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Welcome to Summer Edition

With summer coming into view, it's a great time to thank you for your involvement with Maram. The trustees and staff hope you've had a happy year and that you're looking forward to a well-earned summer break. The Trust has enjoyed another successful year for which we're grateful to you, the house volunteers, the staff and trustees.

If you've booked a Maram home for summer, we trust you'll love it and that the people before you kept you in mind as they cleaned and departed. Treat the homes as if you own them because in a way you do; It's your money, and that of many employees before you, that has built and maintained the homes for 70 years. They're going to be there for you to enjoy for decades to come. There's been big money spent on refurbishments and replacements over the last five years. Really there's only a handful left to refurbish and then we'll start the process again.

Unfortunately, many in the Maram community lost their jobs in the last year due to company restructuring. If that's you, we hope you've landed on your feet and can look forward to a good year ahead. If you're reading this, we're pleased you've got your lifetime benefit status sorted so you can keep enjoying the homes.

Take care of your health, enjoy the summer and may you benefit from your involvement in the Maram Community for another year. Maram is special, you make it special.

Glenn Clark, CEO

OREWA getaway

Just 20 minutes north of Auckland

Plus

- + Wonderful walks, bike trails along beach (3km) and around estuary (8 km)
- + Playgrounds
- + Excellent cafés and bars, Orewa (10 min walk) and Matakana (20 min drive)
- + Vineyards, wine tasting at Matakana (20 mins drive)
- + Gulf Harbour Marina, ferry access to Tiritirimatangi (wildlife sanctuary)
- + Excellent golf courses. Driving range. Mini golf
- + North Shore Aero Club. Scenic flights, 10mins.
- + Twin Coast Discovery Route
- + Puhoi Historic Village, specialty cheese, 10 mins
- + Windsurfing, kitesurfing, blokarts on Orewa Beach. Board hire available.
- + Charter fishing trips from Gulf Harbour. Excellent fishing



When it comes to having fun, Orewa really delivers.

Orewa is famous for its beautiful beach - 3km of golden sand for all adults and kids to enjoy.

Less than 100 metres walk to Orewa Beach. Grab your towel!

Easy 10 min walk to Orewa Beach Shops, cafes, restaurants and entertainment.

Waiwera Hot Pools and Spa complex only 5 minutes north. Silverdale 10 minutes - markets, factory shopping, Snowplanet, Auckland LUGE, bumper boats, racing cars etc.



OMG...book now!

Perfect for a long weekend escape, or a magic holiday!

WOW...THANK YOU PAUL

80 years young with 25 years looking after the Drewa homes!

I joined the Post and Telegraph Department on the 16th October 1950 at the age of 15 as a message boy in Hamilton's Chief Post Office.

I had a desire to become a Telegraphist, so I spent every lunch hour learning morse, both sending and receiving at the test desk in the main Telegraph Office. I was then transferred to trainee Morse and machine Printer operator and promoted to Telegraphist. I proceeded to do my CMT training with the Army who asked me to join the Regular Force so started with them in 1959 in Auckland, later transferring to Army HQ in Wellington. I followed on to become a Cipher Operator and promoted to Sgt and transferred to the School of Signals to run the Communication Centre as an Instructor at the School. I had several appointments over the next few years, my final one been the Squadron Sergeant Major 1 Com Zone Signals SQN. I then resigned in 1974 and re-joined the New Zealand Post Office as a Counter Clerk at Silverdale.

Over the next five years, I also became very involved in the Post Office Union as a National Delegate for Auckland and Chairman of the Auckland Section responsible for thousands of members as their negotiator with Senior Management, a very demanding task but also rewarding. By the end of that period I was promoted to Area Post Master from Devonport to Wellesford, a position I found challenging but at the same time very enjoyable and fulfilling and then joined the Bank as the Sales Manager for the North Shore.

I was very involved with the cottages mowing lawns and keeping in touch with Rob Fabish, GM of the Trust who invited me to become the House Person for Orewa, the role I have carried out since 1987 from memory.

There have been some challenging moments, for example one Christmas



Paul & June Hair

I was rung by one of the neighbours who suggested it would be a good idea for me to come to the cottages, which I did to find two large tents on the front lawn. With a quick body count the result was 32 people! I went to the lady who had rented Unit one and asked her what on earth was going on, as I explained to her that she was only entitled to have a total of six people staying in the Unit. I requested that she pulled down the tents and that all the extra people were to leave the property within two hours and if they will still there when I returned, that she would also be evicted. When I returned everything was in order, except the toilet, it had come adrift from the floor!

I could say so much but it would suffice to say that generally most people are helpful and reasonable and June and myself have enjoyed doing what we have done to help people have a good holiday. However, a lot of the feedback was minor but also picky and yet in most cases when people were asked if everything was okay face to face, everything was a bunch of roses.

On behalf of June and myself we would like to say to the Board, thanks for putting your trust in us, and a very special thanks to Debbie and Fiona, not forgetting the late Damian George for love and support to us.

Our blessings and love to you all.

Paul Hair



Physiotherapists do extensive training to learn how we work physically.

