



# Community News

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## SUSAN CLARK MEETS THE CANDIDATES

-a self-confessed born again voter, Susan Clarke, WRRR committee member, reports on the Waiatarua "Meet the Candidates" meeting.

When the "Are you on the electoral role?" ads started I decided that this would be the year when I would get around to going to one of those "Meet the Candidates" meetings and maybe avoid the unease of not voting at all or worse, voting at random for people I had no idea about.

So I ventured out of my comfy usual week night spot and went along to the local "do", which proved to be entertaining and even produced a laugh or two.

It was just how I always imagined these events to be, there were a few good hecklers, buckets of emotion, a bit of mud slinging and not that much real information crossed anyone's lips. But still it certainly helped me make up my mind whom to vote for as I watched some evade and others ramble around the questions asked.

Possibly the only low point was that a few in the audience who tried to hog the question time were not locals at all, full points to the chairman for keeping things reasonably on track.

Now this year I can confidently say that I voted for the best of the bunch, well at least for Mayor and councillors, maybe next time, now that I'm inspired, I'll seek out a meeting that covers the other groups too .... see you there!

Just in case you missed it, the winners were...

Mayor : Bob Harvey

Waitakere Ward Councillors:

Carolynne Stone

Penny Hulse

Gordon Sunde

## WANTED: NEW EDITOR

After a very brief stint as editor of the Waiatarua Community News, I, with much regret have to resign my post, as my family and I are packing up and moving down to Hawke's Bay to live.

So the WRRR are looking for a new editor.

Being the editor is a great way to get involved in the community, meet some wonderful people and acquaint yourself with local happenings and personalities.

No experience is necessary! Don't be shy, do it!

Give me a call today on 814-9272.

## Rabbit Calicivirus

A Message from our Local Veterinary - Neil Pullan

It has recently been brought to my attention that adult rabbits have been dying suddenly, or after a short illness, in this area. These deaths have all the hallmarks of Rabbit calicivirus disease - an acute fatal disease of rabbits which is highly infectious and where most die.

Though rabbits are highly susceptible it has not been demonstrated that any other animal can be infected.

There is no treatment but the disease can be prevented by vaccination. Anyone who has pet rabbits is strongly advised to have them vaccinated.

## PLAYCENTRE

Term four is underway and we are all looking forward to the warmer weather to utilise our beautiful setting and outdoor equipment even more than usual.

As usual it should be a fun and exciting term with lots of learning opportunities for both children and their caregivers.

We would like to congratulate Marjan Paler-Jansen and family on the arrival of their baby son, Samuel Paler and also officially welcome Jane and Olivia Dale who have enrolled this month.

New faces are always very welcome and if you would like to visit us our session times are Monday, Wednesday and Friday 9.15 - 12.15, 911 West coast Road (down driveway at Community Centre). We can also be reached at these times on 8148835 or phone Elke after hours on 8148803 for further information.

### PLAY WITH ME ...



I Tried to teach my child  
with books  
She gave me only dirty looks,

I tried to teach my child  
with words  
They passed her by  
off' unheard,

Despairingly I turned aside,  
"How shall I teach this child?"  
I cried.

Into my hands she put the  
key,  
"Come" she said,  
" Play with me".

...Unknown

## NEIGHBOURHOOD NEWS

This month a message from the Blumhardts ...

Dear Friends

Terry and I were totally overwhelmed by the warmth of the farewell function which was put on for us and the gifts we received.

Thanks to the ratepayers committee for organising the day with a lovely afternoon tea. The beautiful print of the old Waiatarua Boarding House presented by the ratepayers is now in pride of place in our new home beside the one of the subsequent fire of that old building, (known then as the Dutch Kiwi Restaurant) presented to Terry by the Volunteer Fire Brigade.

Thank you also for the beautiful begonia plant and to Mayor Bob Harvey and Councillor Carolynne Stone for the gifts from Waitakere Council, a lovely little Kauri and Towai bowl and two wooden pens and cases from Stockholm.

Last but not least many thanks to those of you who came and made the day so special for us. Thanks for the words spoken and thanks to the photographer who captured the day on film and the subsequent album (with your comments) delivered to us by Gerry and Karen Davis.

We will treasure these memories for years to come. Thank you all. Thanks to Adith for posting us the newsletter.

Our new home has a view of the Kaimai Ranges which are ever changing and a great joy to watch. The locals, many of whom have not lived here long, are very friendly and we feel we will be happy here. There is plenty to do around the house at the moment but we can see other activities in the future. It is wonderful to be able to walk around on the level. The main street is only a few minutes walk away.

We have both been kept very quiet over the last ten days with winter bugs and bronchitis but we are now recovering.

