



## "Oh What a night!" (of the poms)

(A review of the recent Waiatarua Volunteer Fire Brigade's production, "The Last Night of the Poms" held in the Oratia Settler's Hall on 3<sup>rd</sup> July.)  
"The boys to entertain you"....arrived in full fireman gear...thankfully they didn't take it off.

So began a night of hilarity.

Brian Clark, MC, regaled us with many a tale, one of the highlights being the family tree of the "Sh\_\_" family.

The two titillating cleaning ladies shared some secrets of their trade while Ossie Woodcock, the ventriloquist's dummy unfolded wit and humour to all.

A touch of class was added to the evening by Raylee, Brenda and their pianist. The most memorable being their "Meow" duet.

Sasha Whitten-hannah's awesome classical guitar playing and original lyrics impressed all. (I hear his father has recently bought him a chainsaw for his birthday.)

Audience participation peaked, when we all joined in with Lyndsay Whittle's version of the song, "Comin' in my old blue jeans"

"Michael Parkinson" lead a lively interview with Bronwyn Davies (alias keep-your-legs-together-Tony Holt), Lady Constance Wells (Evan Taylor) and Nikita Cheslenkoff (Ian Ford - Chief Fire Officer) who indeed dressed appropriately for the occasion.

...and don't forget the fish and chips at half time!

"Oh what a night"

Reviewed by Ken Stacey, Bush reporter.

## This Month at the WRRRA

(by Richard Hoyle)

After much advertising, John Hendrikse has volunteered his services as secretary to the WRRRA. Thank you and welcome, John.

The Treasurer reported record membership numbers at 181.

(the newsletter is delivered to 600 households in Waiatarua)

Two members of the WRRRA are to attend Waitakere City Council Workshops on how to prepare submissions in the planning process. (Annual Plan and West Coast Plan) This knowledge will be extremely useful in the near future.

The Council rates have been announced for 1999/2000.

The Inner/Outer area differential has been abolished, and a new land-value differential introduced.

An example :	Old land value	\$55,000	Rates 98/99	\$825
	New land value	\$100,000	Rates 99/2000	\$1051

Step applies	\$0 - \$86,000 @ 0.4534	=	\$289.92
	\$86,000 - 100,000 @ 0.3491	=	\$48.87
	fixed charges	=	\$612.00
	TOTAL	=	\$1050.79

The car park at the Community Centre has been resurfaced and a disabled toilet will be installed shortly.

The Waitakere City Council has allocated \$2000 towards running expenses for the Waiatarua Community Centre.

We are considering a design to enhance the front entrance of the Community Hall, incorporating the existing steps under cover.

## Conservation Covenants / Rate Relief

By Wade Cornell

Waitakere City has had a "bush" covenant/rates relief, statute available to land owners for well over a decade. Few people took up the opportunity for rates relief because the criteria was so restrictive. i.e. land had to be subdivisible with the owner forgoing their right to subdivide.

When the District Plan came out for submissions, The Waiatarua Ratepayers Association proposed that conservation covenants should be about recognizing the efforts of landowners who protect and enhance their bush, and not about whether the property is subdivisible in the current plan.

District plans as well as councils change, but a covenant, registered on one's title, is permanent.

We have recently been notified that our suggestions have been incorporated in a proposed policy amendment.

Properties which will become eligible are :

- those having significant or outstanding native vegetation
- properties with streams, wetlands or coastal
- ecological linkages or restoration areas

The landowner would have to forego future subdivision of the property, or at least the covenanted area, and commit to a management programme on the covenanted land, and register the covenant on their title.

We strongly encourage residents to contact the council in support of this proposal.

There is one change that we would like to see, however.

The proposal, as written, calculates the amount of rates relief based on property value. Since rating systems could change, the calculation must be applicable to any type of system so that the resulting discount is the same.

Contact Jenny Fuller @ Waitakere City Council (836 8000 ex8442) for full details and submission forms. Submissions close 21/7/99.

## What's on....

Titirangi Community Arts Council is holding an exhibition of miniature art.

"Tiny" .....

20 August - 12 September

(if you wish to participate in this exhibition, entries close 2 August.

Further information Ph 817-8087

(don't forget the Primary & Intermediate Schools art exhibiton, 16 -30 July)

*Celebrating 25 years*

*of the*

**Waiatarua Volunteer Library**

*Open Day*

**Saturday 28 August**

Join us for a Fun Day.. Sausage Sizzle,  
Literary Treasure Hunt, Door & Spot Prizes,  
Children's Story Telling, Displays...

## Library News

We have a good selection of new adult books, on various subjects, including, "Caring for your dog" by Ian Robertson

- "Glorious Garden Flowers" by Harrison
- "Teach yourself the Internet" by Ned Snell
- "Filmgoers Companion" by John Walker
- "Birds of New Zealand" by Chloe Kelly

and many more...

A selection of new magazines are now available at the library - gardening, golf, rugby, fishing etc.