They have the skills to assess and treat symptoms caused by illness, injury or disability. If your body is not working properly, treatment and exercises given to you from your Physiotherapist will help you get back on track.

Ask Marram to reimburse **60%** of the cost to a **maximum of \$300** per family per calendar year. So.....what are you waiting for, don't struggle any longer. Book your appointment with your Physiotherapist today and.....get sorted!

Old Receipts

Our guidelines for the reimbursement of healthcare expenses are that we do not reimburse for expenses incurred more than 12 months ago.

If you have receipts that you intend to send to us to request reimbursement of expenses, please send them to us now. If they are older than 12 months at the time we receive them, we cannot reimburse. Avoid disappointment, send in your healthcare request today!



Marram
Healthcare

Healthcare assistance for you, your partner and any dependent children. (up to their 18th birthday)

Daisy's Christmas Biscuits

A delicious biscuit and great gift idea for grandparents to receive at this festive time of the year.



Ingredients

- 225g softened butter
- ¾ cup icing sugar
- 1 tsp vanilla extract
- 2 ½ cups flour

★ Preheat oven to 160 c. Beat butter, icing sugar and vanilla until pale and creamy.

★ Add flour and mix well. Tip dough onto bench and knead thoroughly.

★ Roll dough out into 1cm thick rectangle.

★ Use various Christmas themed cookie cutters and place biscuits on a baking tray and cook for 10-12 minutes until firm.

★ Cool on a wire rack, and then let your imagination go wild and decorate with various coloured icings and sprinkles.

Steve's Summer Squizzle

G R E Y H O U N D F Z N K R T
 K S R L L F R S G A I I O H O
 W C W W F C D U S M B E A C H
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 V Z N Y W H S O N F H Q P D T
 B C I I P O L F E O V M F Q D
 S K S M Y R F R E L A X I N G

Find the 13 Summer words + Steve's bonus word.

BEACH
 CHRISTMAS
 CRACKER
 FAMILY
 FRIENDS
 G__H__D
 HAM
 HOLIDAY

RELAXING
 SUMMER
 SUNSCREEN
 SWIMMING
 TRAVEL
 WINE

CONTRIBUTOR NOTICES

Christmas Closing Hours

The Marram Office will close at 12 noon on Thursday 24th December and re-open at 8am on Tuesday 5th January 2016.



Marram Online

Make sure you've created a Login so you can access information 24/7 during the holiday period. You can access all your information by logging into Marram Online with your email address and the password you provided when you created your Login. If you're having difficulty creating a login, please phone us now so we can help.

CLEANING

Is still an issue but WHY???

If the home is not cleaned to a high standard, we will be in contact! The holiday makers behind you love to tell us that your cleaning is not up to their standard and we encourage this along with photo evidence!

We also encourage YOU....

To book a cleaner! No worries, no hassle, no complaints, makes for a great holiday! Our Volunteers who offer these services will always try their best to accommodate you, so please give as much notice as possible when booking your clean.

LOST PROPERTY

The amount of items left behind is on the increase! Please can you give your home a thorough check before you leave to ensure you have everything! My family always have a check list of sorts to ensure that everything is packed back in the bags before heading home. It can be very time consuming for our volunteers retrieving left belongings and trying to sort out how to get them back to the rightful owner.

Message to Marram Christmas Holiday Makers:-

Enjoy!

- ★ Take your confirmation papers with you.
- ★ Ensure you check your arrival and departure dates.
- ★ Check in times and check out times - Please ensure you stick to these times as you do not want to be charged for an extra day.
- ★ Book a cleaner in advance - If the home is not cleaned thoroughly, we will be in touch to on-charge!
- ★ Please read your Marram Holiday Home Conditions of Tenancy and abide to the terms.

REFER & BE REWARDED

Refer a work colleague & be rewarded with a **voucher** of your choice.

Sign up a colleague by 11th December 2015 and be rewarded with either:

- \$50 Marram Holiday Voucher
- \$40 Westfield Voucher
- \$40 New World Voucher



Even better, if 2 friends sign up, you'll receive double the vouchers, 3 friends then triple the vouchers.....!

All your colleague needs to do is go to www.marram.co.nz and click on **"Sign-up Now"** and complete the online application. When asked **"How did you find out about Marram?"** select **"Referred by Marram Contributor"** and complete your name and organisation. Alternatively, have them complete a sign-up application form saying you referred them and send it into Marram.

Once the referred person's contributions start, we'll be in contact with you to select your voucher(s).

Thank you to all who referred a colleague in the last referral!!!! We hope you enjoyed your voucher!!! We really appreciate you spreading the word, as often your colleagues may not know about the Marram community or understand the great employee benefits they can enjoy.

Marram's terms and conditions apply. Please see FAQ's at www.marram.co.nz

COMPLETED REFURBISHMENTS 2015

Another busy year for Debbie and Fiona completing 20 refurbishments over 7 locations. We are still frantically working on the last two locations - Cromwell and Lake Tekapo — to get them opened before the Christmas rush! So if you're fortunate to have booked one of the refurbished homes over the Christmas holidays, you will be in for a treat!

HAPPY HOLIDAYS!



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