We would love to see any of you who can visit us.

Our address is 2 Fencourt Crescent, Katikati and our phone number is (07) 549 3230 and fax (07) 549 3231.

*Margaret and Terry Blumhardt*

## Guy Fawkes

Our very own Waiatarua Volunteer Fire Brigade are happy for people to come along and let off their fireworks on Friday 6th November (Rain date Saturday 7th) from 7.30 pm. We regret to say sorry— no bonfire this year. Sausage Sizzle available as usual.

There will be a designated hot zone area for letting off fireworks. Please ensure that fireworks are let off only in this area.

While every precaution is taken for everybody's safety—

***Parents, your child's safety is your responsibility.***

### 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.

## THE STARK – BROWN PICNIC

In 1980, Michael Stark Brown, in memory of his wife Grace, lodged with the Public Trust, a sum of money to be invested, with the interest earned to be used to fund an Annual Children's picnic. An additional bequest was added to this fund upon his death.

In accordance with his wishes, the children of Oratia Play Centre, Oratia Kindergarten, Oratia School and Oratia Sunday School, accompanied by their parents and friends, and with the help of the School Staff, have enjoyed this event each year in the School Grounds.

With inflation and falling interest rates, the purchasing power of this bequest has fallen, whilst the number of children participating continues to grow. Accordingly the Stark Brown Picnic Trust Committee are launching this appeal in order to maintain the capital base from which this picnic is funded.

Residents, parents and friends of our community are invited to make a donation or bequest to the picnic trust committee to this end.

### **Cheques should be made out to:**

**"The Stark Brown Picnic Trust Committee"**

and forwarded to

Mr Hylton Crowsen (Chairman)  
157 Forest Hill Road  
Henderson

Or to the Principle of Oratia School.

The Stark Brown Picnic Committee comprises the following residents... P & G Painter, G. Davidson, H. Zuidmeer, H. Crowsen (Chairman), J. Dutton (Hon. Treasurer) and V. Lyon (Secretary).

In addition to this bequest, Michael Stark Brown provided money for a Scholarship for ex pupils of Oratia School wishing to pursue horticultural or agricultural studies at Massey University or Lincoln College.

For further information on how to apply for this Scholarship, please contact the Public Trust Office, Alderman Drive, Henderson, referring to the Estate of Michael Stark Brown.

## LIBRARY NEWS

Books recommended this month

- Joseph Kanon - *Los Alamos*  
(a very good read, highly recommended)
  - Patricia Cornwell - *Hornets Nest*
  - Tom Clancey - *Rainbow 6*
  - Jim Hopkins - *Blokes and Sheds*  
(a must, every man should have one)
  - Barry Crump - *Back down the track*
  - Letty Oates - *Decoupage*
  - Sybil Edwards - *Decorative Folk Art*
- And two excellent, brand new Craft books

We have a good range of Gardening and Educational literature as well. We welcome every one to pay a visit.

### **And there's more ....**

The library also holds numerous Waitakere City Council publications.

Currently the library holds copies of

1998/99 Annual Plan

Fundraising Policy

1998/99 Detailed Budget

which are available for distribution to interested residents.



## IT'S ALL IN THE NAME

Waiatarua, the name of the area that we live in. What does it mean? There are several interpretations. Firstly, when Fred Judson was building his boarding house near the turn of the century, he asked one of his workmen – so the story goes – “What shall we call this place?”. The Maori workman replied “Waiatarua”.

Mrs V. Baker, the daughter of Stanley Judson believes “Song of Two Waters” to be the interpretation given by the workman.

Other interpretations include “Two Songs”, “Two quiet waters”, “Shadow of two waters.”

A member of the Maori affairs department explained that it was nigh impossible for a Maori of today to tell what was meant by the Maori word used so long ago. It would depend on the personal emotions felt at that time, and the situation surrounding the person concerned.

An article in the Auckland Star, dated December 7<sup>th</sup>, 1964, discussed the meaning of Waiatarua. Wai was said to mean water, but Waiata – a song, whilst rua indicated two. If the word was broken in two, Waiata rua, then water is not included in the translation. It was therefore surprising to read further to find the Maori authorities agreed that the name meant “view of two waters”, and instanced Lake St. John in Remuera (also called Waiatarua), and this hilltop Waiatarua, as both having a view of two waters.

Now let us go back to the day Fred Judson asked his Maori workman “What shall we call this place?” His Maori companion, moved by the magnificent view of the two sparkling harbours, replies “Waiatarua”, but in an effort to explain his feelings he enlarges the meaning and interprets it to Fred Judson as he felt it – two songs- two water – two waters singing, “A song of two waters”.

