



Community News

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WHAT A PARTY !

The party for Terry and Margaret Blumhardt was a little like attending a funeral. Everyone was standing around saying all sorts of nice things about them. The only difference was that they were alive and there, and were able to hear the compliments and bask in the warm thoughts and well wishes given to and about them.

About 60 people attended Sunday afternoon's party for Terry and Margaret. Many stories were told by their friends about the help they received from the Blumhardts. Stories about cars being pulled out of the mud, about gifts of



for the many years of service they had given to the community. They were presented gifts from Mayor Bob Harvey and Counsellor Stone. The fire brigade gave them a picture of the burning of the Dutch Kiwi Restaurant and the Ratepayers group gave them a framed picture from the turn of the century of the Waiatarua Guest house and some flowers to plant at their new house.

Hugs and kind words were in abundance as people thanked the Blumhardts. Each person present wrote their own personal thoughts and feelings on cards and along with the photos



kiwifruit, about inexpensive Christmas trees, and stories about being chased by the ranger. The party lasted for two and a half hours with people sharing in small groups with Terry and Margaret, thanking them

taken, these will be placed in a record book of the afternoon and given to the Blumhardts in their new home. Thanks to all who helped to make the afternoon a success. **Gerry Davis (President WRRRA)**

PLAYCENTRE

We have had an extremely busy time since returning from the holidays, with 3 of our families coming back to playcentre with new babies. We welcome Laura, Moses and Eimhir-Jade into our extended playcentre family. Congratulations to all the families concerned.

We had the Education Review Office (ERO) visit us in the second week of term as part of a general review of all playcentres in West Auckland who are part of the Te Akoranga Playcentre Association. We received very positive verbal feedback and are at present waiting for the written report.

Please remember that we always welcome visitors at playcentre and have recently had Jenny, Anton and Grayson enrol and welcome them.

You may visit Monday, Wednesday and Friday 0930-1200 or phone the playcentre for information during these hours ph 8148835 or phone Debbie Brown on 8149187 after hours.

Playcentre is a parent co-operative where we learn and play with our children.

Playcentre is a family concept – members of families interact as family members, as individuals.

No one is teacher – all are learners.

No one is taught, all are learning.

No one is grown, all are growing.

No one is curriculum, all are resources.

No timetables nor subjects.

All think together on questions of significance to each.

WANTED – VOLUNTEERS TO HELP WITH THE ORATIA FOLK MUSEUM GARDEN

Please contact Neville Brown ph: 837 1085 or see him in action in the garden every Monday 9-12pm

NEIGHBOURHOOD NEWS

Good news and bad news to report this month.

Firstly the good news—HOORAY! At last after years of campaigning the footpath for West Coast by Raroa Terrace has finally been completed.

Bad news is that there has been a number of break ins and burglaries in the neighbourhood as Denis Graham, our investigator in the field reports ...

In mid July there were three to four burglaries or attempted burglaries carried out, on the same day, in our area. Three police cars and the police helicopter were in attendance, unfortunately the culprit was not apprehended at the time. I understand the police knew the culprit so perhaps he has been caught by now.

We are all vulnerable to this kind of abuse, possibly more so living in a rural area. There are many ways to prevent or deter criminals invading our privacy. These range from sophisticated alarms down to the barking dog or meowing cat. All very good in their own right.

There are also some common sense approaches that we can take, for example, locking windows and doors before going to bed or leaving the house during the day, advising neighbours when going on holiday, introducing yourself to new residents etc.

There is a fairly widespread neighbourhood support network in Waiatarua but I am sure there are a few pockets which are not covered. If you are unsure of this, contact our area coordinator, Mary Kelly. Mary's phone/fax numbers and email address are shown on the back page of the Community News. Mary will be more than happy to provide lots of useful information and tips to get you started.

Group coordinators meet quarterly and often a guest speaker attends. Also, there is a regular newsletter produced by Waitakere Police.

I would like a Neighbourhood support article to be regular feature of the Community News, although some would say "no news is good news", so if you have any information, tips, etc, let us know.

