



Community News

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The Fireworks at the Fire Station were attended by a select bunch who braved the bad weather, but the event went off with a bang nevertheless. In addition, about \$180 was raised for the Playcentre from the sizzling sausages, scrumptious cakes and cool vino.

Our social affairs reporter also tells us that the Scenic Drive TV mast community got together recently at the Mountain Top Cafe. A good time was had by all and it was a great way to get to know the neighbours, especially new residents. We understand Cathy at the Cafe had to tip a couple of the stayers out!

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CHRISTMAS COMPETITION

Entries close November 30th. The full rules were in the September Newsletter, but basically, you must be under 16, it must be all your own work, be suitable for reproduction in the Newsletter, and be a front page with the theme 'Christmas in the Bush'. The prize(s) are family passes to any Amalgamated Cinema, donated by the Westside Cinema in Henderson. All the entries will be on display in the Library from December 7th.

SENIOR CITIZENS MORNING TEA - WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 30TH.

Come and meet your neighbours, have some morning tea, chat and a bit of entertainment at the Community Centre at 10.30 a.m. If you need help with transport, phone Tony Bacon on 8149-860. (Hint): If you have a neighbour or friend you would like to bring along, they would be very welcome too.

COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS PARTY - SUNDAY DECEMBER 18TH.

This is a party for everyone - not just the children. Come along at 3 pm and have a great time. Don't forget the Children's fancy dress parade will be at 4.30.

WANTED (still!)

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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My heart aches, and a drowsy numbness pains
My sense, as though of Hemlock I had drunk,
Or emptied some dull opiate to the drains
One minute past, and Lethe-wards had sunk:

"Ode to Chateau Cardboard" (with apologies to John Keats)

CORRESPONDENCE

Dear Editor,

'Plunket Cares', but obviously residents in the hills don't. Perhaps they have never had the need of a Plunket nurse visiting. My daughters came collecting yesterday and met with four refusals - one "I sent it to the Chemist"!! They came home quite disillusioned. It's really hard to go to any door let alone climb the drives in this area, and I am sure a 50 cent piece would not have been too much to ask or be given.

Yours Sincerely,

Anne Wilson.

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FROM THE ORATIA SCHOOL COMMITTEE

The committee is concerned about the state of the school grounds. This has often been brought about by local people not heeding the 'FIELD CLOSED' notice that is easily seen from the Shaw Road entrance. The committee does not want to close the grounds completely to local people but will be forced to if the grounds are used when the Field Closed sign is ignored.

Recently a small child was knocked down on West Coast Road outside the school and kindergarten. The School Committee is very concerned about the speed at which some vehicles pass the school when it has a speed limit of 50 kph. A Ministry of Transport Officer attended a recent committee meeting to see if there are ways of overcoming the problem. Solutions such as no parking outside the school, MIND THE CHILD signs and pedestrian crossings are all being investigated. Perhaps the most disturbing item raised was that in the past the MOI have stopped many motorists for exceeding the speed limits on this stretch of road by very large amounts. In fact one bus was stopped for exceeding 100 kph. The MOI have promised to instigate random surveillance outside the school using both the Hawk radar and Digitech (cables on the road). YOU HAVE BEEN WARNED. Please keep our children safe!

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PLAYCENTRE NEWS - CAN YOU HELP US?

Playcentre is still looking for a new building, and the latest site - at the bottom of the Community Centre driveway - has had an engineering survey performed on it by the Council, but we are still to receive a written report on its suitability.

Meanwhile, the Parks Department has assured us that money is available to upgrade the play area by the hall. The bad news is that the cash is there for materials, but not for labour. We are therefore asking the community to help us with the labour involved in the improvements to an amenity that will benefit all Waiatarua children, not just those who attend Playcentre. We need to demolish the present equipment and prepare the site, and then erect the new equipment when it has been delivered. We will need skilled and unskilled labour, and also digging equipment. We would like to do the work in January, as this will cause least disruption to Playcentre activities, but this will obviously depend on when help is available.

