



Community News

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EDITORIAL

The year is rapidly gaining momentum, exams are becoming a thing of the past for many. Results are something to forget about for the present, but will inevitably have to be faced in the future!

My husband and I attended a performance of "The Constant Wife" at the Waiatarua Community Centre recently and found it to be an extremely enjoyable and polished performance. I would urge you to support our local theatre in future performances.

Your committee has sent letters on our behalf thanking Ian Wells and Chris Timms among others for their efforts as Councillor and Community Board member. Thankyou Ian and Chris

PLAYCENTRE

The Playcentre has had their application for a building grant approved and so plans are underway to commence construction soon. Patience has finally paid off for them, I hope it is all plain sailing from now on.

WAIATARUA TELEPHONE EXCHANGE

A new updated telephone exchange has been installed in our Waiatarua building so you may see SPOT running around delivering some of his new services that people who live in suburbia have had for some time! Never mind, twenty three years ago we had an automatic exchange ahead of Henderson!

WAITAKERE NEWS

Another city refinement we have gained recently is a new suburban newspaper, "Waitakere News" which if not delivered, can be obtained free of charge at the Oratia Superette on Thursdays. The paper has an office in Henderson at 405 Great North Road where the phone no. is 836-4600 and the Fax no. is 836-5940

They have started well and I hope they continue to be able to serve our need for a local newspaper, free of charge, as other areas have.

MAIL DELIVERY

Some folk have had problems with mail taking a long time to be delivered, having been sent between Henderson Delivery Centre and New Lynn, as the boundary cuts through our area. This is mail that has been correctly addressed.

If you have been affected by this problem could you please hand any empty envelopes to a committee member or put them in an envelope addressed to the Committee and post them to 911 West Coast Rd as we would like to have more evidence of the extent of the problem before seeking a solution. Thankyou.

Have you ever wondered what the variety of numbers that commercial senders put at the end of your address should be? Evidently those of us who have mail from Henderson should have 1008 and from New Lynn 1207.

FAREWELL...

to the Holland family of Raroa Tce who are moving to Whangarei very soon. We will miss your cheery smiles - you have been part of the district for a very long time. Best wishes for the future.

RAROA TCE TO ATARUA GARDENS

After approaches to Council, this footpath has been restored to a walkable state, so if you are one of those who walked the circuit, you can now do it in greater safety.

ROSE HELLABY HOUSE AND GARDENS 515 Scenic Drive, Waiatarua.

Have you visited Rose Hellaby House and Gardens recently?

There is plenty to see:

Panoramic views of both harbours from the lookout, a beautiful garden full of colour and interesting historical displays in the house.

The grounds are open every day between 9am and 6pm.

The Display Centre opens all year on Saturdays between 1pm and 4pm.

On Sundays and Public Holidays opening hours are...

Summer, Labour Day - Easter
11am - 5pm.

Winter, Easter - Labour Day
1pm - 4pm.

...Closed on Christmas Day,
...Anzac Day and Good Friday...

Rose Hellaby House is jointly managed by the West Auckland Historical Society Inc. and the Auckland Regional Council.

A Management Committee provides for liaison with the local community and includes representatives of the Waiatarua Residents' and Ratepayers Association.

Members of the West Auckland Historical Society are on duty when the Display Centre is open. Any local residents who would like to help out with the roster would be most welcome.

Please contact Bruce Harvey on 817-3651 or Con Anderson on 818-5055.

LIBRARY NEWS

Borrowers please note that owing to lack of demand for the service, the library will no longer be open on a Friday morning in school term time.

ORATIA COMBINED CHURCH SERVICES

Every Sunday at 9.30am. Sunday School for children is held at the same time. Visitors and new members are always welcome. Also there will be a service at 9.30am on Christmas Day.

There is a youth group for Form one and over which meets on the last Friday of the month for games, outings etc. Contact phone 814-9859.

ORATIA SPINNING & CRAFT GROUP

Exhibition of work and trading table will be held on November 21st from 10am-2pm, at the Oratia Church Hall, on the corner of Parker and West Coast Roads. Many crafts will be displayed. Come look and learn. Tea and coffee will be available.

COUNCIL NEWS FROM HELEN HASLAM

Elections have come and gone - and the billboards have disappeared at last! Thankyou to the many people who voted for me - it is gratifying to be returned with such a good majority.

I shall endeavour to justify your confidence in me by keeping you informed and by ensuring that your views are sought on significant local and

citywide matters.

We are settling down to the new term of our Council. Mayor Bob Harvey is proving to be a stimulating and positive leader, supported most ably by Deputy Mayor - Dorothy Wilson. Her wide experience and considerable skills will provide an excellent foil to the mayor's fresh and innovative approach. We have seven new Councillors (five of whom are Alliance, and two Independent) and a number of new Community Board members.

