



# Community News

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## EDITORIAL

It was with great pleasure that I attended the opening of the new playcentre building - it has been a long hard struggle for those involved to get there but it is well worth while when you can see the attractive building with its facilities, designed for small children, being enthusiastically used. What a relief for mothers not to have to set up for each session!

Remember the Waiatarua Theatre production on now at the Waiatarua Community Centre. It sounds like a lot of fun .. with a twist! and we do need to support our local players.

"Clerical Errors" plays on Thursdays 12th, 19th and 26th. The cost is \$8, including refreshments.

Fridays and Saturdays 13th, 14th, 20th, 21st, 27th, and 28th, costs \$15 including a meal.

Bookings are essential. Phone Phyl on 814-9837 or Gay on 814-9433.

## SPRING FAIR

This is planned for Sunday 26th September from noon until 3pm at the Community Centre.

If you have some garage sale type goods for sale or would like to sell food, plants etc ring Margaret on 814-9843 to reserve space.

Keep the date free anyway to come and look for bargains!

## CRAFT FAIR

This is planned for 28th November and will be a good time to buy Christmas presents.

Tony Bacon is promoting this event so if you are involved in hand-crafts and would like to book a stall ring him on 814-9860.

## PLAYCENTRE NEWS

Many thanks to everyone who attended the Opening Day. It was wonderful to see the familiar faces of past members and our supportive community. We have had lots of new families enrol and the children are really enjoying their new play space.

Anyone interested in visiting Playcentre just call in at 911 West Coast Rd (phone 8148-835) or call Mary King, phone 814-9550.

Our playcentre is part of a national federation. We operate as a family co-operative with on-going adult education. Parents are actively involved in observing and working with the children in 16 basic areas of play. These areas are freely available throughout each two and a half hour session. Play is child initiated and the adult's role is to support this and recognise individual needs. This is great to learn and experience as a parent! We are a very supportive group and manage to have a lot of fun.

## MAIL THEFTS

Unfortunately more thefts have been reported so please keep an eye out for people acting suspiciously in the district.

## LIBRARY NEWS

Have you visited the library lately?

Welcome to all the new members - we hope you find plenty of titles to suit your literary tastes. If you have read something which you enjoyed and feel others would also enjoy, drop us a note with the title, author and if possible the publisher.

Recent additions include:

"The last whales" - A delightful story about whales.

"A search for Maggie Ward" - Another engrossing story by Andrew Greeley, whose books are always readable.

"His little women" - Judith Rossner.

"Chateau Ella" - The second splendid story by Hillary Norman.

"Playing with Cobras" ----- Craig Thomas. Highly recommended.

"Servant to the Empire" - R.Feist.

"Angel" - Barbara Taylor Bradford - another intriguing story.

"Charlie Chaplin" - D. Robinson. The story behind the shuffling little man who delighted so many.

"Round the Harbour" - Keith Sinclair's autobiography.

"Some other Rainbow" - The true story of John McCarthy's five year incarceration in a Beirut prison.

"Gai Jin" - James Clavell.

"River God" - The latest of Wilbur Smith on quite a different theme and very readable.

"Strangers" - Dean Koontz.

"Crybbe" - P.Rickman. "Ask not for whom the bell tolls". The residents of the village of Crybbe have listened to the bell for 400 years, find out why. Very engrossing.

Our Waitakere Library book exchange takes place on August 25th, 200 hand picked titles - there will be something for everyone.

One troublesome problem keeps recurring, our library books keep popping up at other libraries in the Western Suburbs - this results in our volunteers having to drive around collecting them. Please ensure that the right books are returned to our library as we are

not on computer.

Opening hours are as follows:

Tuesday 7pm - 8.30pm.

Thursday 10am - 12noon.

Friday 7pm - 8.30pm.

Saturday 11am - 12noon.

Sunday 11am - 12noon.

## GARDEN GROUP

Next meeting will be on Wednesday 18th August at 1pm. at the Oratia Native Plant Nursery, 625 West Coast Rd., just past Sunola Orchard on the left going down the road.

As the weather was wet last month we watched gardening videos instead of visiting the Nursery. Geoff Davidson will tell us about suitable natives to plant where and how to care for them.

For any queries phone Margaret on 814-9843. Remember that the Garden Group is always held on the third Wednesday of the month and that the newsletter has not always been delivered by then, so if you would like to be involved please ring and get your name put on the phone list.

The September meeting will be a visit to an orchid house and October to a rhododendron garden.

## CATS EYES

Night driving has greatly improved with the installation of these wonderful inventions.

It took me a little while to work out that the blue ones indicated that a fire hydrant was nearby.

