



This month at the WRRRA

A report was given on the very successful day enjoyed by all at our Waiatarua Library's 25th birthday celebration.

Renovations on our community hall are now completed. We now have wheelchair access, with a new ramp, and the toilets can now accommodate disabled persons.

There was much discussion about a village sign for Waiatarua, including the possibility of a competition for the design of the sign as a millennium project. For more information on this...watch this space.

The next WRRRA meeting will be held on Monday 4th October at the home of John Hendrikse.

Help – Honorary Auditor required

The Ratepayers Association is in dire need of a suitably qualified person to audit the Association's accounts at the end of the financial year, 31 December. If you are able to help, please phone the Treasurer, Eileen Powell, on 814-9298.

Meet the Candidates

On Thursday 21st October you will have the opportunity to meet and ask questions of the candidates for the Waitakere electorate.

Brian Neeson, (National), Jonathan Hunt (Labour), Mike Treen (Alliance) and Bruce Howatt (Act), and others, have been invited to attend.

When : Thursday 21 October,
7pm cup of tea, 7.30pm start.

Where : Waiatarua Community Hall
911 West Coast Road
Waiatarua

Thank you

Thank you, Helena, from the Scenic Drive, for stepping into my shoes and taking over the bulk delivery of The Waiatarua Community Newsletter.

I am sure that all the volunteers who deliver the newsletter will support you, as much as they have supported me, in the past.

Also, thank you to Juliette, for being Helena's backup person.

Adith Stoneman

Helena can be contacted on 837-4665 for any inquiries about delivery of the Community Newsletter. Volunteers are always needed to help in delivering the newsletter.

Adith has been doing the monthly bulk delivery of the Waiatarua Community Newsletter for several years. We would like to take this opportunity to sincerely thank Adith for the many hours she has spent traversing the hills and valleys in her car, doing this. Ed.



Library News

Waiatarua Library's 25th birthday celebration on Saturday 28 August was a grand success.

Founding members Phil Vincent, Ottolien van Rossem and Jeanne and Keith Wade were present.

(Jeanne Wade is the author of "Song of Two Waters" – an early history of Waiatarua)

Of the 80, or so, who attended, many enjoyed birthday cake, coffee and tea, and a substantial afternoon tea, many borrowed library books, attempted the treasure hunts, indulged in a sizzling sausage, perused the displays in the hall, met others, chatted, laughed and celebrated the 25 years of Waiatarua Volunteer Library, in style.

Many people helped to make the day a success.

Chris Campbell and Mary Nash read stories to groups of wide-eyed children. Thank you ... move over Suzy Cato.

Thanks to Tony and Gaylene Goodrich, for cooking the sausages - donated by "Big Fresh".

Gerry Davis kindly provided the barbecue – as well as masses of lovely daffodils which made the hall look springlike.

The birthday cake was decorated by Julie More of Massey, and Peter of Atarua Gardens.

The lucky winner of the raffle was Kathleen King.

The treasure hunt prizes were won by Lisa Murdoch, Greg Fletcher, Chelsea Wills, Jordan, Adrian, Leroy, Lynette and Reagan.

Nine new families were enrolled as members.

P.S. A highly recommended book: "in the Presence of Horses" by Barbara Dimmock. We also have the award winning "The Vintner's Luck" by Elizabeth Knox.

WAIATARUA COMMUNITY LIBRARY

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



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.



This month we are visiting the Helensville/South Head area, with a visit to the Macadamia Farm, and a country garden.

This will be a full day, leaving approximately 9.30am on Wednesday 22 September.

Phone Eileen on 814-9298 for further details.

Waiatarua Market/Craft Day & Car Boot Sale

Sunday 31 October, from 9am, at the Waiatarua Community Hall.

Tables inside the hall \$10, Car boots in the car park \$5.

For inquiries and bookings, phone Denis on 814-9706 or Eileen 814-9298.

Welcome to Waiatarua

Zoran and Suncica Dakic

I had the pleasure to meet our new local veterinarian, Zoran Dakic. He and his wife, Suncica, are soon to reside in Raroa Terrace.

