

The WRRRA presents

The Annual Waiatarua Quiz Evening

When: Saturday 5th October, 7.30pm.

Where: Waiatarua Community Hall

Bring your team of four or join a team on the night.

Challenge friends and neighbours. A night of hilarity and rivalry.

A great night out!

Phone 814-8871 to register. Liquid refreshments provided. Please bring a plate.
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What's Been Happening up at the Mast?

Does your '021 mobile phone now read 'Waiatarua'?

The following transmission services have been added to, or altered, at BCL's Waiatarua site this year.

- Microwave based Internet Service transmission for IHUG (Antenna was relocated).
- Antenna associated with microwave linking to Sky (Penrose) was shifted.
- Previously installed experimental digital television transmitter was turned on. (This transmitter was in use about two years ago but was turned off for a period.)
- Cellphone base station was installed for Vodafone. This base station is primarily to service West Coast Beaches and most of the power is in that direction.
- Microwave link associated with Vodafone base station.

The power of these services is low compared with the existing high-powered transmissions at the site (for example TV One, TV2 and TV3). Hence any increase in radiation levels will still be well within the limits prescribed in the NZ Standard.

BCL arranges for annual EMR (Electromagnetic Radiation) surveys to be undertaken throughout Waiatarua. These results are forwarded to the Waitakere City Council, who in turn forward them to our Waiatarua Residents and Ratepayers Association.

Recent surveys can be viewed at our local Waiatarua Community Library.

Waitakere Community Board Meeting – 3 September 02

There were nine speakers at the Public Forum and there were two main issues which, although not affecting Waiatarua directly, we can all have some sympathy with.

First up was Roading and this was an unsealed road near Bethells. Issues were raised such as the narrowness of the road, safety and dust nuisance. This was a no exit road and there were some divergence of views between residents it appeared.

There was a possibility of having the road sealed but then residents would be asked to contribute to its cost.

Grading upgrades are given priority by streets and this particular road was not high on the Council's priority list.

This may always be an ongoing problem with the constant demands for services and only a limited budget. A number of the residents spoke about this particular road, so their views were well presented..

The other main topic of interest at the forum was the upgrade of toilets at Karekare.

In an urban area this would sound like a worthy objective and not likely to raise any controversy. At issue, however, was the fact that the upgrade involved the possibility of treatment and disposal of effluent at the beach in a controlled environment.

Many residents spoke passionately about why this was not such a good idea from their viewpoint. These were wide ranging. In a practical sense, although it seemed the proposed treatment was a sound system, disposal of effluent was the major problem.

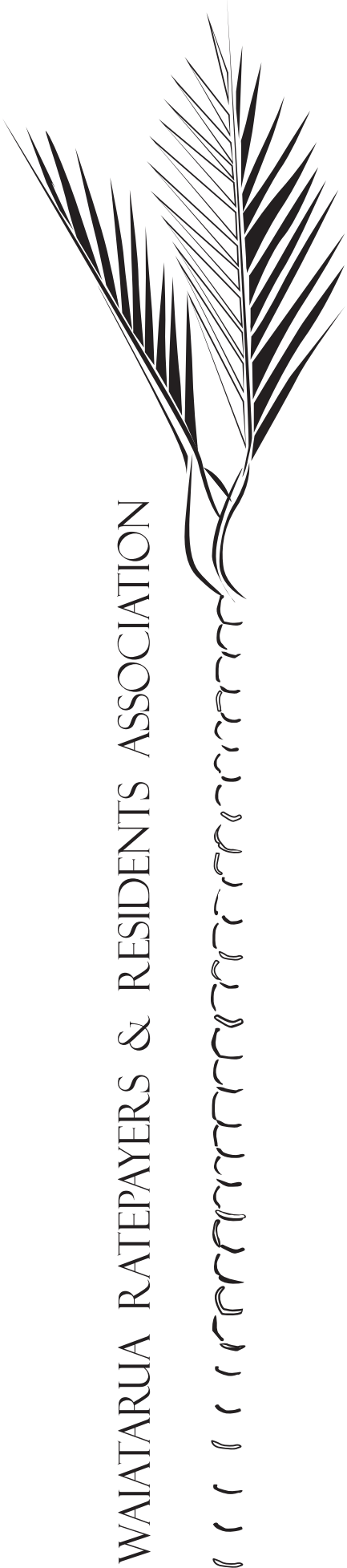
A regular supply of quality power was one of the reasons against the scheme in Karekare. We were told the power supply is often of poor quality and erratic. Significant holding tanks with electric pumps would be required.

