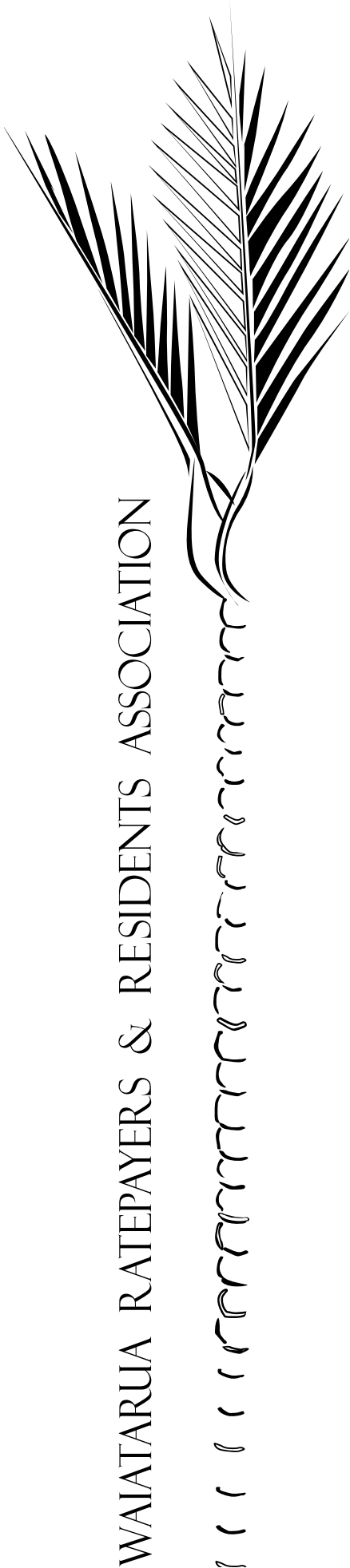


Waiatarua Community News

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WAIATARUA RATEPAYERS & RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

Those Were the Days—the 1950's in Waiatarua

The old faithful bone-jarring bus from Auckland City to Piha, would rattle and roll it's way up West Coast Road with more noise than grunt, encouraged by banter from the local regular passengers. Delivery of newspapers aimed from the drivers window at letterboxes by Jack or Phil, sometimes, miraculously, managed to land on target.

Next stop, Waiatarua Store, owned and managed by Mick Chester ; icecreams, milkshakes, all grocery items and a great meeting place for the locals to share Mick's genial company and latest news.

My sister and I would often walk from Waiatarua to Mountain Road to visit our parents, at times stopping on route at a home opposite Atkinson's Look Out, where tea, mouthwatering scones and rum balls were served – Delicious!

Our parents had an elderly Austin car aptly named the 'Yellow Terror' which, to put it mildly, was in a delicate state of health. It was held together with a great deal of faith plus a few Irish oaths, so rather than stress it completely, or have it disintegrate around one of the bends, we chose to walk. On occasions, as if by magic, Jim Foley would appear in his car and offer a lift, which was much appreciated. Belated thanks to you, Jim.

Before water tanks were installed on the property, we would take canvas buckets, cross Mountain Road and head down to what was then a crystal clear stream – with a few eels – in Spragg's Reserve. There were four homes in Turanga Road then and just a few in Mountain Road. No electricity, so we used kerosene lamps, kerosene iron and heaters, cooked on a wood/coal range, boiling the washing in a copper, and had a telephone party line which created both enjoyment and frustration. There were no white lines on the road, nor street lights, so driving at night in thick fog was indeed a test for one's vision.

There was a great Post Delivery man named Mike Marriott, who knew the area and residents well. Now his son covers some of those same miles.

Over the years stray animals would appear for food and shelter – an unwelcome one being a billy goat happily munching his way through precious plants. Father decided to chase the wretch down the driveway, only to return as though competing for the Olympics, with the goat having reversed the role of chaser.

At times we would see wild sows with young in the bush or crossing the Scenic Drive and occasionally pig hunts took place.

Neighbours were sincere and helpful, especially if anyone needed a helping hand. Today that still seems to be the situation and long may it last. Friendships made over the years have stood the test of time, through differences of opinions and the enjoyment of happy days.

Wishing you delight in watching the ethereal magic of each dawn, hearing the first bird calls of the day and seeing the delicate beauty of dew drops on spiders webs. Waiatarua is a very special area and we have been so privileged to enjoy it.

Memories are the windows that hold the past in view. Through them we can see again each joy we ever knew.

Fire Brigade

Maxine Arden, Kerry Chislett and John Hinde have completed a 3 day Breathing Apparatus course over 2 weekends.

Certificates for 3 years service were presented to Gareth Mullins and Steve Smith at our Brigade

The Waiatarua Autumn Festival 27th and 28th March 2004

Start planning now to become Waiatarua's BEST

Enter any or all of the following categories...

