

Actress learns to live bargain-hunting role



Geraldine Brophy: Starting to collect garage sale tips.

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FROM Shortland Street to Rosetta Rd on the Kapiti Coast, actress Geraldine Brophy is picking up tips on bargain-hunting from the character she portrays in *Garage Sale*.

Geraldine Brophy plays avid bargain-hunter Jill Rose, whose passion for garage sales was based on that of screenplay writer Nick Ward's mother, Gill.

"I had not thought about the whole notion of garage sales before and did not realise how passionate people could be about them. The competition to get in the garage door first and spot the bargains is fierce," Ms Brophy said.

The real-life Gill lives just across the road from where filming took place at the Rosetta Rd property, so her bargain-hunting advice was close at hand when required.

The bargain-hunting spirit became

contagious last weekend when Mrs Ward scored some good buys on Trade Me. They caught the eye of co-scriptwriter Linda Niccol, who snapped them up. "I cannot resist a bargain either," Ms Niccol said.

The movie, which began shooting this month, revolves around the Rose family and engaged daughter Cheryl's fear that her mother's obsession with bargain-hunting will ruin her wedding plans.

A home-grown star-studded cast includes a cameo performance by John Rowles, actors Geraldine Brophy, Jed Brophy, Patrick Wilson, Ray Henwood, Charlie Bleakley, Tina Regtien and Tina Cook.

Garage Sale has a total budget of about a million dollars and producer Kerry Robins, best known for running Wellington's Paramount and Embassy cinemas for years, said support from the community had been tremendous.