



Community News

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"What
PEACE
and LOVE
and JOY were
born
That bright and lovely
Christmas
morn."

Annual General Meeting of WRRRA

The Annual General Meeting of the Waiatarua Ratepayers and Residents Association will be held at the Waiatarua Community Centre 911 West Coast Road, Waiatarua on Thursday 26 February 1998.

The evening commences at 7 pm with a social half hour for you to meet other residents over a cup of tea or coffee, followed by an interesting guest speaker.

The Annual meeting will follow after this. Please come and participate in the affairs of your community and hear what has been done over the last year. Also give thought to putting your name forward to serve on the committee.

Rants, Raves and Ramblings

It has been a busy year for the WRRRA Committee. Oh yeah I hear you cry, so what have you done for **me**?

Well -

- we were instrumental along with other

associations in making sure we retained our Council representation when "they" were trying to reduce our Councillors from three to two

- we have made submissions to the District Plan process about standards and procedures for levels of emission from the mast
- we are in the process of setting up our own independent monitoring of the mast emissions
- we have made detailed submissions about the inner/outer rating differential review
- we are making efforts to improve road safety in our area by getting the council to improve the Piha/Scenic Drive intersection, review speed limits and place speed limit signs on the roads off West Coast Road
- we have made continuing representations about a footpath between Raroa Terrace and the bus stops
- we organised a market day so we could

all buy each other's junk

- we sent you this newsletter every month so you could keep up to date with things
- we lease and administer the Community Hall
- etc, etc.

This all may seem a bit prosaic and boring, but it is these nuts and bolts issues that grease the wheels of our community life.

We have an AGM coming up in February, where as usual we will be looking for people to help on the committee. Specifically, we will be looking for someone to edit the newsletter, as Margaret Blumhardt is looking for a well-earned rest after masterminding the monthly production for the last six years, and also a secretary, as Jo Hall is again in the family production business and will be rather preoccupied!

Margaret and Jo both deserve our thanks for the contributions they have made. In addition Euan Gaw is standing down because of family and business commitments. Our thanks to him also.

As you can see, this is going to leave some gaps. If you think the community is important and that people power **can** make a difference, please consider standing for election to the 1998 committee.

I can just see all the thought balloons now—"they don't need me", "What can I contribute?", "I'm sure they'll find someone else", "I haven't got the skills". Well trust me, we *do* need you, you *can* contribute, we may well *not* find someone else and all you need is the time to attend a monthly meeting and a commitment to looking after your community. **Please** don't assume someone else will do it. Come along to the AGM in February, listen to our mystery guest speaker (entertaining, informative, provocative—at least one of these, and with luck all three), and when the time comes, stick up your hand!

Tony Bacon, *Vice President*

BUSY YEAR FOR WAIATARUA FIRE BRIGADE

An unusual number of fire calls has seen 1997 as the busiest year in the history of the Brigade, with calls up by over 40% on previous years. The increase is attributed to a spate of bush fires over the last few weeks and a high number of car fires in the area.

A recent addition to the Brigade is a First Response Vehicle which was purchased as a result of the Brigade Fund raising efforts. The vehicle will carry initial fire fighting equipment, and will generally be used at incidents involving long driveways that are inaccessible to the fire engine. It will carry first aid equipment and can be used as a personnel carrier to calls where extra fire fighters are needed.

Three Fire Brigade members have received certificates for passing Fire Service examinations. The Brigade now has two "members" and one "fellow" of the New Zealand Fire Brigade Institute.

Brigade members have also received passes in the arduous breathing apparatus courses and other fire fighting courses at the Mount Wellington training centre.

The on-going fundraising continues next year with the inception of a new play starting in April. It is written and produced by the Fire Brigade and already considerable interest is being shown from patrons who saw the last two performances of "Phone 1125 J" and "Les Pompiers". It's about a young man who gets mixed up with a ventriloquists dummy and has the risqué' title of "Red hat no knickers". Would anybody who may be able to help out either on or off stage give the station a ring on Monday nights 814-9213 around 7.30 pm.

