



# Community News

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## NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH REVIVAL

It is clear that the Neighbourhood Watch revival in Waiatarua is well under way and most of you will be contacted very shortly to join a group in your street.

Our thanks to Trish Maxwell, Dave Young and Martin Lansday for their help and encouragement.

### So what is involved in Neighbourhood Watch?

Neighbourhood Watch provides the police with an excellent means of supplying information to a particular area quickly and on a regular basis. It also provides residents with an easy avenue to pass the information we have back to the police.

It is everyone sharing their knowledge with each other so that we can piece things together so that we all benefit.

It is everyone keeping their eyes and ears open and writing down car numbers of strange cars in the area and descriptions of people hanging around - in case of need.

It is here to help you, so join your group. If no-one calls on you and you want to be involved, give me a call and I'll help get you started.

Tips to reduce the chances of your place being burgled and help your personal safety will be provided when you join your local group.

We are currently looking for co-ordinators in Forest Hill Road, lower end of West Coast Road, Kauri Loop Road, Rimu Road, Raroa Terrace, Cascade Avenue and parts of the Scenic Drive. If you are interested, give me a call.

All enquiries to Mary Kelly JP, on 814-9857

## Letter to the Editor

### ... WATCH OUT

... there's a thief about in Waiatarua. Several householders in West Coast Road have recently been visited by a petty thief, possibly with an accomplice as a look-out.

Notes and coins have been taken, but not credit cards. Other missing items include:

- Scotch whisky
- Expensive aftershave

- Tools
- Gardening equipment
- A pair of Levis
- A chilly bin

All of these are either readily consumable or easily turned into cash. Draw your own conclusions.

Henderson Police were told at the time of the first incident in February and took the matter as far as the restraints on their time and manpower allow.

We value our privacy in West Coast Road and many properties are screened from neighbours who might otherwise keep a friendly eye open. An effective Neighbourhood Watch is needed in Waiatarua, not least because of the natural barriers set up by our Waitakere environment.

(Name and address supplied)

## ELECTROMAGNETIC RADIATION

The Ratepayers and Residents Association has recently formed a small subcommittee to look at Electromagnetic Radiation Emissions within our area. This is obviously of interest to Waiatarua residents, with the BCL tower in our midst.

During action taken by Waiatarua residents in the late 1980's, measurements of radiation levels were taken at properties on Scenic Drive and Brabant Road. These readings varied between 1 microwatt/cu.cm and 280 microwatts/cu.cm. The Australian and New Zealand standard, adopted during this period, recommends a maximum level of 200 microwatts/cu.cm. After much hard work by the residents BCL eventually re-aligned the antennae and reduced the power output. Measurements made in 1990 showed radiation levels were reduced to 1-13 microwatts/cu.cm.

Further monitoring is to occur whenever there are changes to the antennae, and this last occurred in May 1996. Readings were taken at 543, 545, 549 Scenic Drive, Brabant Road and on Scenic Drive. The highest reading was 20 microwatts/cu.cm.

Whilst these later readings are well under the New Zealand maximum, the Ratepayers and Residents committee will continue to monitor Council and BCL proposals to check that the existing levels are not increased, nor the

maximum acceptable level shifted upwards. As we are able to, we will also be placing a copy of any information we gather, on Electromagnetic radiation, in the Waiatarua library. This will enable anyone with interest in this topic to access to it. If anyone would like further information, or is interested to join the subcommittee, feel free to contact Marjan Paler - Jansen, phone 814-9832.

## GARDEN GROUP

This month we have a speaker on fuchsias to be held on Wednesday April 23 at Margaret Marshall's home, 19 Raroa Terrace, Waiatarua, commencing at 1 pm.

You are very welcome to join us at any time, there are no fees and you can come as often as you like or just once.

Any questions about the group refer to Eileen on 814-9298

## PLAYCENTRE

The Playcentre is situated down the drive next to the Community Centre, 911 West Coast Road, and if you would like to join us our session times are Monday, Wednesday and Friday 9.30 am - 12 noon. You can phone us on 814-8835. Our last session for the term is April 11 and then reopening on Monday April 28, 1997.

A "Funcruise" on the harbour has been organised for Wednesday April 23 at 1.30 pm. If you would like to come along please phone Debby on 814-9187.

