

## This Month at WRRRA

### At July's meeting . . .

C Wells and G Wood reported that they had spoken at the Waitakere City Council Submissions Hearing on 25 June, to the WRRRA's written submission re: the renovation/alteration of the Waiatarua Community Hall, requesting \$10 – \$15,000 funding from Waitakere City Council. (See the full submission later in the Community News.)

There was much discussion about the WRRRA's web site, ([www.waiatarua.org.nz](http://www.waiatarua.org.nz)), the need to keep this updated, new and informative, as well as the possibility of installing a hit counter to monitor usage.

We invite feedback from all Waiataruan's . . . Have you visited the site? What would you like to see included? Have your say via the website itself, or by contacting the editor.

The WCC Strategic Plan: (10 year plan for Waitakere City)

Submissions to this need to be made by 17th October.

### Some points of discussion were:

- Land Trusts.
- Encouraging Land Owners to Covent their land for Rates Relief.
- Roading: Minimum standard needed for access by emergency services.
- Rail/Public Transport accessibility.

These and other issues will be formalized in to submissions at our August meeting of the WRRRA. If you would like to have input into these submissions contact Geoff Wood on 8368630, or the WRRRA website.

The West Coast Road/Forest Hill Road intersection: The Stop sign and traffic island for this intersection will be in place during this financial year.

We have been informed from Roading Engineers at WCC that the road repairs on the Piha and Waiatarua Roads should be completed by 5/7/02, weather permitting. (*It will be great to see an improvement of the seal on West Coast Road up the hill from the Community Hall...Ed.*)

**The next meeting of the Waiatarua Residents and Ratepayers Association will be held on Monday 5th August at 7.30pm at the Waiatarua Hall.**

## Meet the Candidates Evening

### Elections 2002

WHERE: Waiatarua Community Hall, 911 West Coast Road

WHEN: Thursday 18th July 2002 at 7pm.

Come and hear the political candidates for our Waitakere Electorate.

We will be asking them why we should elect them for this electorate.

The meeting will be chaired and opportunity will be given for Waiataruan's to question the candidates during the evening.

**MARK THIS DATE IN YOUR DIARY NOW**

## WRRRA Submissions to Waitakere City

### Draft Annual Plan 2002/2003

This is a continuation from last month's printing of the submissions.

1. We support Piha RRA in their quest for having passing bays for slow drivers on the Piha roads. If passing bays are to be constructed then they would need to be signposted well in advance.
2. We support the proposed development of town centres. The further development of long term parking near railway stations should be encouraged.
3. Upgrading of Public transport must be a high priority with the clogging of motorways.
4. Maintenance of Community halls. WRRRA will be seeking further funding this year from the Community Halls Fund to cover maintenance items such as furniture replacement.
5. Any proposal for Environmental Officers being appointed is approved of, and WRRRA considers that their services could also be used in our area for such things as checking on carparks.
6. Proposal for the upgrading of the Waiatarua Hall

In Waiatarua there are no sports grounds, grassy open parks or playing fields and as such the council spares no recreational funds for the area. There is, therefore, justification for asking the council to allocate some funds towards the improvement of the only public recreational facility in Waiatarua, the Waiatarua Hall.

The hall was built about 30 years ago and has served the community well; however over recent years the hall has begun to look run down and as a consequence the usage has dropped off. The front of the building has been altered and is now of a style that has dated rather than become an 'icon' or 'heritage building'. The interior facilities are no longer up to current public expectations as a venue to hire for any occasion.

Our request from this year's annual plan is for funding to carry out architectural and engineering reports on the site and to prepare a strategy for fund raising.

It would seem appropriate to plan the whole project once rather than use a piecemeal approach which would lack continuity, the whole plan can then be broken into achievable units in a realistic time frame.

