



WAIATARUA RATEPAYERS & RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

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## This Month at WRRRA

- The Strategic Plan: Eco +10. Waitakere City has celebrated it's 10th anniversary of being an Eco City. A review process has taken place as to what has been achieved throughout this period and 'Eco +10' is a document outlining objectives for the future of our Eco City. This is to be published and open for comment soon.
- The Waiatarua Community Hall has had it's interior overhauled in terms of interior painting and new curtains. The next stage will most probably involve the purchase of new furniture to replace the ageing chairs and tables.
- A security upgrade of the Waiatarua Hall is also in progress.
- WRRRA members will be attending a Combined Ratepayers Meeting in late October. This is where Ratepayers groups in the Waitakere Ward meet to discuss relevant issues to the Waitakere Ward. The quarterly meetings are held in Waiatarua.
- The results of our Annual Plan submissions can be viewed on the WRRRA website, [www.waiatarua.org.nz](http://www.waiatarua.org.nz) or at our local Waiatarua Community Library.
- Rose Hellaby House News: Only two applications have been received by the ARC for the use of Rose Hellaby House. The beautiful grounds and the fantastic view from the grounds, remain open to the public.
- Socially, the WRRRA are in the midst of organizing our very own 'Waiatarua Community Christmas afternoon' in the hall on Sunday 8th December from 3pm – 6pm. Mark this date in your diary to keep it free. Not to be missed.

The next meeting of the Waiatarua Residents and Ratepayers will be held on Monday 4th November at 7.30pm in the Waiatarua Hall, 911 West Coast Road. All are welcome to attend.

## Creative Meeting at WCC to discuss the future of the Waitakere Ranges

The meeting was held on the 20th September with both the Parliamentary Commissioner for the Environment and our Mayor, Bob Harvey, present.

This was called a 'creative discussion' to put forward ideas from a wide variety of groups and individuals regarding the long term strategy for the Waitakere Ranges.

It was a wide ranging discussions with suggestions such as following overseas models for similar wilderness areas in such diverse places as England, Toronto and South Africa. Some speakers saw subdivision under the Resource Management Act as being a threat to the Ranges, although others suggested solutions by the use of QEII Trust for individual owners. The concept of Heritage Parks was discussed. All generally agreed that with the huge growth in Waitakere population the future of the Waitakere Ranges needs to be considered now, as does any protection of the foothills.

Trees were also considered by some to be the saviours for clean air in the environment, providing oxygen and limiting pollution. Other environmental issues included the protection of the hills from erosion.

No decisions were to be made at this meeting as it was really a presentation of ideas from the different interests. It gave an opportunity for everyone to have their say while at the same time not becoming a form of debate over any particular viewpoint.

## The Annual Waiatarua Quiz Evening – Review

*By Geoff Wood*

6 teams prepared and ready for the challenge.

... The Weta's, East West, 3JT, The 5 Stooges, The Hotshots and 711 ...

Master Quiz Maker, Terry Chapman, presided over the questions from various categories ...

Who said that?, World Leaders, Science, Classical Music, Film Music, Christmas and Multichoice.

10 questions from each category and the use of one joker to double your points in a chosen round.

Intense concentration. Urgent whispering.

Blank stares. Bizarre guesses.

Half way through, a welcomed refreshment break. Everyone had brought a plate to share. Such variety and much sampling of the dishes amidst socializing and laughter, coffee and wine.

Back to the quiz.

Fierce competition. Close scores.

The final round.

Congratulations 3JT. Their second year, their second win. Well done.

A great night out!

Special thanks must go to Terry Chapman, Quiz Master Extraordinaire – Great preparation of such a variety of challenging questions.

*Don't miss the next Waiatarua Quiz Night.*

## Fire Brigade News

### Guy Fawkes Bonfire

Twelve months we were planning to seal the area behind the Fire Station, so thought that the 2001 bonfire there might be the last. Well, the wheels are slowly turning but the area is still unsealed, so we're pleased to invite you to our Guy Fawkes bonfire again this year. As usual, we'll provide the bonfire and set aside an area for you to light your own fireworks. The date is Saturday 2nd November, starting from 7 pm. The bonfire will be lit when it gets dark. If the weather is unkind we will postpone until the following evening – phone the station on the night to check on 814 9213.

### Recent calls –

#### September

8:01 pm, Sun 8th – False alarm, Kauri Loop Road.

5:00 pm, Fri 20th – Diesel spill, West Coast Road.

7:27 pm, Sun 22nd – Car rolled, Scenic Drive. Occupants received only slight injuries. The Fire Brigade used absorbent to mop up spill fuel.

