



# Community News

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## EDITORIAL.

The most exciting news over the last month has undoubtedly been the successful outcome of our campaign to be part of the free postal delivery area.

For those who have not heard the good news, it is that Waiatarua/Oratia Rural Delivery is to be converted to a free motorised contract postal delivery, six days a week as from 1 June 1992.

The present Contractor will be retained in the new position and will deliver mail to all households in the area. Consequently the Oratia Superette will not be available for collecting your mail but will still sell stamps and accept mail for posting.

Your address will be, e.g.,  
849 West Coast Rd.,  
Waiatarua or Oratia,  
Waitakere City and/or  
Auckland 7.

Many thanks to the residents who sent in forms, signed petitions, wrote letters and an extra big thankyou to those who cancelled their Rural Delivery and were prepared to go through the saga of re-direction orders -it was all a part of our success. Terry won't be able to go to the Annual Meeting and have his usual complaint about Rural Delivery next year! No doubt he will find another topic.

## SUNDAY FUNDAY AND FAIR.

17th May, 1pm-4pm at the Hall, if it has not already taken place. This is a really good time to meet your neighbours.

## GET WELL SOON

To Annie Whittle, not the one of TV fame but equally well known around here as the "Star Lady" and mother of Fireman Lyndsay. I am sure everyone will join me in wishing her a speedy recovery after surgery.

## TASK FORCE GREEN

This Government scheme under which we were able to employ workers to eradicate ginger has been wound up. Many thanks to Wayne Edwards for the time he gave to investigate the scheme, interview workers, and supervise and arrange their pay etc. A lot has been done to reverse the spread of this menace. It is now up to us all to keep up the clearance on our own properties. My husband has gone through our one hectare of orchard each year pulling out the seedlings which have come up, spread by the birds, from plants outside our property. For several years now the number of seedlings has been between 500-800 but this year dropped to less than 200. This shows just how effective the eradication has been already.

## KERBSIDE RECYCLING.

This was due to start on June 8th but has been delayed until July. Recyclables will be collected on the same day as rubbish is picked up from every Waitakere City home.

Why recycle? Every year we produce an enormous amount of "Waste" material. Effective

recycling will help: Preserve natural resources, Conserve landfill space, Avoid pollution, Preserve the planet.

What you can do: Reduce your production of waste material or rubbish, Re-use packaging and left-overs whenever possible, rather than "throwing it away", Recycle those materials that can be reprocessed into new goods. Your green bin makes recycling simple. Sending the recyclables back to industry reduces waste and pollution.

How it will work. You will receive your green recycling bin, made of 100% recycled milk bottles during the next few weeks. In every bin there will be an information pack including your Recycling Guide, Home Composting Hints and the Recycling Hotline number.

Aluminium and tin cans, glass jars and some plastics are to be placed in the bin which is to be put out on the kerbside. Only plastics with the numbers 1 and 2 inside the triangular, arrowed recycling sign on the bottom of containers will be collected. These are mainly soft drink and milk bottles, cleaning and shampoo bottles. Paper is placed beside the bin for collection by Paperchase. From July, place your recyclables and paper out on the kerbside on your normal rubbish collection day. If you have any questions about recycling, phone the Hotline 836-8045 which is available now.

Editors note- Paper is collected very early on rubbish day, so if you miss out take it to Oratia School bins on Shaw Rd, or ring the Hotline if you feel the truck did not come at all. Please remember that if there is a public holiday on Monday our rubbish is collected on a Thursday so please keep it another day away from the road.

#### LIBRARY NEWS.

Winter is upon us, so it is a good time to put your feet up

and enjoy a good book. Here are some suggestions newly added to the library.

Time of the Assassins by MacNeill (MacLean),  
The Rag Nymph C.Cookson,  
Dangerous Spaces Mahy  
Emperor of America Condon  
Sharpes Devil Cornwell  
Mystical Paths Howatch  
Imajica Barker  
Herbs for common ailments by A. McIntyre.

Are you interested in your own country? We have a large selection of books about New Zealand Also we have a Cortina Manual. Anyone interested? Make us a small offer.

Whoever has "British Motor Cycles since 1950" by Steve Wilson will they please return it as soon as possible. Non return of library books is tantamount to stealing.

Remember that the library opens now on Saturday at the later time of 11am to noon.

#### WOOLLY NIGHTSHADE

You may have noticed the signs around the area advertising the awareness week. Unfortunately the week will be over when you read this newsletter but it is not too late to do something about this very toxic noxious tree which is spreading in our midst. The motto for the week is "TOMORROW'S FOREST, Cut it, Treat it, Kill it! Be warned, just cutting this plant down is not sufficient to destroy it. Regrowth from the bark will appear again within 4-6 weeks, therefore use a suitable herbicide on the stump. Gloves and dust masks are suggested to be used while removing this most unpleasant smelling, itching, poisonous plant.

