



Community News

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EDITORIAL

Happy New Year! I trust you are feeling positive about the year ahead.....good! then we need to see you at the Annual Meeting to hear the Mayor's address and question time followed by reports of last year, election of officers and to bring forward your suggestions for the use of the Centre and the ways to implement them.

New to the District? This is a good time to meet the locals and hear what is happening.

The new Arataki Parks Centre on the Scenic Drive opened this month and will be well worth a visit with greatly expanded facilities including a video room, displays, expansive viewing decks etc. Unfortunately the Association was not invited to the official opening.

ANNUAL MEETING

The Annual General Meeting of the Waiatarua Ratepayers and Residents Association will be held on Thursday 24th February at 7.30pm at the Waiatarua Community Centre, 911 West Coast Rd.

A cup of tea available from 7pm so that you can meet and have a chat to friends old and new before the Mayor's address and the Annual General Meeting.

GARDEN GROUP

We will be meeting on Wednesday 16th at 1pm and you are welcome to join our informal group anytime,

we have no fees or membership.

February's visit will be to Beryl Simpson's herb garden to hear about growing and using herbs.

Beryl lives at 797 West Coast Rd and parking is available on Mr and Mrs Warby's driveway at 801 West Coast Rd. Please park on the left side of the drive allowing access down the drive and avoiding the soft spots you can get stuck in on the right.

Any enquiries about the group or programme suggestions for this year please ring Margaret on 814-9843.

PLAYCENTRE NEWS

We hope everyone had a happy holiday season.

Playcentre has started again for the year - newcomers most welcome - a great place to meet some people in the area who also have young children.

Our times are Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday from 9.30am till midday - newborn till school age.

A belated thankyou to Lynn of Bush Road for donating her piano to playcentre, both children and parents enjoy the music - Thanks again. Also thanks to Steve, Ian and Mark who helped to move it.

For more information about Playcentre please phone Bianca on 814-9861 or at Playcentre 814-8835

LOST CAT

Smokey, a short haired, charcoal grey neutered male domestic cat has been missing from his home on Forest Hill Road since Monday 13th December - he may have fled from marauding dogs on his territory.

Any news of Smokey would be appreciated by the Shaw family, phone 3773762 daytime, 814-9231 evenings.

LIBRARY REPORT

We have said goodbye with great regret to Mary Nash who has gone to live in Waitakere. For several years Mary has helped with choosing the books, done the typing, worked on the desk and generally been a cheerful asset to all the volunteers who run the Waiatarua Library.

The next book exchange from Te Atatu will be in February. Come in and see the new selection.

If anyone is willing to give a Thursday morning to help in processing the new books they would be very welcome. No special skills required, you learn as you go along!

Recommended Reading

"To play the King" - sequel to "House of Cards."

"Nicola" by N. Owen.

"Children of Divorce" - Helping kids when their parents are apart.

"Postmortem" by Patricia Cornwell.

And if you like sagas, "The Power of One" and "Tandora" by Bruce Courtney.

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

Barbeque Care

Now that the barbeque season is upon us the Waiatarua Fire Brigade would like to remind people of some of the do's and don'ts regarding the care and attention of your gas barbeque.

Regularly empty the sand on the sand tray and clean with warm soapy water along with the plates and grille.

Make sure all hoses are in good condition. Make sure that the gas cylinder is in good condition and is within the test duration. Any doubt, contact the LPG/CNG cylinder test station.

When the gas cylinder has been connected check for leaks around the joints with soapy water: LPG is odourised to give it the distinctive unpleasant smell.

If a cylinder is leaking and the leak cannot be stopped by closing off the valve the cylinder should be moved to an open area clear of buildings, and people and the Fire Service should be contacted immediately by dialling 111.

Always keep a container of water nearby when cooking outdoors.

THE THRILL OF IT ALL

Waiatarua Theatre's first production for 1994 will be the New Zealand premiere of "Death and the Maiden" by Georgina Reid.

Set at the turn of the century, the play tells the story of the wicked Mrs Bell, her two middle-aged daughters Mavis and Sylvia... and murder! This play has all the twists and turns of a top thriller - not to be missed. "Death and the Maiden" opens on April 14th and runs for three weeks on Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights.

At the AGM on 2nd February, the new committee was elected. Office

bearers are President - Gillian Nicholson, Secretary - Wayne Hall, and Treasurer - Gay Cook.

Since this is our 20th anniversary year we are planning a full and exciting programme which will include a birthday dinner/murder mystery evening in late October - more details later.

Come and join our theatre group for fun and relaxation. We need people to help backstage and in pre-production (things such as set design, building and painting; stage managing; props; lighting and sound) and we'll gladly teach you the skills.

If you would like to become a member and receive our newsletters the cost is just \$7.50 per year for a family.

For more information about your theatre phone 814-9599; 814-9433; or 818-9995.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Madam,

I note with interest the article on traffic accidents in the December Community News.

I would like to point out another area where an accident is waiting to happen; that's at the Piha Rd - Scenic Drive intersection.

The stop sign is blatantly disregarded, especially at the week-ends; on several occasions I have seen cars coming from Piha go through the stop sign at 70kmh. I would like to see the area given urgent attention before somebody is seriously hurt. Tony Holt.

RUBBISH

Every Saturday you can now dispose of household hazardous waste for free at the rear of the Recycling and Baling Station on the Course, Henderson.

Before transporting to the drop-off centre please ensure that....

* The waste is in it's original container.

*If it is leaking or damaged, place the container in another leak-proof container.Do not try to re-package it.

* The contents are the same as that stated on the label. If not, please label correctly. Do not mix chemicals.

The Centre will accept.....
Fertilisers, Fibreglass resins, Glues, Paint removers & thinners, Weedkillers, Bleaches, Ammonia, Polishes & waxes, Toilet cleaners.

The centre will not accept.....
Industrial quantities of waste, Ammunition or explosives, Radio-active material, Medicines.

Recycling

For those new to the area, and there are a considerable number of you, please note that whole bottles are the only glass you can put out in your bin. You can also put out plastic containers 1&2, and cans both metal & aluminium. If you have more than one binful per week, phone for an extra bin.

For further details about recycling, hazardous waste and rubbish please ring the recycling Hotline on 836-8045.

MARCH NEWSLETTER

Copy needs to be in the hands of the Editor, Margaret Blumhardt, 849 West Coast Rd., opposite Raroa Tce., by Wednesday 2nd March 1994.

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!

Receipts and a list of current members are available all year at the Waiatarua Library, you can fill out the subscription form in this newsletter and pop it in the box anytime, but the sooner the better! The Treasurer will be pleased to accept your subscription for this year at the Annual Meeting or check your membership for you.

Remember that advertising is free but available to members only so that your business advertisement

will not be repeated until your sub for the year is paid.

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.

Firewood for sale -Cedar \$20cm un-split blocks, \$35cm split, 849 West Coast Rd, opp. Raroa Tce 814-9843

Creature Comforts offers your pets professional care and attention at home while you are away. Call Suzanne for details on 818-9261.

Grass Cutting - Reliable person wanted to cut grass on our section on a regular basis. Must have own equipment and transport. Please phone Tony or Jean on 814-9860.

Hairdresser requires work. Have you and your family's hair attended to at home. I specialize in cuts & perms, 25 years experience, very reasonable rates, please phone Lesley on 814-9242.

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.

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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.

Window Cleaning, Waterblasting, House Washing, Painting. Free quotes. Commercial, Residential. All work undertaken & guaranteed. Glenn Ripley 860 W.C.Rd. 814-9480

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