



Community News

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SPRING FAIR

and Market Day

Sunday 6th October 1pm - 4pm

Waiatarua Community Hall

Stall hire \$5 - contact Margaret

Blumhardt 8149 843

All Stall fees to the Playcentre building fund

12 tables max inside hall - be in quick!

Limit of 1 table per person

- Face painting - Refreshments

LOTS OF BARGAINS!

you people who have been saying "I really must do something about that" making this the month to do it?

We hear there may be some confusion about when subs are due. The financial year is from Jan - Dec, and all subs are due on 1st January, irrespective of when they were last paid. We don't have the resources to maintain a more sophisticated register than that, and we also can't send out individual reminders - what do you want for 7 bucks, a gold card?

The Ongoing (and everlasting) Ginger Saga

The spraying programme has been put on hold until the weather clears up, but never fear, it will all get done in the end. If you know of any bits of ginger that should have been cut but haven't, you can phone Wayne Edwards on 838 5527 (bus.) and he will follow it up.

Septic Tank Cleaning

The council programme is reaching us at last, so you can expect to see the McDonalds takeaways truck outside your gate in the not too distant future.

Public Phone

The installation of the actual phone has been delayed because there is a shortage of lines in our area, but one is expected to come free soon.

West Coast Road Slip

Work should start on this any day now - Murphy's law struck, and the day we sent a letter to the council asking for a progress report, the call for tenders appeared in the paper!

Welcome to Waiatarua

Mr. and Mrs. Belgrave, and Tessa, David and Stuart. We hope the broken leg is better soon.

MISCELLANY

Membership

There are now 118 Waiataruans who have taken the plunge and forked out the \$7.00 required to keep the conscience clear. This is well down on this time last year (we had 172 members then), so how about all

WANTED

Someone with sign or ticket writing skills who would be willing to do the occasional temporary sign for the Community - such as advertising the Spring Fair outside the Community Centre. If you can help, phone Tony Bacon on 814 9860.

FIRE BRIGADE NEWS

Have you got an escape plan in your home?

Your plan should include:

- Two ways out from each room.
- How to help the old, the young and the disabled.
- Somewhere to meet in safety (such as by the letterbox) to be sure everyone is out.
- How to call the Fire Brigade on 111 at a neighbour's house.

Practise:

- Crawling your escape route (preferably in the dark).
- Opening windows, doors and security locks you will use to escape.
- Getting out of windows, doors etc.
- Going to the agreed meeting place.
- helping the old, the young and the disabled.

Draw a simple plan of your house, showing the escape route from each room.

Don't forget - **keep down low!**

Guy Fawkes is early November - more on that next month.

FROM HELEN HASLAM - WAITAKERE WARD COUNCILLOR

Some of the issues dealt with by Council lately:

Annual Plan and Budget

Written submissions were received in response to the draft Annual Plan and verbal submissions were heard prior to setting the 1991-92 rates, which were kept to a nil percent increase. Council did not accept Waitakere Community Board's recommendation that

Walter Gollan

The residents of Quinns Rd have been saddened by the sudden death of Walter on 3rd. September.

He was a good friend to many local residents. His willingness to devote his time and energy to what he believed in and his ability to take on Council and Government was an example to us all.

He put in many hours preparing submissions to the council against the "Song of Two Waters" and helped many residents in preparing theirs, as well as running a full-time business in town. I worked closely with Walter on the two mast applications in Quinns Rd and I know that he got well over 25% of the objections against the mast applications. His most recent project was getting the council to do something about the driveway and recent slips at 442-454 Scenic Drive.

I had only known Walter for four years, but in that time he has been a great friend and a tower of strength and drive within the community. He will be sadly missed by myself and my family.

Jeff Brinton.

Councillors' allowances and meeting fees be reduced from the existing maximum levels.

Corban Homestead

Council bought this property as an historically important building, and land to use for a variety of community and possibly commercial uses. I agreed to support the purchase on condition that it is funded through a combination of contributions from the business community, Land Subdivision Reserve Fund, Airport Fund, and only as a very last resort to top up the remaining balance with loan monies. Public comment will be invited soon as to the use of the property.

Representation and Ward boundaries for 1992 Local Body Elections

Council has accepted Waitakere Community Board's proposal to change ward boundaries to include Laingholm and transfer Ranui into Massey Ward.

I am very sorry to report that Council has decided to abolish Community Boards and to compensate with an increase in the number of Councillors from 16 to 19 (Waitakere Ward will have 4 members, the other wards 5).

