



# Community News

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## Editorial

This could well be your last newsletter of the Waiatarua Ratepayers and Residents Association as it disbands.

This last year has seen a committee which on a number of occasions has not been able to rally a quorum and few people willing to do the necessary work.

A number of the present committee now live outside the area and are not standing again. Greatful thanks to Jeff Brinton for still fulfilling his role as Vice-President and standing in for the president, and who with his wife Donna, have continued to distribute the bulk newsletters since leaving the area.

Thanks also to Margaret Allen who has come back faithfully each month to be our secretary. Mary Crosbie, our treasurer is unable to continue this year due to other commitments. Thanks for a job well done.

The Waiatarua Residents and Ratepayers Association, through the committee have been able to have the Community Centre and library built, which then became the venue for the new drama group productions.

We supported the play centre in their long struggle to obtain their own building.

The E.M.R. issue, which led to standards being set for radiation from the T.V. mast and others throughout N.Z. was another issue fought through the committee and the ginger clearance was a committee initiative. The abolition of the rural mail status was another. We would have a helicopter pad in the area if the committee

had not worked against that some years ago.

There are many small improvements around the area that the committee liasing with the councillors and community board have been able to bring about.

Without a committee you would lose not only your newsletter but also your voice to council, with other areas having committees and lobbying for improvements in their areas. We would fall further and further behind in the council dollar being spent here. "The squeaky wheel getting the most oil" is a very true saying.

The lease of the community centre would need to go to another group, perhaps it could become a night club and the library let for offices, whatever it was we would have no control over it's use and public use could be a thing of the past. All council halls are now being leased to groups to manage. We have a great asset to use to bring the community together so let us have some people come forward with some ideas and enthusiasm to use what we are so fortunate to have. Use it or lose it!

Minimum requirement for committee members is to be available to attend a meeting once a month for about two hours and have an interest in Waiatarua. Much more can be done by those with time to put into it. Old resident or new to the area your contribution would be appreciated.

I would be pleased to discuss committee membership and what it entails.

**Please contact me, Margaret on 814-9843.**

## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Annual General Meeting of the Waiatarua Ratepayers and Residents Association will be held at The Community Centre, 911 West Coast Road, Waiatarua on Wednesday March 1 1995 at 7.30pm.

The meeting will be commencing with Waitakere City Council staff speaking on the progress so far with the Annual Plan for the next year. You will be able to ask questions and suggest items for inclusion. This is a real chance to have your say on where our money is to be spent.

A cup of tea or coffee will be available from 7 pm so that you can come and meet locals, Councillors, Community Board members and Council staff.

Subscriptions for 1995 can be paid by filling in the form at the end of the newsletter or before the meeting .

Voting is open for all 1995 financial members (there are probably none at this moment). No doubt we can give you a refund if we close down.

## FIRE BRIGADE REQUEST

We are wanting a set of bowls for the new bowling green at the fire station. Anyone that may be able to help or may have an interest in playing or getting a team together for a friendly game please ring Tony on 814-9688.

## LOCAL HISTORY WANTED

Information on the early days of Waiatarua; we would be interested in talking to people who have a knowledge of the area, for example, the schoolhouse, church, air strip, golf course, store, fire brigade etc. Also old photographs that could be reproduced.

Please ring Lindsay on 814-9872 or Tony 814-9688.

## GET WELL SOON

To Wally Eyre who is in Waitakere Hospital.

## LIBRARY NEWS.



Happy New Year - looking forward to seeing you all again. We do need plenty of support.

Our six monthly change of books from Te Atatu Library is due soon. Please let us have any requests for fiction or non-fiction before 7 March and we will do our best to procure them for you.

We have lots of new books on order so keep in touch

Bev 836-4420

Christine 837-4651

## PLAY CENTRE



The Play centre started again on Tuesday 31 January. Our sessions are as follows:

|           |                   |
|-----------|-------------------|
| Tuesday   | 9.30 am - 12noon  |
| Wednesday | 9.30 am - 12 noon |
| Friday    | 9.30 am - 12 noon |

There are still plenty of spaces on the roll for newcomers and we'd love to see you!

