



Community News

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WRRRA REPORT

Here's an update on what your association has been up to:

1. Radiation Monitoring – a report has recently been received concerning the measurement of radiation levels near the Waiatarua Transmitting mast. At the request of Broadcast Communications Ltd., a number of measurements were taken. The only areas in which radiation levels are detectable are in the immediate vicinity of the mast. Nowhere over all the areas outside of the actual transmitter site and thus accessible to the public, could there be found any levels greater than 10 microwatts/square centimetre. NB the recommended safe level is up to 200 microwatts/square centimetre.

2. Annual Plan Submissions – It's time to make submissions to council for consideration for the annual plan in which budgets are set for approved works. The WRRRA are currently looking at the following issues:

1. Roundabout at the Scenic Dr and Piha Rd intersection.
2. Clear demarcation lines on side roads at intersections.
3. Investigation into the testing of private septic tanks.
4. Budgets for conservation and other covenants.
5. On going Officers maintained to oversee animals and noxious weeds.

If you have some outstanding issues that you feel should be brought to Councils attention please contact the WRRRA.

Meetings are the first Monday of every month at 7.30pm at the Waiatarua Community Hall on West Coast Road.

INTRODUCING...

THE NEW EDITOR

A million people, a million voices, a million inhabitants living in each other's shadow. Really makes one glad to be out of it really.

Standing on our deck looking down on the lights of the city, the peace and quiet belying all that humanity makes you appreciate what a special place Waiatarua is.

Hi, I'm Michael Griffith, and as your new editor-to-be, I guess you may like to know a little about me. As of the next Waiatarua Newsletter I am taking over from Carleine. Yes, somebody has to do it, I put my hand up and somehow got the job.

We (my wife, Fern and Titan the cat – who is totally useless at

catching anything) have lived in the area for 14 months and absolutely love it. We have been married for nearly eleven years and initially lived in the midst of suburbia in St Heliers. We found we spent more time trying to get out of the city than in it so we took the plunge and moved, firstly to Oratia, then deciding that on top of the world was the best place to be, moved to Waiatarua. Ah, the wild West Coast beaches (especially on those windy stormy days), great bush tracks.

Actually the area is like a second home to me already. I used to spend many hours training through the hills and roads of Waiatarua preparing for major national and international bicycle races. The hours I spent sweating up the hills and racing down the other side were worthwhile, I represented NZ in countries such as Britain, Italy, Switzerland, New Caledonia and Australia. Unfortunately the Olympic and Commonwealth Games eluded me as illness took its toll.

During my hey days of racing, I and my business partner had the successful bike shop Uncle Sams in Greenlane. It was a busy time (not that this has changed!) we managed to build a successful business while I was able to follow my dreams and race around the world for New Zealand. Ah, memories.

I retired from competitive cycling late 1990, sold Uncle Sams and again travelled around Asia as a buyer for a cycle importer before taking on the role of Director of Coaching for Cycling New Zealand. This enabled me to give something back to the sport while creating a structure for future cycling coaches.

At the end of my tenure with Cycling New Zealand I moved into sales and sales management and it was then that I developed my current passion – Real Estate. It has taken almost 4 1/2 years for me to get involved in the industry and now wondering why did I not do it sooner.

So now I am doubly fortunate to be able to follow another dream of being in residential real estate and be based in Titirangi (well it's almost Waiatarua) at Bayleys' new office.

Fern is again being supportive while juggling a new job and following one of her passions. Fern is with the British Consulate as Trade Promotion Manager, helping NZ companies source British products and services and assisting British companies find NZ companies for their goods and services.

Coupled with this Fern has a scholarship with an American University called CoachU to build on her business as a Life Coach. The classes are run via telephone so Fern shares her classes with people from all over the world.

Fern combines her role at the British Consulate during the day with her second role as Coach in the evenings, assisting people who want to go places to get there. I'm living proof of the difference having a Coach can make!