5:20 pm, Mon 23rd – Car crash, Piha Road. Again only minor injuries to the occupants

3:19 pm, Sun 29th – Tree across road, Scenic Drive.

7:16 pm, Sun 29th – Kitchen fire, Glen Esk Road, Piha. Out when Piha Brigade arrived.

3:16 pm, Mon 30th – Car over bank, Scenic Drive. We assume the occupants were unharmed because they didn't hang around for Emergency Services to arrive . . .

#### October

11:20 pm, Sat 4th – Car fire, Anawhata Road.

### Common Sense Applies

If you're planning to light your own fireworks instead of going to a public display, a few common sense rules apply:

- Fireworks are dangerous. Don't give them to small children to light
- Use a torch to read instructions on fireworks, and follow them.
- Don't try to relight duds.
- Keep fireworks away from open flames, in a closed box
- Pets should be kept indoors.
- If all the above fail – keep a bucket of water or garden hose handy, and remember that burns need water for 10 minutes.

### Contacts

Always phone 111 for fires and other emergencies. For other information call Ian Ford on 814 8871 or 021 284 0757

## Neighbourhood Watch

### Letterboxes . . .

Another letterbox down Saturday 21st September from the early 700's on West Coast Road – found smashed further down the road, and returned to its home.

Letterboxes in Scenic Drive and upper West Coast Road were targeted in the early hours of Sunday 6th October – but the good news is that the silver Mercedes involved in this smashing spree had its registration taken by a resident and the police are now involved. (Could this be the same Mercedes seen removing 7's from letterboxes along West Coast Road in July?)

Waiatarua is not the only area experiencing letterbox vandalism. There have been reports of similar incidents in Huapai and Waimauku areas.

### Road Closure . . .

West Coast Road was closed by police, between Rimu Road and Raroa Terrace, on the morning of Wednesday 2nd October. Police raided an address in the area. This was apparently drugs related and arrests were made.

As residents we are urged to be more vigilant in noticing, and noting, suspicious activity in our own Waiatarua community and reporting such to the police.

Waiatarua does not wish to become a haven for illegal activities.

### Burglary . . .

A van parked on the roadside in Raroa Terrace was burgled overnight in late September.

*(Please advise the editor of any concerns, sightings or burglaries that happen in your immediate area, so that we might all be informed and aware.)*

## What's On

### 'The West Coast Gallery' 2nd birthday celebration.

Piha. Saturday 26th October. Phone 812-8029.

**Piha Market Day** held on the Monday of Labour weekend – 28 October at Barnett Hall in Piha.

**'The Ark in the Park Walks'** – Lucy Cranwell / Kauri Grove Tracks on Saturday 19 October. Auxiliary Track / Cutty Grass Track – alongside the unused dam and scene for the recent Hercules and Xena shows on Sunday 20 October. Registration is essential and walks cost \$5 per person. Phone Kay Lindley on 836-6635.

**Guy Fawkes and Fireworks** – Up at the Waiatarua Fire Station on 2nd November from 7pm. BYO fireworks etc. Bonfire will be lit when it's dark.

**Otimai's Garden Ramble** – Visit a range of gardens located in Waiatarua, Oratia and some others out West. Sunday 10th November 9am – 4pm (wet or fine). \$10 per adult and \$2 students. The Guides of Auckland are raising funds for the roof restoration of Otimai – their Guide's training centre in Waiatarua. **Otimai**, on West Coast Road, will also be open and hosting produce and plant stalls, music, guided bush walks and campfire singalong, Devonshire teas and finger food, and children's activities. **Contact:** Cherie on 814-9992 or Wendy on 838-9639 for tickets, and further information.

**Oratia School Garden Trail** – Sunday 17th November 9.30am – 4.30pm. Ramble through Oratia's valley of gardens. Enjoy the fine fare and hospitality in the marquee. See a rich selection of local crafts available for purchase. \$20 per ticket. Phone 818-6216 for further details and tickets.

**Trash to Fashion Extravaganza** – 1st and 2nd November at Corban Arts Centre. 8pm. \$10 adults, \$5 children. Tickets available at Ticketek outlets.

## Brickbats and Bouquets

No nominations were received for either award this month. How very mediocre we must be.

Please contact the editor with your nominations for next month's Community News.

## Waiatarua Community Library News

We have had a lot of the latest books arrive. You do not have to wait months for them up here, so do come and check us out.

'RUSH HOME ROAD' by Lori Lansens. *(This is an excellent read)*

'THE SHELTERS OF STONE' by Chris Stewart.

'QUENTINS' by Maeve Binchy.

