



Community News

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KEEP WAIATARUA BEAUTIFUL

OPERATION SPRING CLEAN 1997

Keep Waitakere Beautiful would like to offer every Community Group within Waitakere the equal opportunity to help make a difference within their own neighbourhood.

Operation Spring Clean is the opportunity for members of the community such as yourself to get a group together, no matter how small or large, and to target an area within your community that needs cleaning up. These Clean Ups should not cost anything but time and effort, and will benefit the whole of Waitakere City.

We would really love to have your group register a clean up with us for the month of October.

Some options for clean ups are:

- clearing streets of curbside litter
- painting out graffiti
- removing noxious weeds - guidance is available
- adopting a spot, like a park or reserve and having a huge clean up, followed by activities etc
- targeting a really messy spot and just cleaning it up.

Any clean up oriented project you can think of, we will consider.

Keep Waitakere Beautiful will provide the following forms of support and we are always very open to any other suggestions:

- rubbish bags
- disposable gloves
- Wastecare mini bins for large clean ups
- Iroquois Helicopter for large item removal
- paint
- advertising and support in co-ordination of groups
- knowledge

The cut off date for registration was September 19 but we in Waiatarua were too late as usual in receiving such information for inclusion in last month's newsletter but if you have a project phone Michelle Driscoll any time on 836 8000 ext 8516 or 025 531 846

Tony's project needs your help!

Anyone interested in picking up rubbish from the roadsides for a couple of hours on Saturday 25 October please contact Tony on 814-9688

INORGANIC RUBBISH

Please keep your inorganic rubbish at home until after we have been advised of the next collection. This means that your normal household rubbish and recyclables are collected weekly but your other rubbish only six monthly.

Please don't litter our area with your rubbish from your building alterations etc, how about hiring a bin (they range from one cubic metre to nine). The cost of the hire also covers the tipping charge. It seems a very good way of having user pays, after all that seems to be the fair way to go or else hang on to those few bits and pieces for a few more months.

PERFORMERS WANTED

The Waiatarua Fire Brigade are looking for people who can do a cabaret act ie; piano players, dancers, singers also actors/actresses for their next production starting early 1998. Anyone interested contact Lindsay on 814-9872 or Tony on 814-9688.



The next meeting will be at 1 pm on Wednesday 22 October and this will be a visit to Westridge, 3 Westridge Road, Titirangi. This is a bush garden featuring rhododendrons and azaleas. There will be an entrance fee.

Please phone Eileen on 814-9298 if you would like further information or need a ride.

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.

Garden Visit

As well as a beautiful garden to appreciate there will be artists and musicians to entertain you. There is a \$5 entrance fee which includes afternoon tea. There will be some stalls and SCF Christmas cards on sale.

All proceeds will go to the Save the Children Fund.

The time for this is 1 pm on Sunday 2 November at The Marshalls, 19 Raroa Terrace, Waiatarua.

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.

"THE FERNS RESTAURANT"

now has a new name and new owners. It is called "Off the Vine Restaurant and Wine Bar" and the new owners are Greg Smith and Sandy Cooper. The Head Chef is Mike Bell. Greg and Sandy have a few plans for the restaurant, one of which is to form a Wine Club and hold regular wine tastings. Membership of the Wine Club is free - so give them a call on 814-9804 to join.

LIBRARY NEWS

New members always welcome!

Two copies of the video taken at the history afternoon are now available for loan.

"Song of Two Waters - an early history of Waiatarua" by Jeanne is now available at \$18 at the Waiatarua Library (under the Community Hall). Community support has made the second edition of this remarkable book possible.

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 & Sunday	11am – 12 noon

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

SCENIC CAFE'

On Saturday 20 September we attended an Honours Evening of the Waiatarua Volunteer Fire Brigade held at the old Montana Wines site Scenic Drive.

Most surely the evening will be remembered for years to come by all the attendees. The food was of superb quality, selection and presentation. Patrons were served by a friendly and attentive catering crew in a cosy, friendly atmosphere.

Our congratulations to Paul and Rhonda Slimo, Paul the Chef and the ever smiling waiting staff.

We'll be back.

Lyndsay Whittle, WVFB

ORATIA VALLEY STREAM WALK

On 23 November there will be a guided walk following the stream through the Oratia Valley. The walk will start at the Davis property on Holdens Road at 2 pm.

Tickets, including a map are available from Oratia School office for \$5

INNER OUTER DIFFERENTIAL

The following is a letter written by Wade Cornell in response to a request from Council.