Zoran and Suncica are originally from Croatia. They have been in New Zealand for the past 2 ½ years.

Suncica is a kindergarten teacher, presently working in the city.

Zoran has been working voluntarily in veterinary practice at the SPCA, in Kaipara, South Auckland and Drury, while waiting to sit the NZ Veterinarian Registration Examination.

This he passed in November 1998.

Previously, in Croatia, Zoran practised veterinary surgery in the Department of Anatomy, Biology and Histology at Zagreb University, for several years.

Zoran has set up "West Coast Veterinary Clinic" at 3 Raroa Terrace.

Phone 814-9419.

**Clinic hours : Mon-Fri 9am-12 noon , 2pm-7pm
Sat 9am-12 noon**

Meet Choi and Hong

When I walk in to the Oratia dairy, I am always greeted by a most welcoming smile, and very friendly service from Choi and Hong, who came from Seoul, Korea.

Before coming to New Zealand Choi worked as an engineer designing and building a desalination plant in Saudi Arabia. He trained for this kind of work in America, at one of the largest combustion engineering companies in the world. His wife, Hong, worked at an insurance company, but spent most of her time at home, raising their two children who live with them.

What brought them to New Zealand?

A friend of Choi's invited him here for a visit in 1995. While here, he was smitten by the beauty, clean air and environment of the country, and thought it would be a wonderful place to raise his family. He arrived here in November of 1995.

He enjoys working in the dairy, though he would like to get a job in his field of training. He enjoys serving people and finds them very friendly. He studies English from a neighbour friend, as well as learning English every day from people who come in to the store.

I have been impressed by this friendly reception at the store. It makes my regular stops there a real pleasure.

Welcome to Choi and Hong, who are in the process of becoming New Zealand citizens.

By Gerry Davis.

The Oratia Spinning and Craft Group

This group was originally formed about 18 years ago, for women interested in spinning and weaving. But over the years it has become a group of craft people, knitting, crochet, lace making, quilting, tapestry, paper, felt making, card, book making and anything else of interest. It also is a friendly meeting place for people who just want to chat and meet others in the area. All crafts are taught, so if you are new to our district, please come and join us.

We meet every Monday morning 10-12 noon, Church Hall, Parker Road.

Contact Phone Numbers Bev 836-4420 or Anne 814-8874

- Obituary -

Wallace Arnold Eyre (Wally)

Waiatarua lost one of its oldest residents recently, with the death of Wally Eyre on September 9th.

Wally was born and lived practically all his life, here in the hills. As a boy he attended the tiny Nihotupu school along Forest Hill Road.

Manys the tale he could relate about life in the area, back then.

He enlisted in the army when war broke out, putting his age up a couple of years, and was accepted without question. He spent the war years in service in Italy and Africa, and when it was over, returned to this place he loved so well.

He later married, and with a growing family, drove the milk run in the area, for some time. Then, for many years, up until his retirement, trucked fruit for the Apple and Pear Board.

Sadly, ill health forced him to leave his home a few years ago, but even those newer to the area, who didn't know Wally personally, will recall the elderly man out for his daily walk with his faithful little dog at his heels, always ready to stop for a chat, or accept an invitation to "come in for a cuppa"

A good honest man, content with the simple things life had to offer, he will be missed.

But more the measure of a man's worth, he will be remembered.

By Judy Roberts

Unique Places in our Local Community

Rose Hellaby House

Located on The Scenic Drive, 1km from the Piha turnoff is Rose Hellaby House.

In 1974 Miss Rose Hellaby bequeathed her home and the surrounding nine hectares of land to the Auckland Centennial Memorial Park. It has an outstanding vantage point overlooking the varied landscape of Waitakere City, to the Manukau and Waitemata harbours beyond.

The land, originally owned by the Macfarlane family, was purchased by William Davies in 1895.

This area of 20 acres was sold to Mrs Mary Mulvany in 1908 and it is here that she built a home for her family, where they lived until 1919, when the property was purchased by Mr and Mrs J Gascoine. They added several rooms to the house and soon opened it as the "Irunga Guest House".

