

## Turakina St reunion a real picnic



**CLOSE TO HOME:** People came from as far away as Kawerau for this reunion picnic at Turakina St, New Plymouth, on Saturday.

Organiser Gerald Tubby said about half the original residents who settled in the street in the late 1950s still lived there, or nearby in the suburb of Merrilands.

About 100 people gathered to remember "the street of 1957" when it was first opened for residential development.

Mr Tubby, who with his wife Elsie had lived in Turakina St since that time, said it was a popular street in a settled part of the city, with the Waiwakaiho River, a shopping centre and schools close by.

"We decided to have a reunion before we lost our sense of history and when we could still remember neighbours being good friends."

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