



# PUKETE NEIGHBOURHOOD HOUSE Te Whare Takiwa o Pukete

**Pukete Neighbourhood  
House**

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This is the second edition for the year and already July is looming. The school holidays are on the horizon once again. I am currently looking for some volunteers from our local community. We really need someone to do some regular tidying of our garden areas, a little bit of mowing around our garden boxes and sometimes some help with putting mulch in the orchard. We are just missing some tender loving care. If you are that person who has a couple of hours and could help us out please give me a call. We are also looking for people to join our Management Committee. This is a rewarding position and gives back to our community. We meet monthly on a Wednesday evening, from 5.30pm to usually 7.30pm. We also undertake Strategic and annual planning sessions. If you feel you have some skills to offer get in touch with me.

We have been trying to introduce some new classes here at the "House". We have so far managed to get 'Zumba Gold' up and running on a Monday evening and Lil Movers is fitting into the Monday morning time slot. I'm looking forward to watching them. They sound really exciting. Next term we will be starting our Cooking Classes on 3 August. We had to cancel the ones in the first term so please ring Katie and put your name down for the next round. We run the cooking classes in association with WILSS.

Don't forget about our meat and vegetable co-op. The numbers are starting to get up so that gives us better buying power. If you would like one give us a call before 2pm on a Wednesday.

I would like to extend our thanks to Niemand Peebles Hoult. These are our lawyers who every week kindly donate their time by giving free legal advice. Often we get stuck in some awkward situations and it is nice to know that there are people giving back to the community at no cost.

Also we have our lounge for hire some evenings and at the weekends. Some families have been using it for children's birthday parties. Have a look at some of the photos on our face book page.

**Take care until next time.**

**Jane**

**Holiday Programme**  
Our next Holiday Programme is due to start on the 10th of July and will run through to the 21st of July. We have our three regular programmes up and running; Junior 5-6 years, Middle 7-9 years and Senior 9-14 years. These three programmes run from 7am-6pm at a cost of \$45 per day inclusive of all activities, trips and food. We are also introducing a Youth programme these holidays for ages 13-16, more information on this can be found on page 3. Spaces are limited which means that booking a space for your child is essential. For more details on the programmes, check out our website [www.puketehouse.org.nz](http://www.puketehouse.org.nz) and follow us on Facebook to keep up to date.

**PUKETE NEIGHBOURHOOD HOUSE TURNS 30!**

As of this year the Pukete Neighbourhood House will have been successfully operating a community facility within the Pukete/St Andrews area for 30 years. We think this deserves celebrating!

We will be celebrating this wonderful milestone on Saturday the 28th of October 2017, so be sure to mark this date on your calendar. The celebration will take place in the Te Rapa Sportsdrome (Pukete Neighbourhood House) Lounge between 5 - 7pm and will be a cocktail function.

As I'm sure the majority, if not all, of you will have had contact with the 'House' during the past 30 years, we would like to extend an invitation to this celebration to you.

For us to ensure the night is a success we need an idea of the number of attendees. If you would like to be there please get in contact with either Jane - [pukete@hnpl.net](mailto:pukete@hnpl.net) or Katie - [puketeneighbourhoodhouse@gmail.com](mailto:puketeneighbourhoodhouse@gmail.com) or 849-1115.



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**COUNCILLORS CORNER**

It's been 8 months already that I have been elected. Where has the time gone? But before I tell you a little bit about what is happening at Council, I want to thank the Pukete Neighbourhood House for welcoming me so warmly into their fold. I love the Scone Wednesdays, when I can make it. The scones are amazing the people are wonderful and there is always lots to chat about. I really encourage you to come along and you will also get to meet some of my fellow colleagues Deputy Mayor Martin Gallagher and Councillor Dave Macpherson.

