



Community News

JULY 1998

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JULY MEETING OF WRRRA

David Harre will kindly host this at his premises at **527 West Coast Road**. Instead of meeting on the first Monday of the month, the meeting is scheduled for **Sunday 5th July**. This is a wonderful opportunity to look around David's property, which is full of historical treasures.

People are invited to come along at 2pm to mix and mingle, play a game or two of boules, before the formalities of the meeting commence at **4.30pm**.


Please bring a plate, wine or other liquid refreshments, and balls if you have them!

Like all WRRRA meetings, all residents of Waiaatarua are invited. See you there.

WAIATARUA VOLUNTEER FIRE BRIGADE

Presents

RED HAT NO KNICKERS



A new play written by Tony Holt and directed by Christine Healy. A comedy set in the early 1970's about a young man called Bill who loses his job in the freezing works and comes to Auckland to start a new life. He somehow gets mixed up with "Ossie", a ventriloquist's dummy and the very amorous Jayne.

Those patrons who came along to the last two performances of "Phone 1125 -J" and "Les Pompiers" will know our guarantee of an enjoyable evening with the usual Fish and Chips at half time and a complimentary glass of wine. So bring along your friends and relations or get a street party together and help support your local fire service.

Opening night starts on June 18th and runs for three weeks. Tickets are on sale now and are selling fast so get in quick. If you have a lucky red hat, bring it along and you may win the raffle.

For bookings phone Helen on 814 9855

WRRRA COMMITTEE PROFILE

Introducing Jenny Cornell

In 1972, while working in London, I met a few Kiwis who had nearly completed their three years in Europe and were shortly to head back to N.Z. I came with them, on holiday, and have stayed ever since! The "holiday" feeling lasted many many years, (although I got a job within a couple of weeks of arriving here), and has never really left me.

After about a year in Auckland, I was lucky to get a job with Thai Airways and Scandinavian Airlines (they had a joint office) and at the time had no idea that I would still be there 20 years later. When the airlines separated and opened their own offices, I became sales manager of Thai Airways. It was a great career, with our Head Office in Bangkok, and involved travel not just to Thailand but also to India, Kathmandu, Hong Kong, Singapore and Australia. I retired (early!) from Thai last year, after nearly 24 years, as I wanted a change of lifestyle.

My husband and I live on a 19-acre block on Forest Hill Road, which we've mostly planted up with experimental hardwood trees. We've got chickens, a peacock and two new peahens, fish and a dog. Apart from the hardwood trees that are on trial, we have a few figs, persimmons, cherimoyas, lycees and other exotics, and although we're still waiting for some of them to fruit, we do grow organic bananas semi-commercially.

Most of my time is spent around our small farm; yoga, and the Waiaatarua Ratepayers and Residents Association committee are two newer interests, as is trying to learn Spanish. Other interests are travelling, walking, reading going to the theatre, cooking (sometimes) and wine.

Introducing Wade Cornell

Born, raised and educated in Southern California, Wade moved to New Zealand in 1981 as a Horticultural Consultant. With Jenny, Wade has resided in the Waitakeres since 1983. Currently dividing his time between Forestry and Sculpture, Wade has his studio on their 19-acre section. Wade is known for several Art works around the City; the piece at the top of Hobson Street at the beginning of the Western Motorway, the bus shelter on Great North Road going up Waikumete Hill and the piece in the Te Atatu roundabout. Wade's other interests include surfing, tramping, music (listening and playing), plays, movies, opera, ballet and good food (a little too much).

— VACANCY —

Contract Caretaker/Custodian

A part time Custodian is required for the Waiaatarua Community Centre.

The responsibilities include being the keyholder, arranging bookings, opening and closing the hall when required and general housekeeping.

This position would suit someone who wants to earn some money while providing a service to the Waiaatarua Community.

More details and a job specification are available from the WRRRA president Gerry Davis on 814 8833

PLAYCENTRE

Another month has passed at its usual frenetic pace. We have explored, experimented and experienced in all areas of our play. The children have recently transformed an old truck tyre into a garden, which was lovingly planted, and they are very involved in ongoing nurturing and maintenance. This is already "blooming lovely" and provides a collection of herbs, which we are using in our cooking.

We would like to officially welcome Adith and Eden; Michelle, Lucy and Oliver, who have enrolled this month. Please remember we always welcome new families into 'ours' and you can visit us Monday, Wednesday, and Friday 0930-1200pm, 911 West Coast Road (look for the bright yellow sign). We are available by phone at playcentre during these hours 814 8835 or phone Debbie Brown after hours on 8149187 for further information.

A poem for reflection:

*100 years from now,
It won't matter what car I drove,
What kind of house I lived in,
How much I had in my bank account,
Nor what my clothes looked like,
But,
The world maybe a little better,
Because I was important in the life of a child.*

Author Unknown

Artist: Michael
aged 4 ½ years
Title: "My Dad"



ARE YOU COMMUNITY MINDED?