A local man, Peter Esher in Scenic Drive sells the radar watchdog. It's a dog that will give you piece of mind, and there is no need to feed it or clean up after it! Retailing for \$180. Once the radar Watchdog is plugged in, it will "wake up" when a moving object such as an intruder enters the field of detection, and emits lifelike barking.

Feel free to contact Peter on 025-577 156 or fax 814 9469 anytime for more information.

Congratulations to Pauline Isaachsen from West Coast Road who is the newly appointed custodian for our Community Hall.

Remember if you have some journalistic flair and have a thought for an article, poem or know some startling news that would interest the community, write it now and send it in.

CANDIDATES MEETINGS

Council elections are coming up, and as usual the WRRRA will be giving you the chance to grill the candidates. A meeting will be held

on Thursday 17 September at 7.30pm at the Waiatarua Hall for mayoral and councillor candidates. **Note the date now.** We also hope to have a meeting at the Oratia Hall for Community Board candidates, but that date has not been fixed—see next month's Newsletter.

LIBRARY NEWS

Pleased to tell you we have had a very busy month.

Overdues are a problem though. Some are more than six months overdue. We cannot afford to lose them. Some are irreplaceable.

New books this month:

James Long	Ferney
James Patterson	The Midnight Club
Susan Sloan	An Isolated Incident
Jacqueline Mitchard	The Most Wanted

Have you read "The Horse Whisperer" and "Seven Years in Tibet"? We have these and lots more.

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.

Letter to the Editor

As residents of Mountain Road, we wish to respond to the writer of the "Letter to the Editor" (August issue) and appeal to other residents for support.

The concern expressed re the condition of Mountain road with its narrow, winding terrain should be directed to all commuters – it's not only in the morning that one needs to keep alert to all other traffic.

Our personal letter of concern to Council dated February 1998 re this and other issues pertaining to the appalling condition of the road, lack of signage, lighting, serious slips, drainage etc has met with absolutely no response. Perhaps residents who commute daily could air their concerns collectively to Council by way of a petition to obtain a commitment from them and to determine that remedial work will be undertaken.

Margaret and Geoff Wood

NEWSLETTER ALERT

The Waiatarua Ratepayers and Residents Association "Community News" newsletter is completely run by volunteers. This includes the contributors, editorship, publisher (Longley Printers) and distributors.

We plan to distribute the newsletter the second weekend after the monthly WRRRA meeting, which therefore usually makes it the third weekend of the month.

If for any reason you are not getting the newsletter on a monthly basis or you receive it significantly later than described above, please alert the Editor on 814-9272.

Wanted: Volunteers to go on the backup distribution list for newsletter delivery. We also need a new distributor for West Coast Road to take over the Blumhardt's run Please contact Adith Stoneman ph 814-9822.



WHAT'S ON:

Save Piha Shellfish announces the lecture:

"Shoreline in Jeopardy" by Prof. John Morton

Hosted by Mayor Bob Harvey

Chaired by Marie Hasler, MP

7 pm Monday 31st August

Waitakere City Council

Waipareira Ave

Admission Free

Donations welcome

Contact Rob Astley 8128722

Oratia Spinning Craft Group

September 5th 1998

Oratia Church Hall

Parker Road

10am – 2pm

Handmade useful gifts.

Baking, pickles, jams, plants.

Shop early for Xmas.

Make a note of this date please.

They will have a wonderful range of famous home-made goodies and crafts and things for children.

Lopdell House Gallery

Sensor: A Contemporary Stimulus

Curated by Mary Holehan

21 August – 20 September

opening 20 August 6-8pm

Childhood memories of gallery-going recall ideas such as "be quiet" and "don't touch". Sensor will transform Lopdell House Gallery into a site for varied sensory experiences. It will compel the viewer and object to interact in new and innovative ways.

Lopdell House Gallery Film Series

A unique opportunity to view and consider film critically in West Auckland come and hear contemporary filmmakers and theorists and view some fabulous New Zealand films.

The three remaining nights are:

Wednesday 26 August

Peter Wells "Curves and Contrasts" and
"The Mighty Civic"

Wednesday 16 September

Laurence Simmons "Broken Barrier"

Wednesday 21 October

Paul Judge "Lament for Barney Flanagan"

All films screen at 7pm in the Lopdell House Theatre,
418 Titirangi Road.

