



Community News

MARCH 1988

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HELLO, GOOD EVENING AND WELCOME.

Well, I did what they say you should never do - I volunteered to be the new editor of our Newsletter. The committee's muffled laughter and cries of 'poor, misguided fool' are still ringing in my ears. Whether this turns out to be a burden or a joy depends largely on you, fellow dwellers in these green and pleasant hills. A newsletter can be a dry series of notices about meetings and admonitions about litter, ginger plant and other nasties, or it can be a way for the community to exchange ideas, entertain itself and foster that nebulous thing called 'community spirit'. If you provide the goodies, we will try and print them. We have one such offering this time, with a poem about ginger plant from that world-renowned poet, Anon. Let's have lots more for future issues.

We hope to produce the newsletter monthly, with it appearing in your letter-boxes around the third weekend of the month. If you don't have a letter box, you can pick up copies from the library, or borrow one from your neighbour. If your neighbours don't have a letter box, why not lend them this copy? If you have something to be printed, the deadline for copy will be around the second week of the month.

What do you want to see in the newsletter? Let me know, and if we can, we will try to accommodate you, within reason. Some ideas we have had:

Births, Marriages and Deaths - let us know who has hatched, matched or despatched.

Advertising - We will accept small (i.e. 2 line) advertisements free of charge from residents who have a trade, profession or service to sell. For sale and wanted ads are also welcome.

New organisations - if you want to start a local branch of the Wombat Appreciation Society, tell people about it here.

Existing organisations - tell the world (or at least a bit of it) about what you are doing.

WANTED - Sketches and cartoons to provide relief from the (I hope) masses of written material that will be appearing. If you are a closet Tom Scott and want to break out, let me know.

Send ideas and material (and please make sure it is legible) to Tony Bacon, 11 Cascade Avenue. All material must have a contact name and phone number, even if that is not for publication.

WAIATARUA RESIDENTS A.G.M.

The Annual General meeting of the Association was held on Wednesday 28th. February. It was gratifying to see such a good attendance of residents. The guest speaker, Mr. Colin Kay, Chairman of the Auckland Authority, gave a good insight into the workings and future programmes of the ARA. Questions from the floor added to the interest and prompted answers and discussions about levies, rateable values and public transport.

The following Executive Committee members were elected for the coming year:

President:		
Tom Baker	483 Scenic Drive	8149-340
Vice-President:		
Laurie Squires	914 West Coast Rd	8149-830
Secretary:		
Marilyn Trubuhovich	503 Scenic Drive	8149-266
Treasurer:		
Gisella Kernot	12 Tui Crescent	8149-350
Immediate Past President:		
Tony Webber	2 Cascade Ave	8149-693

Committee:

Tony Bacon	(Editor Newsletter)	11 Cascade Ave	8149-860
Sylvia Collins	(Hall Hire)	340 Forest Hill Rd	8149-603
Wayne Edwards	(Hall Maintenance)	3 Quinns Rd	8149-976
Wendy Healy	(Play Centre)	19 Quinns Rd	8149-766
Tony Holt		56 Bush Rd	8149-688
Joan Rudall	(Library)	Old Forest Hill Rd	8149-747
Ian Wells		5 Quinns Rd	8149-601

These people are all keen to look after your needs, so if you have any problems, ideas, projects etc. that you think the community should be involved in, let one of them know.

For those of you who didn't manage to come to the A.G.M. (and I am sure you all had very good reasons why you couldn't make it), the President's report and Library report for 1987 are printed below.

23RD. ANNUAL REPORT OF THE WAIATARUA RATEPAYERS AND RESIDENTS ASSOC.

As President of the Association, it is my pleasure to present this 23rd. Annual Report. 1987 was a positive year for the Association. A keen quorum of committee members met regularly each month, ensuring the efficient day to day operation of your Community Centre.

Mid-Winter we were confronted with the possibility of the erection of a radio transmission mast in the vicinity of Quinns Road. Your committee fought hard against such a proposal, and organised a Public Meeting at the Community Centre, inviting the Company who were proposing to set up transmission. Fortunately most people who attended the meeting were not happy with such a scheme taking place, and let their thoughts be known. Consequently, the application for the transmission mast has been withdrawn from Council.

A Market Day was organised in June, and it was interesting to see such a

wide variety of goods exhibited, and encouraging to see many creative people living within our community. Although this fixture was only a one-off for 1987, I am sure your new committee will want to continue the concept in 1988.

1987 was election year, and again Waiatarua saw plenty of the action. All the West Auckland candidates accepted our invitation to attend a Public Meeting at the Community Centre. Ours was one of a very few meetings that attracted all the candidates, and they were all put to the test with plenty of audience interjection and participation.

Water reticulation surfaced in 1987. However the subject was soon put to rest with the attendance of a Chief Engineer from Waitemata City Council. At a Public Meeting held in the Community Centre, we were told that our priority for such a scheme was minimal, and the costs of a low pressure scheme were exorbitant.

In September, Gary Taylor, our Deputy Mayor was invited to attend our committee meeting. A very broad agenda of issues was presented to Gary, such as:

City amalgamation, radio masts, footpaths, community hall maintenance and playcentre proposal.

Although details of each issue are too numerous to mention here, I can say that the results of this meeting were very positive, with plenty of follow up being done by Gary Taylor.

The Library had a particularly busy year in 1987, led by Joan Rudall and assisted by a team of enthusiastic helpers. Towards the latter part of 1987, Joan and her team spent considerable time and money replenishing the book supply. This will continue into 1988, giving us all an abundance of new material to read. On behalf of Ratepayers' I would like to thank Joan and her team for all the hard work in 1987.