'STONE DOGS' by Craig Marriner. *(NZ Montana Wine winner)*

'THE GOOD WOMEN OF CHINA' by Xinran.

'LAKE IN THE CLOUDS' by Sara Donati.

'WOLFSKIN' by Juliet Mariller. *(Viking era)*

'GRAVE SECRETS' by Kathy Reichs.

'ANGELS' by Marion Keyes.

. . . these are but a few.

**Helper needed** – Our community library needs someone, or sometwo, to volunteer their services for the Friday night manning of the library. Please put up your hand by phoning Bev Latimer on 814-9430.

## Waiatarua Playcentre

We have welcomed Term 4 with a fun activity – We set up camp with a tent in the bush and a campfire in the sandpit, cooking sausages and marshmallows on the end of sticks.

As well as the great variety of activities we have on session, there are several trips planned for this term. The Star Dome, Ambury Farm and a Trike Day.

Playcentre is open and welcomes children 0 – 6 years with their caregivers, every Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 9.15am – 12 noon.

Our Monday session has several places available, but feel free to visit us on any session.

For further information contact Jenny on 814-9954.

# GARDEN GROUP

Something special next month. We are having a full day seeing three beautiful gardens near Whitford.

We will start at 10 am Wednesday 6 November with a cup of coffee at 13 Gracechurch Drive, Chapel Heights in the country garden of Heather Adam. This garden has expansive lawns set among mature trees and underplanted with rhododendrons also featuring many roses.

The second garden is "Tanglewood" at 5 Inchinnan Rd which is a 2 acre country garden with a good variety of plants and lovingly tended by Rosie Devereaux.

Lunch is being arranged at a local cafe and then we go to the garden of Di Follas at 443 Ormiston Road. This is a large established garden with both formal areas and a cottage garden. 200 rambling roses adorn trees and fences.

The entry fees total \$13.

Ring Eileen before 4 November on 814 9298 for further information and for carpooling.

## AFS

An International Experience in your own Home.

AFS (formerly 'American Field Service') is a voluntary organization, established after the 1914-18 World War, and has been arranging the international exchange of senior high school students since 1945.

AFS Intercultural Programmes, are presently seeking homes for foreign exchange students. These students are carefully selected and spend 2 to 12 months as a member of your family.

Hosting is voluntary and unpaid, but a wonderful opportunity to extend your family internationally.

For further information please call Brenda Skinner 818-5520 or Eva Tamura 818-4631.

## Waiatarua Community Christmas Party

Sunday 8 December — Entry fee: bring a plate.

Mulled wine, tea and coffee available,

The Waiatarua Christmas Fairy — arriving on the Fire Engine

AND — If can sing, dance, play a tune (any instrument)

or just like to perform and

would like to be included in the entertainment

Call Eileen 8149 298

## The Humble Septic Tank

What happens when the bath is emptied or the toilet is flushed?

### How it Works

Liquid household wastes from the kitchen, bathroom, laundry and toilet pass into the septic tank. The solids settle out to the bottom of the tank; lighter solids, fat and grease rise to the surface and form a layer of scum. Sludge and scum are partially digested by anaerobic bacteria. The remaining liquid passes out and is absorbed by the soil. The effluent from the septic tank contains harmful bacteria and has an offensive odour, therefore it is important your septic tank is kept in good condition to avoid polluting your (or your neighbours') environment.

While some older systems are simple septic tanks discharging primary treated effluent to the soak fields, many newer properties will have more sophisticated systems that discharge secondary treated effluent of a less offensive nature to the soakage fields. These systems should have a maintenance contract with the suppliers and require more care with harsh household products that can harm the useful bacteria population that clean up the wastewater.

### Maintenance

Depending on the size of the tank and the size of the household, tanks SHOULD BE CLEANED OUT EVERY 3 YEARS. Failure to clean the tank results in the solid wastes building up to the point that they overflow and clog the disposal system. The effluent odour becomes more offensive and the discharge more polluting.

## Do's and Don'ts

- Moderate use of household cleansers has little effect on the septic tank. Some antiseptics can kill the bacteria which digest the tank's contents. Be careful you don't kill these friends. Harmful household products are caustic or chlorine based.
- Newspapers or disposable nappies won't decompose and may lead to clogging.
- Grease and food scraps should be removed from dishes before washing.
- Roof water and other large volumes of water (such as spas etc.) SHOULD NOT BE PIPED INTO THE SEPTIC TANK as it is likely to lead to an overflow of solids and consequent pollution of local waterways. Remember that we live on low-absorption clays. Waste disposal units cause a faster build-up of solids in the tank so more frequent cleaning is required.
- Try to spread washing loads out. Three loads of washing on Saturday morning can mean 500 litres hitting the system in 2 hours.

