



Community News

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TV3 - THE NEVER ENDING STORY

The TV3 mast meeting was called to inform residents about the proposals from TV3 to erect a transmission mast in Quinns Road. The various issues seem to be:

- TV3 are required to have a transmission facility somewhere in this area because otherwise everyone in Auckland would have to have 2 aerials, one pointed at the current mast in Waiatarua and one at (say) the Hunuas for TV3.
- The Radio Frequency Service has stated that TV3 may not use the current Waiatarua mast as there is the possibility of this causing interference with the Airport Instrument Landing Systems.
- TV3 have investigated many other sites in the area, and the Quinns Road one is the only one that meets all the engineering and other criteria.

Local concerns are:

- Worries about health hazards from the transmissions.
- Worries about interference with domestic appliances.
- Worries about the effect on property values.
- Worries about increased traffic along Quinns Road.
- Worries about the visual pollution of the Waitakeres skyline.

Your committee is trying with its limited resources to find a way through this minefield. We are not entirely satisfied with some of the reasons given for the inevitability of the Quinns Road site, and are trying to investigate alternatives. If there is anyone in the Community with expertise in town planning or TV transmission technology, we would love to hear from you.

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LIBRARY NEWS

We have added a range of new titles since January, particularly taking advantage last month of a sale at London Bookshops. We hope that there is at least one among the new titles for everyone. Why not come along and find out?

If you have enjoyed a good read recently, even if it not a new book, why not write a few lines about it for the Newsletter and so perhaps encourage others to obtain the same enjoyment?

"Reading is to the mind what exercise is to the body"

Richard Steele, "The Tatler".

THE GREAT WAIATARUA TO PIHA GRUMBLE AND GRUNT RUN

Now that he has got his breath back, our athletics (?) correspondent, Tony Webber sends us this report:

Sunday 5th March dawned fine and clear with just a faint whisper of an Autumn chill in the morning air. However by the 11 a.m. start time the sun was starting to burn everything in sight, including the runners. With the starter's gun poised, the competitors were straining at the bit (all eight of us). A couple of guys looked like serious runners and proved to be just that, for at the 3k mark they had already put 4 minutes on the rest of us and any thoughts of grandeur in winning this race were soon forgotten. Thus it was just enjoying the company and the scenery. Our two female competitors however had misunderstood the distance that was to be run and believed they were entering a 10km fun run and not a 10 mile slog. More fool them, although they must be congratulated in completing the course, thanks to one or two words of encouragement from the male competitors.

By the time most of us were approaching half way the leader was not far from the finish line. However such was the speed of this runner that the organisers were unable to get to the finish line in time to meet him. Consequently he ran the length of North and South Piha looking for some sign of officialdom. Bewildered, confused, and by now "bloody thirsty", he entered the Surf Club asking if anyone knew where the Grumble and Grunt run finished. "Never heard of it," was the reply, "try the Fire Station". Two hours after the last competitor had finished we finally located our leading man sitting atop an empty beer crate looking totally rejected outside the Piha Fire Station. He was presented with the winner's prize and his spirits seemed to take a turn for the better. He even assured us we would see him again next year. Yes, it was decided that this will again become an annual event, held on the first Sunday in March.

For those of you who weren't motivated enough or just too intelligent to get sucked in, the run follows the Piha road to the Anawhata turn off, then follows Anawhata Road to the end, cutting down the Whites Road track and finishing at the end of North Piha. The scenery is superb, as good as anything in the Adriatic, and the run, believe it or not, is not that hard! So lets see you all there next year!

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PLAYCENTRE NEWS

Following a meeting with Council to coordinate Drama Club's extension to the hall with improvements to Playcentre, it looks as though we will receive a major face-lift to the Community Centre outdoor area. We are also considering a small extension to the storage cupboard to the right of the Community Centre entrance.

Due to uncertainty surrounding future funding and building requirements for Playcentres (under discussion at present following the Picot Report) we are not pursuing a new building until details are forthcoming.

So far this term our two major excitements have been a visit from 2 Waiatarua Fire Officers and the Fire Engine, and a highly enjoyable visit to the Western Springs park and pond.

Aside from this, we are all re-enthused and trying harder to keep our bi-weekly sessions interesting, and we have bought a section of artificial grass to reduce our injury rate on the tar seal.

For details about Playcentre, please contact Wendy Healy, 8149-766.

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WAIATARUA RESIDENTS AND RATEPAYERS ASSOCIATION - COMMITTEE

NAME	PHONE	RESPONSIBILITIES
Tom Baker	8149-340	President, Hall extensions and maintenance
Ian Wells	8149-601	Vice-President
Jennifer Jakicevich	8149-987	Secretary
Gisella Kernot	8149-350	Treasurer, Hall Hire
Tony Bacon	8149-860	Newsletter Editor
Wayne Edwards	8149-976	Newsletter Distribution
Chris Timms	8149-346	Social Director
John Fenwick	8149-818	
Ian Ford	8149-618	
Richard Hoyle	8149-641	

Honorary Members:

Joan Rudall	-	Library
Phil Vincent	-	Drama Group
Wendy Healy	-	Playcentre

COMMUNITY INFORMATION

Association Committee meetings	-	1st Wednesday of the month
Deadline for Newsletter copy	-	1st Wednesday of the month
Newsletter delivery	-	3rd or 4th week of the month.