The Playcentre is down the newly sealed driveway right next to the community centre and there is parking down there as well as at the top.

The Playcentre made a lot of progress with it's playground development last year and there are now swings, a play -house, a huge sandpit and a slide as well as plenty of space for children to run about.

Play centre not only caters for children but also provides parent education courses and workshops to help parents develop parenting skills and confidence. It is co-operatively run and supervised by parents and provides early childhood education for children from birth to school age.

If you are interested in seeing what goes on at play-centre, come along during a session or you can phone Marjan for further information on 8149-832.

## DRIVEWAY UPDATE

Last week a stolen car was dumped in the lower Community Centre parking area next to the Playcentre and a large quantity of broken glass had to be cleaned up afterwards.

### 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.



We would like to stop unwanted visitors like these by putting up a chain across the driveway which would still allow for easy local use.

We also need to put a temporary fence along one edge of the lower parking area where there is a steep embankment and stormwater drain. (We will be applying for more funds from council to complete sealing this lower parking area in July.)

If anyone could help us with 5.5 metres of chain or 6 or 7 metal stakes to do these jobs we would be most grateful and would love to hear from you.

Please ring Ruth on 814-9378.

## GARDEN GROUP

On February 22 we plan to visit the Auckland Regional Botanic Gardens at Manurewa.

We will meet there at 10 am at the car park and plan to wander around the gardens with a guide and then have a picnic lunch at the picnic area. Teas, light lunches and cold drinks are also available at the garden kiosk. We will leave the

picnic area for another wander at 1 pm and so you are welcome to join us for the afternoon.

If you would like to go and you have spare seats in your car or if you would like a ride please phone Margaret or Terry on 814-9843

Remember that you are welcome to join us this month only or every month, no fees or membership necessary.

Next month we have booked to go to Dale Harvey's garden at Mangere East. Dale's garden has been on the program Living Earth and his garden is only able to be visited by prior arrangement and has been developed to show people what can be grown on an urban quarter acre with poor soil conditions.

Dale writes garden columns and last year produced a diary with gardening hints. More about this next month.

This visit will cost \$5 per person and Devonshire tea \$1 per item eg tea \$1, scone \$1 etc. Numbers will need to be known for tea by 19 March and the visit will be on March 22 at 1 pm.

# WAIATARUA

*by Julie Morrow*

"Waiatarua - um.....where's that?" they say  
"Never heard of it!"  
I reply  
"It's next to a place called Oratia  
It has an excellent superette there  
Last shop till Piha.

Waiatarua - bush clad sections hidden away  
Choice views and kauri trees  
Mostly rather steep  
We live on poles  
And when that westerly wind blows  
Well. You all know!  
Beautifully cool in summer  
Refreshing really  
Winter is a slightly different story  
We won't go into that!

Waiatarua - we do get a lot of rain  
Some of us collect it  
We're lucky  
We don't pay those water rates  
But we do have something on our minds  
How much water have we?  
Are we overflowing?  
or can that washing wait?

Waiatarua - driving in Waiatarua can be fun  
Always an experience

Wouldn't you say  
Notorious driveways  
Steeper than steep  
I've been stuck in that one  
Have you?  
or did you park at the top?

Waiatarua in summer  
A drive to the dairy  
cold drinks and ice - creams for the family  
(The drive can be a bit hazardous  
with all that traffic  
off out to the beaches)  
On the way home  
Fresh fruit, veges and flowers for sale  
Stop!  
Only a dollar or two  
No excuses for all you males!

Waiatarua - though we have no dairy  
We don't miss out  
We do have a community hall  
A play centre nestled nicely in our bush  
And a library  
With all the latest titles  
And of course  
The best part of all  
You  
Our very friendly Waiataruan!!

## ADVERTISING

*This is free to financial members for 1995, 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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for 1995

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

Name .....

Address .....

Phone .....

To Treasurer,

Waiatarua Ratepayers and Residents Association,  
911 West Coast Road, Waiatarua  
or leave at the library.



## MARCH NEWSLETTER

*Copy needs to be in the hands of  
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March 1st, 1995*

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