



Community News

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FIRE BRIGADE NEWS

We were saddened by the death last month of Bob McGuire who joined the Brigade soon after he moved into the area and served with us until his illness. He will be fondly remembered by all who knew him, including the Fire Brigade and Library volunteers. Bob helped in the Library until only a few weeks before his death. Our sympathies go to Phyl, Brett and Tracey.

In the last few weeks the Volunteer Fire Brigade has purchased additional medical gear for its First Aid kit - an extra ventilator, a blood pressure kit and saline solution for external use as an eye wash or for burns. No drugs are carried. All members of the Brigade have also been on a roster with the St John's Life Support Unit based at Edmonton Rd and have gained valuable experience assisting the Ambulance crews in their work.

After a busy start to the year, March was back to normal for fire calls. The Brigade attended four incidents - one car fire, one scrub fire and two false alarms. However April started badly with the Brigade having an exhausting Easter weekend. A large scrub fire at Anawhata and two calls to vehicle accidents saw the fire engine out for over twenty-six hours from Saturday evening to Monday evening, with Waiatarua's volunteer firefighters clocking up one hundred and seventy four person - hours in that time.

The fire behind Anawhata Beach was deliberately lit. Access to the rugged terrain on both sides of the stream was by foot, four wheel farm bikes, helicopter, surfboat, and rowboat. Volunteer and permanent fire crews from Waiatarua, Karekare, Piha, Bethells, Titirangi, Henderson, Glen Eden, Avondale, Balmoral City and Papakura were assisted by the ARC Parks staff, North Piha Surf Club, local residents, two helicopters with monsoon buckets and an RNZAF Iroquois.

We just hope that the extensive effort put in by firefighters at this incident will be regarded by the Insurance Council and Business Roundtable as representing a satisfactory return on their investment.

For any queries contact —

Peter Hand, phone 814-8860,
Ian Wells phone 814-9601, or
Ian Ford, phone 814-9618.

GARDEN GROUP

This month we are visiting the Harres old home and old fashioned garden which have been lovingly restored and also the Oratia Folk Museum alongside it.

This will be a delightful step back to last century and a truly different lifestyle.

Remember that we now meet on the fourth Wednesday of the month, which is Wednesday April 27, at 1pm at 527 West Coast Rd. A donation would be appreciated for this visit.

Parking is available on the driveway but access must be kept open to the orchard at the rear of the property. Meet on the grass at the front of the garden, beside the museum and we will walk up the path to the house from there.

Enquiries to Margaret phone 814-9843.

CONGRATULATIONS

The walkway from Raroa Terrace towards Atarua Gardens has been planted with native plants, transforming it from a rubbish dump to an attractive corner.

Thanks for this go firstly to Jan Cockell and Margaret Marshall, the Keep Waitakere Beautiful scheme and of course the people of Raroa Terrace who helped with the donkey work. Hopefully this will be the first of many such initiatives which will be of an ongoing nature.

Would any people be able to help care for the Community Centre grounds? If you could help with this please contact a committee member.

GINGER

Did you happen to see the bins for ginger root collection in the last few weeks? You were lucky to spot them. I hope if you did, that you put some roots in them. Ten out of ten if you spotted one at the Community Centre and one half way down Bush Rd.

At the Annual Meeting we made the point very strongly to the mayor and councillors that we were missing out on local council news and the ginger collection

seems to be very much a case in point.

Waiatarua residents were not consulted about the collection and placing of bins or signs.

When a councillor read about the scheme, which was too late for the last newsletter, your president rang the council and asked for signs to be put up and suggested alternative sights, but to no avail. It would appear the councillors understand our problem but the council staff are slower to get the message.

The Waitakere City Newsletter appears to be being delivered to all homes now, not just the favoured few, as was the case before we complained at the meeting.

If you have not received the April one in your box please ring council and have one sent to you.

Now back to that ginger! If you think it has pretty flowers and is nothing to worry about you may find that your neighbours think otherwise, and that the birds eating the seeds on your property will then deposit them next door! Now that it has been gazetted a noxious weed it is only time before the council officers do an inspection and require you to remove it.

It is now a little late to spray before winter but you can pull the flowers off to prevent the seeds from maturing and digging out of small patches is quite effective. Small bags of roots can be put out with your rubbish but not too big as they are very heavy for the rubbish collectors.

If you would like bins delivered to your area we could try to have this done, especially as so many areas missed out, but there would have to be a suitable place to put them.

WAIATARUA PLAYCENTRE NEWS

The playcentre is having an open - day for all new Mums, Dads, babies and toddlers in the area. Come along and meet other locals with small children, look around our beautiful new building and join us for a cuppa.

When? Wednesday 27 April

Time? 9.30 am till 12 noon.