You might have caught up on the news that we are trialing free parking in the inner city to revitalize it. Also work has started on Victoria on the River, which will open up the city to our wonderful asset the Waikato River. Many cities around the world that are on waterways make the most of it, while Hamilton has always turned its back on it. I hope you are all enjoying this beautiful autumn weather and get out and explore the hidden gems that Hamilton and the Waikato have to offer. We love cycling along the river and taking advantage of the new cycle ways along Wairere Drive and the Western Rail trail. Also following from Pukete the Te Awa cycle trail to Horotiu is not only great for cycling but also for walking. Hope to see you out there enjoying the fresh air and looking forward to saying high at one of the Scone Wednesdays. Otherwise if you want to get hold of me call or txt me on 0278085155 or message me on Facebook.

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**HAMILTON CITY COUNCIL REPORT**

Free parking in the CBD (without extra rates charge to residents) - Council voted recently to approve a free on-street parking trial in Hamilton's CBD, but not to fund it from an extra rates charge, after receiving negative feedback from the community on this part of the proposal.

The free-parking trial (from 1st October) means that anyone coming into the city centre will be able to park free for up to 2 hours on any day; the trial's purpose is to help rejuvenate the CBD by getting more shoppers into it more easily. City businesses will be rated extra to cover some of the lost income from the trial.

Council frequently receives complaints that The Base and Chartwell shopping centres are easier to shop in because shoppers don't have to pay for parking, and now the same will apply in the CBD.

The average length of stay in the city's on-street parks is about an hour and a quarter, so the 2 hours free should suit most shoppers - if you do want to park a little longer, that will also be allowed at the cost of a \$1 for each extra 10 minutes (this is currently not allowed). Commuters/workers who are staying all day will see no changes to their current 'off-street' parking in parking buildings or around the outer edge of the city.

Part of the new parking arrangements will also include small electronic 'domes' glued to the tarmac in each on-street park, both to help 'police' the 2-hour time, and also to provide information about where empty parks are - shoppers who have smart-phones (most of us?) will be able to download a free 'app' which will be able to guide you to the empty parks, and also (very important) to give you a warning when your 2 hours is about to expire, AND enable you to pay for any extra parking you want through the app on the phone.

The current parking meters will stay for those who don't have smartphones, but will eventually, in a few years, be retired to various museums around the country!

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**Do you have unwanted items?**

Here at Pukete Neighbourhood House we love to receive donations of unused craft materials/recyclables. However due to a huge influx of donations in the past few months, we now have to be a little more specific on what we can take. All empty and cleaned recyclables and cardboard are welcomed along with anything craft worthy. We can no longer accept toilet rolls, old clothing or soft plastics.

**Pruning**

Small trees and shrubs, roses, fruit trees. Affordable rates with 30 years experience give Keith a call on 027 622 3195

As always we would like to thank our Sponsors for the donations and grants. These keep your local community house running and enable us to provide services.; Lottery Grants Board, COGS, Trust Waikato, Hamilton City Council, Ministry of Social Development, Tindall Foundation, Len Reynold's Trust, Te Rapa Rotary, Hoyts Te Awa

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## HOLIDAY PROGRAM

We have some exciting news! With the July school holidays approaching fast, we are hurriedly working on an awesome new Youth Holiday Program. In the hopes of catering to the young adults in our community we've organised a 'supercharged' holiday program for 13-16 year olds. This program is going to be packed full of awesome activities like Kelly Tarltons, Redwood Tree Top Walk, Sky Tower and Rainbow Springs Rotorua. The spaces for this programme will be very limited due to the nature of the activities meaning bookings will be essential. For more info on the program, pricing or to book your child in please give us a call on 849-1115.

### LITTLE MOVERS PLAY GYM

Pukete Neighbourhood House has teamed up with Joanne Williams to bring the Little Movers Play Gym to the Pukete area! Little Movers focuses on teaching the foundation skills that our young ones need as they grow, for brain development & concentration in a FUN & SAFE environment.