Community Board

It is exciting and gratifying at last to be utilising the potential of our Community Boards. They will have delegated authority to make all local decisions on engineering and works matters (roads, foot-paths, sewerage, drains etc) and community services (libraries, halls, parks, reserves etc).

Their new roles should ensure that local decisionmaking reflects the views of the local community.

Council Committees

These have been streamlined into four standing committees with smaller membership - City Development (policy), Corporate Affairs (day to day management), Environmental Management (regulatory) and Taumata Rununga (Maori Advisory Committee).

There will be a limited number of subcommittees to deal with special issues and projects.

This new structure should prove to be more cost effective than the previous committee structure. Waitakere Ward will be well represented in the chairs of Environmental Management (Paul Lowe) and City Development (Helen Haslam).

Annual Plan Submission

Just a reminder that this is your city - and it is again time for you to have your say about projects and priorities for the 1993/94 financial year. Waitakere Community Board will hear ward submissions on November 11th at 7.30pm at the Waiatarua Community Hall. Phone Cushla Gamlin (836-8000 Ext.8416) for further information.

Strategic Plan

The draft Strategic Plan is still available for public comment. Phone Catherine Syme (836-8000 Ext.8408) for copies. The plan considers options for where and how the city should grow and related issues and long term policies which will ensure that the city develops the way we want it to be. Submissions will be heard on November 19th at the Civic Centre. (Book first by phoning Cushla Gamlin (836-8000 Ext.8416))

Local Councillors

Helen Haslam Karekare 812-8890
Paul Lowe Waitakere 810-9192
Carolynne Stone Oratia 818-8057

Community Board

Bill Hales Laingholm 817-3547
Betty Hanson Piha 812-8681
David Harre Oratia 818-7816
Linda Hibberd McLaren 828-6735
Owen Hughes Laingholm 817-3231
Penny Hulse Swanson 832-5358

Peter Sinton will be presenting submissions for the Strategic Plan and the Annual Plan on behalf of the Ratepayers Assn. Please contact him if you would like to discuss these plans. Ed

NEWSLETTER DISTRIBUTION

Nobody has come forward to deliver newsletters in Opanuku Rd, consequently the distribution will cease for that area. If you can help please ring Jeff on 812-8847.

POISONOUS PLANTS

As summer approaches and you and your family plan to spend more time in the great outdoors - it may be wise to be aware of some of the very common poisonous plants around.

Arum lily, a white flower with long yellow spike in centre.

Daphne, a low growing shrub with clusters of sweet smelling flowers.

Oleander, cultivated large shrub with leathery leaves.

Hemlock, a weed, stems up to 6ft., flecked or spotted with purple, leaves like parsley.

Kowhai, native tree with yellow flowers, mainly seeds poison.

Rangiora, native shrub, grey stems, spreading habit. Leaves large, pale, oval soft green with white on the underside.

The above are a few of those which have all parts poisonous. If you want further information or a pamphlet contact Waitakere City Council Noxious Weeds Dept

ADVERTISING. Free to members.

Optometrists - Molly & Matthew Whittington have a large range of frames, all lens types, contact lenses & will examine your eyes at 245 Forest Hill Rd. Phone 814-9034.

Wanted to rent- 2-3 brm accom, cottage or unit, in Oratia school vicinity. Phone Carole 837-1884.

House to let- Waiatarua. Sunny, part furnished, 1brm, close to bus stop. Garage.\$110 per week. Phone 849-2861 evenings.

Car Pool or Lift wanted in 1993 for student starting Waitakere College. Phone Lynn Bainbridge, 814-9468.

House-hold cleaning. Person required 3 hours per week. \$7 per hour. Phone 814-9440.

Person competent with sewing machine to lower necks on several lady's T shirts. Phone 814-9002.

Christmas Trees. Select your pine now to cut nearer Christmas. \$5 deposit, \$5 later Call at 849 West Coast Rd., or phone 814-9843...also available Santa Suit for Hire-super beard

Timber & Posts for Sale
All Ground retention treated, suitable for retaining walls, 2.8m x 130mm posts \$8, & 3.1m x 260mm strainers \$15, also 100mm x 50mm (25mmx2) timber. Phone 814-9843, or call 849 W. C. Rd.

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

DECEMBER NEWSLETTER. Copy needs to be in the hands of the Editor, Margaret Blumhardt, 849 West Coast Rd., opposite Raroa Tce., by Wednesday December 2nd. Thanks to the Longley family of Longley Printing for once again printing our newsletter.

<p>Please accept my subscription to the Waiatarua Ratepayers and Residents Assoc. for 1992</p> <p>I enclose \$7 Household, \$4 Single Occupant</p> <p>Name.....</p> <p>Address.....</p> <p>.....</p> <p>Phone.....</p> <p>To Treasurer, W.R.R.Assoc., 911 West Coast Rd., Waiatarua. or leave at the library.</p>

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