Trucking out of the effluent was the favoured system. One speaker had financial data to show that the cost of removal was very little different from disposing of effluent on site.

Heritage and environment issues were raised too.

It was proposed, as the prime favoured site to dispose of effluent, to use the sand dunes near the Pohutukawa Glade. It was argued this was insensitive of the wild nature of the area and the concepts of area conservation. It would diminish the "visitor experience" who come to be in the wild in visiting Karekare. It should be part of conservation to preserve it in its natural state as much as possible. The Pohutukawa Glade also was regarded as of deep significance as residents' forebears established the glade. Cultural issues were also mentioned as well as areas sensitive to local iwi.

An alternative had been suggested - for the effluent to be disposed of up by a pine plantation but neighbours who went for walks there also had objected, although it seems this site may be more suited



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from a disposal point of view.

The dunes were also objected to in that there were insignificant fine particles to treat the effluent effectively and technical information was supplied at the meeting as to the non-suitability of the dunes in particular.

No doubt the discussion will continue for some time yet and we will follow the outcome with interest.

Fire Brigade News

Helen Longley, Paul Kauder and Gareth Mullins attended a two day Senior Firefighter / Pre Officer course at Mt Wellington Training Centre in August, which mixed sessions in the classroom with practical scenarios. Helen also participated in a weekend Management Seminar at Gulf Harbour with Ian Ford.

Recent calls – August

2:56 am, Sat 17th – Car vs. large rock, Piha Rd. The rock lived to fight another day. Occupants of the car were apparently well enough to leave before emergency services arrived.

4:11 am, Sun 18th – Car fire, Piha Road

6:34 am, Mon 26th – Power lines arcing, Forest Hill Road

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3:13 pm, Mon 26th – Tree across road, Forest Hill Road. Three calls to a single tree! Strong winds blew it towards high voltage lines, causing some spectacular (and frightening) early morning fireworks for the neighbours. At the first call we were met by a United Networks rep. who told us it was all under control and that the tree contractors were on their way. He left soon after, but the pyrotechnics continued. Hence the second call, when we waited for the contractors to arrive and stayed until they had trimmed off as much as they thought was necessary. Call number three was eight hours later when the winds completed the job and brought the rest of the tree down.

11:50 pm, Mon 26th – Car fire, Raroa Tce. A full day.

12:41 am, Sat 31st – Car fire, Scenic Drive

Contacts:

Always phone 111 for fires and other emergencies.

For other information call Ian Ford on 814 8871 or 021 284 0757.

programme will not be surprised to learn he is hugely enthusiastic, and dedicated to finding what will work best for the plant. Then, a swift cuppa and an equally swift tour around Rogers in Tidal Road, Mangere—another amazing place—lots of very healthy plants at very good prices.

You could spend a good couple of hours (and a good handful of cash) there with no problem at all.

Each monthly outing is different, interesting in its own way and usually ends with a coffee shop visit, lots of laughs and conversation. It's a great way to meet some of the people who live in Waiatarua, see some super gardens, get some fresh air, learn a lot and have some fun.

Our Great Little Community Library

THE WAIATARUA COMMUNITY LIBRARY.

Come and visit us. We are underneath the Waiatarua Community Hall at 911 West Coast Road. We have many of the new releases on our shelves and a great selection of books to browse your way through.

All Waiataruan's are welcome to join.