Thank you for your brochure on the Inner - Outer Differential, and this opportunity to address the issue.

The only justification for abolishing the differential mentioned in the brochure was the perception of services being more accessible under the heading "things have changed". This may be true for some areas, in which case they may no longer qualify for the differential.

In our area no new or better services have been established, and a number of former services are no longer available (does this mean we will get our rates reduced?). Our children are still three km away from the nearest park. The road (Forest Hill Road) is a narrow winding arterial route between the coast and city with enough traffic to warrant it too hazardous for bicycling or walking; and there are no side walks. Our road isn't a quiet little cul-de-sac maintained strictly for our own benefit. There are no street lights, no sewers, no city water, etc. We used to have assistance with pest control, but the city in it's infinite wisdom has stopped that service, which means that the area is being overrun with possums. Likewise the officers for weed abatement have been discontinued, which means that properties with gorse, tobacco weed, and ginger are not being attended to.

So, what services do we get?

- 1. There's the pump out of septic tanks once every three years. Now there's a really dumb idea! If a septic tank is working properly there is no need for pumping, waste material is digested by bacteria in the first chamber with liquids flowing off through the second and into a dispersion system. When this type of system is not working pumping will not solve the problem. Conversely it gives owners of faulty systems the notion that they can just wait and have it pumped out every three years. The people who do the pumping have no concern with whether or not the system is working, and do not report failing systems.*
- 2. Our community library and centre at Waiatarua have been threatened and closed on and off, and currently hangs on precariously.*
- 3. We do get trash pick up, but have been recently told that inorganic pick up will be curtailed to twice yearly.*

In summary, the few services we receive are ill advised, curtailed or threatened, and some services have been abandoned. During this time rates have generally gone up.

As a side issue the council, via the new District Plan, wishes to make rural ratepayers the unpaid keepers and establishers of Native Reserve Parkland through Restoration Areas, and Ecological Linkages.

As your brochure says "things have changed", but not for the better for us.

FROM WAITAKERE CITY COUNCIL

The Waitakere Community Board has alerted the Council to problems being experienced in some areas of the Ward which are not receiving the Council's newsletter, the *Waitakere City News* - or which are receiving it irregularly.

The newsletter is produced monthly and each issue features a different colour. It is usually distributed on the second weekend of the month - or close to it. Circular Distributors is the agency responsible for its distribution.

The September issue was distributed over the weekend of the 12-15th.

Following suggestions made by the Community Board, we would appreciate it if you would let us know if there are areas which have not received it. Please contact the Editor, Jo Jalfon, phone 836-8000 x 8942.

We would be very appreciative of ongoing monitoring over the next few months as this will help us identify gaps in the distribution service. We can then follow up with the agency concerned. However we will need specific addresses of non delivery.

If you have any suggestions for overcoming these problems or alternative ways of getting to people in your district eg: providing extra copies at the local store or Post Office, please let us know.

We welcome your suggestions and are grateful for your assistance.

Mattie Wall, Communications Strategist.

NEWSLETTER DISTRIBUTION

Some newsletters are delivered to an area near the top of Opanuku Road. There has been very little response to the appeal for financial members in Opanuku Road and so we do not feel it worth our while bothering with this delivery unless a considerable number pay the subscription

Waiatarua Ratepayers & Residents Association

presents

Halloween Costume Party

Friday 31 October 1997
7.30pm till the Witching Hour

Waiatarua Community Hall
911 West Coast Road, Waiatarua

\$10.00/ticket ★ Limited to 100 tickets
(if less than 30 sold, party will be cancelled)

Prizes for best Costume ★ Music and Supper provided

Phone: 814 9505 for reservations
before Friday 24 October

WAITAKERE RANGES PROTECTION SOCIETY

Secure a future for the Ranges

Waitakere Ranges Protection Society has acted as the conservation watch-dog for the Ranges and Auckland's western coast since 1973. We have an impressive record of achievements, and the Waitakeres are recovering well from the destruction caused by milling, fires and gum-digging.

Unfortunately, the Ranges face new and potentially devastating challenges. Some regions are so plagued by exotic weeds and animal pests that they will be difficult to restore. Profit-hungry developers, ill-advised residents, and unprecedented numbers of tourists have also taken a toll. Existing regulations and management plans have not proven adequate to deal with the situation.