Neighbourhood watch was again active in 1987, and it was good to see Area Co-Ordinators organising their own street meetings and formulating ideas. The very low rate of burglary during 1987 bears testimony to the effectiveness of such meetings.

A ginger plant collection was proposed in 1987, however was rejected by our Council. The reason behind this rejection was non-allocation of funds for this type of scheme. The new committee for 1988 should approach Council again.

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all my colleagues on the committee for their assistance during 1987.

TONY WEBBER - President.

LIBRARY REPORT 1987

No. of helpers:	26
No. of books bought:	176
No. of books donated:	16

In addition, 3 monthly magazines were subscribed to.

No. of books issued:	3911
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No. of readers holding tickets:	Adults	633	Children	348
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I would like to take this opportunity to thank all those 26 voluntary helpers for their work done over the past year. Some have given up as many

Thursday mornings as they can spare to accession, cover and generally process the 192 books; to repair old ones that are repairable and do all the other behind the scenes jobs which help with the smooth running of the library. Other helpers have given one morning or one evening a month to keep the library open for borrowers, to see the books out and the returns tidily back on the shelves. We were very sorry to lose our Thursday helper, Mrs. Judy Irwin, who has now moved to Masonic Village. Our good wishes go with her in her new surroundings. We would enjoy seeing our ticket holders making much more use of the library.

This seems a suitable occasion to thank the Waitemata City Council for their continuing financial support, and to thank the Central Library Services for their help with our twice yearly loans and special requests.

Joan Rudall - Librarian.

WAIATARUA LIBRARY NEWS

LIBRARY AMNESTY!

We are declaring an amnesty on all overdue books until 30th. April. Please search your shelves carefully - there are large numbers of books long overdue.

COOKS Have you tried a new recipe recently? Why not browse through our extensive range of cook books?

BE IN QUICK - Be among the first to read one of the over twenty new titles added to the shelves since the holidays.

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WAIATARUA THEATRE PRESENTS

"WAIT UNTIL DARK"

The Drama Club's first production for 1988 is a suspenseful, spine-chilling thriller - a blind woman, alone in her flat, is threatened by a sinister group of criminals who are looking for a drug stash.

This is a tightly-written play, produced by Vivienne Stanley (remember "Mothers and Fathers"?) and we shall serve our usual substantial supper and liquid refreshments to help you survive the tension.

THE DATES!

April 14th., 15th., 16th, 21st., 22nd., 23rd., 29th. and 30th.

THE VENUE!

Waiatarua Community Centre - 8 pm.

THE PRICES!

Tickets are available now at 1987 prices: \$12.00 Adults, \$6.00 under fifteens, and \$6.00 for Thursday performances (without supper). Discounts for groups of ten or more.

Bookings are essential for Friday & Saturday performances.

THE CONTACTS!

Phyl - 8149-837 Lindsey - 8149-872 Connie - 8149-673

LETS GINGER UP

The cloying ginger fills the air,
It's beauty overcomes the bush, beware.

One flower will breed a hundred more,
And creep into the forest floor.

If left it ramps along our roads,
And needs removing, loads by loads.

So people, please do get the urge,
To clear this menace from your verge.

For info free how to arrest,
Ask Rangers (Park or Water) for this pest,
Or John the bamboo king will show
The quantities you need to know.

Escort is very good, they say,
It can be used as paint or spray,
If plants are cut down to the corms,
No damage done to other forms.

All you who love to live up here,
Just do your bit to show you care.

ANON.

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Mike Cornwall of DuPont Ltd. is able to spray Ginger for \$30 per hour, including spray materials. Phone Hibiscus Coast (0942)67113 if interested.

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PLAYCENTRE NEWS

We are holding two OPEN MORNINGS on Tuesday 12 April and Friday 15 April, between 9.30 and 12.00. Are you a new parent, new to Waiatarua, or curious about pre-school education? If so, you are especially welcome to see us in action on those days.

We are a group of about 20 local families who run a pre-school facility funded by the Government, in the Waiatarua Community Centre on Tuesday and Friday mornings. Parents supervise areas of play which stimulate pre-schoolers, and learn parenting and educational skills along the way. Apart from this, Playcentre offers a fine opportunity to meet neighbouring families and future friends.

For further information, please phone Wendy Healy on 8149-766. Hope to see you on any Tuesday or Friday, but remember those special open mornings.

EXERCISE CLASS?

How many of you out there are interested in a Fitness - Aerobics - Jazzercise class? If any of you might wish to join, or even possibly lead such a class in Waiatarua, please phone Elaine on 8149-950 to share ideas and information.

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The Waiatarua and Oratia District Guides are looking for a District Commissioner. What is needed is someone with an interest in children who can perform an administrative / liaison role within Guiding that will help to keep the district together. With one Guide company, two Brownie Packs and one group of Pippins, the duties are not very onerous, but very important. The ideal candidate would be someone who has had past experience in Guiding, and would like to become involved again, but previous Guiding involvement is not vital.

If you are interested, phone Fay Giles on 8186-850.

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The A.G.M. of the **WAITAKERE RANGES PROTECTION SOCIETY** is on March 29th at 7.30 p.m. at Kelston Community Centre.

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Deadline for copy for the April 1988 issue is Tuesday, 12th. April. Please send copy to Tony Bacon, 11 Cascade Avenue.

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I enclose \$5.00 (Household), or \$2.50 (Single occupant)

This is a renewal / new subscription (Delete one)

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Telephone _____

The Treasurer,
Gisella Kernot,
12 Tui Crescent

or leave at the Library

or the Community Centre Mail Box