Gardening

Waiatarua's biggest, ugliest, longest, best home-grown vegetable.

Baking

Waiatarua's best Sponge cake, Blokes Best Baking. Breads/Jams/ Chutneys.

Brews

Waiatarua's best Home Brewed beer or gingerbeer.

Craft

A greeting card in any medium.

Also competitions for children—details later.

dinner at the Nikau Club recently. Kevin Healy received a 2 year bar for his 5 year medal, marking 7 years service. Our thanks go to Christine and her staff at the Nikau Club for their excellent food and great service.

Guy Fawkes

Reminder - the Community Guy Fawkes bonfire at the Fire Station is scheduled for Saturday 1st November.

Fire Permits

Permits will be required from the 1st of December for ALL outside fires except barbecues. They are available at no charge only from the Council (ph 839-0400) who require 3 working days notice to inspect the site and issue the permit, which is valid for a week. Please remember that if the Fire Brigade is called to any fire lit without a permit, or infringing Council by-laws (e.g. burning after sunset) then we are obliged to put it out regardless of how "safe" it might be.

2004 Firefighters Calendar

These are now available at \$10 each. The proceeds assist those of us going to the World Firefighter Games and also the Child Cancer Foundation. Your support would be greatly appreciated. Phone Helen Longley 814 9855 (home) or 837 0729 (work)

Recent Calls - September

11:20 pm, Sat 27th - Medical assistance, Forest Hill Rd

October

7:11 pm, Thu 2nd - Rubbish fire, West Coast Rd

5:36 pm, Sun 5th - Car crash, Piha Rd

0:09 am, Thu 9th - Car rolled, Forest Hill Rd

11:20 am, Sun 12th - Slip and traffic control, Forest Hill Rd

Please dial 111 for all emergencies and fires. For non-emergency calls please call Ian Ford (814 8871), Helen Longley (814 9855) or Karl Nuttall (814 8777).

Waitakere Ranges Protection Workshops

If you missed the workshop held at Waiaatarua Hall on Thursday 30th October, there's another to be held in the Oratia Hall on Thursday 13th November from 6.30 – 8.30pm.

These workshops discuss the *Snapshot of the Ranges* report which looks at the key pressures facing the Ranges and offers possible ideas on what more could be done to ensure their long term protection. Contact Arlene Fredericks on 8368000 ext. 8401 for further information.

Native Herbs in Waiaatarua

Red Matipou (Mapau)

A very common small tree with characteristic red bark on the young branches. This identifies it from the Black Matipou, which is actually toxic.

The red matipou is the most effective native blood cleanser, improving all the organs of elimination to remove toxins from the body. It also stimulates the immune and digestive systems, helping to prevent or clear infections, and relieves constipation. Chewing on a leaf also has an analgesic effect, reducing the pain of toothache.

To use, boil a cup of fresh leaves in 3-4 cups of water for 1/2 hour and take 1/3 cup twice a day.

Sonja Cartwright, Waiaataruan and Naturopath at Healthwise Naturopath Clinic.

Brickbats and Bouquets

It has been a bouquet and brickbat-free month.

Thank you to the 'Fairy Flower Shop' of Titirangi who kindly supply the bouquet each month.

'Scene' or Heard in Waiaatarua

Upper Forest Hill road was closed on Sunday 19th October due to a slip.

Waiaataruan's ventured out from their hobbit holes recently to witness a low flying helicopter delivering a water tank to a property up in the hills. Not a common occurrence, and one which prompted a 'meet the neighbours' event, albeit spontaneously.

Still more graffiti is appearing on road side structures... please report this to 'Waitakere Tag Out Trust' on 839 0400. Let's maintain a 'zero tolerance' to this visual pollution of our area. If tagging occurs on any Telecom structures, phone Faults on 120. If you have tagging occur on your private property, remove it as soon as possible, to deter future tagging.

Buses in Waiaatarua

'The Waiaatarua Feeder', (Route 167), runs Monday – Friday to and from Henderson, via Henderson Valley and Oratia.

HSN Train Station	Waiaatarua	Oratia	HSN shops
9.15am	9.30am	9.35am	9.55am
11.15am	11.30am	11.35am	11.55am
1.15pm	1.30pm	1.35pm	1.55pm

Waiaatarua Community Library

New books this month:

John Gilstrap—'Scott Free'

David Fletcher—'Hunted'

Erma Neale (NZ Author)—'Double Take'. A solo adventure in Alaska, with a bear. An excellent read.

Uzma Aslam Khan—'Trespassing'. The story of silk.