Seeing as it is the of School term please be careful on our roads and remember to "buckle up". Have a happy and safe holiday.

## BRING OUT YOUR JUNK

As part of our commitment to keeping your spare rooms empty and your bank balances full, your Association is hosting another Market Day. The **tentative** date for this is Sunday, 22<sup>nd</sup> June, probably from 12 noon onwards. We will confirm the date in the next newsletter, but it will certainly be around that time. The cost will be \$10.00 for a table inside the hall, or \$5.00 for a car boot in the car park. Bookings will definitely be first-come, first-served, so book your place now by phoning **Chuck Humphrey** on 8149-557.

## More Exciting Events

The Market Day is the first of a series of activities that your Association is organising at the Hall. We have a great resource in our midst, and we want to see it used more. So over the next year or so, we are planning:

- A History evening – come and find out what happened in Waiatarua in the olden days (probably to be held in August)
- Halloween event

- Christmas event
- Another Waiatarua Whoopee – a fun day for all the family (probably Feb 1998)
- St Patrick's event

Of course, if you have any ideas for things to do at the Hall, the committee would love to hear about them. Other activities we have thought about include educational evenings, a craft fair, a variety show featuring local talent, a St Valentines event, shared dinner and entertainment evenings, events with a particular ethnic flavour, etc. etc.

The more we can show the hall being used, the more funding support we are likely to get from the Council, so the future is in your hands – let's keep the Hall buzzing!

## LIBRARY NEWS

New members always welcome!

So far we have eight people wanting copies of "Song of Two Waters - an early history of Waiatarua" by Jeanne Wade. Please let us know if you would like a reprint of a really excellent little book, full of local knowledge in years gone by.

Please phone the library Thursday between 10 am and noon, 814-9353, (or drop a note in the library slot.)

## New books to hand

<i>Gerald Seymour</i>	Killing Ground
<i>Lynda La Plante</i>	Cold Blood
<i>Jacquelyn Mitcham</i>	The Deep End of the Ocean
<i>Danielle Steele</i>	Silent Honour
<i>Elizabeth George</i>	In the Presence of the Enemy

Whatley's Quest – a great book – look for it!

Have you visited us this year?

Please do, we are worth a visit.

Please – bring back our loan books – they are due now.

## 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.

# Phone 1125-J

## Les Pompiers

*if you've seen any of the flyers or posters around, you may be wondering what on earth the Fire Service is doing, producing a play. It's a good question, it certainly isn't the usual promotion for a Fire Brigade, whose main concern is the protection of life and property!*

*The reasons for this is the Waiatarua Volunteer Fire Brigade is looking to raise money for a new Fire Station (to be built this year) and for a multi-purpose auxiliary vehicle for use as a medical First Response unit, for rural access and as a hose layer. In addition to this they hope to raise the profile of Waiatarua and the Volunteer Fire Brigade and to also make our community a more attractive and interesting place to live, and if the last years successful original is anything to go by, it will certainly go a long way to achieving these two goals. If you were lucky enough to see the original Phone 1125J - A Short and Three Longs, you*

*will now what a great nights entertainment the Brigade provides, for \$19.00 you get to see a highly entertaining show, a supper of yummy fish & chips and a complimentary glass of wine or beer. It's a great night out so get a group together and support your local Fire Brigade, after all you never know when (heaven forbid) you may need their support.*

*The play will be showing Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights from 17th April until 24th May – depending on bookings which are necessary as some nights are already booked out.*

*If anyone can't come, or would like to make a donation towards our new station project it would be received with great gratitude.*

*For Bookings*

*Phone Lyndsay on 814 9872*

## GOING BUSH

Anyone interested in joining a group to go walking some of our local bush tracks either on a weekday or a Saturday morning for an hour or two on a regular basis? Please phone Terry or Margaret on 814-9843 and we can work out days and frequency if there is enough interest.

## CULTIVATING NATIVE PLANTS

Learn how to cultivate native plants in your garden. Brent Torrens from ARC Botanical Gardens will hold a Saturday morning workshop on May 3 1997 from 9.30 am - 12.30 pm at Titirangi Community House, 1 Rangiwai Rd., Titirangi (opposite the post office). Cost \$5.

Contact June 817-8315 or Bev 817-3652.