If you rely on a septic tank, keep a plan of the system, and record cleaning and maintenance. IF any changes are made to the system, contact the W.C.C. Drainage Inspector.

## September Rainfall

	RAIN DAYS	WETTEST DAY	SEPT TOTAL	YEAR TO DATE
<i>Mountain Road</i>	17	11th (25mm)	150 mm	1336 mm
<i>Brabant Road</i>	23	11th (20mm)	144 mm	1435 mm
<i>Quinns Road</i>	20	12th (9mm)	108 mm	1087 mm
<i>Forest Hill Road</i>	5	10th & 29th (8mm)	137 mm	1381 mm
<i>Auckland City</i>			77mm	832 mm

## Welcome to Waiatarua

Welcome to Jim Terry and Delph Gay to the Scenic Drive.

Welcome also to Belinda and David and daughter Eva, to Turanga Road.

## Doing Our Bit for ACC

As I was out walking on my Community News delivery round last month, it began to rain. Being dedicated to the ideal, 'The Newsletter must get through!' I didn't go home and wait for it to stop. I did chicken out slightly though, and decided to deliver the rest of the newsletters from the comparative comfort of my car.

What an eye opening experience!

You have no idea how many beautifully constructed mail boxes, on artfully designed posts, are quite impossible to reach from a car window. Too low, too high, too far back from the side of the road, half way up a driveway, on the wrong side of a ditch, you name it, I found it.

It gave me new insight into the secret life of a rural delivery person. So, here is a suggestion. Next time you arrive home in your car, why not pretend to have something to deliver to your own address, and try out your mailbox for accessibility? IF you encounter the problems I did, perhaps you might do your bit for the problems of RDB (Rural Delivery Backache) and reposition it.

## A Visit to the Nikau Club – 473 Scenic Drive

### Written by Phillipa Paunch

Not wanting to travel far from the hills of Waiatarua on a chilly Thursday evening, yet eager to enjoy a dinner out, I ventured to Waiatarua's 'Nikau Club' to sample it's menu.

Seafood chowder and toasted garlic bread, greenlipped mussels in coconut cream and garlic sauce ... but by no means just seafood to choose from. I was tempted to try the Thai Green Curry, perhaps the Scotch Fillet on roasted veges, or the Rosemary Rack of Lamb... Decisions! Decisions!

The variety of desserts to follow and the ample wine list to ponder, More decisions!

I shared the restaurant with 36 other patrons, enjoying the glowing open fire, the relaxed atmosphere and the pleasant hum of drifting conversation.

The clear night provided a glorious view of the city below.

Dinner was delicious and home was only 5 minutes away.

# 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.  
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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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**"HOLLY HOMESTEAD B & B FRANZ JOSEF"**: Taking a break on the 'West Coast'? How about staying with former Waiataruan'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.

## 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 Road	814-9402 + Fax	
Jenny McGee	886 West Coast Road	814-9954	
Margaret/Paddy Marshall	19 Rarua Terrace	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

Waiatarua Ratepayers and Residents Association

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

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

**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.

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**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.

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

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

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**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 83-21011.

**HOUSE WANTED TO BUY IN OR NEAR THE ORATIA / WAIATARUA AREA** for a young family. Up to early \$200,000. Phone Caroline 09 422 0134.

**LOCAL ISSUES:** Community Boards are the link between residents and Council. Phone Kevin Healy, Waitakere Community Board on 814-9505 or email: [kevin@healy.co.nz](mailto:kevin@healy.co.nz)

**BABYSITTER** – friendly, outgoing and experienced Unitech student available most evenings/weekend work. \$7 per hour. Please phone Tara on 814-8834 or 021-179-1848

**FOR SALE** – Toyota Camry saloon 1990, 140 k's – all electrics, service history, Fusion CD stereo, car alarm \$4500 firm. Phone 814-9662.

**'JUST PLANE INTERESTING'** – Full of strange and wondrous things. A museum or a collectors haven? You be the judge! Visit 'Just Plane Interesting' @ 99 Parrs Cross Road in Oratia. (right next door to the café in Tara Orchards).

**PLANTS** – One day lilies, taros, bulbs, mondo grass and various perennials for sale. \$1 – \$3. Also some shrubs. All sales for charity. Phone Margaret 814-9859.

**'SAVE THE CHILDREN' – FOR SALE:** Packs of Christmas cards, gifts and occasional cards for 'Save the Children'. Overseas mail closes soon. Phone Margaret 814-9859.

## 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 \$7

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

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

HALL PHONE 814-9353

**Phone the Custodian Pauline Isachsen on 814-9847**

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