Janet de Neefe—'Fragrant Rice'

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 — 12 noon

Sculpture and Garden Art Exhibition

Henderson Valley Riding for the Disabled are organising their annual Sculpture and Garden Art Exhibition during the week of 13th November to 16th November 2003. The exhibition will be held at Landsend, a beautiful subtropical garden in the heart of Oratia.

Henderson Valley Riding for the Disabled are holding this event to raise funds to build a covered arena.

There will be a stunning range of contemporary mixed media from well-known artists.

A preview evening has been scheduled for the 13th November. The ticket price for this night is \$35.00 per head. Wine and nibbles will be served.

From the 14th November to 16th November you can come into the gardens and view the artwork. All artwork on display is available for purchase. There will be a \$5.00 gate fee charge.

Tickets are available now from several outlets, including Landsend.

If you would like further information regarding this event please phone Chris Futter

(09) 818 8883 or email futter@ihug.co.nz You can also check out the website www.landsendexotics.co.nz. The garden address is 108 Parker Rd. Oratia, West Auckland.

News from the Waitakere Community Board Meeting on the new Civic Hub

Of greatest interest at the Community Board Meeting on the 30th September for readers was the presentation to the Board of two major projects - The Henderson Hub Project and the Waitakere Ranges Protection Project.

Of far reaching impact was the Henderson Hub. To date the public has not heard a great deal but, as they say, the Show is now on the road. At the meeting a large scale model of the project was presented together with slides and an address by Mayor Bob Harvey. He invited ratepayers and other organisations to have their own presentations if desired and no doubt we will look at this as a possibility in the near future.

The purpose of the Hub project is to make Henderson the real centre of Waitakere City. Up until now there have been centres like Henderson and New Lynn but without a particular area being a main centre. This is to change. In Henderson Valley Road the Council is to build a new Civic Centre—shifting from its present site off Lincoln Road. The Council has apparently acquired 3 hectares, being the old Carter Holt site. Council only requires 1 hectare and the remainder will be freed up for substantial development. The Civic Centre will straddle, by way of a bridge, the

railway line and give access to a new bus and rail transport centre. Unitec are also building a campus to house 2000 students and jointly with Council are building a new library to replace the present premises. Upgrades will also be made to the Corban's Art Centre. It is all part of an overall plan which will establish Henderson as the city centre and give transport links through to Britomart. Obviously it is hoped to not only serve the local population but also to bring in people from outside for a wide variety of activities in the area.

The presentation was very well received at the Community Board and the feeling was that it would prove to be a tremendous asset to the City as a whole.

The other project presented which one might feel was almost of equal importance, was the protection of the Waitakere Ranges, as again it is an asset for the benefit of the whole of the City and of the greater Auckland Region. Protection has been debated for many years and this is undoubtedly sure to continue. Protection has not been given so far to the Ranges on a governmental basis, but our Council is trying to put in place its own initiatives in conjunction with ARC, Iwi and MPs to examine the state of the Ranges and examine the way in which the Ranges are managed and what else should be done on a long term basis. This project will include foothills and coastal villages. The Council is holding a series of Community Workshops, and you may have already noticed there was one at the Waitarua Community Hall on Thursday, 30th October. But there are other places and meeting times which you would be welcome to attend. We should all be taking a strong interest in what happens, as there are major issues, not the least being subdivisions, elimination of weeds and pests, preservation of water quality in the stream, promotion of bird life, tourism and what controls should be made of commercial ventures in the area. This would cover adventure experiences such as kayaking, abseiling, canyoning and the like. We all need to have our say in what happens.

Geoff Wood

Congratulations...

To Dean and Julie Scahill and family of Raroa Terrace, on the birth of 'Reece James' on 16th September, weighing in at 7lb1oz.

Dogs and Beaches

With the warmer weather approaching most of us will take the opportunity to visit our local beaches. Please be aware that there are certain Council bylaws about taking the pooch with you to the beach.

Piha – No dogs are allowed on *South Piha* beach between 1st November and 31st March. Dogs may be exercised off their leash on *North Piha Beach* between the green marker poles (100 meters North of Lion Rock). Dogs must be on a leash at all other times and are not permitted in Prohibited areas, e.g. the base of Lion Rock.

Karekare – Dogs must be on a leash and are not allowed beyond the rocks at the South end of the beach.

The Arataki Rangers Roundup

Summer is but a stone's throw away and our work emphasis will be shifting towards the nursery. We will be collecting most of our seed for next years plants in the coming months. We have a summer student starting with us shortly to assist with the increased need in the nursery.

Tracks are also an area of our work to be focused on in November. The Rangers will be working alongside a track gang to do some track cutting and maintenance in the Arataki area. This will help the tracks remain walkable in spite of huge vegetation growth in the summer months.

We are also involved in the running of the Friends Arataki of Arataki Kids day. This is to be held on Sunday 2nd November 11am-3pm at the Arataki Nursery. It's a free event and there are all sorts of great activities for kids there so bring them along!