The concept is to add a more enclosed and larger sheltered porch to give the building a more open and approachable aspect than that of the current utilitarian and unwelcoming entrance seen from the road frontage. In the interior, the kitchen is very much due for painting and general maintenance and the current use of the other rooms needs to be re-evaluated. The upgrading of the building will see it continue to give good service well into this century, attract a greater community interest in the hall and library and a greater community pride along with other buildings to be proud of in Waiatarua, the new Fire Station and remodelled restaurant structure.

### Exterior

Improve the aesthetics of the building with a curved glass front with an opposing curved porch with a matching curved front providing shelter for the entrance in a feature lacking on the current structure. This can be achieved with minimum major reconstruction and would be a softer line, which will be in sympathy with the bush surroundings.

- Add a shelter over the stairs at the side of the building that lead down to the library and which can be less than safe in winter. This would go some way to making the library more accessible.
- Removing a very overgrown garden at the side of the building outside the library and replacing it with extra parking.

### Interior

The Ratepayers and Residents committee have made small start on the interior by ordering new curtains, putting up more efficient heaters and painting the interior of the hall and very little more needs to be done in the greater hall area.

The kitchen, however, is not at all functional and has fittings on the walls that are a hazard and would possibly not meet OSH standards.

The proposal is to remove the partition at the end of the kitchen and include the storage area in the kitchen space, move the hot water cylinder and refrigerator and put in a new servery facing the old foyer.

By altering the front of the with the suggested extension to the front of the building, the small spare room at the end of the building can be incorporated into the building itself to make a spacious entrance/small meeting zone with a much more accessible storage area at one end.

## Fire Brigade News

The Fire Service is considering a joint proposal with Auckland International Airport Ltd to set up a new training facility at the Airport. Ian Ford, Gareth Mullins, Karl Nuttall and Derek Renata attended an Interior Fire training and demonstration day at a temporary facility there on Saturday 28th June. The instruction included gas and kitchen fire demonstrations, fire fighting safety and warning signs. The most dramatic part of the day had trainees in protective clothing and Breathing Apparatus seated in a 40 foot shipping container while a fire was lit at one end. As the fire developed we were able to observe fire development, smoke behaviour, and test fire suppression techniques. Temperatures ranged from 600-800 C at the top of the container to a much more benign 150-200 C for us sitting on the floor. This experience in a safely controlled environment was quite outstanding.

### Recent Calls – June

- 4:20 am, Sat 8th – Car fire, Scenic Drive. A Mitsubishi that attracted some interest from the Police, having allegedly been stolen and used in a robbery.
- 3:48 pm, Thu 20th – Power lines down, Rimu Road
- 11:30 pm, Thu 20th – Storm damage, Parker Road
- 5:50 pm, Wed 26th – Animal rescue, Bush Road . . . yes, a cat up a tree. Safely retrieved.

## Waiatarua Needs You!

The co-responder unit has new first aid skills for Waiataruans to learn as well and is a worthwhile asset to your community. Join the Waiatarua Volunteer Fire Brigade's first aid co-response unit and make a difference to someone's life

### Contacts

Phone 111 for all emergencies. Otherwise, call Ian Ford on 8148871 or Richard Seccombe on 027 491 5525

## The Painted Apple Moth

The seventh aerial spray operation is scheduled to start on Saturday 13 July – weather permitting – and pending Cabinet decision on the future of the programme, MAF is required to give 14 days notice of its aerial spray dates.

The new aerial spray zone will affect 1800 properties.

New areas in Swanson, New Lynn and along the banks of the Henderson Creek. will be included this time where there have been recent infestations of the caterpillar

MAF says it's spraying these areas to get on top of recent larval finds before they spread. Other areas will be excluded because there have been no recent infestations, but may have to be included in future sprays if the situation changes. The original zone, has been reduced to the seaward margins around the suburbs of Glendene, Kelston and the Avondale Peninsula.

MAF will aerially spray Btk, which is a naturally occurring bacterium, in a formulation known as Foray 48b and has been approved for use by the Auckland District Health Board. Aerial spraying is weather dependent – if spraying does not go ahead MAF will spray on the next fine day available. The decision to spray will be made by 4am and major radio stations will announce the decision to spray (or not) every half hour from 5:30am. The spray operation is expected to take approximately 7 hours, however, changes in weather conditions may see spraying occur for a few hours across 2- 3 days. Foray 48b has been approved for use by the Auckland District Health Board.