This plant, also known as Tobacco Weed and Kerosene Tree has spread rapidly within the Auckland Region and is now causing concern for the future quality of our "outdoor" health and a serious threat to our surviving native bush reserves.

The plant is quite easily recognised in that it has large hairy leaves which are felted or fluffy on the back, and the purple flowers develop into bunches of green/yellow berries. Fast growing, it can reach a height of 15 metres. The whole plant is known to be toxic to man and animals and when the plant is disturbed, it gives off a strong pungent smell associated with a fine "dust" from the leaves (visible against sunlight) which is an irritant to the skin, throat and eyes when cutting down or disturbing the plant.

It also has a very invasive and suppressing nature and once established in an area, soon forms pure colonies.

For more information ring the "Hot Line" 366-2255 or Waitakere City Council Noxious Plants Officer phone 836-8000.

#### NEWS FROM HELEN HASLAM.

Annual Plan and Budget-Over the coming weeks we have a series of four meetings to fully consider and debate which items should be included in the Annual Plan and the associated budget for the financial year beginning 1st July 1992. The draft budget will be available for public comment from the end of May. Watch the Herald and Western Leader for dates. Copies will be available from Council, libraries and your local Resident and Ratepayers Association.

Recycling -Our long awaited city kerbside recycling scheme commences this July. Publicity and education schemes have already begun- congratulations to 6 year old Sophie Kindleysides from Laingholm Primary whose delightful painting has been selected for use on the City's recycling poster. A green recycling bin and full instructions will be delivered to all properties-both rural and urban during May-June.

Shellfish- This month the Minis-

try of Agriculture and Fisheries are due to present Council with a report and recommendations for dealing with the serious depletion of shellfish on our beaches. Waitakere Community Board and Council are treating this matter with great urgency- we will keep you posted.

Local Body Elections- For those who are interested in standing for Council or Community Board in the forthcoming Local Body elections, applications open on August 1st and close on August 28th. Polling will held by postal ballot with results being on 10th October. For further information, phone Clyde Rogers at Council's Administration Unit phone 836 8000. If you are interested in standing and would like to know what would be expected of you, phone me or one of the other elected members.

Corbans Winery and Homestead-Despite torrential rain the night beforehand, many thousands of people attended the recent City Celebrations at Corbans Winery and Homestead. It was action packed with a very wide range of activities, arts, crafts and sporting displays. Many positive comments were received including requests to make the event an annual one. We'd like to hear your ideas and recommendations for the long term use of the buildings and grounds. Phone Community Services Unit 836 8000

CAB Budgetary Advice- Of the hundreds of ratepayers who have recently requested rates rebates, only 30% qualified under existing government requirements. If you are having difficulty meeting rates payments, contact Council to discuss the matter. Citizens Advice Bureaux located at Glen Eden, Henderson and New Lynn all have budget advisers who can assist you with planning your budget and financial advice.

Helen Haslam Phone 812 8890

AUCKLAND REGIONAL PARKS

Events are arranged in the various parks throughout the region.

Sunday May 31st, Arbor Day at the Botanic Gardens, Sunday June 21st, Long Bay Park mid winter dip, Sunday June 28th Discovery Day at route one, Waitakere's Pararaha Gorge, or route two at Hunua Ranges.

Reservations for the last two need to be made by phoning 817-7134.

If you want to become a Regional Parks Supporter or volunteer, and receive free brochures, postcards and up to date information throughout the year, please phone 366-2166 for more information.

WAIATARUA THEATRE PRESENTS

Lettice and Lovage.

The problems that face many of the world's cities today is the destruction of the old and the horror of the new. How many Aucklanders would admit to preferring His Majesty's Car Park and Hot Dog Stand over His Majesty's Theatre. A problem relevant to both young and old alike.

This play by Peter Shaffer faces up to this catastrophe and puts it in it's place once and for all. It centres around the lives and developing friendships of two women. Lettice Duffet, a woman living a full life in the sixteenth century, and Lottie Shoen, whose zest for life was removed at an early age. The play is directed by Wayne Hall who had his debut at Waiatarua five years ago.

Encouraged by this experience, he chose to study drama in London and is a post graduate of the Academy of Live and Recorded Arts, Wandsworth, London This is his first time in the director's chair.

Accompanied by a cast of excellent actors, this show promises to delight, humour, and educate

some fun and laughter.

From May 28th - June 13th Thursdays, \$8 including refreshments.

Fridays and Saturdays, \$15 includes supper.

Information and bookings phone Don 814-9336 or Bob 814-9324.

ADVERTISING

FREE TO FINANCIAL MEMBERS

For Sale- Hillman Hunter G.L. Automatic 1974, single owner, re-engined, excellent condition, current W.O.F. and registration. \$1800 o.n.o. Phone 814-9514.

Builder- Qualified Carpenter and Cabinetmaker seeks work close to home. Reasonable rates. John Ward 814-9577

Editor- sorry the above phone number was previously printed incorrectly.

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