Don't forget if you have any enquiries or just want to meet your local rangers give the Arataki Rangers Station a call on Ph: 817-0099.

Ka Kite.

GARDEN GROUP

A full day in the Whitford area is planned for Wednesday 5th November commencing at Ayrles Garden, Potts Road, Whitford. Bring a picnic lunch to eat in the garden followed by a visit to another garden in the area.

Phone Eileen on 814-9298 or Margaret on 814-9859 for carpooling or further information.

This Month at WRRR

Isn't it nice to have Spring actually springing? We've had tipsy tuis in the Kahikatea, pigeons swooping all over the place, and even a swallow resting awhile on the deck. We've also had our hot water cylinder turned off for the last week so that the solar panels can earn their keep.

It has been a lean mean committee machine this month, with Dave Pocock off on safari in deepest Africa, and Eileen Powell soaking up the culture in Europe.

Structure Plans and Protecting the Ranges

One of the things that has occupied us has been the protection of the Ranges and how Structure Plans fit with this. The article last month got omitted through lack of space, so here is a (very) brief outline of the issues. A Structure Plan is a process that attempts to define the development potential of a particular area. A Structure Plan has been completed for Oratia, and the process is under way for Swanson and Birdwood. The matter that concerns your committee is that this has been happening before the overall planning objectives for the area and wishes of the local residents have been established. WCC is setting up a review of the Structure Plan process, and your committee has made submissions on the project brief and stated the concerns we have that on the one hand moves are underway to protect the Ranges, but on the other this apparent vehicle for development and subdivision is being used at the same time. We have been somewhat reassured by the responses we have received from WCC, mainly to the effect that we are not alone in expressing these concerns, and that it is now recognised that the overall objectives must be set before anything like a Structure Plan is undertaken. The final project brief also more strongly reflects this view than did the earlier drafts. Rest assured that we shall be keeping a very close eye on things. You can help by attending one of the "Protecting The Ranges" workshops and expressing your views. Thanks are due to Wade Cornell who has been very active and vigilant in monitoring this whole issue.

Traffic

I had a call from a Waitaruan the other day whose car ended up in a ditch with underbody damage because someone coming down Mountain Road had forgotten it is a two-way street (to put it charitably.) The victim wanted to know how get something done about improving warning signs on the road. The answer is to call the WCC on 839-0400 and report the incident and make the request. Get an incident number. Also let the committee know and quote that number. The more these things are reported, the more likely it is that something will be done. So don't just mutter and curse next time something like that happens to you—get on the phone!

On the plus side, there have been some new chevrons and raised pavement markers (cat's eyes to you and me) installed on some of our more notorious bends. So at least the hoons now have something to aim for when they go round the corners too fast.

Tony Bacon

Waitarua Rainfall

	RAIN DAYS	WETTEST DAY	SEP TOTAL	YEAR TO DATE
Mountain Road	26	5th (30 mm)	278 mm	1327 mm
Brabant Road	29	5th (25 mm)	305 mm	1526 mm
Quinns Road	27	2nd (27 mm)	216mm	1383 mm
Forest Hill Road	23	5th (39mm)	272 mm	1417 mm
Auckland City			141 mm	841 mm

Wanted

... your input into the content of the Waitarua Community News.

News, Ideas, Information, Interesting places and people within Waitarua, Events and Happenings. Please contact the editor Ph/Fax 814-9945 or email forwardthinking1@xtra.co.nz

Advertising

*This is free to financial members
for 2003, 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*

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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. www.atarua-bandb.co.nz

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LOCAL ISSUES: Phone Kevin Healy, Waitakere Community Board on 814-9505 or email: kevin@healy.co.nz

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.

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Phone Phillip on 812-8537 or 025-279-6036.

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 2003

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

WEST COAST WATER. For all water deliveries phone Patrick on 812-8079 or 027-288-9111.

AUCKLAND'S WAITAKERE PARK LODGE: Open Thurs to Sun for lunch & dinner. Now open for Sunday brunch from 10am. Enjoy the log fires in our luxury lounge bar, magnificent views & dining on the deck. Ph 814-9622.

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PRIVATE SALE Home and Income on flat 2022 sq. metre site. Gardens, fully fenced, off street parking, views. www.open2sell.com#2172 Tel 814-8802.

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Hire this excellent facility for your meetings, parties, dances, birthdays (children and adults) etc.

Lovely wooden floor for dancing.

Friday and Saturday evenings (including chairs and tables) \$150

Sunday to Thursday evenings \$85

Hourly Rates (daytime): weekdays \$10, weekends \$20

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Discounts for regular users

Community Barbecue hire \$20

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Phone the Custodian Pauline Isaachsen on 814-9847

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