



# Community News

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## IT'S CRACKERS AND ROCKETS TIME

Come and celebrate Bonfire Night this year on Saturday November 5th. at the Waiatarua Fire Station from 6 p.m. onwards. The Fire Brigade will provide the bonfire and you provide the fireworks. In the interests of safety, the Fire Brigade will also supervise the crackers and as many of the other fireworks as practicable.

If it is raining, the event will be cancelled.

BBQ sausages, a variety of desserts and wine and fruit juice will be provided by the Playcentre people as a fundraising effort.

## IMPORTANT NOTE

Large quantities of burnable rubbish will be needed for the bonfire. You can deposit your contributions at the Fire Station from now on - look for the notice on the site.

Come and have a sizzling night out on November 5th! Contact Ian Wells on 8149-601 or Elaine Baker on 8149-590 for more information.

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## SPRING IS SPRUNG, THE SURF IS RIZ, I WONDER WHERE THE LIFEGUARDS IS?

Bethells Beach Nippers (Junior Life Savers to the landlubbers amongst us) are looking for members. They are currently taking enrolments of boys and girls from 8 to 14 years for beginner's training in basic surf life saving skills. They also have interclub competitions and fun activities during the summer. For more information phone Barry Brogan on 8149-293.

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## RURAL DELIVERY

For those of you who don't already know, there are some changes to the Rural Delivery Service coming up. From 1st. November 1988, the following will be on standard delivery instead of rural:

Forest Hill Road	Holdens Road
479-801 Scenic Drive	Mountain Road
Opanuku Road	

plus some other roads that are well outside our area.

What does this mean to residents? The good news is there will no longer be a rural delivery fee to pay, and parcels etc. will be delivered. The bad news is that there will no longer be a mail pickup service. However NZ Post is to place collection boxes at several places in the district - the actual locations are still to be decided.

### **DO YOU HAVE A CHILD WITH SPECIAL NEEDS?**

As parents of a child with special needs, we are interested in making contact with other special needs families in the area.

We are concerned about the requirement of charters in local schools next year (Picot etc.), and would wish to explore the possibility of combining our energies to make sure that there is appropriate education for our children in our community schools.

We would appreciate contact with other parents. The level of involvement is pretty flexible, but knowing who is out there would be a real help.

To make contact, you are welcome to phone Marilyn or Rod on 8149-839.

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### **MICROWAVE CORRIDOR**

Your Association recently arranged a meeting between concerned residents and a representative of the Broadcasting Corporation to discuss concerns about the planning application for the microwave corridor. It turns out that there are already several corridors in existence, and this application was made because of the relocation of one of them. Under those circumstances, the residents agreed to withdraw the objection. The Residents Association is to write to the Broadcasting Corporation about several other points raised at the meeting.

### **COMMUNITY CENTRE MAINTENANCE**

The Waitemata City Council is to undertake some long-overdue maintenance on the Community Centre. This includes repainting the exterior, new curtains, some interior painting and papering, improvements to the electrics in the ceiling, repairs to the kitchen floor and other items recommended by your committee. The budget will be extended over a two-year period. In addition the Parks Department is to significantly upgrade the area and equipment used by the Playcentre.

### **POWER POLES**

Your Association was recently the catalyst in bringing to a conclusion a long-running dispute about the siting of power poles on Old Forest Hill Road. To cut a long story short, some poles are to be shifted to Forest Hill Road, thus removing a source of visual pollution for some residents of Old Forest Hill Road.

(Editor's note - the three items above are all examples of the work your Association does for you. It will soon be subscription renewal time, so you might like to cut these out and stick them on the fridge to remind you what great value for money you get from your membership!)

### **INORGANIC REFUSE COLLECTION**

Just a reminder that inorganic refuse is collected every week along with your usual rubbish. Just place it in a separate pile from your kleensaks/dustbins, and it will be taken away. It may not happen until a couple of days after the normal collection day, but should definitely disappear eventually. If it seems to be hanging around, phone the Waitemata City Council on 836-1119 and they will make sure it is collected.