Waiatarua
Volunteer Fire Brigade
would like to take this opportunity
to wish everybody a safe and
Happy Christmas and
New Year

LIBRARY NEWS

New members always welcome!

The last day to borrow books before Christmas is Sunday 21 December 1997. We will re-open on Thursday 15 January 1998.

We have some wonderful new books arrived

<i>Bryce Courtenay</i>	Tommo and Hawk (2nd in series)
<i>Dick Francis</i>	101 Penalty
<i>E. George</i>	Deception on His Mind
<i>P.D. James</i>	A Certain Justice
<i>V.C. Andrews</i>	Heart Song
<i>D. Anthony</i>	A Sense of Humus (very nice gardening stories)
<i>J. Kelleman</i>	Silent Partners
<i>A.J. Taylor</i>	Prostate Problems (This is a non fiction book, men take note)
<i>D. Burns</i>	Public Money Public Lives (all about Aotearoa TV)
<i>Peter Mayle</i>	Anything Considered
 and many more!

*Merry Christmas
and
a very Flappy New Year
from all the volunteers at the library*

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.



This month we are having a shared lunch on
Wednesday December 17, commencing at 12.30 pm
at Margaret Marshall's home, 19 Raroa Terrace.

Come and bring a plate of food to share. Phone
Eileen on 814-9298 if you need more information.

OUR BEAUTIFUL BUSES

Use it or lose it! That is the reality of the position with our buses. For the first time in the history of this area we have a useable bus service. The buses now connect with trains in Henderson going in both directions as well as the other bus services. We also have a Saturday service which was asked for by bus patrons who thought it would be a good idea but have not so far tried it out!

Parents, how about sending your children off to shop in Henderson on their own!

There will be a review of the service in March.

PIHA COMMUNITY PRESCHOOL

The preschool is a small but cheerful early childhood centre. Established in 1990 by Piha residents it is kept alive with the dedicated help of the parents that form the Preschool Committee.

Being right on the coast makes for a wonderful spot for teacher and children alike with walks along the beach being a regular activity for the ten to fifteen children enrolled in the Preschool.

We say goodbye this December to Kimberly Kopp, our teacher of the last two years as she moves on to more full time work.

We are interested in hearing from any early childhood teachers who are qualified to replace her in February 1998. Currently the Preschool is open on Monday and Friday each week with a playgroup on Wednesdays that is supervised solely by the parents. Applications may be sent to Piha Community Preschool, PO Box 92, Piha or phone 812-8579 for more information. We look forward to hearing from you.

Marama McLoughlin and Lisa Simmonds, Piha Preschool.

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

WAIATARUA COMMUNITY HALL HIRE

Remember to hire this excellent facility for your meetings, 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

*WAIATARUA RAIL FEEDER, ROUTE 167 FROM HENDERSON RAIL TO WAIATARUA, MONDAY TO FRIDAY

First column is arrival times of trains from Auckland

Train Hend	Hend bus	Pine bus	Wai bus	Oratia bus	Hend bus	Train bus	Auck
am		6.15	6.25	6.30	6.45	6.50	
		6.45	6.55	7.00	7.15	7.20	
6.50	7.05	7.15	7.25	7.30	7.45	7.50	
7.20	7.35	7.45	7.55	8.00	8.15	8.20	
7.50	8.05	8.15	8.25	8.30	8.45	8.50	
8.20	8.35	8.45	8.55	9.00	9.15	9.20	
8.50	9.05	9.15	9.25	9.30	9.45	-	
-	10.20	10.30	10.40	10.45	11.00	-	
pm	12.20	12.30	12.40	12.45	1.00	-	
1.50	2.05	2.15	2.25	2.30	2.45		
2.50	3.05	3.15	3.25	3.30	3.45	3.50	
3.20	3.35	3.45	3.55	4.00	4.15	4.20	
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*167 SATURDAY TIMETABLE FROM HENDERSON RAIL CONNECTING WITH TRAINS TO AND FROM AUCKLAND

