



# Community News

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## DOG PROBLEMS - WHAT DOG PROBLEMS?

After our impassioned plea in the last issue, and the plethora of complaints over the last year, the response to our request for evidence was distinctly underwhelming. To be precise, one letter and one phone call. It is difficult to believe that all the problems have suddenly evaporated, so **please**, all those correspondents, and anyone else who has had problems, **let us have your evidence**. To remind you, we need to know:

- The date(s).
- Where the event(s) took place.
- How many dogs were involved.
- What damage (stock losses etc.) occurred.
- What action you took. (reported to the council etc.)
- What action resulted. (visits from rangers etc)
- Anything else you think is relevant.
- What you think should be done.

Send your evidence to Tony Bacon, 11 Cascade Avenue, Waiaatarua, RD1 New Lynn.

**Be warned:** The evidence we have so far is quite insufficient to mount a serious campaign: the solution is in **your** hands.

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## CORRESPONDENCE

Dear Editor,

What a lovely surprise to recently receive a cheque for \$508.20 from the Waiaatarua Ratepayers and Residents Association, which was the result of donations and collections to help toward the

expenses incurred because of my liver transplant last year.

My family and I have never ceased to be amazed at the generosity and support shown to us by this community throughout our long ordeal. I am fortunate to enjoy good progress and recovery.

Your gift has come at an appropriate time, as I leave for Sydney on May 10th for my check up. It will be a far more joyous flight than when I went before.

Our very sincere thanks to you all,

Tui, Peppy, Stuart, Shelley and Nina Slater.

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## THE GREAT WAIATARUA GINGER REMOVAL PROJECT

The Task Force Green team are still hacking their way through the jungle, and the follow-up spraying phase should start around the end of June. The spray used will be Escort, which is very effective on ginger and reasonably selective of other plants.

However if you have any problems with the idea of spraying around your property, or have particular plants that you may think will be in danger, phone Wayne Edwards on 838-5527 (bus.) and he will make sure your concerns are addressed.

As we went to press, news came through of the sudden death of Bill Haresnape, Waitakere Ward Councillor and someone well-known to many of us, particularly for his campaign to control ginger plant in the Waitakere Ranges. It is sad and ironic that his death should occur just as the problem is being taken seriously and a real effort being made at control. Our sympathy goes to his wife and family.

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## A USEFUL SERVICE

Did you know we have a Notary Public in our midst?

A Notary Public is appointed by the Archbishop of Canterbury and has the authority to witness documents that will have to go overseas. Such documents cannot be witnessed by an ordinary solicitor but have to be executed in the presence of a Notary Public under his Seal. A Notary Public also has to note non-payment of a Bill of Exchange and can protest same on behalf of a bank. Finally, if a collision between ships has occurred (a rare event in Waikarua) the Captain has to report this matter and record the event in his log book in the presence of a Notary Public. But a Notary Public is normally called upon only to witness documents that will have to go overseas or to certify that certain documents are true copies of originals, again for the purpose of sending such copies out of the country.

John Hendrikse, of 914 West Coast Road, will make himself available at nights and weekends to give notarial service if required urgently. You will need to make an appointment by phoning his office on 276-5217, so that he can take his seal home and attend to your requirements. His property is easy to find and has a separate shingle reading J.C.Hendrikse, Notary.

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## MISCELLANY

Meetings, Meetings, Meetings

Lots of dates for your diary:

**7th July**

Waitakere Combined Ratepayers Association AGM. 10am at the Waikarua Community Centre.

**10th July**

Public meeting at 7.30pm at the Community Centre. This is to discuss two issues:

The first is options for recycling in Waitakere City. Paul Lowe from the Community Board will talk to us about the various schemes being discussed, and give us an indication of what the effects of each are likely to be on our rates. Opinions that come from this meeting are likely to affect the scheme chosen for our area, so your views are valuable.

The second is a talk about noxious and nuisance plants in our area. This is an opportunity to hear from an expert on the subject about how to identify these pests, and what to do to control them. Samples of the plants will be on display.

**11th July**

Morning Tea at 10am at the Community Centre. Bring a plate and some gossip and meet your friends and neighbours for a nice chat. You will also be able to look at the plant samples from the meeting the previous evening - should be great to inspect the deadly nightshade over your tea and scones! If you need help with transport, phone Margaret Blumhardt on 8149-843 or Tony Bacon on 8149-860.

While we are talking about dates, remember that your **Association committee meeting** is held on the **first Wednesday of each month**, at 7.30pm at the Community Centre Library. Any resident can attend, but if you want to address the committee on a particular subject, please inform the Secretary, Ian Ford on 8149-618, so he can set time aside for you.