If you are working in the spray area you are advised to close all doors and windows and wait for 30 minutes to let the spray settle. If you are working outside no extra precautions have been recommended by MAF, however, the spray is sticky and to remove it from surfaces or your skin, wash thoroughly with water.

For more information see [MAF's website http://www.maf.govt.nz/biosecurity/pests-diseases/forests/painted-apple-moth/index.htm](http://www.maf.govt.nz/biosecurity/pests-diseases/forests/painted-apple-moth/index.htm) or telephone 0800 96 96 96.

## A notice to all hirers of the Waiatarua Community Hall

Due to Liquor Regulations a licence must be obtained from the Waitakere City Council for any function where liquor is to be served, whether for sale or not. (This includes BYO functions.) This licence takes approximately 3 weeks to obtain and at present costs \$63. The Hall Custodian, Pauline Isaachsen, has all the details and will be pleased to explain the process, but please do keep in mind that the licence does take 21 days, and there are no shortcuts.

## Waiatarua Playcentre.

Another end to a fun term of play. As the term ends, holidays begin with a spate of Playcentre children birthdays.

Other positive happenings through the second term:

The centre received \$5000 from the Waitakere Licensing Trust towards the outdoor play equipment project, which will help progress work in the third term.

Two of our parents held another successful science workshop, motivating other centres to devote more session time to science, and a Te Reo Maori workshop was also held at our centre.

We had trips to Karekare beach and the Arataki Nursery.

We also had a visit from the E.R.O. which was very positive, and just reminded us how lucky we are to have a group of proactive, motivated parents at our centre. The E.R.O. report can be viewed on [www.ero.govt.nz](http://www.ero.govt.nz) and will be enlightening to families considering Playcentre for their children.

On websites, we will soon have our own one, thanks to the skills of one of our Playcentre dads who was disappointed in the lack of information on the web about Playcentre. More details in the next newsletter on this site.

Family numbers have stabilised at present; as always we warmly welcome families to come and find out what Playcentre is all about, at our Monday, Wednesday or Friday sessions. You can make 3 visits with no obligation or phone Jenny on 814-9954 for more information.

## Wanted . . .

. . . your input into the content of the Waiatarua Community News. News, Ideas, Information, Interesting places and people within Waiatarua, Events and Happenings. Please contact the editor Ph/Fax 814-9945 or via email at [forwardthinking1@xtra.co.nz](mailto:forwardthinking1@xtra.co.nz)

# GARDEN GROUP

Our August visit will be to Eden Gardens. The Camellias will be at their magnificent best and it is such a delight to see so many different varieties. Meet outside the Gardens at 1 pm, Wednesday August 7 and remember there is a small entry charge.

Ring Eileen on 814 9298 for any further information or car pooling. Everyone is welcome to join us and we will use our influence to arrange a fine sunny day.

## Jobs for this month

It is difficult to do much in the gardens when they are so wet, however if you are re-organising your garden, this is the time to do it as planting can still be done of deciduous trees and shrubs.

For the Garlic lovers among us this is the time to plant the cloves for harvesting in spring/summer

## Waiatarua Community Library News

Thank you to all who returned our wayward library books. This is really appreciated as the books belong to all of us in the community.

### New books this month are:

James McBride – 'MIRACLE OF ST ANNA' (*An interesting and unusual war story.*)

Lee Child – 'WITHOUT FAIL'

Stephen Coote – 'SAUCER' (Science Fiction.)

Lynley Hood – 'A CITY POSSESSED' (Peter Ellis saga)

David Davidar – 'HOUSE OF BLUE MANGOIS' (A tale set in India.)

Sally Beauman – 'REBECCA'S TALE'

Nicholas Sparks – 'THE RESCUE'

## Advance Notice

Keep Saturday 7th September free. The 'Oratia Spinning and Craft Group' are holding their bi-annual Fair at the Oratia Church Hall from 9am – 12 noon.

