



Community News

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EDITORIAL

Terry and I have returned from our big OE! and we had a marvellous time. Ten weeks of travel and no illnesses, lost luggage, muggings or missed connections!

Terry's answer to what was the highlight, is that it was all highlights - and that is quite profound from one who had never before set foot outside New Zealand before. We flew to Singapore for three nights, enjoying some sightseeing in the energy sapping heat - then on to London for VE day where there was a heat wave!

Next was a twenty-five day coach trip to Netherlands, Germany, Austria, Italy for ten days, including nights in Venice, Assisi, Sorrento, Rome, Florence and then on to Nice, Switzerland and Paris and back to London for three nights.

Next was an eleven day coach trip up the East to Scotland and then down on the west skirting the edge of Wales and down to Devon and Cornwall and back to London.

Next we started the part of the trip that was the catalyst to go in the first place, three weeks in Germany, staying in five different homes from Hannover in the North, outside Cologne where our son Roger had been an exchange student, to Bad Boll near Stuttgart where Terry's family had emigrated from one hundred years ago and Rosenheim, South of Munich to the home of our exchange student.

Although you have no doubt heard of the heat wave that has been in Europe the summer was late in arriving which was preferable for us travelling on buses etc. In Germany we used a German Rail Pass and that was an excellent way of moving around.

We flew home via the USA and had the necessary stop at Disneyland, even riding with Indiana Jones! The signs kept telling us that nobody with back or neck troubles or weak stomachs should attempt the ride - but we did and it was quite a fun experience!

WAIATARUA R&R ASSOC. COMMITTEE

The next meeting of your Ratepayers committee will be on Monday September 4 at 7.30 pm at Ferns.

If you have some problem or idea you would like to discuss with the committee we would like to see you.

Please contact Lisa McQueen at home on 814-9345 or at work on 303-2019 and arrange to attend the meeting for a short time.

GARDEN GROUP

On Wednesday 23 August we are visiting West Lynn Gardens, 73 Parker Avenue, New Lynn.

This garden is run by a trust and in August will feature Magnolias and Camellias in addition to other colourful and interesting plants. The entrance fee is \$1.

If you would like to pause for a cup of tea after viewing the garden bring a small plate of food and a cup and we can sit down for a chat.

If you have spare seats in your car or if you need a ride please phone Margaret or Terry on 814-9843 or Eileen on 814-9298

On Wednesday September 27 we will be visiting Kahikatea Gardens at 43 West Lynn Road. This garden has a variety of trees and perennials and exotic plants. The entrance fee is \$4.

Please do not confuse the two venues - both of which are in New Lynn. August, West Lynn Gardens, Parker Road and September Kahikatea Gardens, West Lynn Road

LOCAL BODY ELECTIONS

The Waiatarua Ratepayers and Residents Association committee have arranged a meeting of the candidates for our Waitakere ward to be held on Thursday September 21 and Thursday September 28 at the Community Centre 911 West Coast Rd.

All candidates will be invited to one of the two meetings and this will give a chance for those standing for Mayor, Community Board, Council, Auckland Regional Authority and Licensing Trust to come and have their say for about ten minutes each. After they have all spoken there will be time for questions. Meetings on previous occasions have proved very worthwhile and I have often come away with a very different impression of the candidates than before the meeting.

At the elections you will have the opportunity to vote for a Mayor, three Councillors and six Community Board members for the Waitakere Ward.

As well there will be the opportunity to vote for the ARC and Waitakere Licensing Trust.

The meetings will start promptly at 7.30 pm but be preceded by a social half - hour with a cup of tea or coffee from 7 pm.

NEWS FROM THE WINTERS

Eric and Lilian have written from Meadowbrook, Queensland where the weather sounds to be an improvement on our own at present - in the last three months they have had five days of some rain, some cool nights, one with frost (coldest night on record) and daily temperatures in the low to medium twenties.

They have moved into a new brick and tile house with four bedrooms, ensuite, double garage which is only a few minutes away from the Logan Hospital and Loganlea Railway Station. A choice of shopping centres and the main southern freeway all just a few minutes drive away in their Toyota Cressida

ISAIAH AND BETTY GO PARTYING

Waiatarua's favourite mannequins, Isaiah and Betty Swollocks, joined over sixty other members and friends of the Waiatarua Volunteer Fire Brigade down at the Community Centre one Saturday night last month. The occasion was to farewell the Brigade's two senior officers. Senior Station Officer Peter Hand is leaving after fifteen years service, and Station Officer Ian Wells is transferring to Laingholm Brigade after twenty years at Waiatarua.

They were presented with several mementos of their service, with at least some of these being in good taste. A song penned for the occasion by Lyndsay Whittle recounted some of the pair's more notorious exploits. Both Peter and Ian also received Life Membership of the Waiatarua Volunteer Fire Brigade and so became the first to be so honoured (?) since Waiatarua Brigade has existed as a separate entity. Until 1993 Waiatarua was an Auxiliary Station of the Titirangi Volunteer Fire Brigade.