ALL THE BITS THAT DON'T FIT ANYWHERE ELSE

CONGRATULATIONS

To Waiaatarua resident Chris Timms and his partner Rex Sellers on their medal-winning performance in the Tornado class yachting at the Olympics.

ARA ELECTIONS

These are the "more details" promised in last month's Newsletter. We didn't have a candidates meeting because none of the parties seemed interested, and anyway it was too late to organise one (we thought the election was in November!). Congratulations to Gary Taylor who was returned as our representative.

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

Gisella Kernot has volunteered to be the overall Area Co-ordinator for our revitalised Neighbourhood Watch (see last months issue). She would like the Group Co-ordinators to contact her on 8149-350.

THE GOOD OIL

Did you know you can buy Valvoline oil packs from the Waitemata City Testing Station at a good price? People who know say Valvoline is good quality, and I guess increasing Testing Station profit helps to keep down our rates, so why not give them a go?

RUBBISH COLLECTION

Monday October 24th. is Labour day, so rubbish collections will be one day later than usual. Please keep our neighbourhood beautiful by not giving a free feed to the possums and stray dogs.

GINGER PLANT

Mike Cornwall of Dupont will spray ginger for \$30 an hour including the spray (Escort). Contact him on (0942)67113.

If you want to do it yourself, Mike Norton is able to sell 10 gram lots of Escort with Pulse for \$15. 10 gm will provide 20 litres of spray. He will also lend a knapsack sprayer. Contact Mike on 8174-241.

(The above from the Newsletter of the Waitakere Ranges Protection Society)

WAITORU DAY - November 5th.

Also from the Waitakere Ranges Protection Society Newsletter - a working bee is to be held at Waitoru Reserve, Bethells Rd (just past Duffy's Road) at 1 p.m. on Saturday Nov. 5th. Bring a spade, grubber, gloves or whatever garden tools you might think applicable. Each past working bee has added to the general accessibility of the reserve, reduced the weed problem etc. and given participants an insight into reserve management.

## CHRISTMAS COMPETITION

Don't forget the Christmas cover competition! Entries close November 30th. See last month's issue for the rules.

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## SENIOR CITIZENS MORNING TEA - NOVEMBER 30TH.

Many of you will have known Pat Cole - 'Coley' - who died earlier this year. Coley was famous for her fruit cakes, sponges and scones, and so we would like to invite all Waiatarua residents who are getting on in years to 'Morning Tea with Coley' at the Community Centre. This will be a chance to meet your neighbours, enjoy some light entertainment and have a good chat. We will be starting at 10.30 a.m.

If you know anyone who might need help with transport, or need transport yourself, phone Tony Bacon on 8149-860 and we will make sure you get there and back.

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## CHRISTMAS PARTY - DECEMBER 18TH

Mark the date in your diary for the social event of the year - the Waiatarua Community Christmas party! This a celebration for everyone, not just the children, although I hear rumours that Father Christmas is going to arrive on the back of the fire-engine! Light refreshments will be provided, and the community barbecue will be available if anyone wants to use it. The celebrations start at 3 p.m., and go on till the last person leaves.

There will be a **fancy dress** competition for children, judged at 4.30 p.m., and the winners of the Community Newsletter Christmas competition will also receive their prizes.

## WANTED

Entertainers! If you can play an instrument, sing a song, tell a story, do conjuring tricks or anything else that will delight and amuse your neighbours, please phone Tony Bacon on 8149-860. If you know someone talented who might be too shy to offer themselves, let me know also, and we will try to sweet-talk them into performing.

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## PLAYCENTRE FUNDRAISING - ALUMINIUM CAN COLLECTION

Playcentre fundraising is swinging into action - we want to erect our own building!

From November 1st. you will find a large wooden box next to the bottlebank at the Waiatarua Fire Station. This is to collect aluminium drink cans. Comalco will pay us for those we collect, and with summer coming along and all you thirsty residents putting your empty cans in the drum - who knows how much money we will raise?

This is your chance to give concrete (or at least aluminium) help to Playcentre, an organisation that has consistently supported other Community projects.

If you have any questions about Playcentre, you can phone Debbie Van der Walle on 8149-654.

