

Peter Seers

Peter is chair of MERRA

Peter and Deryn have lived in Scotts Landing for the past 6 years, but spent most holidays (including honeymoon) in Kawau Bay.

Peter has been in home mortgage and construction finance most of his life, with about 10 years running a NZ export business exporting building products throughout the Pacific Islands.

He loves building, property and finance and like most here, boating, fishing and sailing.

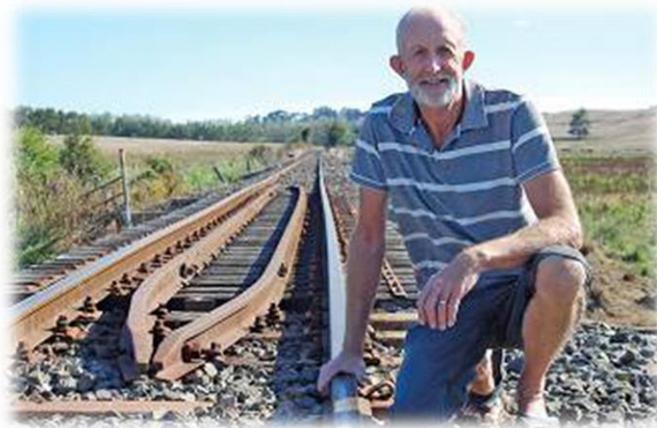
Peter has been involved with MERRA since 2015, responsible for the community response group. Peter helped set up the wider Rodney Community Response Group which covers liaising with about 13 groups between Upper Waiwera to Leigh and all groups between.

Stuart Windross

Stuart and his wife Karen have two boys, and four grandchildren. They built and moved permanently to Scotts Landing in 2012 having purchased their section in 2006. They previously lived in Mt Eden, then Kumeu.

Stuart retired at 55 from his career as a teacher, teacher educator, degree programme head and faculty manager. He enjoys fishing, boating, travel, designing, repairing & building. His widely-known, well-used and over-stocked workshop is a favourite haunt. He has a passion for planning cost-effective projects preferably using recycled or repurposed materials.

Stuart has been a committee member on MERRA since 2012, including 2 years as chair. His portfolios have included roading and walkways, infrastructure (eg: power, communications), design & construction (eg: welcome sign, bus shelter, cemetery stairs) and our waste-by-rail campaign



Stuart Windross, getting the Waste-by-Rail campaign on track

Mark Croft

Mark has owned his property on Ridge Road since 2010, moving permanently in 2016.

Mark has retired having worked in the film industry. Now he divides time between volunteer work, family support, working on his house and his 2 acre block.

Mark has served on the MERRA Committee since 2012 with previous roles including 2 years as chair also as web-site administrator and treasurer. His current primary role is animal pest control and the organiser for the successful annual BBQ held at Scott Homestead.

Heather Mackay

Heather and Alan Seelye have owned properties on Scotts Landing since 1998, building at their current address in 2005 and moved in permanently in 2013.

Heather worked for 33 years at Cambridge Clothing (tailored menswear manufacturers) mostly as production planning/sales administration manager then for 7 years until retiring in 2013 as a process/system architect. Currently Heather is a committee member of the Warkworth Wellsford Budget Service and a volunteer budget supervisor and advisor. Heather and Alan own and operate The Cottages on Ridge Road.

Interests include travel incorporating self guided walks, gardening, a variety of stitching, playing tennis and trying to progress from being an L - plated bridge player.

Heather joined the MERRA committee where her administration skills are utilised as our secretary since 2017 and has a portfolio interest in weed and plant pest control on the peninsula.



Heather Mackay, smiling again

Chris Russell

When Chris and Helen were seeking their “retirement special” they discovered Scotts Landing and purchased 10 acres. They built their home 3 years ago and the longer they stay, the more the area, community and opportunities exceed their expectations.

Chris spent 30 years in the pharmaceutical industry in an Auckland based family business warehousing, distribution and agency business, servicing the pharmaceutical and consumable requirements of pharmacies, hospitals, doctors and veterinarians, becoming one of New Zealand’s top 100 privately owned companies by turnover. He rose to Managing Director until the business was sold 1999.

Their lifestyle hobby and passion for the land led them to a number of farming businesses, including a 500 acre dry stock and dairy farms in the Waikato, to an environmentally focused dry stock grazing, forestry and tourist accommodation farm in the Bay of Plenty.

He spends a good deal of time in his blue overalls on his ten acres tending to the beef stock, extensive plantings on the block and home property, and ranging on his buggy helping neighbours on any planting and plant pest management issues

Chris was elected to serve on the MERRA Committee 3 years ago. His current portfolio is as one of the pest plant co-ordinators and he is responsible for the safe keeping and storage of the chemicals used for this activity.



Chris Russell out of overalls

Lindsay Crocker

Lindsay and wife Robyn Redford bought in 2010 whilst still living in Christchurch as a holiday home, with the dream of living here permanently – the dream realised in 2016. They have four children and two grandchildren – to date.

Lindsay, armed with an accountancy degree and an extensive period as a professional cricketer in New Zealand, England and South Africa, had a long career in cricket administration (and briefly golf), as CEO of Auckland Cricket, then several years at New Zealand Cricket. He also managed the touring Blackcaps around the world for 6 years. He's worked with several boards, including Auckland and New Zealand Cricket, Eden Park and Clearwater Golf Club.