All the Community Boards - and several Councillors are very unhappy about this decision. They are likely to lodge an appeal with the Local Bodies Commission for determination of the matter before the 1992 Local Body elections.

Although Waitakere Community Board has worked effectively, its role has been very restricted by a Mayor and majority of Councillors who ensured the lack of viability of Community Boards, by an unwillingness to delegate any function other than an advisory role, retaining large committees for all decision-making at the Council level.

Waitakere Community Board recommended a cost effective method which would have ensured that the "local" was kept in local authority business.

Our proposal was to replace the Community Boards with 24 Councillors, 6 in each ward who would form official Ward Committees with delegated authority to perform all local planning and service delivery functions. All but three Council Committees would be abolished - those three would perform city-wide regulatory, policy and finance/administrative functions. The proposal was soundly defeated, with Council clearly indicating that it intends keeping all decision-making centralised.

You will soon have an opportunity to comment on the proposed changes.

Wasps, Possums and Ginger Plant

We are setting up Community Task force schemes to deal with the eradication of wasps, possums and ginger plant. We have published a pamphlet on wasp eradication for use by residents. These will be distributed in the spring, and Ratepayers Associations will be asked to help publicise the campaign.

Due to an administrative error, my name, address and telephone number was omitted from the new Waitakere City Directory, but in case you were wondering, you can be sure I am still working hard on your behalf. I welcome contact from individuals and groups to discuss local issues, concerns and ideas. I am also pleased to attend any meetings of local groups upon invitation.

Helen Haslam
78 Karekare Beach Road
RD2 NEW LYNN Telephone: 812 8890

*We trained hard, but every time we began forming into teams we were reorganised. I was to learn later in life that we tend to treat every new situation by re-organising, and a wonderful method it can be for creating the illusion of progress whilst producing the ultimate in chaos, confusion and disarray.
Petronius Arbiter 310 BC*

PLAYCENTRE COMMUNITY SURVEY

The response to the survey in last month's issue was precisely **nil**. While this may mean that you all have no objection to the proposal, it doesn't help the Playcentre in their planning. So we are giving you another chance. **Please** take the time to answer the questions. You can either leave your reply at the Oratia Dairy, post it direct to Tessa Humphreys at 846 West Coast Road Waitatarua, or phone Tessa on 814 9492 and she will arrange for it to be collected.

Community survey	YES	NO
1) Do you have any pre-school children living at this address?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2) Does anyone at this address use the existing playcentre facility at the community centre?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3) Is this household likely to need a playcentre facility in the future?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4) Does this household object to a new playcentre facility on the Community Centre site?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

If you replied YES to question 4, please explain why below.

LIBRARY NEWS

The library is now fully operational again, thanks to a willing team of hard workers. The Council has installed a new ceiling and smoke detectors. While the books were absent and the stands dismantled the walls were given a fresh coat of paint (or two) and the curtains and shelves washed. Well done everyone. Special thanks to Bob Langley, who not only had a lot of extra cleaning up to do, but also helped with the painting. (Bob's great contribution came to light too late for the last issue, which was why he wasn't mentioned then - Ed.)