Have you thought about standing for the Community Board? Contact David Harre on 818 7716 for further information.

CURTAIN TIME FOR WEEDS

- Waitakere City Council Media Release -

Native plants could soon replace roadside weeds in the Waitakere Ranges.

Trials are underway in two sites, Mountain Road and the Titirangi end of Scenic Drive, to find low-growing, native plants that can 'out-compete' certain weeds.

Environmental weeds are spread through the Waitakere Ranges along the roads, which provide corridors and transport for plant fragments and seeds. Weeds pose a threat to the City's natural environment, an environment the Waitakere City Council Greenprint recognises the need to protect.

Weeds on the chosen sites are to be killed during May, with planting of natives due to begin in July.

Waitakere City Councillor Peter Maddison said planting low

growing natives could end the need for flail mowing on steep roadside banks, a system where vegetation on road berms is cut to provide visibility for drivers.

Flail mowers also keeps roadside fire hazards to a minimum in some areas by keeping grass levels low.

However, in the ranges, flail mowing favours the spread of weeds including the environmentally damaging Mexican daisy (*Erigeron karvinskianus*) and mistflower (*Ageratina riparia*).

Initial planting costs would be offset by savings further down the track in the control of noxious plants and the need for flail mowing. If successful, the planting programme will be extended to specific sites throughout the Waitakere Ranges.

The trails, carried out by HortResearch on behalf of the Waitakere City Council, are on line for completion mid-1999.

For more information, contact Waitakere City Councillor, Peter Maddison, ph 836 8000.

WALKING IN THE WAITAKERE'S?

Ring up the Arataki Visitors Centre 817-8479, to get an update on the conditions of the tracks and to ensure that they are open. Tracks are getting closed due to Operation Forestsave putting down bait and traps.

ORATIA FOLK MUSEUM RESEARCH SOLVES MYSTERY AND HERITAGE GARDENING PROJECT NEEDS HELP ...

The 20 year plus mystery as to who built the old cottage that is now the Oratia Folk Museum in Oratia, has finally been solved. Research undertaken by members of the Oratia Folk Museum has found that the cottage was originally situated on what was then the end of Parker Road, Oratia was built around about 1857 by a Mr Terence Donnelly. This now makes it one of the oldest buildings in Waitakere City.

Terence was an Irishman who joined the army to see the world and arrived in Australia from Dublin on board a convict ship as a guard. He arrived in New Zealand in 1845 as part of the 58th British Regiment and saw action in the Land Wars. The 58th, who were mainly barracked around Auckland, soldiered on in New Zealand until 1857 and it was around this time that Mr Donnelly decided to put down his roots and farm on the banks of the "Orotea Stream".

In 1855 Donnelly bought 91 acres in Parker Road, Oratia and another 81-acre block of land in Waitarua. He lived and farmed in Oratia right up until his death in 1889 aged 78 and left behind a middle-aged family of two sons and four daughters.

In the late 1880's, the Moorehead Brothers, both staunch bachelors right to the very end, came to live in the cottage, and it subsequently passed to their nieces upon their deaths in the 1930's.

One of the oldest photographs in the world was taken of the 58th Regiment in the 1840's at the Albert Barracks where the University of Auckland is now, and this hangs in the Oratia Folk Museum. Mr Donnelly is somewhere in the photo and interestingly since the photograph was put up on the wall of the cottage, visitors have reported feeling a "gentle spirit's presence" in the cottage.

Extensive plans for the gardens of the museum grounds and new flowering beds are also being laid in keeping with the 1850's period. The fence is being extended and help is needed. If you are able to help with this garden heritage project or with the inside of the cottage please contact Neville Brown ph: 837 1085

The museum is open from 1-4pm on a Sunday. All are welcome.

HISTORICAL PHOTOS

Many thanks to Mayor Bob Harvey; who donated \$100 towards two historical photos of scenes of Waiatarua. These can be viewed in the Waiatarua Community Hall.

LIBRARY NEWS

The cold weather is upon us again, time to take a few books out and curl up. Thank you Peggy Courteny for your help on the desk, Queenie and Jack Pace will take over your duty on a Saturday morning.

New books:

- Danielle Steele The Long Road Home (well worth reading)
Bryce Courtney Night Country (a very small well written, beautifully produced book)
Alyson Gofton 2nd Food in a Minute
Maeve Binchy Return Journey - short stories
Jeffrey Archer The 11th Commandment

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.

YOUR VISION IN BLACK AND WHITE!