Somewhere in between all this we manage to spend some quality time together, walking or running through the lovely bush that surrounds us or out cycling (of course). Then



there are times when we cut ourselves off from the world (which is so good to do up here) and just have time out reflecting on how grateful we are for the magic that we have in our lives.

Well that's it in a nutshell. I will be doing my best to continue the great job Carleine has done. Don't forget that I can only do this with your support, help and ideas so please don't be shy, we all have something to offer - you are all such interesting people.

Michael Griffith

PLAYCENTRE

Who Cares about Mess?

The product a child produces may eventually be discarded but what happens to the child's mind as they work remains forever

...Unknown

With playdough, paint, clay, carpentry, collage, family and shop play, water, sand, books, puzzles, dressups, face painting, slides and swings, music or messy play with slime or fingerpaint all available to our children. What a wonderful environment Playcentre is for creating and learning.

If you would like to visit your local Playcentre, we are at, 911 West Coast Road (down driveway at Community Centre). Our sessions times are Monday, Wednesday, Friday 9.15 - 12.15.

We can also be reached at these times on 814-8835 or phone Elke after hours on 814-8803 for further information.

New members are always very welcome.

LET'S GO POTTY!

And the ideal place is just at your backdoor. "Country Pots" at 176 Parker Road, is one of those places where as a container gardener enthusiast I just go potty.

Owned and managed by husband and wife team Marilyn and Brian Allen, "Country Pots" has an impressive range of pots to choose from.

The site has been in Brian's family since 1924, where it had originally been an orchard. About 8 years ago, with the combined skills of Marilyn with her love of horticulture, gardening and landscaping, along with Brian's handyman skills, their property was transformed into "Country Pots".

They stock an awesome range of pots of different shapes and sizes, styles and design, sourced both locally and from overseas.

And the prices are good, as I found out after spending one day looking around Auckland pricing pots for that one big pot my husband was going to buy me for my birthday. I started at "County Pots", but felt that I couldn't just buy from the first shop I went to. After numerous stops at different pot shops around Auckland, I concluded the best shop was right here at my doorstep. Not only did "County Pots" have one of the best range of pots I had seen they also had the most reasonable prices.

There's a great ambience at "County Pots"; it probably is a combination of the tranquil setting and the superb service Marilyn and Brian provide. Not only will they give you friendly advice they will help you carry your newly acquired goods to the car.

It's a great place to shop, to browse and look around, and you can take advantage of the brick seating by the fountain to contem-



plate your choice of purchase.

But don't be mistaken in thinking that there are only pots to buy. Marilyn and Brian have a well-developed nursery and a range of local craft items, which include some delightful ceramic characters.

The other gem about this place is that it is a one-stop shop - great place to visit to get that present you need in a hurry. You can buy the pot, the plant, have it all potted up with free gift-wrapping, and even select a card.

"Country Pots" is open seven days a week from 9am to 5pm. There is ample parking and Eft Pos is available.

It's a great place for retail therapy, my husband will attest to that.

THE WAIATARUA FIRE BRIGADE

REQUIRE ...

..old cars, motorbikes and commercial vehicles for their coming film being produced in this area. Also clothes of around the 1950's or earlier; an old cooking range and pot belly stove.

Anyone who, may be able to help, please ring Tony on 814-9688 or Lyndsay 814-9872.

LIBRARY NEWS

We have a wide range of new books including:

- Notes from a Big Country - Bill Bryson
- Earthly Joys - Philippa Gregory
- A Sight for Sore Eyes - Ruth Rendell
- The Loop - Nicholas Evans
- Riley - Maeve Binchy
- Cat and Mouse - James Paterson

The library will close on December 20 (come and get your holiday reading material before that date) and will re-open on January 14, 1999.

A very happy Christmas to all our members.

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.