**YOU MAY NOT BE RESCUING PRETTY GIRLS
ALL THE TIME**

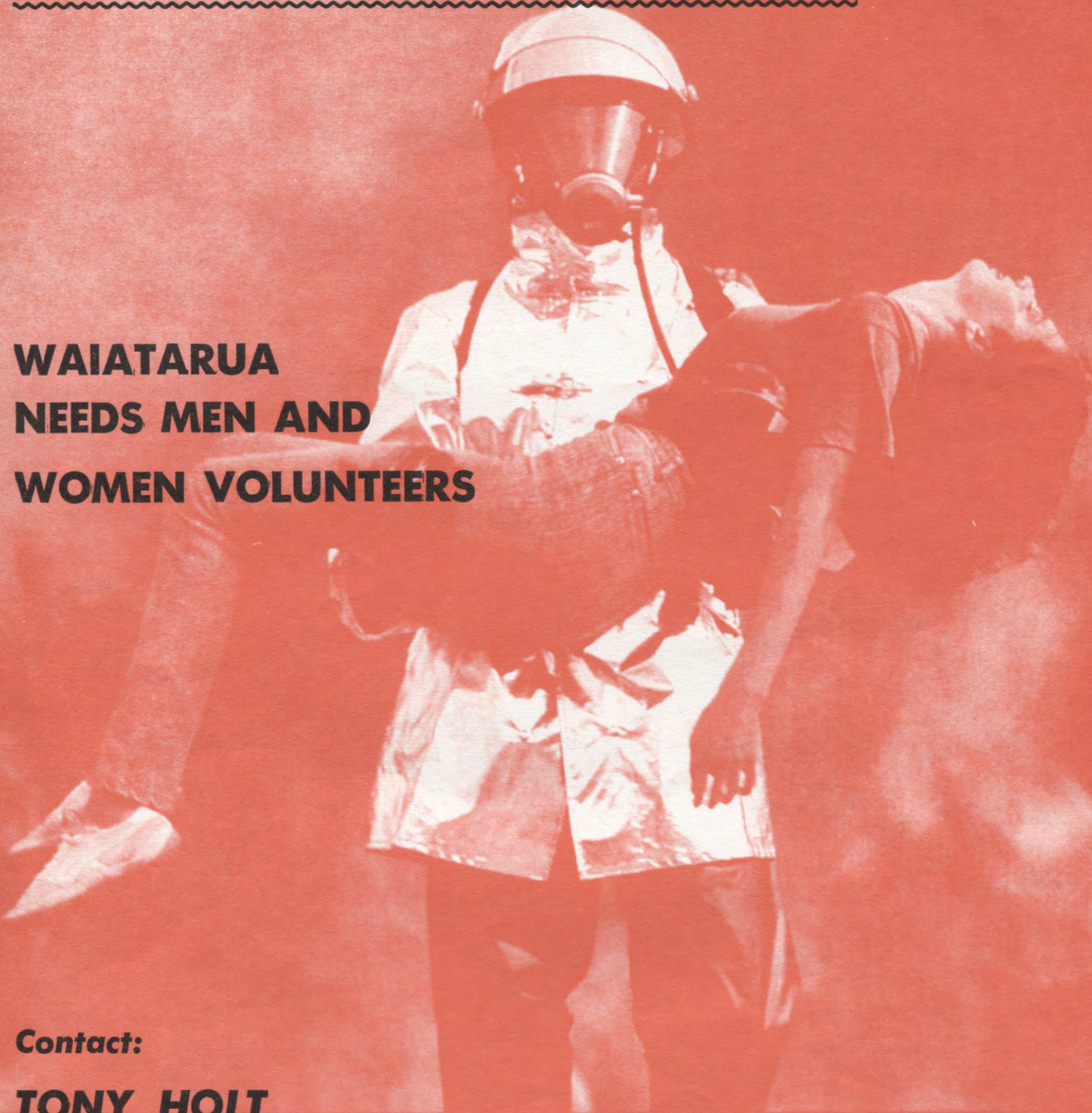
BUT YOU WILL BE DOING A REWARDING JOB

**WAIATARUA
NEEDS MEN AND
WOMEN VOLUNTEERS**

Contact:

TONY HOLT

814-9688



A new selection of Waitakere loan books is now on the shelves. Alas in this connection, the following four books have not been returned from the previous loan. May we have them back as soon as possible, please?

- The Frampton Flora
- Kneel for Mercy B. Cartland
- Mandarin Summer F. Kidman
- The Bride who ran away D. O'Hehir

Good reading, everyone.

Joan Rudall.



If you enjoyed our last play "When we are Married", why not join Waiatarua Theatre? It's only \$7.50 for a family.

This gives you the chance to be on the stage or behind the stage, learn to construct a set or costume, slap paint on a flat or a face, help with lights, sound or supper - all for pleasure and constructive leisure.

Fiona Sneyd, of the Phoenix Players, Hamilton, has offered to take a weekend workshop on aspects of drama, for a minimum of 6-8 people - time to be arranged.

If any of the above sounds like you, phone our president Richard on 810 9648, or our secretary Phyl on 814 9837.

WAIATARUA THEATRE

Please accept my 1991 subscription to the Waiatarua Ratepayers and Residents Association.

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

ADVERTISING

HOUSEWORK

Reliable, mature lady available in the Waiatarua area. Phone Lilian, 814 9638.

HOUSEWORK WANTED

An efficient and experienced cleaner needs work. Any day available. \$10 per hour. Phone Tessa, 814 9492.

SAVE THE CHILDREN FUND

Christmas and occasional cards are now available for sale. Prices \$3.80 to \$5.40 for a pack of 10. If you are interested please contact Dawn Miller, 814 9835.

FOR SALE

Solid Kauri Door with Stained glass panel, original letter plate and fittings. \$150. Phone 814 9355.

Don't forget that advertising is free to members only - please send your subscription with your ad if you are not already a member.

Deadline for the next issue is **Wednesday 3rd October 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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