Waiatarua Playcentre

Spring is here and we are welcoming the sunshine at Playcentre after a long wet winter. We have just completed a working bee which has spruced up our outdoor area.

We recently held session evaluations for our 3 sessions, and a centre evaluation, which brings together all issues raised in the session evaluations. This is a great time to look at how we can improve on our systems and better meet our objectives.

Our deck extension, new playhouse and shed are now imminent with work planned to start in October. We look forward to the extra storage and play space this will create.

We have had a number of visitors this term, and we are hoping that some of these people will become regular Playcentre families; we have a friendly, supportive environment for families with babies and beyond. Please visit us and see for yourself on our Monday, Wednesday or Friday sessions, or phone Jenny on 814-9954.

The Waiatarua Playcentre AGM will be held on Monday 16th September at 7.30pm at the Playcentre. All are welcome to attend.

The Oratia Spinning & Craft Group Biannual Fair

This was held on Saturday 7th September.

Homemade shortbread, Fudge, Lemon Honey, Knitting, Crotchet, Crafts, Weaving, Sewing, Plants, Laden trestle tables, Warm, welcoming smiles, Coffee and tea, Sunshine in the church grounds, Spring has arrived, Chatter, Laughter, Neighbours.

Forest Hill Road

Kevin Healy met with Waitakere City Council Road Engineers recently to discuss options for reducing the crash rate on the corner above 283 Forest Hill Road.

HE REPORTS;

The WCC Engineers' proposal is to start with what can be done relatively easily and cheaply, then progress to more expensive options if necessary.

They agreed that excessive speed is the issue, and believe that better definition of the corner may help to slow drivers before they enter it.

PRACTICALLY, THIS IS WHAT CAN BE DONE:

Short term (within a month): Repair the Indicative speed sign, install new Chevron arrow signs around the corner on the shoulder, and install Cats eyes on the outside edge of the corner.

Medium term (this summer): Road resurfacing.

If these measures don't work, the Armco barrier can be extended around the corner from the existing section. This could cost \$8,000+ out of our slim road safety budget, hence the hesitation to do it first up.

Any questions or comments, please contact: Kevin Healy Phone 814-9505 kevin@healy.co.nz

A Thank you to the Waitakere City Council for the creation of the traffic island on the corner of West Coast and Forest Hill Roads.

August Rainfall

The 3 month winter period from June to August was the wettest in Forest Hill Road for 8 years, despite the August figure being below average.

	RAIN DAYS	WETTEST DAY	APRIL TOTAL	YEAR TO DATE
Mountain Road	20	35 mm (15th)	192 mm	1186 mm
Brabant Road	27	34 mm (14th)	175 mm	1290 mm
Quinns Road	21	31 mm (15th)	130 mm	979 mm
Forest Hill Road	20	30 mm (15th)	161 mm	244 mm
Auckland City	–	–	91 mm	755 mm

When You Don't Know Your Iris From Your Azalea . . . you join the garden group

By Jean Bacon

I didn't know anything about gardens but I did have an idea that people in garden clubs would be superior, latin-loving horticultural academics with little else to talk about.

How wrong can you be?

The garden club is a collection of men and women who not only enjoy gardens and gardening, but also enjoy the fun of being out and about together. They're all quite different personalities, have a variety of backgrounds and experiences and are all very welcoming and willing to share their knowledge.

Last month we visited Eden Gardens—what a wonderful place—every visit delivers something new to see, learn about and steal (ideas, I mean).

This month we had a great outing to Dale Harvey's quarter acre paradise. Such a lot in a small space. Those of you who watch his TV

GARDEN GROUP

WEDNESDAY 2nd OCTOBER AT 1 pm

'Edgecliff' at 126 Vauxhall Road, Devonport

This is a stylish cliff-edge garden overlooking Cheltenham Beach, designed for maximum interest and effect, with mature pohutukawas and an abundance of shrubs and flowers

Everyone is welcome but we do need an idea of numbers a couple of days beforehand.