Lindsay is still an enthusiastic sports follower, has joined the Mahurangi East bowls club, enjoys walking the family dog on peninsular roadways and tracks meeting up with neighbours, does volunteer work for Age Concern, loves to track fish and try to understand why they don't always respond to his advances.

Lindsay is a new MERRA committee member since the 2019 AGM and has taken over the administration of the web-site.

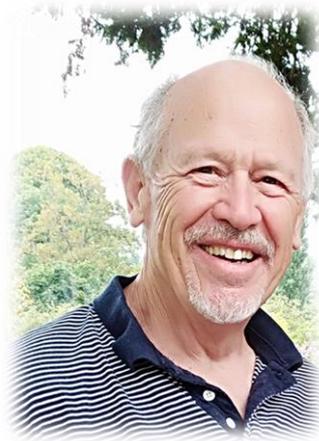


Lindsay Crocker – where are they?

David Legg

David, and Jude moved from Auckland in 2013 to Scotts Landing, after their sons left university and settled overseas, and now they enjoy living and working on their property here. Prior to that David worked for 35 years, both in New Zealand and Canada, as a teacher and later as head of faculty, specialising in philosophy. He has developed philosophy courses, some of which are incorporated into the NZ Ministry of Education curricula. He also taught adult education courses for 25 years, in World Religions and Philosophies, at the University of Auckland, and continues (part-time) lecturing in philosophy to tertiary students in Auckland. He is available to assist anyone who would like to learn how to do philosophy.

Other interests - David is interested in travel, in New Zealand and overseas, in addition to gardening, walking, reading, and enjoying serene afternoons. He joined the MERRA committee in 2014 and is interested in developing “places of interest” and organising the annual Scotts Landing “clean up” day.



Dr David Legg – What is questioning?

Susan Jelicich

Susan Jelicich and Gerrard Merrick have lived in Scotts Landing for the past 7 years, moving from Ellerslie, after spending two years running holidaying at The Cottages on Ridge Road and falling in love with the spectacular area they now call home.

Susan has spent her working career in the finance area of small to medium businesses and in conjunction with Gerrard has owned and operated a number of businesses over the last 20 years. Alongside of joint business interests she has run her own administration and bookkeeping company servicing small businesses in the Auckland region.

Susan has two children and two delightful grandchildren and two step children. Her interests are wellness and fitness, pottering in the garden, movies and art – in particular sculpture and has been involved with NZ Sculpture OnShore as a volunteer.

Susan was elected to serve on the MERRA committee three years ago as treasurer.



Susan and Gerrard

Colin Harvey

Colin and his wife Carole divide their time between Scotts Landing and Auckland after purchasing and building on Ridge Road in the late 1990's.

With a background in chemistry and geology Colin has had a diverse working history which included 15 years in ceramics with Ceramco before switching to academia and consulting in geothermal energy which included teaching/research roles in both the USA (Indiana) and University of Auckland.

He spent his final ten years of working life managing the geothermal division of GNS Science in Wairakei including teams in groundwater, minerals and extremophiles research. He has a passion for renewable energy and while at Wairakei, geothermal generation in New Zealand grew from around 5% to the current 16% of our national electricity generation.

Apart from previous active involvements in soccer, tennis and diving Colin's interest now include travel, gardening and environmental projects. Colin has served as Secretary of MERRA on two previous occasions and is keen to rejoin the team which has built up such an impressive community performance record over recent years.



Colin is back

Clarissa Gould-Thorpe

Clarissa and Simon bought their home in Scotts Landing in 2017 and lived half the week in Auckland and half the week on the peninsular to begin with. Clarissa retired in 2019 after a varied working career having trained as a primary school teacher, worked as an educational book rep visiting secondary schools and as an executive assistant for the Clinical Trials Research Unit at the University of Auckland. She now spends the week in Scotts Landing. You will see her out and about walking their dogs - a black poodle Lulu and Danny the gold and white Shih Tzu. She has interests in reading, knitting, tapestry, films and socializing with friends and family.

Clarissa has the role of Neighbourhood Support person. She well remembers when she was welcomed to the community and wants that same experience for newcomers, where each new resident is provided with a welcome information pack. The Scotts Landing community is divided into 12 groups and each group has a coordinator / group leader. Clarissa disseminates any relevant information to the community by email through these group leaders.



Clarissa Gold-Thorpe

Barry Mein

Barry and wife Suzette shifted to Scotts Landing fulltime in mid 2017. They have three adult children. Having grown up in Christchurch and spent most of their adult life in Auckland, they enjoy the peaceful environment, and the ever-changing views across Te Kapa. They love kayaking around the harbour.

Barry is self-employed as a consultant in transport policy and strategic planning. He previously held senior management roles in local and regional government.

Barry is a co-opted member of MERRA in order to assist on the waste-by-rail campaign.



Barry Mein, in the main

Craig Maskell

Craig and Christine shifted to Scotts Land in December 2018. They have been married since 1983 and have two adult children.

Craig is semi-retired and self-employed electrical and communications practitioner having stepped out of a communication and electrical business of 35 years. Craig has a wide skill set coming from many years in and around the construction industry.

Craig and Christine are quickly finding their feet at Scotts Landing and enjoying the community spirit that exists here. Fishing, diving, hunting and renovating are among the things that Craig loves. Craig is now also part of Warkworth Toastmasters improving his speaking skills.

Craig is a co-opted member of MERRA in order to get a fishing fun day organised



Craig Maskell