Visitors would take the train to Waikumete (Glen Eden) and then travel by coach to "Irunga"

It was while staying as a guest at "Irunga" that Miss Rose Hellaby fell in love with the view and the bush land, and in 1939 she purchased the property from Mr and Mrs Gascoine.

Here, on the site of the original home built by Mary Mulvany, she built this house for herself, where she lived prior to her death in 1974.

Rose Hellaby House has been developed as a historical display centre. Four rooms have been set aside for this purpose. However, it is not a furnished house.

The displays, which regularly change, illustrate facets of the growth and development of West Auckland. The displays are arranged by the West Auckland Historical Society.

Opening hours : Saturdays 1pm - 4pm all year.

Sundays 11am - 5pm (Labour day to Easter)

1pm - 4pm (Easter to Labour day)

Did you know...

...that Waitakere City was formed in 1989 by amalgamating Waitemata City and Henderson, Glen Eden and New Lynn Boroughs.

Waitakere City is now the fifth largest city in the country, with a population of 167,400.

It is also one of the fastest growing cities in New Zealand, with a third of the population aged under 20.

Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor,

As I was driving home late one evening a few weeks ago, I rounded a corner on the Scenic Drive, and there before me was an old vintage fire engine. On closer inspection I noticed that the people on the back of the open top vehicle were all dressed in olden days uniforms. At first, I thought that several hours in front of a computer screen had finally flipped my brain, and that I had been through a time warp...but No! this was definitely real. Perhaps it was part of the cost savings by the fire service. The fire engine disappeared down the Piha Road leaving me with fond memories of yester-year.

Perhaps our super sleuth reporter, Ken Stacey, could do some surreptitious investigations, and let us know what is happening in Waiatarua?

Yours, Agnes Peach, Scenic Drive, Waiatarua.

P.S. I would just like to congratulate the contractors on the wonderful job they did on resealing the car park at the community hall.

Ken Stacey replies...

Dear Agnes,

In answer to your questions about the old fire engine and crew seen on the Scenic Drive...well, you've certainly opened up a can of worms here! It seems that some of the Titirangi Ratepayers were sneaking onto the Waiatarua Ratepayers' turf.

Disguising the blatant trespass as a Titirangi Volunteer Fire Brigade 40th Anniversary, they drove several appliances into the Waiatarua area, via Scenic Drive. What's more... I have heard several accounts of firemen making comparisons as to how high their ladders will go.

I hope the Waiatarua firemen can compete with George Osborne's one, which goes up eight storeys. (as reported in the Western Leader 7 Sept.)

Please people, keep your eyes peeled for any more blatant trespasses.

Ken Stacey-

"Here at the scene"- bush reporter.

An update of the filming of "Isiah's Fire"

Our own Waiatarua Volunteer Fire Brigade is in the middle of filming "Isiah's Fire"...a light hearted look at the formation of a Volunteer Fire Brigade in the 1950's.

Recent scenes have been filmed in the small hall, behind the Oratia Settler's Hall. A 1950's dance was recreated for the cameras. Butterfly cakes, sponges, streamers, old '78 records, Nat King Cole music, and even our own mayor, Bob Harvey, featured as the 1958 mayor of the town.

Another scene...a house fire in Anawhata Road. Camera crew filmed the coastline using the Westpac Rescue helicopter, and scanned Anawhata Road for the 1942 International Fire Engine on its way to attend to the house fire, cleverly set-up using a smoke bomb in the long drop outside.

We eagerly await the preview of this awesome project.

Editor's note

As your editor, I am aware that the content of this newsletter needs to be interesting, varied, informative and topical. (and, sometimes humorous)

My letterbox, e-mail and fax machine long for "letters to the editor - express your views, voice your concerns, offer your congratulations.

I welcome photos of local events, of locals, of unique occurrences..

Tell me "what's going on in your street"...

Inform me of your "neighbourhood narks" - what gets you going?

In the past few issues we have had some new features.."Scene or Heard in Waiatarua" and "Unique Places in our Local Community"... to make these regular features, please help.