This fair is well known for it's great home baking and lovely handcrafts.

Well worth a visit.

## Hail and Farewell

**FAREWELL** to Tony and Gaelene Goodrick, who have left Cascade Avenue to become 'Grey Nomads'. Tony and Gaelene have lived in Waiatarua for the past six years and have been active in Neighbourhood Watch and also stalwarts in delivering the newsletter. We wish them well in their travels - may their new home never get a puncture or run out of gas!

At the same time we **WELCOME** the Hutchesons who are moving into Cascade Avenue, and also say thanks to Bob and Selena Brook who are taking over the newsletter delivery.

## Weather Report

The last day with no rain in Brabant Road was 16<sup>th</sup> May. That's 45 consecutive days with some rain, to the end of June. Has anyone noticed their neighbour building a large wooden boat in the backyard, or seen animals arriving in pairs?

|                  | RAIN DAYS | WETTEST DAY  | APRIL TOTAL | YEAR TO DATE |
|------------------|-----------|--------------|-------------|--------------|
| Mountain Road    | 26        | 79 mm (20th) | 268 mm      | 817 mm       |
| Brabant Road     | 30        | 42 mm (20th) | 222 mm      | 864 mm       |
| Quinns Road      | 28        | 32 mm (2nd)  | 169 mm      | 679 mm       |
| Forest Hill Road | 24        | 68 mm (20th) | 252 mm      | 850 mm       |
| Auckland City    | –         | 47 mm (21st) | 26 mm       | 525 mm       |

## Brickbats and Bouquets

A **BRICKBAT** to the dog who howls during the day, in the Rimu Road area. (Perhaps the brickbat should be awarded to the owner of the dog. Are the owners out all day and the dog bored?)

A second **BRICKBAT** this month to the Waiataruans, or their friends, who choose to 'rev' their cars loudly and continuously, disturbing their neighbours, in the upper West Coast Road area.

Sadly, there have been no nominations for the **BOUQUET** this month.

Please contact the editor if you would like to award the bouquet to a worthy Waiataruan.

## 'Scene' or 'Heard' in Waiatarua.

Late last Thursday evening, two youths, a girl and a guy of about 18 years of age, were seen tampering with letterboxes in West Coast Road. (Around # 750). When approached, they took off in what is thought to be a white Mercedes which was parked in the bus stop outside 757 West Coast Road.

For a few weeks now, residents in this area have noticed the 7's on their letterboxes disappearing, while the other numerals have been left untouched.

Do you know of someone with a bedroom wall displaying various forms of the numeral 7?

Do you know of anyone with a white Mercedes, or similar, who has a fetish for the number 7?

If you have any information, or see any suspicious activity around letterboxes, take note and let the editor know.

## Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor

I have been concerned for some time about two family pets that seem to roam Forest Hill Road at night, alone. They wander all over the road just waiting to get hit. There seems to be one Golden Retriever around numbers 220 who wanders around very late at night and actually sleeps half on the road on the owners driveway. There is another Golden Labrador who roams around above numbers 350 at night. My concern is for the animals as the owners should have these pets well inside their premises by then. It would certainly create an accident if one of these pets were hit, to the detriment of the pet and driver, as it may amount to a car sliding off the edge, or what ever.

Yours faithfully J. Gallienne

## High Speed Internet Meeting

On Sunday 23rd June a public meeting was held at Barnett Hall, Piha, to discuss Broad Band high-speed Internet options for Piha, Karekare and the Waitakere Ranges. The meeting was organised by Mike Nixon and WeDG (Waitakere eDemocracy Group)

Several Internet Service Providers attended the meeting including representatives from Telecom, BCL, Walker Wireless, New Sky Networks and IHUG.

