



# Community News

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As I was out walking on my Newsletter 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 you 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.

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## NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

A quick update on the meeting held in the Community Centre on 18th September. Our new Community Constable, Nigel Barnard, addressed the 50 residents who attended, and told us of his appointment and his role. Constable Barnard is part of the Henderson Police, and his Office is in the Katherine Arcade in Henderson. If you need to contact him, phone Henderson Police on 837-0765 and ask for him. He is usually in the office On Monday to Thursday from 8 - 10a.m. and 1 - 2p.m., and on Fridays from 1 - 2 and 6 - 7p.m.

Some of the points in Constable Barnard's talk:

- Over 50% of burglaries are not through forced entry, i.e. entry was through an insecure door or window.
- Many valuable items are not returned because they are not identified or the owners have no record of serial numbers etc.
- It is very important to properly secure ranchsliders with locking bolts, and also have deadlocks on the front and back doors. This deters thieves because they can't easily remove large items.
- Neighbourhood Watch organisation is being regionalised, and the West's representative will be Daphne from Te Atatu. You can contact her through Henderson Police as well.
- There will be a newsletter from the Community Constable about once a month telling Neighbourhood Watch representatives anything of importance. We will pass on anything vital through our own Newsletter.

After Constable Barnard had finished his talk and answered questions, we

discussed Neighbourhood Watch in our area. There seemed to be general agreement that the very formal hierarchical scheme that used to exist was too unwieldy, and so it was suggested that groups of neighbours should get together and organise their own mutual support, and each group appoint a representative. We also need one other person to act as overall Coordinator. When a volunteer was requested, there was dead silence in the hall (surprise, surprise), so it was left to the Ratepayers Association Committee to find one.

The Coordinator will merely act as the the pipeline between the police and the various neighbourhood groups - no other organisational activity is envisaged. So if you would like to fulfil a vital role in helping our Community security, Tom Baker on 8149-340 or Marilyn Trubuhovich on 8149-266 would be delighted to hear from you.

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### WAIATARUA RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION 25th JUBILEE

This big event takes place in September 1989, and your committee is actively considering ways of celebrating the event. We would like to have something permanent to mark the occasion, and as the Community Centre is the hub of the Community, one option we are considering is an extension to the building. Nothing is yet decided, but the general idea is to extend the rear of the building by up to 3.6 metres - the exact distance will depend on the results from test bores to check soil conditions for the foundations. We see several benefits from this project:

- A larger stage and floor area in the main hall.
- Space in the library for a separate children's section.
- A new room on the library level, connected by stairs with the back of the stage. This could be used as a separate meeting room, and/or a storage area/dressing room for the Drama Group.
- The new stairs would give another emergency exit from the main hall.
- Extra and more conveniently located storage space for the Playcentre from space released by the Drama Group.

The costs of the project are vague at the moment, but we guess at it being between \$15000 and \$30000, depending on the final size and the extent to which we can do the work ourselves rather than contracting it out.

The Waitemata City Council appears enthusiastic about the project at this stage, and we can expect financial support from that direction.

The question is whether there is the enthusiasm in Waiatarua to raise maybe as much as \$10000 in support of this improvement to what is a central and to many of us very important part of Community life.

What do you think of the idea? Do you have any other ideas (big or small) for celebrating this jubilee? A sketch plan of the extensions is available in the Library. Please try and find the time to look at them and give your comments, or you can phone with suggestions or comments to 8149-353.

We will keep you up to date with developments and ideas in future issues of the newsletter. Watch this space!

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## LIBRARY NEWS

Little to report this month. We are continuing our campaign to recover overdue books, so that other residents can enjoy them too. If you have a book that is overdue, please return it.

Some recent additions to the adult section are:

Firebrand  
The Butcher's Theatre  
Medusa  
The Weeping and the Laughter  
Marriage is Murder

The above are all fiction (*Including Marriage is Murder? - Ed.*). We also have a new non-fiction, "Best of Both Worlds", which may be of interest to many inhabitants of Waiatarua.

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## CONGRATULATIONS

To "Mickey" Cooke, one of the Library stalwarts, who is 80 on 24th September.

"To be 70 years young is sometimes far more cheerful and hopeful than to be 40 years old"

- OLIVER WENDELL HOLMES.

## WELCOME TO WAIATARUA

Shirley and Eric Williams.

Gary and Jenny Clifford.

## ARA ELECTIONS

We will be organising a 'Meet the Candidates' event. Details next month.

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Has the editor gone crazy? Has he got shares in Caxtons and is trying to increase their profits by publishing white space? Turn the page for all to be revealed!

Wrong and wrong. The hole is there to highlight the fact that a newsletter only exists if there is material to print in it. This my seventh issue as editor, and apart from two poems and the adverts, about the only things that have appeared have basically come out of Waiatarua Association Committee meetings or my own head (that's not the white space!).

Our Masthead says 'COMMUNITY NEWS'. I refuse to believe that in the 600 households that receive the newsletter there is not a whole lot of things going on that the rest of the community would like to hear about, and many talented people who could enrich the lives of us all.

