



Community News

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ROLL UP! ROLL UP!

New dates have been set for Waiatarua Theatre's 1993 pantomime, Goldilocks and the Three Bears. The show will now be running on Saturday December 11th, and Sunday December 19th, at 1pm and 5pm. Tickets \$6 (adults at kids prices), including light refreshments. It's a lot of fun! For bookings phone ----- Phyl 814-9837 or Gay 814-9433.

1994 is Waiatarua Theatre's twentieth anniversary, and founding member Phyl Vincent has been appointed special co-ordinator for the birthday programme and celebrations.

The theatre is always looking for new members and keen to catch up with old friends. It's a happy team, so if you'd like to be involved in anything from set design to lighting to front of house to acting - Waiatarua Theatre will welcome you with open arms. More in the next newsletter.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor,

The Craft Fair has come and gone, the weather stayed fine, and everyone who came enjoyed themselves. Thanks to the stallholders and those Waiataruins and others who came along to enjoy the wealth of talent that Waiatarua has to offer.

Unfortunately, there are some who may have missed out. Those of us who live in Cascade Avenue and the adjoining part of West Coast Road

had not received the November newsletter when Saturday dawned, and so did not get the reminder from the large advert that leaped from the page when you opened the Newsletter up.

I know from experience that from time to time Newsletter delivery can be delayed for reasons inside and outside the control of the deliverers. I also know that most deliverers struggle through storm, snow and flood to make sure the newsletter gets through. What a pity then, that the person responsible for our area doesn't fit that description. Our newsletter is consistently very late. Often this doesn't particularly matter, but nevertheless it does not contribute to the image of regularity that I strived to set up during my tenure as Editor, and I know you have battled to maintain.

The Association itself is not entirely blameless here either. The Editor is not responsible for the distribution, and I believe the Association should be prepared to take up these problems with the individual deliverers and if necessary say "thankyou very much for your past efforts, but we will find some one else." Perhaps this is what is needed in this case.

Yours sincerely, Tony Bacon.

NEWSLETTER DISTRIBUTOR

A distributor is needed for the top of Mountain Road. If you can help please ring Jeff on 812-8885.

LIBRARY REPORT

Christmas is coming,
The geese are getting fat,
Get your holiday reading,
And don't forget your hat!

Books are an essential part of a holiday - be sure to visit the library and stock up on reading matter - there are many new titles now available.

New titles: Non - Fiction:

The Vegetarian Vitality Cookbook - Judy Ridgway.

Private Gardens of N.Z. - Telford / Hanley.

This lovely book has been dedicated to the library in memory of Mickey Cook.

The Lunch Box and Easy to Cook Chicken - two very easy to follow cookbooks, certain to make mouths water.

New titles: Fiction

Bleak Spring - Jon Cleary. Cleary has been writing excellent books for many years, this is his latest and is very exciting.

Nightmares and Dreamscapes - Stephen King in fine form - a book of stories of scalp tingling dimension. To be read during the daylight preferably.

Silk - Nicola Thorne.

Deceit - Clare Francis. Definitely worth reading - a tale of intrigue.

As another year draws to a close, we wish to thank everyone associated with the library - the Ratepayers Committee, to Grant and Carol Longley for your support and advice. to all our volunteers - you have been wonderful, and to all our dedicated readers - thank you for encouragement, we look forward to seeing you all in the New Year - and if anyone feels like becoming a Volunteer - "the more the merrier".

The library will close at 8.30pm on December 24th (Xmas Eve), and will re-open at 11am on Saturday January 8th. Books to be returned can be put through the slot.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to everyone.

Opening hours are as follows:	
Tuesday	7pm - 8pm.
Thursday	10am - 12noon.
Friday	7pm - 8pm.
Saturday	11am - 12noon.
Sunday	11am - 12noon.
Phone number	814-9353

N.B. Evening opening hours will be shortened by half an hour (7pm - 8pm) from January 1994.

WAIATARUA VOLUNTEER FIRE BRIGADE

The Brigade is considering using the flat area of land at the Fire-station for various games during the summer.

If there is anyone in the area who has bowls equipment or similar games that we could borrow for the summer, or would like to participate in such activities, please contact either Tony Holt on 814-9688 or Ian Ford on 814-9618.

PIHA BUS SERVICE

An extension of the Auckland City/Piha Sunday bus service to include a stop at Arataki Visitor Centre means an improved weekend service to Piha, though only from Labour weekend through to Easter.

Planned as a shuttle service for visitors to the park centre, the 10am Sunday bus will drop people off at Arataki, continue on to Piha, then return to Arataki by 12.15pm to pick up passengers and deliver them back to New Lynn with a transfer ticket to the city. An afternoon Sunday bus will leave New Lynn at 1pm for Piha and depart again at 4pm.

MANY THANKS

We greatly appreciate the contribution of the Longley family for continuing to print our newsletter.

TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS

Your committee received a letter from the Cunninghams who are concerned at the number of accidents occurring outside their property on the corner of Bush Rd.

These are the result of cars coming down the road and failing to take the bend, crossing the road and either colliding with cars going up the hill or hitting the bank.

We forwarded this letter with our endorsement to Waitakere City Council Roading and Traffic Manager and his reply informs us that a traffic consultant will be engaged to study the more general problem of loss of control on the poorer parts of West Coast Rd, Forest Hill Rd., Scenic Drive etc with the objective of actioning a common treatment.

It should be possible to implement the consultant's recommendations by early in February 1994.

This could take the form of continuous white reflectorised edge lines and doubling the number of raised reflectors on the centre line. For the worst bends edge marker posts and/or chevron arrow signs may be installed and the surface friction of the road investigated and some sections may need to be resurfaced.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

I wish to make comment on the letter "Dogs in the Rubbish", Oct.93.

While I agree dogs and rubbish are a bad combination and I appeal to owners to keep their animals away from the temptation, the inference that dog owners (which I am not) should feel disgust that their pets may have been into soiled napkins in the local rubbish horrifies me.

The disposable napkin has its place in modern society but can be an environmental hazard. Its package clearly states "Be considerate, do not litter, remove excess soiling and flush away, consider the environment" etc etc.

I appeal to young mothers to follow the simple manufacturers' guidelines for disposal.

Consider the dog and human health problems we would all have if we put our human waste on the street to be collected weekly by the poor rubbishman. Kath Mullins.

CHRISTMAS SEASON REMINDERS

Just a few matters to help us all have a smooth path through this holiday season.

Fires -Remember that a permit is necessary before you light that outside fire. This is obtained by contacting Waitakere City Council.

Rubbish - As Christmas Day falls on a Saturday this year I am told by ringing the recycling hotline that our rubbish will be collected on Wednesday as usual.

Please put your recyclables in your green bin but remember that our collector will leave behind any that don't fit in the bin so keep those until the next week. Please rinse out your tins, especially pet food tins etc to save attracting animals and perhaps having them cut themselves on the sharp edges.

Native Birds - Watch those fire arms, air rifles etc. I have been so thrilled to see wood pigeons and tuis last summer and there are hopes of getting more native birds established in the ranges. They are of course protected. Perhaps you could give your cat a bell to put on it's collar this Christmas and also poison any rats around.

MERRY CHRISTMAS

I wish you all a Merry Christmas and an enjoyable restful break from your years work.

During your break please consider your availability for the committee next year. We need new members and plenty of ideas for increasing the use of our Waikatarua Community Centre.

SUBSCRIPTIONS

All subscriptions are due on January 1st so if you are confused about who should pay when be confused no longer - your sub is due!

Remember that advertising is free but available to members only.

Please accept my subscription to the Waiatarua Ratepayers and Residents Assoc. for 1994.

I enclose \$7 Household,
\$4 Single Occupant

Name.....

Address.....

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Phone.....

To Treasurer,
Waiatarua Ratepayers & Residents
Association,
911 West Coast Rd.,
Waiatarua.
or leave at the library.

ADVERTISING.. Free to members.

House Sitter Wanted - Local family seeks reliable trustworthy person(s) to live in their lovely 4brdm home while they go camping for 4 weeks after Xmas. Must be an animal lover as they will be required to take care of their friendly dog (9mths), 7 chickens, a cat and 3 mice. \$200 bond will be required and a small rent to be negotiated to cover costs. Please phone Debbie on 814-8892.

Mobile Office Services - Word-processing and Secretarial work. Phone Margaret Allan on 814-9996.

Sheetmetal Engineer - all types of welding. Stainless steel, mild steel and aluminium fabrication. Specialist in handrails, marine & food industry work. Phone Steve Preece 814-9744.

Computer Lessons - I can help

teach you computer skills or let you play games. One on one lessons - I have most commercial programmes for the work force. A reasonable rate and an enjoyable time - phone 814-9356 or 849-4392.

John Hendrikse, Lawyer & Notary Public available at nights or weekends at his home, 914 West Coast Rd. by appointment: phone 276-5217 or 814-9991.

David Cross Plumbing Ltd - Craftsman Plumber and Gasfitter, small jobs welcome. Phone 814-9046, Mobile 025-950-949

Builder - Self employed qualified carpenter and cabinetmaker seeks work close to home. Reasonable rates - all work gratefully undertaken. Phone John Ward 814-9577.

J.P., Marriage Celebrant-----
Anne Wilson. For small weddings, why not consider a beautiful bush surrounding for your ceremony and photographs. Phone Anne 814-9547.

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.

FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER.

Copy needs to be in the hands of the Editor, Margaret Blumhardt, 849 West Coast Rd., opposite Raroa Tce., by Wednesday 2nd February.

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