### WAIATARUA COMMUNITY LIBRARY

911 West Coast Road, under the Community Centre.  
Phone 814-9353

Note  
new Sunday  
hours!

#### Hours of Opening

Thursday	10 am – 12 noon
Friday	7 pm – 8 pm
Saturday	11 am – 12 noon
Sunday	11 am – 1 pm

Books can be returned at any time through the chute by the library door.

## The Waiatarua Volunteer Library

Acknowledging the "use it or lose it" adage, I decided to visit our local library. It was a wet Saturday morning, ideal for a good book or magazine. No traffic, and a short drive up the hill.

Once inside I was impressed with the wealth of books available - both for children and adults, there were places to sit and read, magazines to browse through or borrow, and local information to look over.

I came away from the library with an armful of books and the knowledge that our local library has such potential to be that special place in our community where we can meet other locals and borrow great books.

So, take note of the extended hours and endeavour to attend and support the library and it's open day. Use it or lose it ....editor



**Congratulations** to Nick, Elke and Nadia Key on the birth of Ben, on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> June. (7lb 12oz)

**Welcome to Waiatarua** : Ruslan and Victor.

## Playcentre

911 West Coast Road - down driveway at Community Centre

Term 3 begins on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> July. Playcentre is open every Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 9.15am - 12.15pm.

Phone Elke on 814-8803 for further information.



## "Scene or Heard in Waiatarua"



"Toyota comes to Waitakere City...Carter Road"



Rumour has it, the new Waiatarua Fire Station is on it's way - as seen in Forest Hill Road

## Y2K - The Millenium Countdown - Waitakere City

(Denis Graham attended a Y2K presentation organised by Waitakere City Council.)

A splendid presentation of the issues, by the Mayor, Bob Harvey and Council staff on 10<sup>th</sup> June 1999.

The evening opened with a clip from the film "Deep Impact" where the Earth is about to be bombarded with comets, and the consequent panic that spread around the world.

Y2K is The Comet approaching the Earth very rapidly.

New Zealand will be the first inhabited nation to witness the roll over from 31 December 1999 to 01 January 2000. The eyes of the world will be upon us. (so watch out who you are rolling over with).

If we strike problems the rest of the world will have some time to prevent, or reduce, any such problems, because of the time zones.

Bob Harvey believes that Waitakere City is the "finest" prepared Council in New Zealand. However, as he rightly pointed out, Council, as well as the rest of the community, is dependent on other parties i.e. suppliers of goods and services. Examples of these are Power Companies, Hospitals, Banks, Watercare Services Ltd, Refuse Contractors, to mention a few. These organisations also need to be Y2K compliant before, on and

after the turn of the century. Our council has been communicating with their suppliers over a period of time to ensure this is so. Of course there will never be 100% guarantee.

Auckland City had a trial run, not long ago, with power blackouts. The blackouts had an economic effect on the city, but greater still was the psychological effect on those who lived and worked in the CBD. Morale became very low, which led to, amongst other things, frustration and despair.

Good and effective communication, in situations like these, is essential.

If the lights do go out on the night, we will be relying on effective communication from Central and Local government agencies, to let us know what is happening.

We can help by talking to friends and neighbours in our streets. There's some neat people in our streets.

Identify risks and take ownership of issues. Don't be totally reliant on others. Be self sufficient. Be prepared. Ask yourself "What would cause me and my family the most problem?" Then start planning.

Central and Local government agree that if there is the odd glitch, that at the most, some services could be out for up to three days.

It's summer time, it's holiday time, it's warm, it's barbecue time. Make sure your gas bottle is full. Have a street party, combine your skills and

culinary finesse and while away the night with friends, and a drop of wot yer fancy.

Waitakere Civil Defence has a very useful pamphlet, "Surviving an Emergency". Give them a call and get a copy, and of course remember the back of the yellow pages.

Waitakere City Council will be delivering a brochure to all house holders in the city, on the Y2K issue, in the not too distant future. Keep an eye out.

The Waiatarua Residents and Ratepayers committee would like to invite council officers to make a presentation to our local community. We would see this happening some time in October.

If you would like to attend, please contact Denis Graham on **814-9706** so that the committee can start making arrangements.

We may very well have a test run of "the bug" on 09 September 1999.

This date, or the numbers that make up the date 9/9/99 are, in some computer programmes, as a final or ultimate number, so I am told. It will be interesting to see if anything happens on this date.

Those of you older folk will remember the Doris Day song "Que Sera Sera" and, yeah, What will be, will be. On the First of January 2000 the sun will rise, quite a lot of people will be under the weather, so let's enjoy the New Year, the New Millenium.

## Unique Places in our Local Community

### Oratia Antiques & Collectibles.

By Anne Wilson

Denis and I have lived in Waiatarua/Oratia for twenty five years, in a house designed and built by him. We raised four children during this time, two girls and two boys. We have seen the disappearance of the local post office and the number of orchards in the area, gradually reduce. These being the main changes over the years.

