



# Community News

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## WARNING !!!

The Police have confirmed that there is a young man, medium height, brown hair, Caucasian, posing as a representative of Waitakere City Council as an inspector in order to gain access to properties. Please check proper credentials (photo IDs) of anyone representing Council coming to your place, and if not satisfied, phone the Police immediately!!!

## MARKET DAY

Note that the date has been changed. We did this to allow the Fire Brigade to extend the hugely successful run of "1125J".

Space is limited, especially for the inside tables, so phone now and make your booking.

## ONE THOUSAND SEE THE PLAY

### "Phone 1125J".

The response to the play has been overwhelming and the season has been extended by two weeks. Hurry and book your ticket now.

Thanks to everyone for their continued help and support, we hope you're enjoying it as much as we are.

Tickets are \$15 for the show, a light supper and a glass of what you fancy. The play starts at 8 pm but be early to find a reasonable car parking near the Community Centre. The play runs on Friday 24th and Saturday 25th May.

For bookings phone Lyndsay on 814-9872.

## GINGER BINS

It was wonderful to have four bins in different corners of our area and pleasing to see that of the two I passed both

**MARKET DAY**  
Sunday 9 June 12.30pm  
at the Community Hall

Food Junk Fun  
Crafts Bric-a-Brac

Costs: \$10 for a table inside or \$5  
for a car boot outside.  
Bookings ring 8149860 or 8149557

were filled and emptied at least once.

These **free bins** are additional to the year round **free tipping** of ginger in rubbish bags or domestic trailers at the Baling Station, The Concourse, Henderson.

This offer applies only to resident's private cars, vans, utes or single axle domestic trailers containing wild ginger only.

**ABUSE IT - YOU LOSE IT!**

For further information ring 836-8000

## WALLY EYRE

Wally is now at Arran Court Rest Home, 85 McLeod Road Te Atatu South having had further strokes and is missing Waitarua and life as it used to be.

## Letters to the Editor

... keep them rolling! Editor

Dear Editor,

Well, at least we stirred a few people up with the questionnaire! I am quite surprised at Tony Bacon's reaction as he is known to have a sense of humour and should recognise sarcasm when he sees it. Did we strike a nerve or what! The ability, dedication and solemn nature of the Committee's endeavours were never in question; and are appreciated and endorsed in our household. The questionnaire was a means of stirring the uninvolved (non-paying) sector of the community as well as asking the committee if they are in any way responsible for the lack of support they receive.

The real question Tony and the rest of the active members are asking is why the rest of the community does not support the Waiatarua Ratepayers Association more. The point of view offered through the questionnaire and its preamble was a simple observation: people don't value what is given away. To hand out a newsletter, then ask for "subscriptions" is a sham. Tony almost gets it right when he says the subscription is really a donation. Fine.....make it so. By all means send out the newspaper to everybody and ask them to be paid up members of the Ratepayers Association; but don't ask them for "subscriptions" for a paper they will receive free anyway as this seriously demeans your credibility.

I'm not sure why my name was not credited to the initial letter. Did our Editor fear Tony would get together the vigilantes (whoops, that should have been volunteers), and pay me a visit? You have my permission to print my name this time (I'm really on your side guys).

Wade Cornell.

### GRAFFITI ON THE ROADSIDE!

Have you had enough of this eyesore in Waiatarua?

I am organising a clean up, with the support of Council who will provide paint and brushes. If you feel the same way and can spare an hour or two to help, please phone Charles Scoones at 814-9235. Perhaps we can beat these taggers at their own game!



### GARDEN GROUP

This month we are visiting the Sandringham Heights Bonsai Garden at 41 Taumata Road, Mt Albert on Wednesday May 22 at 1 pm. This garden will be easy walking. We will have afternoon tea afterwards for those who wish to.

You are welcome to join us occasionally or every month, there is no membership or fees to pay. We normally meet on the fourth Wednesday of the month.

For further enquiries phone Eileen on 814-9298 or Margaret or Terry on 814-9843.

## LIBRARY NEWS

Date - rape is the theme of one of our latest books, "Guilt by Association" by Susan R. Sloan. The story is un - put - down - able!

New books:

* Shipping News	Annie Proulx
Foreign Correspondents	Liam Jeory
The Weather Man	Steve Thayer
Love Takes You Home	Julie Capaldo
Coming Home	Rosamund Pilcher

\* P.S. "The Shipping News is not a list of times of arrivals and departures of cruise liners!

### WAIATARUA COMMUNITY LIBRARY

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

#### Hours of Opening

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

Monday, 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.

It would be nice to hear some news sometimes as we have given you a lot of support in the past.

## PROFILE OF OUR SECRETARY

Karen Davis is a recent immigrant (3 years ago) from Guelph, Ontario, Canada. For the last fifteen years Karen was the Executive Director of an agency teaching interpersonal communication, self esteem, and conflict resolution skills before she retired here with her husband Gerry. She keeps contact with Canada by spending three months a year teaching counselling in Pender Island, B.C., Edmonton, Alberta, and Ontario.