## NZ's FIRST FROG TUNNEL

**By Peter Maddison (reprinted from Waitakere Ranges Protection Society newsletter).**

Following reports of squashed Hochstetter's frogs on the Scenic Drive near the Waiatarua TV mast, I investigated more precisely where the deaths of the frogs had occurred. Local resident, Isobel Beale indicated that she had seen most dead frogs near the junction of Brabant Road with the Scenic Drive. A small story about the plight of these frogs in the *Western Leader* produced a very positive response to a suggestion for a frog tunnel.

Late in 1995, New Zealand's first frog tunnel was established. Enquiries of WCC indicated that no planning permission was required! Humes Pipes provided a pipe, and Ivan Yukich offered the help of his business in putting the pipe across the road.

Has the tunnel worked? Frog footprints have been observed in the mud at either end of the tunnel, so it appears the tunnel is used. However, Isobel Beale did find 57 Hochstetter's frogs dead (in one night!) along different parts of the Scenic Drive. This indicates that there is a sizeable population of the frogs in the Waiatarua area.

I would be interested to learn of Waitakere Ranges Protection Society members' knowledge of native frogs within the Waitakeres.

Note: Hochstetter's frogs are small and brown; they are distinct from the larger, bright - green frogs introduced from Australia. Please phone 817-5917.

## GINGER CLEARANCE

The local bins are at Parkinson's Lookout, outside the Community Centre and at the top end of Kauri Loop Road.

Abuse them and you will lose them. They are for ginger and not inorganic materials etc!

If your property has not already been inspected for ginger, your turn will come within the next year and you will be required to remove any ginger. This is if you pass one of those signs stating that you are entering a ginger control zone - that will be most of us!

Council have recently removed or sprayed the ginger on the roadsides and reserves and these plants should not be removed until they are completely dead, which takes some time.

## MEMBERSHIP

We have only 54 members so far this year. Come on and send in your subscription now!

# ADVERTISING

*This is free to financial members for 1997,  
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**

MARIE HASLER - Member of Parliament for Waitakere. Electorate Office, 423 Titirangi Rd., P.O. Box 60204, Titirangi.  
Phone 817-3889, Fax 817-2728.  
Email address - mariehasler@mp-waitakere.gen.nz

FIREWOOD FOR SALE - dry split macrocarpa, \$55 cm. Call at 17 Rimu Road or phone 814-8833

HELP WANTED - creative person to cook dinner for working Dad and 3 children, Monday to Thursday. Ring Grahame to discuss options 814-9001

CLASSICAL HOMOEOPATHY - I wish to thank those of you who have been my exam cases. These exams have now been passed. I am happy to see anyone who would like to try Homoeopathy or who wishes to find out about it. Phone Tricia Lukas on 814-9221.

WOOL WANTED - Any leftover balls of wool required for knitting peggy squares for blankets for charity. Phone Rozanna on 814-9374

MATHS TUITION AVAILABLE. Up to and including Form 5, School C maths. Qualified teacher. Phone Jo on 814-9945.

ALL STUDENTS!! Do you need help in 5th form Accounting, Economics or mathematics. I am offering my services as a one to one tutor and am prepared to teach within your own home. Phone Paul Goldsmith, BCom on 818-8139

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

PIANO LESSONS Practical or theory, children or adults, beginner up to Grade 5. \$10 per half hour. Phone Penelope on 814-8833.

FERNS RESTAURANT – Patronise our local restaurant, a la carte dining. Open Wed. – Sun. from 6 pm. Sat. & Sun. lunch from 11 am. Fabulous new chef, fabulous new menu, fabulous view. Fully licensed and BYO. Phone 814-9804.

BRICK & BLOCKLAYING - BBQ's, tiles etc. Phone 837-4677.

JOHN HENDRIKSE, lawyer and Notary Public; available after hours at 914 West Coast Road, Waiatarua by appointment. Phone 814-9991.

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Waiatarua Ratepayers and Residents Association  
for 1997

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

Name .....

Address .....

Phone .....

To Treasurer  
Waiatarua Ratepayers and Residents Association  
911 West Coast Road, Waiatarua, Auckland 8  
or leave at the library

## MAY NEWSLETTER

Copy needs to be in the hands of

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(opposite Raroa Terrace)

by WEDNESDAY 7th APRIL, 1997

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