Our weekly class takes place on a Monday at 11am and runs for 45min. You can check out Little Movers on Facebook [www.facebook.com/littlemoversplaygym/](http://www.facebook.com/littlemoversplaygym/)

For more info call Katie on 849-1115

### ZUMBA GOLD

We are thrilled to say that we are now offering a weekly Zumba Gold class here at the House. We have Gail Gilbert, a qualified Zumba instructor, coming in to run these classes. Zumba Gold is an awesome way to keep fit while having a whole heap of fun! Zumba Gold is perfect for the older adult who wants to stay active but has no age restrictions and is designed to be so much fun that you don't realise you're exercising. So come on down and join us on Monday evenings at 6pm for a 45 minute dance party! Cost is \$4 per session and classes are held in the PNH lounge.

### COOKING CLASSES

We have our second lot of cooking classes for the year starting up on the 3rd of August. Jodie, from the Waikato Institute of Leisure and Sports Studies (WILSS), takes these classes and they're always great. You learn practical life skills while having fun and all for only a gold coin. Without the numbers we can't keep these awesome community classes going so make sure you spread the word. To sign up for the class call Katie on 849-1115



The Salvation Army Education and Employment centre in Te Rapa offers three Youth Guarantee courses to young people

aged 16 - 19. The courses are free of charge, and transport may be available. Each course offers students the opportunity to gain industry appropriate experience and qualifications, National Certificate Foundation Skills, NCEA L1 & L2. We can also assist students to obtain their Learners Licence. The centre also has a Youth Mentor programme to assist young people in reaching their education goals.

### ARE YOU HAVING A PARTY, WEDDING OR FUNCTION? - Don't forget about our hire options!

We have trestle tables and plastic chairs for hire during weekends. \$1 a chair, \$5 a table. We also have a punch bowl for \$5, pie warmer for \$20, and gazebo's \$20. Pickup is Friday after 4pm and they need to be back by 12pm Monday. We charge a \$20 bond which is refunded if everything is in tact. Please call us 07 849 1115

### Yummy Chewy Choc Chip Cookies

200g butter  
1 cup white sugar  
1 cup brown sugar  
2 eggs  
2 tsp vanilla essence  
3 cups flour  
pinch of salt  
1 tsp baking powder  
2 cups chocolate chips



Melt butter, and add both sugars and cream these together. Beat in the eggs and vanilla then mix in the dry ingredients. Roll into medium sized balls, making sure the mixture is not too wet! Put on a well greased baking tray. They shouldn't spread too much so flatten slightly. Bake at 180° for 8-10 minutes.

Tip: you can easily half this recipe. Or roll half into a log, wrap in cling film and freeze. Cut into 15 pieces while still frozen and bake.

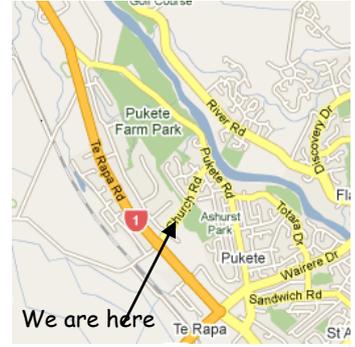
### VEGETABLE CO OP & MEAT PACKS

Here at the "House" we have a vegetable co-op which means we do a bulk order so we can get more produce for your money. It is a mix of fruit and vegetables with a different combination each week. At the cost of \$12 it keeps the grocery bill down. We also provide the opportunity to purchase an assorted Meat Pack at a cost of \$20. To order either of these, please give us a call to on 07 849 1115. All orders need to be in by 2pm on Wednesday, pickup after 9.30am Thursday, must be picked up by 5.30pm Thursday.



**Pukete Neighbourhood House**  
07 849 1115

**Driving**—find us just off State  
Highway 1, Ashurst Park, 43  
Church Road, Hamilton



## REGULAR COMMUNITY EVENTS

**FAMILY SUPPORT WORKER**—Craig Wills is our Family Support Worker. Craig will advocate for you with Work and Income, Housing NZ, ACC. Craig is also a Justice of the Peace. He is available at the "House" for JP work. You can contact Craig on 850 4013 or email [pukete3@hnpl.net](mailto:pukete3@hnpl.net), or txt/ring 027 7106485.