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am	8.25	8.35	8.45	8.50	9.05	9.20
	10.25	10.35	10.45	10.50	11.05	11.20
1.50pm	1.55	2.05	2.15	2.20	2.35	-
3.50	3.55	4.05	4.15	4.20	4.35	-
5.50	5.55	6.05	6.15	6.20	6.35	-

* 156 FROM AUCKLAND TO WAIATARUA VIA NEW LYNN MONDAY TO FRIDAY

3.40 pm leaves New Lynn for Waiatarua, West Coast & Forest Hill Roads at 4.05 pm

5.05 pm leaves Auckland arriving New Lynn 5.40 pm and Forest Hill Road at 6.05 pm

* 166, MONDAY TO FRIDAY, FROM FOREST HILL ROAD

7.22 am, via West Coast Road to Parrs Park, 7.40 am, New Lynn, 8.05 am, Point Chevalier, 8.15 am, To Auckland, 8.40 am

*159 FROM HENDERSON TO PIHA AND RETURN

Leaves Henderson	Piha	return Henderson
8.55 am	9.35am	10.20 am
1.55 pm	2.35pm	3.20 pm

There are further buses from Parrs Cross Road, including flyers and buses on Sundays. You can have a timetable posted to you by phoning rideline on 366-6400 or by calling into depots such as New Lynn or the Central city terminus.

**162 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**

HELP WANTED - We need someone to look after our garden. Maybe 1 hour a week(?) after the initial taming. We are looking for a person who will treat the garden as their own, and we will be happy to listen to all suggestions about improvements, planting etc. Phone Tony or Jean 814 9860

WANTED - free cleanfill. please phone 814-9309

FOR SALE - Weider exercycle \$100, phone 814-9309.

HOUSE FOR RENT - short term, 3 weeks Jan - We are holidaying in January and would like to rent our house to someone to enjoy. 4 bedrms, quiet spot, huge backyard, Glen Eden. If you have friends or family who may enjoy an Auckland experience maybe this could suit. \$200 per week plus bond. Please phone Debbie 818-8450.

MASSAGE/ STRAIGHT THERAPEUTIC - Spoil yourself, a friend, a partner. Perfect Christmas gift. Enjoy the relaxation amidst the flurry of the Christmas rush. \$30, phone Debbie 818-8450.

GARDEN MAINTENANCE, SECTION CLEARING, WATERBLASTING ETC. - Friendly professional service and great rates. Call now for that summer project. C & S Garden Services. Please phone Colin, 817-7825 or Steve 814-9191.

PROFESSIONAL ROCK BAND FOR HIRE - Ideal for that Christmas function, very versatile with full stage show. For details and bookings phone Steve on 814-9191.

WATER SERVICES LTD - Water delivery, tank cleaning. Sales and service of tanks, pumps and filters. For water solutions phone Philip Parks 812-8537 or mob 279 6036.

VETERINARIAN Full veterinary service for dogs, cats and other pets; including spays and neutering, Xrays, urgent medical and surgical treatment. House calls. Phone Neil Pullan on 814-9504.

STAINED GLASS STUDIO 293 Forest Hill Road 814-9293. Selection of native bird window hangings from \$26 - tui or kowhai, pigeons on berries etc. Also beautiful fairies, flowers, children's characters - Pooh

Bear etc. All prices wholesale rates. Buy now for Christmas and be early for best selection.

FOR SALE - Particle Board - 2400 x 1200 x 5mm, 20 sheets at \$5 each. Also glass 3 panel back door, Phone 814-9843

PONGA PRODUCTS FOR SALE - logs (including growers) for fences and landscaping and ponga pots (many sizes). Phone/fax Warren on 814-9129

"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.

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

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

FIREWOOD FOR SALE - GUARANTEED DRY split macrocarpa, \$55 per cubic metre. Call at 17 Rimu Road or phone 814-8833

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Waiaatarua Ratepayers and Residents Association
for 1997

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

Name

Address

Phone

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

FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER

Copy needs to be in the hands of
Margaret Blumhardt
PHONE 814-9843
849 West Coast Road, Waiaatarua
(opposite Raroa Terrace)
by WEDNESDAY 4th DECEMBER, 1997

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