Where? Down the driveway
at the Community Centre, 911 West Coast Rd.

Enquiries phone Bianca on 814-9861 or playcentre on 814-8835.

LIBRARY NEWS

Desk helpers are urgently needed for the first and fifth Saturdays and the fifth Sunday. It is only for one hour 11am - 12 noon.

New books include *"Aromatherapy for Women"* by Maggie Tisserand - how to use the remarkable beautifying and healing properties of essential oils.

"Antiques" by Plantaganet Somerset Fry - lavishly illustrated comprehensive book gives hints on what to look for and ideas for things to collect.

"Murder at the Brian Boru" by J. Druett.

"Cathedral Cats" by R. Surman.

"Malina" by P. Perrick.

"Zlata's Diary" by Z. Filipovic (the little girl from Sarajevo)

"Death on the Cape" by M. Higgins Clark.

WAIATARUA COMMUNITY LIBRARY

911 West Coast Rd,
under the Community Centre. Phone 814-9353

Hours of Opening

Tuesday	7pm – 8 pm
Thursday	10am – 12 noon
Friday	7pm – 8 pm
Saturday	11am – 12 noon
Sunday	11am – 12 noon

Books can be returned at any time
through the chute by the library door.

POSSUM BUSTERS

A group of previously unemployed workers, including two from Karekare, have been melded into five motivated, possum trapping teams in a joint project of Waitakere City Council, ARC Environmental Department, and the NZ Employment Service.

The Possum Busters set "Timms" traps, (three hundred for each team), in areas that are threatened by the munching marsupials. With four months of the seven month scheme still to run, the local team has been averaging an 86% kill rate, 6% better than was originally hoped for. The Piha/Karekare/Anawhata area has been divided into six blocks to be systematically worked over. Because no poisons are used there is no need to restrict park access. An environmentally acceptable method is used to dispose of the possum carcasses, another plus for the scheme.

A spokesman for the City Council says that the success of the teams working in the ranges bodes well for their use in other areas identified by ARC officers, and continuous employment opportunities seem likely. It is heartening to see this scheme succeed. Hopefully a social and an environmental problem solved in one, well planned swoop.

(Reprinted from Piha News)

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

A lot of people are like wheelbarrows -
no good unless pushed.

Some are like trailers -
they have to be pulled.

Some are like kites -
if you don't keep them on a string, they fly away.

Some are like balloons -
full of wind and ready to blow up.
Some are like footballs -
you can't tell which way they'll bounce.
And then, some are like a good watch -
open face, pure gold, and quietly busy.

Author Unknown.

LOST CAT

A grey eight month old part persian female cat with a white front and bushy tail is missing. If you have seen her please phone Debbie on 814-9968.

LEARN ABOUT HERBS

If there is sufficient interest, Beryl Simpson will hold a day-time, four week class on The Basic Herb Garden and the use of Herbs in Cooking at the Waiatarua Community Centre. If you are interested please phone Lilian on 814-9638

CULVERTS

Now would be a god time to check those kerbside culverts to clear the rubbish away before the rain comes and causes flooding.

ADVERTISING

**This is free to financial members for 1994,
January to December.**

A list of financial members and receipts are available at the library, and any queries about membership can be answered by phoning the treasurer Mary Crosbie on 814-9858.

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MAY NEWSLETTER

Copy needs to be in the hands of the Editor, Margaret Blumhardt, 849 West Coast Rd., opposite Raroa Tce., by Wednesday May 4 1994.

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WAIATARUA THEATRE PRESENTS

A Mystery by Georgina Reid

DEATH AND THE MAIDEN

**Sinister events of the past are brought to life in
Gorse Cottage**

DEATH STALKS THE HILLS

Waiatarua Theatre's first play for 1994 - Death and the Maiden - opens on April 28 at Waiatarua Hall... with a scream!

The play, set in the English countryside at the turn of the century, tells the story of the attempted murder of a vindictive old woman. As the suspenseful plot unfolds and the culprit is exposed, the play provides a series of twists which lead to it's shocking finale.

The performance by Waiatarua is the play's New Zealand premiere.

Death and the Maiden is the work of top English playwright Georgina Reid, and is

directed by Jeanette Heine.

It's fine cast is a mix of experienced popular actors such as Pearl Parkinson, Ruth Mayo and Des Gotobed with relative newcomers Maureen Matthews, Rachel Wike, Laurie Mayo and Kevin Healy.

Running for three weeks on Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights at 8pm, the play finishes on May 14. Ticket prices remain the same this year, ie \$15 for Friday and Saturday nights (which includes a substantial supper) and \$8 on Thursday nights (tea/coffee and biscuits).

Don't miss this first-rate play. Bookings are necessary so please phone Phyl on 814-9837 or Gay on 814-9433.