Telecom outlined its planned intentions to upgrade the copper telephone lines from the Mt Albert exchange to the Piha exchange with fibre optic cable. This would allow residents to receive 2-way Broad Band Internet service. Telecom may have to apply for resource consent to hang fibre optic cables on the existing poles for a short 3km section along the Piha ridge. This entire project would take between 12 and 24 months and if the resource consent was required could take even longer or even jeopardize the whole project.

BCL and a couple of other providers have the technology but can't offer much in the short term.

IHUG however have a system called ULTRA Rural which they had on display and working. It is a 1-way fast download system which works via a roof mounted satellite dish. The upload continues via your existing modem at slow speed, with no need to change Internet Service Provider or e-mail accounts. For most of us who surf the Web or watch online movies this 1-way fast download is ideal. For more information contact IHUG ULTRA Rural on [www.GetUltra.info](http://www.GetUltra.info) or phone 0800 GetUltra (0800 438 858).

## People and Places in Waiatarua

This month we feature a young family who chose to make Waiatarua their home.

Six years ago my husband Nik, and I were fortunate enough to purchase our house in Waiatarua. Our daughter Nadia was born soon after, and our son Benjamin, three years ago.

We love living in Waiatarua ... the wide open spaces, being surrounded by native bush, the closeness of the West Coast and the community spirit.

Not knowing anyone in the area when we moved here, it was the local Playcentre, which we still attend today, where we have made many special friends, as well as making us feel part of the community.

We hope to stay in the area for many years to come and hope Waiatarua will keep it's uniqueness.

A keen cook and food lover, I saw an opportunity in Waitakere City for more gourmet food outlets, the kind found in Newmarket and Ponsonby, and with my family owning a local winery I have opened 'Elke's Food and Wine Market' – open Saturday's only, between 10am – 2pm for gourmet goodies, Pandoro Bread, boutique wines, gifts and food and wine tastings. Located at 'Seibel Wines', 113 Sturges Road, Henderson.

# Advertising

This is free to financial members  
for 2002, 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.

**AUCKLAND SUN CLUB INC.** The family club for clothes-free recreation invites you to visit. For further information please call 814-9973.

**WEST COAST VET CLINIC** – Offering full veterinary service for your pets.  
24 hour service Phone 818-4104.

**ATARUA GARDENS BED AND BREAKFAST:** No room for your out of town visitors? Contact Carol and Denis. Phone 09 814-9706 or 025-283-7544.

**ELECTRICIAN:** Phone Jim your local man Phone 814-9344.

**MATHS TUITION, ALL LEVELS.** Experienced high school teacher Ph 814-9269

**LAWN MOWING:** Local, reliable. Phone Eric 837-2333.

**VICKY'S BEAUTY THERAPY:** 10 years experience. Facials, waxing, massage, manicures etc. Available 7 days Phone 814-9317.

**FIREWOOD FOR SALE:** shed stored, pine and macrocarpa \$50-\$65.  
Phone 814-8833.

**HORSE MANURE:** \$1 per bag at 253 Forest Hill Road. Phone 814-9771.

**FAYS YOGA CLASS** for true fitness and relaxation Phone 817-8233.

**PLANTS:** various perennials, shrubs, bulbs, bog irises, mondo grass and a few indoor plants \$1 – \$5 Phone 814-9859.

**MOBILE REIKI & MASSAGE THERAPIST** 7 years experience. For further information, or to arrange an appointment phone Vicky 836-8633.

**MARRIAGE CELEBRANT PLUS VENUE PLUS JP** for your specifically designed ceremony and garden setting (if required), talk to Peter George Ph 814-9456.

**LANDSCAPER:** For experienced, professional landscaping services (including paving, concrete, retainer walls, fences, decks, gardens/plants, water features) at a competitive price, contact Bevan on 837-1992 or 021-375 707 or at totaland@ihug.co.nz

**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.

**"HOLLY HOMESTEAD B & B FRANZ JOSEF":** Taking a break on the 'West Coast'? How about staying with former Waitataruan's in Franz Josef? Check us out at [www.bnb.co.nz/hosts/hollyhomestead/html](http://www.bnb.co.nz/hosts/hollyhomestead/html) or [www.greenwood guides.com](http://www.greenwood guides.com) or Phone 03-752 0299 Fax 03-752 0298.