**AFTER SCHOOL CARE**—Every week day afternoon 3pm—6pm. Have your children well supervised until you finish work. Includes a great afternoon tea—craft—sports—homework assistance. CYF Approved—Work and Income Subsidies available.

**BEFORE SCHOOL CARE**—Every morning from 7am—8.30am. Breakfast and transport to school provided.

**HOLIDAY PROGRAMMES**—Senior, Middle and Junior programmes available 7am—6pm—all food and activities included for just \$45 per day—Limited spaces available—bookings essential.

**ZUMBA GOLD**—Taken by Zumba qualified, Gail Gilbert, every Monday evening from 6—6:45pm. Cost is \$4 per session.

**LITTLE MOVERS PLAY GYM**—Developmental play gym class for under 5's taken by Joanne Williams on Monday mornings at 11am in the gym at PNH/Te Rapa Sportsdrome.

**WALKING GROUP**—Meets every Thursday morning at 'PNH'. Leaving at 9.30am. All levels of abilities welcome. Once finished, come on in and enjoy a cuppa and a natter—Gold coin donation

**KNITTING AND UNFINISHED OBJECTS—CRAFT GROUP**—Every Tuesday morning from 10am-12noon, in term time. Bring that unfinished project and work on it with like minded people—have a cuppa and a natter.

**COOKING CLASSES**—Jodie Collins from WILSS will be taking cooking classes in the PNH kitchen on Thursday mornings from 10-12noon for the month of August. Class dates; 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th, 31st of August. Gold coin donation. Call Katie for to sign up 849-1115

**VEGETABLE CO-OP**—The veggie co-op has been running for at least fifteen years. The \$12 box of assorted veggies and fruit is exceptionally good value. Ring the "House" 849 1115 before 2.30pm on a Wednesday to order. Pickup is after 9.30am on Thursdays. Please provide a box.

**MEAT**—a \$20 Meat pack is available you can order this at the same time as your veggies —collect on Thursday.

**PLAYGROUP**—We have a very enthusiastic group of parents/caregivers and children every Tuesday morning during term time from 10-11.30am. Come along and enjoy the fun—it's a very relaxing time to spend with your child, and its free.

**NORTH CENTRAL NETWORK MEETINGS**—The next meeting is at 12pm 2 August and then again on 18 October and 6 December, at the Pukete Neighbourhood House, at the Te Rapa Sportsdrome. Please come along if you are a service provider in our area. We would like to hear and share about the work you do. Light refreshments provided.

**WORM FARM**—Our worm farms have been producing lots of Worm Wee. Grab a 1l bottle that is ready to pour on your garden for just \$2. We also have worms for sale if you want to start your own farm.

**FREE LEGAL ADVICE**—With Niemand Peebles Hoult. Friday mornings by appointment only. Please ring the House to make an appointment.

**BOOK EXCHANGE**—There is a great selection so come on down and get your books. \$1 when you bring a book to exchange. \$3 to purchase (no book to exchange). If you have unwanted books, we would love them.

**OFFICE SERVICES**—Colour photocopying and laminating - very reasonable costs

**NORDIC WALKING:** Total Body Workout using poles. Wellbeing one step at a time. Classes or 1-to-1 instruction. Check [nordicwalking.winksmith.co.nz](http://nordicwalking.winksmith.co.nz) or call 021 418 695.

**TAI CHI**- Here at the Sportsdrome 9.30am on Wednesday and Friday—Cost \$5. All enquiries call Trevor on 022 322 3410

**Thinking of selling your house? 'Talk to Tom'**

List and sell your house with me and I will donate \$500  
to Pukete Neighbourhood House!

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