An active volunteer in her community in Canada, she was the founding president of Planned Parenthood, Pollution Probe and Y.M-Y.W.C.A. Status of Women. She was also politically active in the New Democratic Party.

Since being in New Zealand she and Gerry have been involved as volunteers with the Henderson Women's Refuge, running camps for the women and children,

teaching skills in parenting and self esteem.

She says, "It is a thrill to be here in gorgeous New Zealand with such great weather, (no snow or - 30 degrees) and an opportunity to make a healthy life style for ourselves and others". The Davis' are raising free range chickens, presently have a "house cow", three beef calves, three little pigs, five breeding female NZ white rabbits and way too many white pigeons.

## ROSE HELLABY HOUSE

The house is situated on the Scenic Drive, 1km beyond the Piha turnoff and features magnificent views, an interesting house, historical display and a well planned garden.

### Opening hours —

#### \*SUNDAYS AND PUBLIC HOLIDAYS

Summer (Labour Day to Easter) — 11 am - 5 pm.

Winter (Easter to Labour Day) — 1 pm - 4 pm

\*Saturdays — 1 pm - 4 pm all year

\*The grounds are open every day from 9 am to 6 pm.

Reservations for use of the grounds such as weddings phone City Visitor Centre on 366-2166.

#### MID-WEEK VISITS.

Special arrangements can be made for groups. Phone 814-9205 or 818-5055 (evenings)

## Management

Rose Hellaby House is jointly managed by the West Auckland Historical Society and the Regional Council's Parks Service.

A management Committee provides for liaison with the local community and includes representatives of the Waiaatarua Ratepayers and Residents Association.

## Miss Hellaby and Her House

In 1974, Miss Rose Hellaby bequeathed her home and the surrounding nine hectares of land to the Auckland Centennial Memorial Park.

This gift has provided the people of Auckland with a great asset.

It has an outstanding vantage point overlooking the varied landscape of West Auckland to the Manukau and Waitemata Harbours and beyond.

Rose Hellaby, a daughter of the well known business family R. and W. Hellaby, purchased her property from Mr and Mrs J. Gascoigne and came to live there in 1939. She remained in residence almost until her death in 1974.

A warm, friendly person, Rose Hellaby became a loved and respected identity who generously assisted a variety of people. Friends were invited to share her hospitality and admire the magnificent view which she cherished.

The site had been occupied much earlier. In 1908, a William Davies sold two lots to Mary Mulvany, who lived there with her family until 1918 when the property was purchased by the Gascoignes.

Called Irunga, the house took paying guests. In this respect, it was like Waiaatarua Boarding House and Nihotupu

House. It was whilst staying as a guest at Irunga that Rose Hellaby fell in love with the view and the bush and decided to purchase the place if it ever came on the market.

## Later Developments

After May in 1979, the West Auckland Historical Society and the Auckland Regional Authority at that time worked together to develop and restore both the house and the grounds. It was officially opened on September 14 1980.

There is a caretaker in residence.

## Historical Display Centre

Rose Hellaby House has been developed as an historical display centre. Four rooms have been set aside for this purpose. However, it is not a furnished house.

The displays, which regularly change, illustrate facets of the growth and development of West Auckland. The idea is to take a theme such as early Maori settlement, timber milling and the pottery industry and illustrate it with a variety of interesting and appropriate material. Much of this material is owned by the West Auckland Historical Society, but some of it is on loan. The Society is always interested in gaining additional display material.

It is possible to include guest displays of an appropriate nature. Those interested should make enquiries to the Society (phone 818-5055).

## The West Auckland Historical Society

The displays are arranged by the West Auckland Historical Society. This group meets at the Kelston Community Centre, corner of Great North and Awaroa Roads, Kelston, on the third Tuesday of the month at 7.30 pm, (February to November).

It promotes local history in a variety of ways, eg. collecting and preserving such things as old documents, photographs and artefacts, as well as interviewing people, arranging field trips and the many other activities associated with historical research. Most meetings have guest speakers.

Perhaps you have something to contribute? If you wish to join, write to the Treasurer, West Auckland Historical Society, PO Box 21-416, Henderson.



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# ADVERTISING

*This is free to financial members for 1996,  
January to December. A list of financial members  
is available at the library,  
and any queries about membership  
can be answered by phoning  
the Treasurer – Eileen Powell on 814-9298*

**Repeat commercial advertisements of financial members will only be printed as space allows, for the remainder of the financial year**

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KNITTING WOOL WANTED – donations of oddments of wool suitable for knitting peggy squares. Blankets being made for charity. Phone Rozanna on 814-9374.

Please accept my subscription to the  
Waiatarua Ratepayers and Residents Association  
**for 1996**

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

Name

Address

Phone

## JUNE NEWSLETTER

Copy needs to be in the hands of  
**Margaret Blumhardt**  
849 West Coast Road, Waiatarua  
(opposite Raroa Terrace)  
by WEDNESDAY 5th JUNE, 1996

*Opinions expressed in this newsletter are not necessarily those of the Editor or the Waiatarua Ratepayers and Residents Association.*

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