

2011 RWC: 100 DAYS TO GO

Not long now until party time . . .

They're living on the edge of the Garden of Eden, so where will they be for the World Cup? The Herald knocks on every door.

90 Sandringham Rd. Eric Catherwood. Rental tenant will stay during the tournament.

1 Reimers Ave. Will be overseas for one week but will not rent out. "Don't fancy a bunch of English dudes ripping the place up."

7 Reimers Ave. Claire Bourke. Just sold their house to move to Whangarei. Not because of the Cup, "but we don't really want to be here, either". Of all the people who viewed the property, only one mentioned the World Cup.

9 Reimers Ave. Wings Trust addiction rehabilitation house. Considering renting to visitors during the tournament.

11 Reimers Ave. Bede McCarthy. Staying for the tournament.

13 Reimers Ave. Tenants hope to stay through tournament, but whether they will be allowed to is "a definite concern".

15 Reimers Ave. Aaron Turk. Has considered renting out the house, but it did not seem worth it "by the time I weigh up the tax on the money that comes in, plus paying commission, and there's all the bond and damage and anything else that happens as well". Might take a holiday to the Coromandel during Cup.

17 Reimers Ave. Denise Bijoux. Has listed the home on two websites for months but has had no serious offers.

21 Reimers Ave. Mark Darrah. "My wife's going away and I'm going to all the games."

1/25 Reimers Ave. Martin King. Lease ends in June but has verbally agreed that it will just keep going, and he will stay out of convenience. Said of the World Cup: "I hope it's not lame - it will be really embarrassing for everyone if it is."

25 Reimers Ave. Lambert. Will go overseas to Japan for a month during the Cup, "just to get away from it".

27 Reimers Ave. Simon Edbrooke. "People have been suggesting we rent the house out ... It's tempting, but it's such a hassle - the thing is, where do you go?"

29 Reimers Ave. Nicole Keddie. "Our baby is just coming up to one year so it's about how we're going to manage it. It's a big [hassle] having a young family and moving us out for a short term."

33 Reimers Ave. Helen. Will stay, but recently had the rent put up - "hard to say whether it was World Cup-related".

1/35 Reimers Ave. Ingrid McNiven. A huge rugby fan and has tickets to the semi-finals and pool matches. Has had a lot of people tapping her on the shoulder to stay.

2/35 Reimers Ave. Chang Pong. Will be staying because "it's not worth moving out".

37 Reimers Ave. Staying.

39 Reimers Ave. Anita Dheda. Husband going to games but "I'm not excited - come on, it's rugby". Will not rent out home.

38A Bellwood Ave. "Just working - the same as normal."

38 Bellwood Ave. Staying and going to some matches.



3 Reimers Ave. Thor Bayer. Staying but "considering any offers". Mr Bayer is keen to be around for the Cup, but his wife wants to rent out the house and use the money for a holiday.



5 Reimers Ave. Julia Martin and Stephen Farrell. "I'm trying to get out during the six weeks but my husband is rugby mad - that's why we live here - and he will be following the Irish team around the country."



19 Reimers Ave. Jeevan Tamang. On a short-term rental until the end of August. "It's a nice house and we would like to stay. But it's probably a bit lower price [for a short-term lease]."



23 Reimers Ave. Denise. "I'm only 50m away from the stands, and with a drink in one hand and radio in the other it's like being there - what more could you want? It might be bedlam but I don't mind it being bedlam for a short time in my life."



4/25 Reimers Ave. Frank Guzo. Staying but concerned that parking will be a hassle, saying recent game days had been "diabolical".



31 Reimers Ave. Eddie and Adele Reid. Renovating the house and looking to rent out.



6 Cricket Ave. Property vacated by Eden Park for renovations.

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2/26 Walters Rd. Rebecca Millar. "We probably don't want to be here for [the kids] trying to sleep at night. It's the last 10 days that I'm concerned about ... there will be a different type of atmosphere."