If you can help us achieve this significant improvement in the Playcentre facilities, please phone Wendy Healy on 8149-766.

P.S. Don't forget the aluminium can recycling - the box is by the Fire Station!

"SHE'LL BE RIGHT ON THE NIGHT" - at the Community Centre.

The Drama Club decided to let their hair down with this production, and we were treated to a series of sketches, songs, poetry and general mayhem for a couple of hours. In an amateur production of this kind, the quality is bound to be variable, but in general there was plenty to enjoy. Highlights for me were Lee Ford as Waiatarua's answer to Pam Ayres, and The Monty Python bookshop sketch. David Fuller and Jim Houghton were also very funny as Freda and Barry in "Let's do it".

Bouquets and brickbats - bouquets for the 'No Smoking' signs and request in the programme, brickbats for the fact that the performance started at 8.10 again. With a show of this type it would have been quite possible to keep latecomers outside until a suitable break occurred, which would have sent a message to latecomers that the whole audience shouldn't be forced to wait because some patrons don't have the courtesy to arrive on time.

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LIBRARY NEWS

Waitemata are changing our loan books this month. We are still adding new titles to our own supply.

Christmas Holidays - The library will be open on 23rd. December in the afternoon, and on 24th. from 9.30 - 11.30 a.m. We will be closed from 25th Dec - Jan 6th. We will open on Jan 6th and 13th (Friday) from 10 - 11am . and on Jan 7th and 14th (Saturday) from 10 - 11.30 am. From Tuesday 17th. Jan we will be open at normal times.

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CONGRATULATIONS

To Annie Whittle, who is 80 years old on the 24th. November.

WAITAKERES FIRE BAN

Don't forget that a ban on all open fires is in place from 7th. November until 1st. March 1989. That includes incinerators and barbecues that are not of an approved type. Phone Waitemata City Council on 836-1119 to find out the approved types.

COMMUNITY BARBECUE

One barbecue that is approved is the one owned by your Association. It is gas-fired, and is available for hire to residents. The cost is \$25 for a weekend, including the gas. There is also a \$40 deposit, which is refundable if the equipment is returned in good condition and clean. If you want to take advantage of this great service, contact Ian Wells on 8149-601.

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

This is a case of no news is bad news. Gisella Kernot reports that no-one has contacted her as a Neighbourhood Watch representative for their area. Wake up, Waiatarua, security is everyone's concern! The summer months seem to bring the villains out of hibernation, so vigilance is doubly important. Organise yourselves now, not after you or your neighbour has been burgled.

ADVERTISING

WORK WANTED

Houseworker available - Waiatarua area. Phone Lilian on 8149-638.

WANTED

Handmower, in good working condition. Please phone Wendy Healy on 8149-766.

FOR SALE

3 bedroom house, very sunny with bush outlook on quarter acre at 757 West Coast Road. \$130,000 o.n.o. Phone 8149-753 or 8149-444.

2 bush sections, 1 acre and three-quarter acre, at 757 West Coast Road, \$70,000 each. Phone 8149-753 or 8149-444.

WANTED

To buy, borrow or swap: DR. WHO books, by a fanatic. Please phone William Murray urgently on 818-8483.

PORCELAIN POTTERY OPEN DAYS

Porcelain pottery, decorative and domestic, made by Barbara Skelton. Saturday and Sunday 26/27 November, at 8 Kelly Road.

MOUNTAIN TOP CAFE

Announce that they are now open for dinner 5.30 - 9pm. Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. Blackboard menu, salad bar, no need to book. Phone 8149-804.

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Deadline for the next issue is Tuesday, 6th. December (Note that this is 1 week earlier than usual). 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.

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"MONDAYS ARE A HARD WAY TO SPEND ONE SEVENTH OF YOUR LIFE!"

- Anon