Ring Eileen on 814 9298 for carpooling or any further information

Garden Jobs for September

- Sow seeds for summer flowering annuals.
- Spring is a good time to refurbish old containers and plant new ones.
- Prune lightly any blossom trees as flowering finishes.
- Plant up those hanging baskets for summer flowering.

What's coming up in Waiaatarua and beyond?

Get your diaries out . . .

- **TITIRANGI DRAMA'S ANNUAL STUDENT PRODUCTION:** The Reality Stage Show. When and Where: 25th – 28th September, 7.30pm at the Theatre, Lopdell House, Titirangi. Saturday matinee: 2 pm. Everything you see is real – it's funny, it's outrageous, it's dangerous, it's appalling – *it's life* . . . with your favourite host *Harry Stringer*. Brought to you by Titirangi Drama's junior & youth actors. Written & directed by Oratia drama tutor John Goudge, & also starring young Oratia residents Ashleigh & Sarah-Louise Radford. For bookings ring the Titirangi Pharmacy on 817 7658.
- **JUNK ART INSTALLATION** 27th September – 20th October at the Lopdell House Gallery, Titirangi.
- **WAIATARUA'S ANNUAL QUIZ EVENING:** Saturday 5th October at 7.30pm at the Waiaatarua Hall. All welcome. Phone 814-8871
- **PIHA'S WEST COAST GALLERY 2nd BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION** – Labour weekend, Saturday 26th October. Musical Instrument making workshop 10 – 12 noon followed by a musical afternoon. Phone 812-8029
- The West Coast Gallery is calling for 'artists' to create art works suitable for copying on to a postcard. So, get out your paints, canvas, pens, pencils, collage, whatever it takes to create a unique art piece. The subject matter must be relevant to the Piha environment or the Gallery. Entries by Friday 25th October for judging on Labour Weekend. For entry forms contact the Gallery Phone 812-8029.
- **ORATIA DISTRICT SCHOOL'S GARDEN TRAIL** – Sunday 17th November.
- **KAREKARE BEACH RACES:** Plans are afoot for a 3rd attempt, this time on the 1st December Phone 812-8537.
- **WAIATARUA COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS EVENT:** Sunday 8th December.

Council stays with FPP

Waitakere City Council last recently agreed it should retain the First Past the Post (FPP) voting system for the 2004 local government elections.

Under the Local Electoral Act 2001, each local authority has been asked to review the system used for electing its members.

All local authorities have until September 12 to consider whether they want to retain the FPP electoral system or adopt the Single Transferable Vote (STV) system – although the decision on whether or not to hold a public poll can be made up to February 28 next year.

The majority of New Zealand's 86 local authorities who have already made a decision, have opted to stay with FPP. So far only four have opted for STV.

Deputy Mayor, Carolynne Stone, says the decision to remain with the current system was made after debating the pros and cons of both options.

Waitakere City residents are still able to petition the Council to hold a public poll, as long as 5% of the population demand one.

The WRRRA doesn't currently have a position on this issue as we have not had time to fully consider it.

Waitakere Sports Complex

Construction of the new Waitakere Sports Complex in Central Park Drive in Henderson is set to begin.

Developed by the Waitakere Regional Sports Trust, with Waitakere City Council as a key partner, the \$21 million complex will be the City's biggest community facility, suitable for a wide cross-section of uses.

Covering some 11,000 sq m, the complex will feature indoor seating for up to 5000, six basketball/netball courts, a gymnasium, café, crèche, an international all-weather athletics track and three outdoor playing fields. It will also be able to host trade shows, exhibitions, conferences and other community events.

The multi-purpose complex will provide a base for a number of sporting codes, including netball, basketball, athletics, rugby and volleyball. It will also house a number of sports administration bodies, foundations and trusts, including Sport Waitakere and the Don Oliver Youth Sports Foundation. Other user groups lining up to use the complex include gymnastics, badminton, dance, weightlifting, cricket and schools.

The building will be completed in March 2004.

How Does Your Newsletter Arrive At Your Door?