POSSUM CONTROL – EFFECT ON DOGS

A message from our Local Veterinarian Neil Pullan

Use of poisons to control possums in our area raises the very real danger of our pets being affected. This is the case with Talon which, with the use of Timms Traps, is being widely used. Operation Forestsave suggests that pets be well fed to prevent their scavenging carcasses. They also suggest the use of muzzles, which can be either bought or borrowed.

Of recent cases that have come to my surgery, three have involved dogs scavenging dead or dying possums on their own property. There seems little that can be done to prevent this. Symptoms of this poison include bleeding from the mouth, anus or eyes. Blood can be seen in urine and faeces as well as excessive bleeding from any cut or wound. However, in the case of one dog there were none of these signs. The animal was very lethargic during walking, seemed acutely uncomfortable and panted easily. Because they are less likely to scavenge, cats seem to be at less risk from Talon. The use of vitamin K can cure Talon poisoning. Of course these symptoms can apply to other conditions as well, but while this eradication programme continues it does pay to be extra vigilant.

THE LAST WORD

As I prepare for a new life in Hawke's Bay, I recollect on the last three and half years my family and I have lived in Waiatarua. Living in the Waitakere's is uniquely a New Zealand experience, surrounded by luscious bush and melodic bird life.

Not only have I enjoyed the natural surrounds but also the great feel of Community spirit Waiatarua has. The WRRRA does a great job of enhancing this. It is a small but dynamic group, which needs continually support from residents. Gerry, the president does a great job chairing meetings and welcomes everyone's input.

Being the editor for the newsletter has provided me with a great opportunity to meet local residents and become aware of local happenings. Thanks to Michael Griffin for coming forward and taking over the editorship.

My thanks also to Carol Longley (of Longley Printing), for her generosity in formatting and printing the newsletter every month, totally free of charge; thanks to all the volunteers involved in the distribution and circulation of the newsletter; the WRRRA for doing such a good job; Neil Pullan and his wife for being such nice people while they set their veterinary skills on cleaning up Sid our cat after the numerous fights he got in, last but not least to all the residents out there that submitted articles, ideas, the odd ad, and letters of thanks.

Wishing you all a safe and Merry Christmas

Ed (signing out)

WHAT'S ON:

Lopdell House Gallery –

Jeff Thomson : Leaves of Iron

6 NOVEMBER – 6 DECEMBER

Although Thomson is known primarily for his corrugated iron cars, including the Holden which is on display at Te Papa, Thomson's works are extraordinarily diverse. Thomson crafts a range of large and small scale animals and other everyday objects, but he also uses his materials in exciting and innovating ways. He has used corrugated iron to make mould for plastic toys and as tins for baking bread. The show will survey the scope and diversity of Thomson's practice.

The Edge: UNITEC's Graduating Students Exhibition

11 December 1998 – 7 February 1999

This exhibition showcases students working in textiles, glass, sculpture, jewellery and ceramics.

The Honeymoon Couple at Karekare

This exhibition, curated by Bob Harvey, explores the works and life of Herbert Arthur, an Auckland photographer and the first president of the New Zealand photographic society. It begins with Arthur's honeymoon visit to Karekare and continues through his documentation of an anniversary visit in the 1930's.



This month we are going to the
"Greatest Show in Earth", the Ellerslie Flower Show
on the 25th November 1998.

Any one interested in joining the group please
contact Eileen on 814 9298.

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

GRASS TRIMMER / WEED EATER – For sale. Ryobi “Scorpion” Petrol Model RCT 2800AE as new. Shop price \$195 will sell \$135.

Contact 814 9684 or see Hans at Kenlock Motors.

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Phone 814 8833.

JP AND MARRIAGE CELEBRANT –

895 West Coast Road ph: 8149456

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MUSIC TEACHER – available to teach piano, keyboard and theory. Based in Waitatarua. 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
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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CHRISTMAS NEWSLETTER

Copy needs to be in the hands of

The Editor,

35 Quinns Road,

Waitatarua

by WEDNESDAY 9th DECEMBER, 1998

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