So let's hear from you all. Stories, cartoons, jokes, bits of gossip (who needs Felicity Ferret when we could have Prudence Possum?), local history, etc. etc. etc. I enjoy being your editor, and thank you for the nice things people have said about what has appeared so far, but just think what it would be like if we all really tried! I will even accept contributions from people who haven't paid their subscriptions - there can be no greater sacrifice.

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#### DID YOU KNOW?

The Bottlebank outside the Fire Station earns the Brigade about \$500 a year. You could help increase this if you took all your empties there.

The Fire Brigade are also starting an Aluminium Can recycling Centre.

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#### PLAYCENTRE

**H E L P !** Is there an accountant out there who would audit the Waiatarua Playcentre's books? Our books are ready now. A small payment is offered. If you can help, please phone Lynette on 8149-662.

Playcentre is operating a pre-school programme in your neighbourhood at the Community Centre on Tuesday and Friday mornings. If you have children between 0 and 5 who would like stimulation and company, come and see us, or phone Wendy on 8149-766 for information.

"Whatever women do, they must do it twice as well as men to be thought half as good. Luckily, this is not difficult"

- CHARLOTTE WHITTON (Mayor of Ottawa)

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#### COMPETITION COMPETITION COMPETITION COMPETITION COMPETITION COMPETITION

Announcing the great Waiatarua Community News Christmas Cover Contest!

This competition is open to anyone under the age of 16.

What we want is a picture to be used as the front page for the December issue of the Community News. The theme is 'Christmas in the Bush'. There will be several prizes of Family Passes to any Amalgamated Cinema, courtesy of the Westside Cinema in Henderson, and the overall winner will also have the honour and glory of seeing her/his work in print.

Here are the rules:

Only one entry per person.

The work must be the unassisted work of the entrant.

The entry must contain the words 'WAIATARUA COMMUNITY NEWS' and 'DECEMBER 1988'.

The rest of the work may be anything on the subject of 'Christmas in the Bush'. Remember it will take up the whole of the front page, that is the size of an A4 piece of paper.

You must write your name, address, telephone number and age on the back of your entry.

If you want your entry returned, you must supply a stamped, addressed envelope.

The closing date for entries is Wednesday, November 30th. Late entries will not be accepted.

The judges decision will be final, and no correspondence will be entered into.

Here are some tips:

Remember that the winning entry will be printed in one colour, so fancy colouring or textures or 3-D effects will stop you winning.

Simple, bold lines without big solid blocks of shading will reproduce best and so are more likely to be chosen.

Do not use a blue pen for your drawing. Blue is very difficult to print from. A black felt-tip is probably the best.

All the entries will be displayed in the Waiatarua Library. Details will be published later.

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#### ADVERTISING

"Half the money I spend on advertising is wasted, and the trouble is, I don't know which half"

- JOHN WANAMAKER, quoted in David Ogilvy,  
'Confessions of an Advertising Man'

#### PUPPIES FOR SALE

Pedigree Labrador puppies - vaccinated, tattooed, Reg. NZKC. Ready early November. Enquiries to Hadham Park Kennels, phone 8149-830.

#### POTTERY SECONDS DAY

Chris and Jan Cockell, potters, of 6 Raroa Terrace (off West Coast Road), are having a seconds day and clearance of old stock on Saturday and Sunday 1st and 2nd October. Prices: wholesale or less - good bargains to be had.



## CELEBRATION

Oratia Kindergarten are celebrating their 10th birthday with a Mardi Gras on October 28th. Refreshments available, supper provided. Cost \$25 double. To get tickets phone 8149-839 or 8187-826.

## WANTED

Home Maintenance Executive! For 3 hours on Fridays. Phone 8149-266.

## JOB OFFERED

Person needed for lawn mowing and odd jobs - \$5.50 per hour (West Coast Road). Phone Sue Gillespie 8149-470 (evenings) 8323-544 (day).

## WORK WANTED

General renovations and decorating work. Also cabinet making, e.g. wardrobes, chests of drawers etc. No job too small. Free quotes. Phone Adrian 8149-741.

## JAZZ DANCE CLASSES (N.Z.A.M.D)

Waiatarua Community Centre. Phone Pam Scott 8149-592

## CHRISTMAS COMING?

Think Tupperware for great gifts, wedding shower parties or just a get together. Phone Shelley King (area dealer) on 8149-698.

## FOR SALE

Romesse pot belly stove with expansion ring, wetback and some flue parts. Healing ten-speed bicycle. Olympus RC 35 viewfinder camera. Ralta 'Mr. Coffee' coffee maker. Phone Tony or Jean on 8149-860.

## FOUND

At Te Henga a couple of weeks ago - a digital watch. If you think it is yours, phone 8149-860.

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Deadline for the next issue is Tuesday, 11th October. Please send legible copy to the Editor, Tony Bacon, 11 Cascade Avenue. All submissions must have a name and contact phone number, even if that is not for publication.

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