I hope your answer isn't "wet and soggy and late"!

Quite a few people are involved in getting this epic publication to you each month, so there are several chances for disaster to strike.

If your newsletter is late or doesn't arrive, please contact Tony Bacon or the Editor, and we will try to improve things for you (I realise this is a 'call me if you don't get this letter' message, but it is the best I can do.) Remember too, that copies are available at the Library and the Oratia Dairy.

I would like to say a special *thank you* to our faithful distributors, who battle all weathers to get this newsletter into your mail box on time. So thanks to:

Kay McGregor, Terry Chapman, Bob & Selina Brook, Wayne Edwards, Graham Poole, Morris & Barbara Field, Roy & Sheryl Howlett, Christine & Eric Hewett, The Nikau Club, Tony Yates, Sapich Wines, Jenny Palmer, The Oratia Dairy, Tamara Henry, Jeanette Zuidmeer, Andrea Stoehr, Margaret & Paddy Marshall and Bob & Lorraine Gordon.

While I have their attention, a word to our distributors: We really appreciate the work you do, and that it is sometimes difficult to find the time to do it. If possible though, please try and deliver the as soon as possible after you receive your supplies – the same weekend if you can. There is nothing worse than reading in the newsletter that something great is going to happen – **last** week! If you are not going to be able to deliver one month, please let Tony Bacon know as far in advance as you can, and we will call on one of our backup people to take over for the month.

Painted Apple moth update

– from the WCC Council as of 10th Sept 2002

THE GOOD The Government has confirmed its intention to eradicate the Painted Apple Moth

THE BAD It appears to entail blanket spraying virtually all lowland and foothill areas of Waitakere City.

THE UGLY significant health concerns for people.

Councillor Hulse (chair – Environmental Management Committee), on behalf of Council asked the minister to pursue eradication, but with less spray and with much greater attention to health issues. Information will be provided as it is available.

Friday's spray will be the ninth in the current series. The spray zone is almost the same as the previous operation. The only new areas are small extensions to Huruwuru Creek in Henderson, Massey West and near the railway line in Henderson.

The rest of the zone includes the seaward margins of Te Atatu, Glendene, Kelston, Waterview; New Lynn between the Whau River; general road boundaries of Te Atatu and Great North Roads; Waikumete Cemetery; parts of the Avondale Peninsula; low lying land alongside the north-western motorway between the Lincoln Road and the Point Chevalier/Waterview ramps.

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.

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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.

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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 or 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.

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.

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

FOR THOSE OF YOU WANTING TO FULFIL THAT CREATIVE URGE, the Red Shed Art Class off West Coast Rd has a small number of vacant places. This is a small, friendly group of local adults, who enjoy getting together and learning ways to develop new ideas and explore new materials. Classes cover painting, drawing and print methods and are held once a week (Wednesdays 7–9pm.). Classes are structured so that students develop an individual approach to their Art making, while at the same time gaining support, energy and enthusiasm from other members of the group. No experience is required, just an enthusiasm to learn and develop new skills. To find out more about your local art group contact Carol on 814 8740.

“WANTED” Donations of used or new light weight clothing, toys and shoes. These are required to help people in Angola. A container is to be shipped to Angola on 23rd September. Phone Juliette on 814-8802, will collect.

FOR SALE; Sewing Machine – Swiss made Elna Lotus. Straight stitch and zig zag. With instruction manual and sewing guide. Great for beginners. Call Jean on 814-9860.

HOUSE WANTED TO RENT in Oratia/Waiatarua areas by careful family. Phone Kate on 83-21 011.

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 Tce	814-9859	

Please accept my Membership to the
Waiatarua Ratepayers and Residents Association

for 2002

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

Name

Address

Phone

Email

To Treasurer

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911 West Coast Road, Waiatarua, Auckland 8 **or leave at the library**
Web Site: www.waiatarua.org.nz

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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.

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HALL PHONE 814-9353

Phone the Custodian Pauline Isachsen on 814-9847

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