Tickets \$3/\$4, 4 evening pass \$15

Mauritius Conservation Programme

Evening slide lecture

A study of the endangered bird species protection programme. Lessons for NZ. Guest speaker, Dr Tim Lovegrove.

Wednesday August 26 7.30pm-9pm

Waitakere Ranges Parkland – Arataki. Donation \$5 per person

Bookings essential, limited seats. Phone Parkline 303 1530.

Antarctica

Evening slide lecture

Environmental impact in Antarctica. What are the global and local implications? Guest speaker, Mike Roberts.

Wednesday September 2

7.30pm – 9pm

Waitakere Ranges Parkland – Arataki. Donation \$5 per person

Bookings Essential, limited seats. Phone Parkline 3031530

Arataki Opening Day

Take part in a day of fun hands on activities to celebrate the opening of the new displays at Arataki.

Wednesday September 30

9.30am public opening

Waitakere Ranges Parkland – Arataki

No booking required

Free

KINDLING – ORATIA SCHOOL

\$2 a bag. Untreated pine. Great value!

Support Oratia School Fundraisers.

Contact Shirley Campbell 8188311 or Liz Brown 8180115

Food for thought ...

If the world's population could be shrunk into a village of exactly 100 people:

- there would be 57 Asians, 14 from the western hemisphere and 8 Africans
- 51 would be male, 49 female
- 70 would be non-white, 30 white
- 50% of the world's wealth would be in six people's hands, with all six coming from the United States.
- 80 would live in substandard housing
- 70 would be unable to read
- 50 would suffer from malnutrition
- one would have a university education
- no one would own a computer



The theme this month is Camellias and we are arranging a visit to a specialist grower in South Auckland. The date is August 26 and further details regarding transport, time etc can be obtained by ringing Margaret on 814-9859.

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**

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

LAWYER & NOTARY PUBLIC - John Hendrikse. Also available at night and at weekends. Competitive Fees: to buy a home from \$445.00, to sell from \$345.00 plus GST and disbursements. Familiar with Afrikaans. 914 West Coast Road, Waiatarua - Ph/Fax 814 9991

FIREWOOD FOR SALE - *guaranteed dry* split macrocarpa, \$60 per cubic metre. Call at 17 Rimu Road or phone 814-8833

"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. We are fully licensed and BYOW. Join our Wine Club and attend regular wine tastings. For information and/or Reservations please phone 814-9804.

DESKTOP PUBLISHING/WORD PROCESSING/WEB PAGE DESIGN - all your typing needs catered for at very reasonable prices. Call Elaine 837 8207

KEEP HEALTHY NATURALLY - Tricia Lukas, Classical Homoeopath Dip. A.C. Hom. First Aid and Chronic Health Problems. Phone 814-9221

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. Contact NZ Modern School of Music on 0800 696874

LEARN TO SPEAK ITALIAN - with an experienced native teacher. Private or groups, all levels - conversation, grammar, business. Phone Alessandra, 814-8993.

EXCELLENT CHEAP GLASS REPAIRS - phone 814-9786

PRUNING - roses, fruit trees, shrubs and Garden Design and Maintenance. Phone Linda 025 8335610 or evenings 833-7860

PROFESSIONAL ROCK BAND FOR HIRE -Very versatile with full stage show. For details and bookings phone Steve on 814-9191.

FOR SALE-Buff Pekin Roosters. Ph 8149272

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

The names of our current coordinators are listed below. If you haven't been approached yet and would like to belong to one of these groups, give the coordinator 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 Rarua Tce	814-9859	
Gaelene/Tony Goodrich	17 Cascade Ave	814-9788	
Debbie Irving	562 Scenic Drive	814 9789	

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To Treasurer

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

WAIATARUA

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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 Pauline Isaachsen on 814 9847

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Copy needs to be in the hands of

The Editor,

722 West Coast Road,

Waiatarua

by WEDNESDAY 9TH SEPTEMBER, 1998

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