## HOME OCCUPATIONS

The District Plan contains provisions which are intended to permit the operation of a business from home, provided that it has similar effects as a residential use of the property. All four sections of the District Plan currently contain provision for home occupations as a permitted activity, able to be established as of right where a number of preset condi-

tions are complied with. The Waitemata Section of the Plan contains provision for an application to be made for a home occupation which does not comply with certain of these conditions. This provision was intended to provide additional flexibility, but experience indicates that this scope for relaxation of the conditions creates some opportunity for large scale business activities incompatible with residential and rural zones. Accordingly, Plan Change 46 has been prepared removing provision for home occupations which do not comply with the preset conditions.

If you require more information on this draft plan you can ring your Ratepayers President, Secretary or Editor or Councillors or Council Office.

#### COUNCIL NEWSLETTER

##### Annual Plan

After hearing many submissions and much debate, the 1993/94 Annual Plan and budgets have been completed. We have managed to reduce the proposed rates increase from 3.9% down to 3.3%. As this is the first increase for 3 years, it means that we have been able to keep the increase lower than the level of inflation. The reason for the increase is to ensure that urgent sewerage, stormwater and road-works may be progressed.

Your Ratepayers Association will have copies of the Annual Plan and copies may be viewed at libraries, CABs and at Council.

##### Weedspraying

There have been many enquiries about the new steam weed killing spray from people who dislike chemical sprays. Council officers are currently investigating it. There is some doubt about its effectiveness for use on kikuyu grass and some other tough weed varieties. We are also having discussions with the ARC on ideas for developing a co-ordinated policy to manage invasive weeds in the Waitakere Ranges. We will keep you

posted on developments on both these matters.

##### Environmental Policy/ Greenprint/ District Plan

Community Board members and Councillors are currently involved in a very interesting series of workshops to prepare background papers for Council's Environmental Policy. These documents will soon be released for public discussion and input. The policy will be used in the development of the new District Plan, and for the Greenprint (the Strategic Plan for Waitakere - Eco-City). Ratepayer, Environmental and Community groups will be sent copies of these documents, and more will be available through libraries, Council and CABs. If you would like more information, telephone Jenny Macdonald on 836-8000 Ext8414.

##### Waiatarua Play Centre

I had great pleasure in cutting the green ribbon at the opening ceremony of the new Waiatarua Play Centre. It is located down the driveway behind the Waiatarua Hall and library. A big crowd attended - play centre families past and present, plus many wellwishers.

The centre is a sunny, attractive building, which nestles in lovely bushclad surroundings. Congratulations to all those who worked so hard to raise funds and to make the new building a reality.

With kind regards from your Ward Councillors.

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

ADVERTISING.. Free to members.

Remember that you can advertise your business if you live and work locally. 1993 subscribers will be able to advertise as space permits up until February.

Repairs required - La Gloria radiogramme, Phone 814-9639 or 812-8721.

Price wanted - for roof painting, labour only. Phone 814-9757.

Home required to rent - Professional couple with two small children require a 3 bdrm house for long term rent in the Oratia/Waiatarua area. Please phone Denise on 814-9495.

Restaurant - The Ferns with hosts Mike and Eva Chevin, 473 Scenic Drive Waiatarua, fully licensed, phone 814-9804.

Soils Engineer ---- Septic tank designs, stability reports, storm water problems, drainage, subsidence, retaining etc. Specialising in underpinning. . Phone Ross Ward, Westward Civil Ltd., 814-9002.

Stained Glass Studio - at 293 Forest Hill Rd. Range of native bird window hangings for sale. New and restoration work, windows and lampshades. All at reasonable rates. Phone 814-9293 or call in.

Registered Drainlayer -wants work, all types of drainage work, septic tanks, stormwater, sewer connections, phone Ray on 814-9242.

Painter - Domestic and Commercial, New work and maintenance, phone Rob on 817-7537.

Work Wanted - Lawnmowing and weedeating etc. Reasonable rates, phone Glenn on 814-9356.

Coal - 25kg bags \$7, 3 for \$20  
Firewood - bags \$ \$5 and \$6.  
849 West Coast Rd., opp. Raroa Tce  
Phone 814-9843.

Nutrimetics is skin care, colour make-up, hair care, sun care, household cleaning products, men's care, healthy living and much more. All products are made from natural ingredients, friendly to you and the environment. For a personal skin care consultation phone Melissa on 814-9867. Glamour make-up done for special occasions.

Window Cleaning - Waterblasting, House Washing, Painting, free quotes for commercial or residential work. All work undertaken and guaranteed. Phone Glenn 814-9480.

Plumbing & Roofing specialist, 24hr on call service. D. Rush, craftsman plumber 814-9397.

J.R. Hydroclean - Houses, paving, roofs, boats, commercial and domestic, free quotes Rob 817-7537.

Marriage Celebrant -Weddings from the heart - Glenys Scott 814-9598.

### SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER.

Copy needs to be in the hands of the Editor, Margaret Blumhardt, 849 West Coast Rd., opposite Raroa Tce., by Wednesday 1st September.

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