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From Jane

Welcome to the final edition of our newsletter for this year. Here is a bit of a walk down memory lane. Its part of my report to the annual meeting.

This last year has been somewhat tiring and challenging at times but we have once again made our 'mark' on Pukete and the wider Hamilton community. We have just celebrated our 30th Anniversary as an Incorporated Society. We have actually been operating 32 years in Pukete. Over the years we have had a few homes firstly starting at Number One Cullimore Street back in 1985. By 1991 we had managed to raise funds to build a garage on the property and in 1992 it became the Impson Community Room. In 1994 we completed our first 'business plan' the start of many more to come. 1997 saw a 'youth centre' in Perclo Place. Our OSCAR services out grew our facility so in 2000 they moved to Te Rapa Rugby Club. 2003 saw all of our services back in one spot, at the idyllic Bryant Village in Delamere Road. Then in 2005 we were invited by the Badminton and Bowling clubs to take up residence in the Te Rapa Sportsdrome. In 2007 Hamilton City Council created a dedicated space to permanently house the Pukete Neighbourhood House. 2011 was great as the community came together and were fortunate to have an upgrade to the Ashurst Park Playground. In 2014 we planted our first trees in our community orchard. These are just some snippets of our history.

The evening celebration was just how we have envisaged, with just a couple of hours mixing with our colleagues, our community, friends and users of our services and family. We have maintained a constant and thriving centre in the North Hamilton area over these years. So many thanks to all of you who have contributed to our success over the last 32 years.

I wish you well for the festive season. Enjoy the precious times with family and friends and travel safely. I look forward to catching up in the New Year.

The "House" will be closing at 6pm on Thursday, 21 December and re-opening on Monday, 8 January, 2018 with all our regular services.

Jane



People helping People

Councillor's Corner



“...COUNCILLORS
CORNER “

“Christmas wishes
to you all”



Council at Christmas Martin Gallagher

The end of the year is always a busy time for everyone, as we all rush to finish off work and prepare for Christmas.

Here at Council we are currently very focused on the Ten-Year Plan, which is requiring us to make some challenging decisions that will shape the future of our city. As always, I value your feedback on the paths ahead.

This time of year is about family and friends, and Council is again supporting a range of Christmas events for you and your loved ones.

The Christmas Tree has started going up in Garden Place and the Santa Parade is coming up on 10 December, both organised by the Hamilton Christmas Trust.

Carols at the Lake on 17 December will be the classic family event at a wonderful new venue, so hope to see you there.

There's also lots of smaller festive fare happening in the community, such as Trees at The Meteor, Dec A Deer, Kids' Toy Trade and the K9 Christmas. Find out more at christmasinhamilton.nz, your guide to Xmas in The Tron.

Enjoy the season and stay safe.

Wow it's nearly Christmas time. I hope you all had a great 2017 and are looking forward to 2018. In Council we have still quite a number of meetings before we can get into the festive season. Undoubtedly you will hear the outcomes via the media. And if you have any questions, please don't hesitate contacting me. Now I want to take this opportunity to send Season's Greetings to you and your family at this special time of the year. May you all have a happy and healthy holiday and a safe and prosperous New Year.

Kind regards

Siggi Henry

Dave Macpherson apologised for not contributing but he did ask me to wish you all a happy and safe Christmas and New Year.

All Hamilton City Councillors were invited to contribute a Christmas wish for this newsletter.

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.

Thanks Here at Pukete Neighbourhood

House we love to receive donations of unused craft materials/recyclables. 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. We would like to say thanks to Penny's Bookstore, Westfield, CKL

Planning, Surveying, Engineering, Environmental, Sealed Air. Who regularly support us with recyclables.



Christmas Carols and Services

Scots Presbyterian Church will be holding a "Community Christmas Carol" service on Sunday 17 December at 7pm. The Christmas Service will be held on Monday, 25 December at 9.30am. Every one is very welcome to these services.

Christmas Services - Please join us at All Saints for our services on the 24th December at 8.00am & 10.00am (Holy Eucharist at both services), and at 7.00pm for Carols & lessons. There will also be a service on the 25th December at 9.00am which includes Holy Eucharist. It would be lovely to see you.

Hamilton Combined Christian Foodbank Trust & The Salvation Army Community Meals

Methodist City Action Last meal 18 December - First meal 12 February 2018

St Mary's Cathedral—Last meal 19 December—First meal 13 February 2018

Phoenix House—Last meal 12 December—First meal 6 February 2018

St Vincent de Paul—Last meal 22 December—First meal 8 February 2018

Te Whanau Putahi—Ongoing every Sunday.

Puketete Neighbourhood House is once again collecting for the foodbank. If you wish to drop non perishable foodstuffs to the 'House' we will make sure it get to the right people. We have a box in the foyer all ready to go. Just waiting on your donations.

Just a reminder that Puketete School finishes for the year on 15 December and Te Rapa School finishes on 20 December. Both schools first day back in the new year is 7 February 2018.

Holiday Programmes We will once again be running our awesome holiday programmes. We have three different age groups, juniors, middles and seniors. Programmes are designed specifically for these groups. The cost is \$50 per day, which includes all food and entertainment. We are open from 7am to 6pm which equates to \$4.50 per hour. Booking sheets are available on our website or drop by and pick one up. Places fill pretty quickly so don't delay.

We would like to once again acknowledge our funders who have supported us financially over this past year. Ministry of Social Development; Trust Waikato; Department of Internal Affairs; Hamilton City Council; COGS, DV Bryant Trust; Len Reynolds Trust; Tindall Foundation; Te Rapa Rotary.



Vegetable Co-op & Meat Packs—Our last day for ordering vegetables and meat packs will be **Wednesday, 20 December 2017**. We will be resuming them again in the **New Year from Wednesday, 10 January 2018**. 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.



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, 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—and just plain fun. 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 \$50 per day—Limited spaces available—bookings essential.

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. Bring that unfinished project and work on it with like minded people—have a cuppa and a natter.

VEGETABLE CO-OP—The veggie co-op has been running for at least fifteen years. The \$12 bag 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.

MEAT—\$20 Meat packs are 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, morning tea provided—and it’s free.

NORTH CENTRAL NETWORK MEETINGS—The next meeting is at 12pm on 14 February 2018, at the Pukete Neighbourhood House, 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—Photocopying colour or black and white -laminating - very reasonable costs

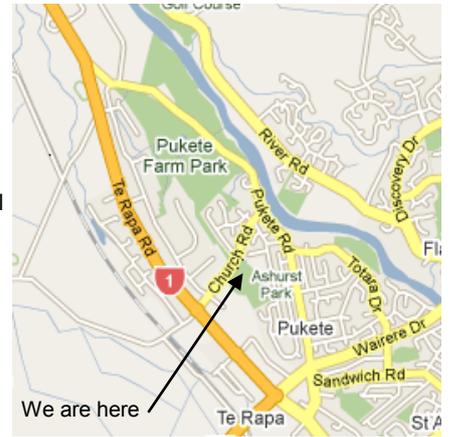
NORDIC WALKING: Total Body Workout using poles. Wellbeing one step at a time. Classes or 1-to-1 instruction. Check nordicwalking@winksmith.co.nz or call 021 418 695.

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

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Search “Pukete Neighbourhood House” in the App Store on your device!! Make your Lawyers appointments—order your veggies and meat— see what’s happening all with the touch of a button just for starters!!



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

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