Denis and I had always collected New Zealand pottery, and any other items of interest we found cheaply at school fairs etc., but, when the children left home, and the mortgage was paid, we started collecting pieces of Langley Mill and Lovatt Pottery. Denis's mother had worked at the pottery in England in the forties and fifties.

A member of the Lovatt family had come to New Zealand, and worked at Temuka Potteries as Managing Director, and so we had the link. Of course that leads to another collection of Lovatt in New Zealand.

In the early nineties, when everyone seemed to be made redundant, Denis started furniture restoration at home. We decided to have a stall at Alexander Park to sell off our surplus stock and rationalise our personal collections.

I was made redundant when the health service was "re-organised, re-engineered, downsized" - take your pick of the terms. Denis was re-employed in his old position and I took up the challenge.

We opened up a display area and put out our sign, "Oratia Antiques & Collectibles", and waited for customers.

It is a fascinating lifestyle. We have met many characters. Mostly delightful, but the odd one frustrating (or maybe on second thoughts the odd two or three).

We have Victorian glass vases and china, Wedgewood, Worcester.

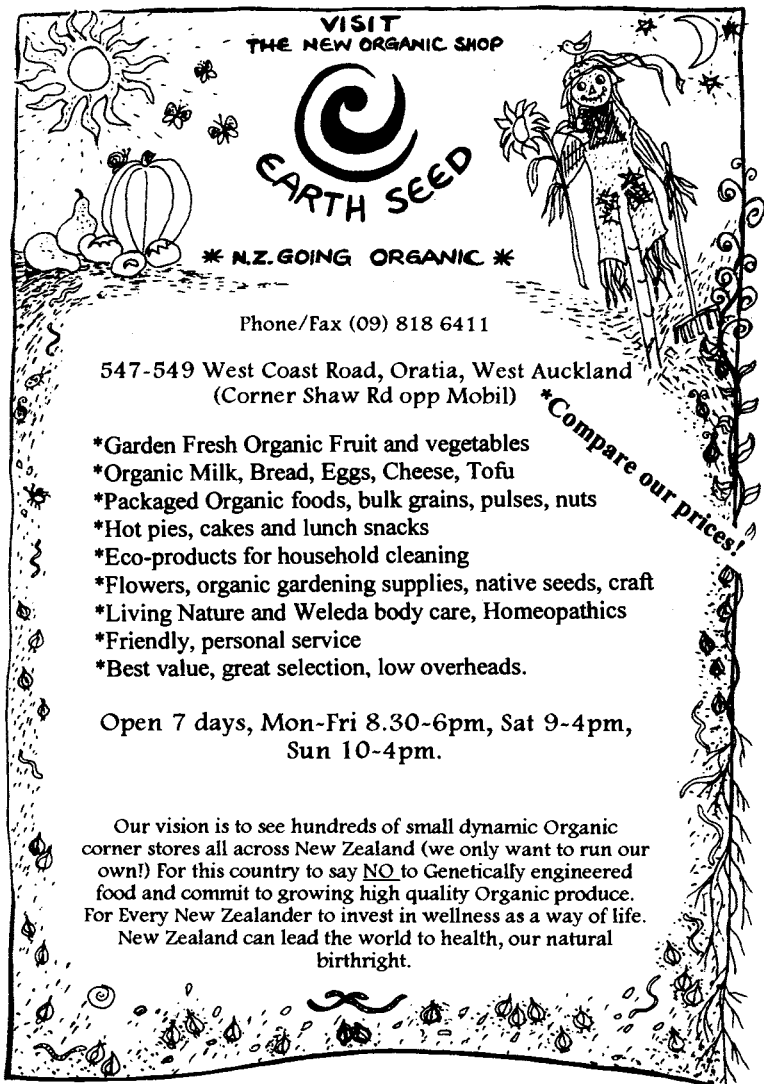
Fifties and sixties vases and glass. Oak furniture, Wade Irish Porcelain and Wade Whimsies. Wooden bowls, carved masks, e.p.n.s. cutlery. Crown Lynn kitchenware and old tools. Books, pictures, mirrors etc.

I collect evening bags and powder compacts in the main, but like other dealers, there are other mini collections.

We also have a great collection of Gibson teapots.

It is great to be able to work from home, and garden, and also fit in being a Justice of the Peace and Marriage Celebrant, when required.

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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, JP	3 Atarua Gardens	814-9857 + Fax	turtle@xtra.co.nz
Dennis 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	chrislizi@voyager.co.nz
Ngaira Mason	21 Tui Crescent	814-9036 + Fax	
Adith Stoneman	8 Kauri Loop Rd	814-9822	
Margaret/Paddy Marshall	19 Rarua Tee	814-9859	
Geolana/Tony Goodrich	17 Cascade Ave	814-9788	
Debbie Irving	562 Scenic Drive	814-9789	

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**for 1999**

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Name .....

Address .....

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Waiaatarua Ratepayers and Residents Association  
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Copy needs to be in the hands of

The Editor,

757b West Coast Road Road, Waiaatarua. Ph 814 9945

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