Another regular meeting is the **Community Board**, who meet on the **2nd Thursday of each month**, currently at the Council Chambers, at 7pm. Once again, all residents are welcome to attend and bring matters to the attention of the board.

Who is that masked stranger?

There has been a letter in the Community Centre mailbox for some time (postmarked 22 March), addressed to Georgina Kirby. If this mystery woman would like to phone the editor on 8149-860 and provide some identification, she may discover something to her advantage. (But then again, she might not!)

Thanks

Bob Gordon of Tui Crescent would like to thank the person who cleared up the domestic refuse at the end of the street. He is willing to help if it needs doing again - phone him on 8149-797.

Pancakes, scones, bread, champagne.....

Well done to the Playcentre for their magnificent Community breakfast - I am sure I speak for all the 200 - 300 people who attended when I say we had a great time. We'll tell you much they raised in the next issue.

Lost, stolen or strayed

From Bush Road:

A black cat, missing for several weeks. Phone Marcel on 8149-983.

From Cascade Avenue:

A grey and white short haired cat, named Harley. He wears a flea collar and is missed very much. Phone 8149-778.

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## LIBRARY NEWS

These are some of our latest additions:

- The Fourth K - Puzo
- Under Seige - Coonts
- Condition Black - Seymor
- The Secret Pilgrim - Le Carré
- Biography of Ngaio Marsh - Lewis

Are you making full use of your library, which was started in 1974 by Mrs. Ngaere Holibar? Since it moved to its present premises the library has had the support of the local council, i.e. it has been funded from your rates. It now has approximately 6,000 books, including about 2,000 for children. We have endeavoured to cater for all tastes in the fiction section from sci-fi to romance. There is quite a range of biographies, and if you want to experiment with a new recipe why not come down and borrow a cookbook? If it is five minutes relaxation you want, why not borrow a magazine? If we do not have the book you want in stock, we will try and get it for you through the Waitakere library services.

Joan Rudall

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## ZONING

Cr. Ian Wells writes:

Recently on two occasions, due to the vigilance of local people, Council Officers have taken action to prevent destruction (presumably unwitting) of more native bush from property than is allowed under the District Scheme.

We live in an area that is special, and in recognition of that, legislation provides protection for the bush environment that we hold so dear. A lot of people move into the hills and don't realize that this protection is in place.

If anybody needs clarification of the zoning of the area in which they live or needs advice as to who to speak to about this I am only too willing to give this information. Anybody who thinks bush is being endangered should not hesitate to call the Council's after hours number or their local Councillor.

An example of the District Scheme regulations is:

### 11.4.6. Non Urban Residential 1.

The amount that may be cleared from a section is 300 sq. metres or 30% of the net site area, whichever is the lesser.

Council's a.h. number: 778-730

Our Councillors:

Ian Wells	8149-601
Helen Haslam	8128-890

Chase away those winter blues -  
Waiatarua Theatre, with experienced cast,  
presents the classic Yorkshire comedy

### "When we are Married"

by J.B. Priestley

**On:** Thursdays, Fridays and  
Saturdays July 25, 26, 27 and  
August 1, 2, 3 and 8, 9, 10.

**At:** Waiatarua Community Centre,  
911 West Coast Road.

**Bookings:** Phone Phyl 8149-837  
Bob 8149-324.

**Help!** Has anyone a carpet or rugs in traditional Persian-type patterns, old picture frames or artificial flowers they could lend for the play season? If you can help, phone Phyl on 8149-837.

## ADVERTISING

### HOUSE TO LET - WAIATARUA

Sunny, partly furnished, 1 bedroom. Close to bus stop. Garage. Suit couple, \$110 per week. Phone 892-861 evenings.

### ELECTROLYSIS

For permanent hair removal by a qualified electrologist in the privacy of my own home. Phone Lorraine 8149-642 for free consultation.

### PLUMBING

Craftsman plumber and gasfitter. Small jobs welcome. Phone David Cross 8149-046 or mobile phone 025-950-949.

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I enclose \$7.00 (Household)/\$4.00 (Single Occupant)

This is a renewal/new subscription (Delete one)

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Please send to:

The Treasurer  
Waiatarua Ratepayers and Residents Association  
911 West Coast Road  
Waiatarua

or leave at the Library

## BEAT THE BOBBIES

Auckland had a great increase in crime in one of its parks. But only four policemen could be assigned to the park to observe every path. Place Xs to represent the four bobbies at the four different points that permit them to look down every street in the park.

Target time is six minutes.

Answer next month.



Deadline for the next issue is **Wednesday 3rd July 1991**. 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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