We must remind ourselves and others that the Waitakere Ranges are truly unique. No other area has all the characteristics of the Ranges: the varied landscapes of west coast cliffs, mature forest hinterland, sheltered harbour, salt and fresh water wet lands, lakes, dunes, gumlands, as well as a deep sense of history and cultural importance.

Without vigilance by those who care, the gains that have been made are in danger of disappearing. More than ever, the Ranges require a voice that can speak on its behalf. WRPS is that voice. If you would like to help, **please join today**. You will receive regular newsletters, invitations to attend talks, meeting and working-bees, and a warm welcome to assist with the gratifying work of saving our Ranges for future generations.

Name phone no

Address

Family/Group (\$20) \$ Senior (\$10) \$

Student/Unwaged (\$10) \$ Single(\$15) \$

Donation \$ TOTAL \$ \$

(NB Receipts not supplied unless requested)

I can help with:

Fund raising / Newspaper watch-dog / Newsletter folding / Other.

Send to : **Waitakere Ranges Protection Society,**
PO Box 15668, New Lynn, Waitakere City.



**151 members
so far this year.
Come on and send in
your subscription
now – let's have a record
number!**

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**

"OFF THE VINE RESTAURANT AND WINE BAR"

A La Carte Dining. Hours: Wed. to Sun. from 6 pm for Dinner. Lunch Sat. & Sun. from 12 noon. Try our new Spring menu & enjoy superb views. We are fully licensed and BYOW. Join our Wine Club and attend regular wine tastings. For information and/or Reservations please phone 814-9804.

GRAZING WANTED for one quiet two year old mare, with other horses. Responsible adult owner. Call Jaana Britton on 814-9950.

LAWYER & NOTARY PUBLIC - John Hendrikse, now serving the West Auckland from my home, 914 West Coast Road, Waitatarua. After hours/seven day service by appointment. Wills, Estates, Buying & selling houses, Bank mortgages, Separation & Divorce, Matrimonial property and all your Notarising requirements. Phone/fax 814-9991 - visit my web site: www.legaleagle.co.nz or Email: john@legaleagle.co.nz

ELECTRICIAN - phone your local man, Jim on 814-9344

WANTED - weghtlifting or other gym equipment, ie punch bags for the Fire Brigade. Phone Tony 814-9688

EXCELLENT CHEAP GLASS REPAIRS - phone 814-9786

GARDENING, PRUNING AND LANDSCAPING,-
Phone Linda 833-7860

WINDOW CLEANING, WATERBLASTING AND HOUSEWASHING.
Give those windows a sparkle and blast off the moss on that driveway..
Excellent rates, free quotes, phone Glen on 814-9480.

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 - marie.hasler@mp-waitakere.gen.nz

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

The names of our current co-ordinators are listed below. If you haven't been approached yet and would like to belong to one of these groups, give the co-ordinator a call.

Name	Address	Phone no.
Mary Kelly	3 Atarua Gardens	814-9857
Tony Holt	56 Bush Road	814-9688
Ross & Kath Mullins	330 Forest Hill Rd	814-9402
Jenny McGee	886 West Coast Rd	814-9954
Chris Field	799 West Coast Rd	814-9876
Ngairie Mason	21 Tui Crescent	814-9036
Bernie Oudemans	15 Quinns Road	814-9941
Margaret & Paddy Marshall	19 Raroa Tce	814-9859
Daniel Muller	550 Scenic Drive	814-8998
Gaelene & Tony Goodrich	17 Cascade Ave	814-9788

**Please accept my subscription to the
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, Waitatarua, Auckland 8
or leave at the library

WAIATARUA

COMMUNITY HALL HIRE

**Remember to hire this excellent facility for your meet-
ings, parties, dances, birthdays (children's and adults) etc.
Lovely wooden floor for dancing.**

Friday and Saturday evenings, (including chairs & tables) \$100.

Hourly rate, (max 3 hours) \$10 per hour

Sunday to Thursday evenings \$65, hourly rate \$7 per hour, (max 3 hrs)

Daily rates Monday – Friday, Full day \$25, hourly rate \$5

Saturdays & Sundays, Full day \$35, hourly \$7

Crockery hire \$25, Bond up to \$250.

Discount for regular users. Community Barbecue hire \$20

Phone the custodian, Terry Blumhardt, on 814-9843

NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER

Copy needs to be in the hands of

Margaret Blumhardt

PHONE 814-9843

849 West Coast Road, Waitatarua

(opposite Raroa Terrace)

by WEDNESDAY 5TH NOVEMBER, 1997

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the Editor or the Waiatarua Ratepayers and Residents Association.*