwork, pokerwork, shell work, plastic canvas, knitting, tapestry and cross stitch. Classes are on Thursday afternoons from 26 April at 1.00pm. \$22 per term. Min: 6 Max: 12

TAI CHI – Tai Chi will run on Wednesdays from 25 April. There is a \$2 charge per class. The tutor, Eddie Tan, has been teaching Tai Chi for over 30 years and is a member of the New Zealand Tai Chi Association.



GARDEN TO TABLE

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Celebrating the community of Hamilton East

'Live and let live and give something back'

PETER Boys is a familiar sight driving in with his ute or the moke. Gentle Zac, a gorgeous black Labrador sits patiently in the front or backseat, eager for a pat and a greeting.

Former farm hand, adventurer, hydatids officer and dog controller, Peter has had a very active role as a volunteer in the community for many years. Memberships include the South East Kiriakiroa Community Association (management committee for Waimarie) since 1999, including two years as Chairperson; Grey Power since 1996 and secretary since 2000; the Automobile Association since 1980 including the Regional Land Transport Committee and the Royal Aeronautical Society since 1998. He helped to restore the first turbine Fletcher top dressing aircraft in the country which was the gate guardian at Hamilton Airport for many years. The aircraft was then claimed by and removed to MOTAT in pieces.

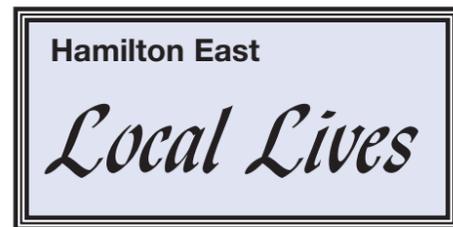
Over the last five years I have lost count of the number of trips he has made to dump or collect carpet, wood, bricks, compost or mulch for the Community Gardens. He has also restored seemingly past it play equipment, furniture and goodness knows what else. If something needs moving, collecting or repairing, Peter is Johnny-on-the-spot.

Last year he ended up in cardiac care with a blocked artery and had an angioplasty but typically hasn't slowed down too much that I can see. Never a very large man, he lost 10kgs in 7 months from changing his diet to fruit, vegetables, fish, meat, low salt and fat and giving up cookies, chocolate and sweets. He also walks 5 to 6kms per day and has joined a cardiac care group.

Always a physical person on the move, Peter lists his hobbies as fixing furniture, local history, reading, woodwork and "doing stuff" for the neighbours such as chopping firewood, mowing lawns and trimming hedges.

It all started when Peter was born in Havelock North in October 1935 to Brian and Peggy Boys. Peggy hailed from England and Brian was born in Bluff in 1901. They had another son, Derek (now deceased). Brian was a sheep and dairy farmer in Waipawa in the Hawke's Bay. The farm was called "Conisbie Farm," named after a family property on the east coast of England.

In 1937 the family moved into Havelock North and Brian became a stock and station agent. They lived at 100 Panangahau Rd; the box number was also 100 as was the phone number! With the approach of WWII, Brian, considered too old to join the regular forces,



joined the Home Guard where he remained from 1939-41. As the war dragged on and young men were killed, the army began drawing wider for recruits – from single men to married without children to married with one and then two children. Brian joined the Air Force at Wigram in 1941. Having a pilot's license and being experienced with Tiger Moths that were used extensively at this time, he was recruited to train pilots, progressing through the flying ranks to Flight Lieutenant. He was sent to Guadalcanal in the Solomon Islands as well as Green Island.

The family had a five acre property on the edge of town with an orchard and tennis court. In 1949, as a returning officer, Brian drew a farm ballot for a 700 acre farm in Havelock North. They raised sheep and beef. With selective breeding they developed a sheep (combinations of Romney, Perindale and Leicester) with very little wool around the legs, face and backside which made dagging a thing of the past.

Peter went to the private Huntley School in Marton from 1945 to 1949 and then attended Christ's College in Christchurch as a boarder until 1953. Despite his private education and a couple of attempts at School Certificate his academic results were not inspiring probably due to "examination nerves" where his mind went totally blank for most of the examination. The elusive School Certificate was conquered later at Fraser High/Tech now WINTEC). Peter helped run the family farm when he left school then attended Lincoln College for eighteen months in 1956. He returned to the family farm, then in 1959 moved to Waipukurau (water from many rounded hills) to work as a farmhand. In 1960 he tried his hand as a tractor driver for Watties before embarking on his O.E.

In those days, overseas destinations were reached by boat and in 1960 he set sail on the SS Strathmore to Melbourne, Ceylon, Colombo (Sri Lanka) and then travelled overland from Bombay to London on a 40 seater bus with 30 other people. Overland adventures were not the hedonistic journeys they sometimes are today. The bus driver's



Peter Boys

Indian wife and daughter came along as sort of "chaperones" and there were no shenanigans on THAT bus. The trip lasted from March to May 1960 and once reaching London, Peter bought a Hillman Husky and three Australasians from the tour bus joined him on a road trip of England, Europe and Scandinavia for three months over the summer. With his remarkable memory for dates and numbers, Peter remembers that the Husky used a 44 gallon drum of oil in its 5000 mile journey.

The return journey was made on the SS Oriana with onboard entertainment including swimming, lectures, interviews, quoits, casino and card evenings as well as shows. The food wasn't too shabby either and there was some liveliness on this trip. After another stint on the family farm, Peter got a job at Ruakura as an experimental stockman in 1965 where he remained until 1977.

In January 1967, Peter met his future wife, Christine, at a Hawke's Bay Veterinary Club "do." They married in July of that year and had two children, Timothy and Niccola.

Changing careers in 1977, Peter became a Hydatids Officer for the Council which morphed into a Dog Control Officer when hydatid dosing was discontinued in 1986, remaining in this position until 1997. He

reckons that most dog trouble results from 10-12% of dog owners. There are still around 8000 dogs in the city and 6000 owners. Dog breeds causing trouble included Dobermans, rottweilers and bull terriers with some complaints about German shepherds and Labradors but he says it is "always the owner's fault" rather than the dogs themselves. "Dogs can be trained to be obedient and docile with the odd ragbag or two."

Peter will kill me for saying anything that is not just a date or event as he is a very modest behind-the-scenes kind of guy who doesn't like fuss.

Risking his wrath I have to say that he seems happiest in shorts and a cap with some kind of tool in his hands doing something for someone else. Peter Boys is a gentle and kind man with a willing heart, arms and legs who enjoys a joke and a bit of a chinwag over a cuppa. We can all learn a lot about how to be a decent and thoughtful human being from his example. He is a true gentleman.

Citing tolerance, patience and respect as key attitudes necessary for successful people, Peter's motto is "live and let live." He says we "should give back to the community with our time or in kind."

He certainly lives up to that.