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH Coordinator is Gisella Kernot, 8149-350

COMMUNITY CONSTABLE Nigel Barnard, Phone 837-0765

PLAYCENTRE Meets Tuesdays and Fridays, 9.30am - 12 noon at the
Community Centre. Contact Wendy Healy on 8149-766.

LIBRARY	Opening Hours are:	Monday	CLOSED
		Tuesday	7pm - 8.30pm
Contact Joan Rudall, 8149-747		Wednesday	CLOSED
		Thursday	10am - 12 noon
		Friday	10am - 11am (School Term time only)
		Friday	7pm - 8.30pm
		Saturday	9.30am - 11 am

COMMUNITY BARBECUE Custodian and contact for hiring is Ian Wells, phone
8149-601

COMMUNITY HALL HIRE Contact Gisella Kernot, 8149-350. Standard Rates are:

DAYTIME: \$5/hr weekdays, \$6/hr Saturday.
EVENINGS: \$65, with a \$50 returnable bond.

Crockery: \$25 Chairs: \$15 Piano: \$10

Cheaper rates are available to local community groups.

RUBBISH COLLECTION is on WEDNESDAY, except after a holiday Monday, when
it is THURSDAY.

ALL THE ODDS AND ENDS

GINGER PLANT

Now is the time to break off the old flower heads and destroy them before those luscious red seeds form and start tempting the birds to spread the plants even further than they are now.

MEMBERSHIP

We are up to 49 members - is this the month when you will remember to send us your membership fee? Fill in the easy-to-use form on the back of this Newsletter and warm our Treasurer's heart!

NEWSLETTER BACK ISSUES

Early issues of this publication are rapidly becoming collector's items, however the Waiatarua Library reports that they have some back issues available if anyone wants them. Get yours now - they could be tomorrow's collectibles!

SONG OF TWO WATERS - MOUNTAIN TOP CAFE DEVELOPMENTS

The planning hearing for this proposal is on the 26th April, so if you have not yet submitted an objection (against or for), you have left it too late. However I expect both those in favour and against the proposal would like support from any quarter they can get. It is probably worth saying that often only objections are heard to projects like this - those in favour seem to assume that it will go through without their help. While there are very legitimate concerns about what is being proposed, it would be a pity if it was approved or rejected without good arguments being heard from both sides.

NEWSLETTER DISTRIBUTORS

We are looking for someone to deliver in the Mountain Road/Turanga Road area. If you would like to perform this small service for the Community, please phone Wayne Edwards on 8149-976.

LIBRARY HELPERS

The Library is looking for someone to staff the Library for one Saturday morning each month. This is a great way to meet people in the Community, so if you want to help, phone Joan Rudall on 8149-747.

HEARD AT THE THE ST PATRICKS NIGHT DO

The limerick's an art form unique,
Both elegant, compact and sleek,
But the difficult part,
The crux of the art,
Is to get the last line the same length and rhyme as the first!
(See below!)

The Waiatarua Community,
Had a rare demonstration of unity,
They told TV3
They were out of their tree,
If they thought their mast would go up with impunity.

WEST AUCKLAND HEALTH FORUM

The West Auckland Health Forum is an open platform on which any West Aucklander has a voice in health decisions, to try to ensure that local needs and priorities are heard and serviced. The Forum and its committee has been established over the last year under the auspices of the Waitemata City Council.

The Waiatarua Ratepayers and Residents Association is kept constantly informed of Health Forum concerns, issues and meetings. Notices of meetings are placed on the door of the Community Centre. Issues discussed to date include sexual abuse, the swirl bath at Waitakere Hospital and family planning.

In addition, a West Auckland Women's Health focus is being promoted. If any local women are interested in enrolling for discussions or workshops please phone Lynda Williams on 8109-442.

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The space below is left as a public service.

You may use it to:

Meditate on the great blankness that is human existence

Hang on a nail in the little room out the back

Make preliminary notes for the article you keep meaning to write for the Newsletter

Print PAY MY MEMBERSHIP FEE in large letters and stick it on the fridge

Give to your toddler in the hope that it will be used instead of the wallpaper for art practice

Fold into a paper plane

Practice Origami

This is the space:

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ADVERTISING

BABY SITITER WANTED

To occasionally mind a 10 year and 7 year old. Would prefer a responsible high school student from the local area. Please phone 8149-616 after 3pm.

WORK WANTED

For all interior/exterior renovations and cabinet making including kitchens phone Adrien Riegen on 8149-741 for free quotes.

WANTED

Student for outdoor work 3 hours per fortnight, \$20. Near TV mast, Scenic Drive. Phone 8149-827.

PERSON WANTED

Person for lawns, car cleaning etc. Waiatarua area. 3 hours every 2 weeks. \$6 p.h. Phone 8149-228 evenings.

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. Four bar stools. Phone Tony or Jean on 8149-860.

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Deadline for the next issue is Wednesday, 3rd May. 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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Our thanks to Waiatarua residents Grant and Carol Longley of Longley Printing for their help in the production of this Newsletter.

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The Treasurer,
Gisella Kernot,
12 Tui Crescent

or leave at the Library

Telephone _____