23 Walters Rd. Justine. Not renting out.

29 Walters Rd. Blair Woodbury. Staying and going to a couple of games. Has two young children. "I'd say we're nervous about it and the impact it's going to have on our life."

31 Walters Rd. Albie Herron. "We'll try to get to some games ... and some mates will probably spend the night."

35 Walters Rd. "We've just moved in. We don't have plans to rent the house out."

37 Walters Rd. Robin Hargrave. Bought the property with six other guys for car parking and drinks before matches. "We'll be selling it afterwards."

43 Walters Rd. Wings Trust rehabilitation office. "Our programmes will continue."

45 Walters Rd. Naomi Marshall. "I won't [rent the house out] but my dad is coming down from up north. And my brother. I might abandon the house to them. It could be a bit much."

49 Walters Rd. Gina Day. Will watch every match with husband. "We have three sets of tickets to all the pool games and the finals. We think it's going to be exciting."

51 Walters Rd. Anna Meikle. "Rugby buffs" in the flat likely to go to matches. "We were a bit worried about having to move out but I think it should be fine."

59 Walters Rd. Rugby World Cup office.

64 Walters Rd. Neighbours say the resident keeps to himself.



41 Reimers Ave. Gordon Fraser and Gina Winikerei. "Definitely" staying. Huge rugby fans.



43 Reimers Ave. Bronwyn Houliston. Dad owns the house. "I'm sure he bought the house with the hope that one day this would happen ... Everyone is asking [if we will rent], but I figure anyone who can pay that much can afford to ruin it as well."



45 Reimers Ave. Rakesh Koshik and Sunil Goyal. Business students looking forward to seeing the atmosphere "and possibly a game - rugby is new for us".



47 Reimers Ave. Mike Peters. Rental tenant will stay on during the tournament. Has had a portalo right outside his gate for roadworkers.



2 Cricket Ave. John O'Donnell. "We're staying here because you've got to have somewhere to live, but it's been chaos. We're waiting for the whole thing to be over so we can have a life again."



4 Cricket Ave. Kara Sargeant and Katie King. "We'll stay over the whole period and have a bit of fun. We're not sure what we're allowed to do [like] having a coconut tray on the front lawn, or face-painting, or ... having cherry-pickers."



8 Cricket Ave. Glen Frost. Found out last week that landlord Eden Park had backed out of a plan to move him out for World Cup sponsors' offices.



10 Cricket Ave. Gareth Keir. Being evicted by landlord Eden Park for repairs.



18 Raleigh St. Jake Heenan. Rugby academy players, who will use the flat as a hang out during the World Cup. "We've got a basement bar with a few couches and dartboard ... It's unbelievable."



33 Walters Rd. Rob Cobb. Will rent house to an Australian merchant banker from New York. \$10,000 for nine nights. "We're renting and using it to pay for a holiday. We'll go skiing then I'm flying my family up to Ball. We couldn't afford to pay for that sort of holiday at other times."



39 Walters Rd. Evan Bucherer. Rental tenant will stay for tournament. "I'll hopefully get Freeview by the World Cup and stay inside and watch. It'll be a bit more interesting than usual."



47 Walters Rd. Mairead Woods. Staying for the tournament. "Life is probably going to be pretty normal - though my husband has got tickets to some games, and we will probably have visitors."



55 Walters Rd. Kate Saunders. Two daughters, aged 2 and 4. Will not rent out house.



57 Walters Rd. Hilton Earley. Recently converted an old boarding house into a 10-room hotel. No bookings yet. As for rates, "you'd be mad to spend \$300,000 doing it up and then charge people \$30 a night".



1/26 Walters Rd. Alley Miller. Wants to leave for children's sake, but "we've seen five years of hard-out construction - and you would hate to move out when the World Cup finally comes". Has had drunk fans jump on the family trampoline.



60 Sandringham Rd. Ben Sluiters. "We'll just stay here and have a mean as time. Pick up pretty English chicks walking past. I can't afford [tickets] but maybe we can jump the fences - but there'll be lots of security."