**BABY SITTER** – Friendly, outgoing and experienced Unitech student available most evenings? Saturday and Sunday evening. \$6ph/\$7 two or more children. Phone Tara on 814-8834.

**ART CLASS** – Wednesday 7 – 9pm Waitatarua. Interested in joining a local adult art group? This class will introduce you to a range of media, skills and techniques to help you develop your ideas in a creative way. Want to know more? Contact Carol on 814-8740.

**THE NIKAU CLUB** – Bar, Café, Restaurant. Open 7 days and nights. Available for functions and parties up to 50 people (but more soon) and there's no charge for room hire. Live entertainment Friday nights and Happy hour 6 – 8pm Thursdays. Phone 814-1919.

**BABYSITTER:** Mature, honest and reliable lady. Experienced. \$10 per hour. Phone Juliette on 814-8802.

**OUTBACK CHUTNEYS AND SAUCES:** Gorgeous sauces, jams and preserves fresh from the garden. Totally home grown and free from preservatives. \$4 each. Also gift baskets available on order and free delivery in Auckland. Phone Jill on 814-8825.

**PHYSICAL THERAPIST** specializing in lower back pain, headaches, neck and shoulder pain. Clinic at 95 Lincoln Road, Henderson. Home visits also arranged. Phone 833 7866.

**MRS DOUBTFIRE REQUIRED** – Have all your children 'flown the nest', or are you looking for a Nanny position for 4 or 5 days a week? We are looking for a warm, caring and nurturing person to look after our two children who are almost 5 and 1. Must have a sense of humour, be patient and reliable. Please phone Steve or Kim on 814-9964.

**KIM MOBILE HAIRDRESSING.** Ph 626 0133 or 025-688-4166. Cuts, hair design and tying for all occasions.

**FOR SALE:** 4 adjoining sections/titles. Sold separately or as one. Off Scenic Drive. Conditions apply. Phone 521-6492.

**ELKE'S FOOD AND WINE MARKET** located at Seibel Winery, 113 Sturges Road, Henderson. Open Saturday only, 10am – 12 noon Fresh pandoro bread, gourmet goodies and boutique wines.

**MAKE UP ARTIST:** Prof. International makeup/hair artist available for weddings, special occasions in your own home. Phone Juliette on 814-8802

**TREE WORK:** Fully insured and qualified arborists. Phone Guy Thomas 813-1481 or 021-244-8733.

**WANTED:** Cheap or Free. A 2 or 3 seater couch in reasonable condition for children's use in a classroom's library corner. Phone Jo on 814-9945.

**FOR SALE:** Dishwasher Simpson, good condition \$90 Phone 814-9945

**WANTED:** Rotary Clothesline Phone 814-9945

## 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       |                   |
| Ross & Kath Mullins     | 330 Forest Hill Rd    | 814-9402 + Fax |                   |
| Jenny McGee             | 886 West Coast Rd     | 814-9954       |                   |
| Margaret/Paddy Marshall | 19 Raroa Tee          | 814-9859       |                   |

Please accept my Membership to the  
Waitatarua Ratepayers and Residents Association

for 2002

I enclose: \$10 Household, \$5 Single Occupant

Name .....

Address .....

Phone .....

Email .....

To Treasurer

Waitatarua Ratepayers and Residents Association

911 West Coast Road, Waitatarua, Auckland 8 or leave at the library

Web Site: [www.waitatarua.org.nz](http://www.waitatarua.org.nz)

## Waitatarua 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 \$7

Crockery hire \$25, Bond up to \$250.

Discount for regular users. Community Barbecue hire \$20.

HALL PHONE 814-9353

Phone the Custodian Pauline Isaachsen on 814-9847

## JULY / AUGUST NEWSLETTER

Copy needs to be in the hands of

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by WEDNESDAY 7th AUGUST, 2002

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