Gordon Latham was also made a Life Member of the Brigade that night. Gordon was Station Officer at Waiatarua and then became Chief Fire Officer of the combined Titirangi Brigade before resigning in 1989. He is also a Life Member of the Titirangi Brigade. Between them, Peter, Ian and Gordon have given over fifty four years voluntary service to the Waiatarua community.

And yes, the proverbial good time was indeed had by all. Many could even remember it the next day. In particular, there is no doubt that Isaiah and Betty enjoyed their "table for two", and the celebrations that went on late into the evening. The video camera never lies. But what of Betty's baby Bella (known in a past life as "Strawberry Shortcake")? Was she *really* left home alone? And will Bella show the same regrettable tendencies for self-destruction as her unfortunate parental role models? Time will tell....

For more information on your local Volunteer Fire Brigade, contact Ian Ford, phone 814-9618, Lyndsay Whittle, phone 814-9872 or Richard Seccombe, phone 814-8860.

LIBRARY NEWS

We are pleased to report that we have the NZ. Writers Award winning book - *Bulibasha* by Witi Ihimaera, already on our shelves.

Also new is *Rose Madder* by Stephen King and *The Chamber and The Rainmaker* by John Grisham.

The Queen and I is an hilarious tale by Sue Townsend, the author of *Adrian Mole*.

Overdues : Please look under the bed or behind the bookcase - we would appreciate it!

WAIATARUA COMMUNITY LIBRARY

911 West Coast Road,
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.

PLAYCENTRE

Our sessions are as follows:

Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday
9.30 am - 12 noon.

If you are interested in seeing what goes on at Playcentre, come along during a session to 911 West Coast Road, down the driveway, or you can phone Marjan on 814-9832 for further information.

SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER

*Copy needs to be in the hands of
Margaret Blumhardt*

*849 West Coast Road, Waiatarua
(opposite Raroa Terrace)*

*by Wednesday
6th September, 1995*

SPARE A THOUGHT FOR THOSE WHO DELIVER YOUR NEWSLETTER

There are 16 Stalwart Souls out there who voluntarily make the effort to get the Waiatarua newsletter into your letterbox, and considering the rotten weather of late these people are to be admired. So if you get a bit scratchy when your newsletter turns up later than you

expected, spare a thought.....

However, I do need to know of any constant glitch in the system or maybe you know of someone who has not been receiving the newsletter at all. Shock - horror!! Please give me a call and any problems can be sorted out.

PLEASE..... There is a need to have available a few people who can be 'on call' for the rare occasion that a Stalwart Soul is out of action. This would involve about one hour, depending on the particular run, and the walk and fresh air would make you feel great as well as contributing to the community.

PLEASE..... I also need a permanent Stalwart Soul to deliver 50 newsletters on Scenic Drive from Ferns Restaurant to 573 Scenic Drive (Waitakere Park Lodge) including Brabant Road, but not Quinns Road. Same as above for walking, fresh air and community involvement.

PLEASE..... Give help - Give me a call.

Gay Cook- 814 9433 Evenings
 836 3542 Business

TITIRANGI FESTIVAL OF CRAFTS

Thursday, Friday and Saturday 7-9 September at the Titirangi War Memorial Hall, South Titirangi Road.

Over the years this festival has earned an enviable reputation. There will be over forty leading local craftspeople exhibiting a wide variety of top quality craft work. Admission is free and there is parking handy. Refreshments are also available.

Please accept my subscription to the
Waiatarua Ratepayers and Residents Association
for 1995

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

Name

Address

Phone

To Treasurer,
Waiatarua Ratepayers and Residents Association,
911 West Coast Road, Waiatarua

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Many thanks to the Longley family for once again printing this newsletter.

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 - Eileen Powell on 814-9298

CASUAL - PART-TIME WAITING STAFF required at Ferns restaurant. Contact Judith on 814-9804

CLEANER WANTED for small factory. Approx 3 hours per week (maybe more). Phone Denise or Lorraine on 814-9797

FOR SALE - 36 inch floor loom - OSBORNE Jack type, stool wool and book plus all the accessories.
\$275 o. n. o. 1 set of outdoor bowls \$45.
Please ring Bev 836-4420

FREE CLEAN FILL - Approximately 6 truck loads of clean fill available - preferably for someone living locally. Phone John 814-9577 or 025-741 368.

HOUSE WANTED TO RENT - with a possible view to buy.

My twin sister lives on West Coast Road. I would love to live nearby. My partner and I are having our baby in January. Our 4 year old starts Steiner in February. Either a split level or 3 bedroom, but very open to possibilities. Call Deb on 814-9997

VETERINARIAN -For pets and farm animals. House calls a speciality. Phone Neil Pullan on 814-9504.

FERNS RESTAURANT. For a la carte dining. Open Wednesday to Sunday, 6 pm till close. Saturday and Sunday Lunch, 11 am - 4 pm. Cafe open Friday, Saturday, Sunday, 11 am till close. Coffee, wine, specialist teas, snacks, light meals. Ferns Restaurant is also happy to cater for functions. Special menus available for your special requirements.

MARRIAGE CELEBRANT - Anne Wilson JP. Bush setting for small weddings. Phone Anne on 814-9547.

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