*Abridged version of chapter 1 of “Song of Two Waters” with kind permission of the author Jeanne Wade.*

(“Song of Two Waters” – an early history of Waiatarua, on sale at the Waiatarua Library)

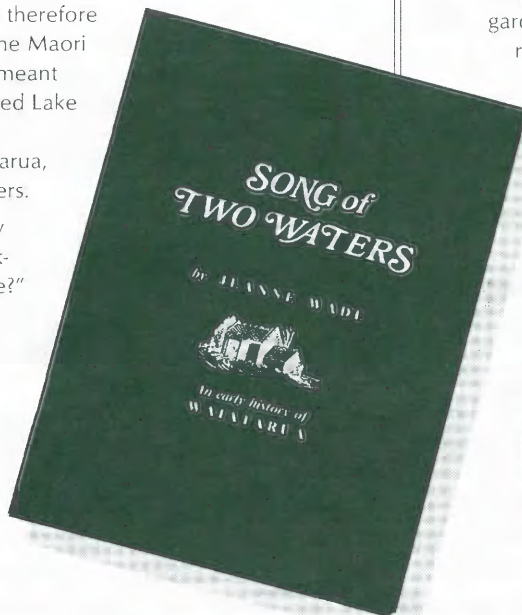
## WHAT A WASTE!

More to the point, household hazardous waste. Did you know that you can take your home’s hazardous waste to the Refuse and Recycling Station free of charge?

Household hazardous waste includes paints, solvents, cleaning fluids, batteries, fertilisers, herbicides, pesticides, petrol and oil.

These materials can spill or leak, causing injury to rubbish collectors, damage to equipment and contamination of stormwater and landfill systems.

For more information on hazardous waste and safe alternatives you can ring the ARC Enviroline on 0800 80 60 40.



## WHAT'S ON:

### Lopdell House Gallery –

2 OCTOBER – 1 NOVEMBER

#### *The Lure of Language*

- an exploration of the relationships between texts and works of art.

Artists include the American conceptualists Lawrence Weiner and John Baldessari, New Zealand / Canadian Bruce Barber and New Zealanders Billy Apple and Wystan Curnow.

Earth Books and Sea Forms

- new ceramics by Len Castle



This month we are visiting “Cottonwood” a 1.2 hectare garden at 87 Kings Road, Panmure. A variety of well established shrubs and trees surround the garden with groups of perennials, azaleas and rhododendrons, providing colour.

Meet outside the garden at 1 pm and bring afternoon tea to enjoy by the river later.

Ring Eileen on 814 9298 for more information or carpooling.

## ORATIA FOLK MUSEUM

Still requiring volunteers to help with the garden.

Please contact either  
Leonie Leman 818-5376  
or  
Neville Brown 837-1085

## 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 rate \$7

Crockery hire \$25, Bond up to \$250.  
Discount for regular users. Community Barbecue hire \$20

**Phone the Custodian Pauline Isaachsen on 814-9847**

# 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**

**FIREWOOD** - Split clean pine \$40 m3 Oct - Jan only. Phone 814 8833.

**LARGE ROOM WANTED** - ideally near Rimu road, by active Superannuitant man, usually working, use to caring for self and dwelling. Quiet. No alcohol, no smoking, with own furniture available. Needs large bedroom or similar with use of shower and kitchen. Gardening background. Long term if possible. Rent negotiable. Ph 8149847.

**JP** - For personalised weddings, re-affirmation of wedding vows, ceremonies of commitment, naming ceremonies, MC, Chair for public meetings etc, Ph/Fax 814 9857.

**BOARDER WANTED** (pref female) to share 2 storey house with owner in Waiatarua, doesn't mind children, \$100 per week ( and 1/3 of expenses) Ph Chris 814 9191

**HOUSE FOR SALE** - 3 bedroom plus rumpus, private bush surrounds, decking, polished wooden floors, room for chooks. POA ph 814 9272.

**FAYS YOGA CLASS** - Glen Eden - Your complete Health and Fitness Prog. Mon to Sat ph: 817-8233.

**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.

Very competitive fees for housing transactions with a free will. I will accept briefs for Criminal cases in the Henderson Court. Familiar with Afrikaans. 914 West Coast Road, Waiatarua - Ph/Fax 814 9991

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

**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

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

**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.

## 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, JP	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	chrislizf@voyager.co.nz
Ngaire 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 Stenic 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

## DECEMBER NEWSLETTER

Copy needs to be in the hands of

The Editor,

722 West Coast Road,

Waiatarua

by WEDNESDAY 4th NOVEMBER, 1998

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