An update on the West Coast Plan

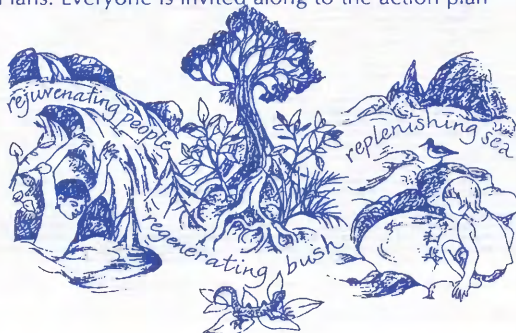
It may only be in black and white and in words not pictures but a 'collective vision' is now described in *Vision for the future of the West Coast and Waitakere Ranges*. This was our best effort at encapsulating the words and images generated by some 300 people who came to the visioning workshops held over the summer period.

The vision has been teased out into the main themes or goals, expected achievements - targets, and measures of success - indicators.

Vision for the future of the West Coast and Waitakere Ranges is a working document and may be refined over the next few months after we've received feedback from you. A partner document which describes where we are right now - *The State of the Environment* will be available at the beginning of July.

Both documents will assist the next stage of the project - coming up with Action Plans. Everyone is invited along to the action planning.

For more information, including copies of the documents please contact Juanita ph: 836 8023.



WHAT'S ON:

Watercare's Rain Forest Express

Watercare has opened up public access to the historical Nihotupu Bush Tramway for the first time as part of the Company's programme of public education in the management and conservation of Auckland's water resources.

The Rain Forest Express departs from Jacobsens Depot off Scenic Drive Titirangi, about 4km from Titirangi Village. The tramline runs along the southern flanks of the ranges where spectacular views of the Lower Nihotupu water supply lake and the Manukau Harbour can be seen.

The line features 10 tunnels, six bridges and the Quinns Viaduct.

The Rain Forest Express is available 7 days a week and carries about 40 people. The train departs from Jacobsens Depot or the upper Nihotupu Dam by arrangement.

Warning - Trips may be cancelled without notice due to Watercare's operational requirements

Fares - Bookings Essential

General public (on scheduled trip): adult \$12 child \$6

School trips \$2 per person (minimum \$50)

Charter fee \$350 per 2 ½ hours (extra time by arrangement)

For reservations and enquiries: Tel. Renette (09) 634 4809

Lopdell House Gallery - Table Setting

12 June - 12 July

Six artists, Mary-Louise Browne, Anna Crichton, Judy Darragh, Julian Dashper, Richard Killeen and Richard Thompson have turned their artistic skills to interpreting the notions of traditional tableware and what table settings can be.

Lopdell House - Eugene Hansen

Some kind of ... landscape - 12 June - 12 July

Lopdell House - TCAC - The upstairs gallery

Beyond Words - 11 June - 5 July

Patchwork, paintings and drawings by Caroline Bensinger

Lopdell House - Titirangi Drama

Anton Chekhov's Three Sisters - Commences 9 June

Directed by Liz Wilkinson, this work is a masterpiece of interpersonal relationships and bears all the hallmarks of Chekhov's insight.

Bookings can be made at the Titirangi Pharmacy, phone 817 3175



very interesting and informative afternoon. Mrs Endt from Landsendt is very knowledgeable on the subject of Sub-tropicals and able to convey her love of these plants to her visitors.

Our June session is 1pm 24 June and will be held at the home of Margaret Marshall, 19 Raroa Terrace where we will try and find answers to any gardening queries with various reference books. Also bring any plants you wish to sell/swap/give away.

For further information please ring Eileen on 814-9298.

Volunteers to go on back-up distribution list for circulation of our newsletter.

Please contact Adith Stoneman ph: 814-9822

ADVERTISING

This is free to financial members for 1998, 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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Coast Road, Waiatarua – Ph/Fax 814 9991 – john@legaleagle.co.nz

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MUSIC TEACHER – available to teach piano, keyboard and theory. Based in Waiatarua. Offers one-to-one tuition, practical and theory exams, competitions, all at reasonable prices.

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EXCELLENT CHEAP GLASS REPAIRS - phone 814-9786

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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	PH/FAX	E-MAIL
Mary Kelly	3 Atarua Gardens	814-9857 + Fax	turtle@xtra.co.nz
Denis Graham	Back up - Atarua Gdns	814-9706	
Tony Holt	56 Bush Road	814-9688	
Ross & Kath Mullins	330 Forest Hill Rd	814-9402 + Fax	
Jenny McGee	886 West Coast Rd	814-9954	
Chris Field	799 West Coast Rd	814-9876	CHRISLIZ@VOYAGER.CO.NZ
Ngairi Mason	21 Tui Crescent	814-9036 + Fax	
Adith Stoneman	8 Kauri Loop Rd	814-9822	
Margaret/Paddy Marshall	19 Raroa Tce	814-9859	
Gaelene/Tony Goodrich	17 Cascade Ave	814-9788	
Debbie Irving	562 Scenic Drive	814 9789	

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Waiatarua Ratepayers and Residents Association
for 1998

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

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

Caretaker/Custodian Vacancy – See front page

AUGUST NEWSLETTER

Copy needs to be in the hands of

The Editor,

722 West Coast Road,

Waiatarua

by WEDNESDAY 8th JULY, 1998

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