I encourage you to become involved, have your say, share your wit, knowledge and views.

Your contribution to any of the above would be most welcome.

Contact me : The Editor : Josephine Hall,

Ph/Fax 814-9945

757B West Coast Road (the blue letterbox)

or e-mail me at: forwardthinking1@xtra.com.nz

Playcentre

When I was just little, before
I went to school
I used to go to Playcentre
I thought it was really cool.

In every thing I did
we always had some fun
Even if cloudy
rainy or sun

I did a lot of painting
I did a lot of playing

I did a lot of learning
And a lot of climbing

So, every time I go there
I like to look around
And think to myself, I used to
come here
And just see if things have changed

Gina Andrews, aged 9

(extracted from Playcentre Journal,
Autumn 1998)

Playcentre is an early childhood option where parents and their children gain a confident start to life. It is a family cooperative, set up by parents for children aged 0-6 years.

We always welcome new members, so why not visit us at 911 West Coast Road. Mondays, Wednesdays or Fridays between 9.15am-12.15pm. Phone 814-8835, or contact Elke on 814-8803

Please remember we will be closed for the school holidays - from 18th September - 3rd October, and there will not be an afternoon session during this period.

Neighbourhood Watch

The recent attempted burglary at the Oratia Superette prompts me to include this Neighbourhood Watch Checklist...Ed.

Are You Making it Too Easy?

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH CHECK LIST

Is your front door strong enough?

Do you leave cardboard boxes received with your brand new Television/computer etc. at the gate for collection?

Would you be able to positively identify your stolen jewellery?

Do you have newspapers/ mail sticking out of your box when you go away?

Do you know who to ring if you've got a prowler or become frightened in the house alone, but don't think it warrants phoning the police?

Can a burglar hide easily while gaining entry to your property?

Would you know the car registration of a strange car across the street?

Who should I give it to?

Is it safe to have my name on my mail box?

Is my house secure enough?

What can I do to deter burglars at my place at night?

How can I help my neighbours?

REMEDY

Re-inforce it

Burn it

Photograph it

Get a neighbour to collect it daily

First ring the police, second share your concern immediately. Exchange phone numbers with a neighbour so that you have someone to call. Join a neighbourhood watch group and call them

Cut away the shrubs so that he/sha can easily be seen

Write it down

Your neighbourhood watch leader who will follow it up for you

No. Remove it. Intruders can locate your number easily and dial your house from their car at your gate to see whether you're home or not

Get an expert to give you advice

Keep it well-lit close to the house. Security lights are good as they come on through sensors and frighten a prowler away

Be observant, question strangers who are loitering - they hate to be noticed. Report strange enquiries concerning the address of someone you've never heard of.

Further about the black car...after receiving other complaints about the behaviour of this vehicle, the appropriate authorities have been informed.

NOTE: Neighbourhood Watch groups are highly successful in deterring crime in your area. They don't have to be large and formal. For more information, call one of the co-ordinators in the Waiatarua area. Mary Kelly

ADVERTISING

*This is free to financial members for 1999,
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 members
will only be printed as space allows, for the remainder
of the financial year**

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

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BRASSERIE ... 6.30pm – 11pm, try our Sunday night roast dinners, or sample exotic ostrich. Phone 814-9006 for bookings.

HOUSE-KEEPER REQUIRED : 3-4 hours per week. Rate negotiable. Must be a dog lover. Phone Rachel on 8353740

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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@stra.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
Ngaira Mason	21 Tui Crescent	814-9036 + Fax	
Adith Stoneman	8 Kauri Loop Rd	814-9822	
Margaret/Paddy Marshall	19 Raroa Tca	814-9859	
Gaelene/Tony Goodrich	17 Cascade Ave	814-9788	
Debbie Irving	562 Scenic Drive	814 9789	

Please accept my Membership to the
Waiatarua Ratepayers and Residents Association

for 1999

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

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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

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Phone the Custodian Pauline Isaachsen on 814-9847

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the Editor.

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BY WEDNESDAY 6TH OCTOBER 1999

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