"What's a thousand dollars? Mere chicken feed. A poultry matter."  
- GROUCHO MARX



## DO YOU NEED A NEW IMAGE?

Lavauney Cowland tells us she had just moved back to the area after ten years absence, and is a distributor for the New Image range of health products. These include weight loss, nutritional, Aloe Vera and herbal products, plus skin and hair care and some safe household cleaners that are non-toxic and non-corrosive. If you are interested, you can contact Lavauney on 8149-304.

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## LIBRARY NEWS

We are proud of our library - your library, and would love to see it used more! There are large sections on cooking, gardening, crafts and biographies, besides books on music, health, art etc. If you have an interest that is not catered for - please let us know.

There is a large number of library cards unclaimed. We hope this does not mean that you have stopped using the library. Please ask at the desk next time you come if you haven't already received your card.

Here are some of our latest titles:

Assyrian	Nicholas Guild		
The Four Legged Major	Graham Spencer	-	New Zealand
Unsuitable Friends	Fiona Kidman	-	New Zealand
Oracles and Miracles	Eldred Grigg	-	New Zealand
The Carpathians	Janet Frame	-	New Zealand
The Sisters	Pat Booth		
The Totorore Voyage	Gerry Clark	-	New Zealand
A Family Madness	Thomas Keneally		
New Zealand Handyman's Guide	Bunny Rigold	-	Non Fiction
Women's Health	Dr. Cabot	-	Non Fiction
Family Business	Anna Murdoch		
To Be The Best	Barbara Taylor Bradford		
Leap Before You Look	Aidan Crawley	-	Non Fiction
The Unlikely Bureaucrat	Ian Cross	-	New Zealand Non Fiction
Widowed	Beryl Te Wiata	-	New Zealand Non Fiction
Oscar Wilde	Ellerman	-	Non Fiction

and 20 more we have classified as reading for young adults.

We will reserve any book for you and if we do not have a copy we will try to get it from the Waitemata Library. There will be a change over of Waitemata Library books next month.

Is your number here? :

107 720 821 850 706 618 646 582 154 732 111

769 756 1336 1109 1311 1383 1426

No, you haven't won a prize - according to our records you have one or more books overdue - please check your shelves.

JOAN RUDALL - Librarian

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Our thanks to Waitarua residents Grant and Carol Longley of Longley Printing for their help in the production of this Newsletter.

## ADVERTISING

### HELPING HANDS NEEDED

Wanted - an active pensioner to help in the garden several hours weekly. \$6 per hour. Phone: "Granny", 8149-739.

### CHRISTMAS COMING?

Think Tupperware for great gifts, wedding shower parties or just a get together. Phone Shelley King (area dealer) on 8149-698.

### WORK WANTED

Lawn mowing / odd jobs for 15 year old boy in Waiatarua area. Phone 8149-293.

### FREE!

Puppies. Gorgeous little black pups with tan socks and white bib. 4 weeks old. Phone 8149-293.

### WORK OFFERED

Person for lawnmowing, car cleaning etc. wanted. \$5.00 per hour, every 2nd. week. Phone 8149-228 evenings.

### FREE FOR REMOVAL

Engine: We don't know what it is from, possibly a vintage car. If you want it, it's yours. Also various engine parts from old model cars.

3 windows, unbroken, set in an old fashioned frame. Suit renovation work. Phone 8149-616.

### FOR SALE

Farm Gate. Approx 3m. long, excellent condition, \$20. Oak leadlight china cabinet, \$150. Roll barbed wire, \$10. Tractor tyre, very large, \$10. Phone 8149-616.

### WANTED TO BUY

A two-wheeler bike with side wheels for an 8-year old girl for Christmas. Phone Debbie van der Walle on 8149-654.

Dancing accessories for 4 - 7 year old girls. Leotards, tutus, shoes etc. Phone Wendy Healy on 8149-766.

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Deadline for the next issue is Tuesday, 8th November. Please send legible copy to the Editor, Tony Bacon, 11 Cascade Avenue. All submissions must have a name and contact phone number, even if that is not for publication.