



Community News

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EDITORIAL

Hasn't it been an exciting month? Elections, meetings, special meetings, anniversary celebrations - if I'd known what was going to happen I'm not sure if I would have come home early or stayed away for longer! My thanks to Martin Jakicevich for holding the fort and fielding the bullets while I was away.

First of all, congratulations to all the successful candidates in the local body elections, and especially to Ian Wells, now Councillor Wells, and to Chris Timms, our representative on the Community Board. They both have a tricky time ahead of them, and we should give them all our support.

A special meeting of the Association was held on Wednesday 1st November at the Community Hall, to consider the matters advertised in the last Newsletter. The following is a summary of the minutes of the meeting:

There was discussion as to whether Laurie Squires' letter to the newsletter should be read and/or discussed, and the motion "That the letter be read to the meeting but no discussion of its content be permitted" was put and lost.

After more discussion, the following motions were put and carried:

"The future direction of the Waiatarua newsletter shall be that of a publication for the exchange of news and opinion between all the members of the community and a means of communicating the activities of the Waiatarua Residents and Ratepayers Association."

"That the meeting recommend to the committee that they take the necessary steps to amend the constitution at the next General Meeting to the effect that the editor of the newsletter be elected at the A.G.M. and be an ex-officio member of the WRRR Committee."

"The editorial policy of the Waiatarua Newsletter shall be to provide a means of communication to all members of the community. The only restrictions on publication (at the sole discretion of the editor) shall be those of libel, blasphemy, good taste, available space and exhaustion of a topic. A disclaimer shall be added to all future newsletters to protect the interests of the WRRR and the editor."

"The advertising policy of the Waiatarua Newsletter shall be to accept small advertisements free of charge from any financial member of the Association based within the Waiatarua Newsletter circulation area. The only restrictions (at the sole discretion of the editor) shall be those of legality, good taste and available space."

No vacancies on the committee were filled as the constitution does not allow for elections outside an AGM.

It was also moved that "This meeting urge the President to reconsider his resignation" - carried unanimously, and "That this meeting pass a vote of thanks to Tom Baker for his efforts in getting scheme change 169 rescinded, and that this be recognised in the newsletter." - carried by acclamation.

The meeting closed at 8.47 pm.

I am very happy to carry out the instructions of the final motion above. Tom Baker has worked tirelessly for the community on many projects, the most visible of which have been his efforts with others to have TVNZ's planning application in respect of the temporary mast and the satellite station refused, his success in getting scheme change 169 revoked, and his almost single-handed organisation of the Community Centre extensions project. He deserves the whole-hearted thanks of us all.

I can also advise everyone that following discussions with the editor, Laurie and Rod Squires have agreed that their letters to the Newsletter and Tim Shadbolt, which were their own personal stand, should not be reprinted. This gesture doesn't diminish their belief in the rightness of their actions, but is made in the recognition that the issue is now dead and the time has come to reduce tensions in the community.

STOP PRESS STOP PRESS STOP PRESS

I am pleased to announce that Tom Baker has reconsidered his decision to resign and will be continuing as President of the Association.

With the resignations of Gisella Kernot and Jennifer Jakicevich, until the AGM on 21st February 1990 Ian Ford will hold the post of Secretary and after 31st December, Treasurer.

ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS

By the time you read this, everything will probably be over, but as I write the only events that have occurred have been the fireworks and the dam open day. The crowds at the fireworks were larger than for some years, helped no doubt by the fine weather, and a great time was had by all - especially

the firemen who I am sure only promote this event so they get a chance to let off all the crackers! The number of children running around letting off fireworks unsupervised was a bit of a worry at times, but all in all it was a great night.

The weather was also great for those of us who visited the dam on Sunday. The gentle stroll down the track past some beautiful waterfalls and looming bluffs was just enough to make the dam a welcome sight. Terry Blumhardt was on hand to answer all our silly questions, and those with a better head for heights than your editor descended to the bottom of the dam and explored the stream bed and railway line. The view down the valley was spectacular, and Terry's descriptions of how the material for the dam was transported to the site made today's civil engineering projects seem very tame by comparison. A little sit down and then another gentle stroll back to the road rounded off a very pleasant morning.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

I have recently been involved with the planning hearing objecting to the expansion of the present transmitter site. This has been my first time in such a situation and this caused me to come away with mixed feelings about our democratic system.

I was absolutely dismayed by the actions of the Counsel for Broadcast Communications Ltd (BCL) to any person or groups of people who dared suggest that they were wrong. There were lies, deceit and a general put-down of objectors and their evidence. When confronted with evidence by objectors the person rather than the evidence was often challenged but their 'experts' were expected to be believed regardless of their evidence and the material presented that questioned it. I was left with the feeling that the bigger the organisation the more we little people

should just lie down and submit to what they want.

The restraint and dedication showed by the councillors and council officers during the hearing show that in this aspect of our democratic process we were well served. This was a very difficult and scientific case (the first such case in NZ) and these people showed great professionalism. It is a pity not all of them will serve us on the new Waitakere City Council.

The highlight of the whole process (30 hours) was the support from the Waitatarua Community. It was great to see different people regularly attending the hearings whether it was during the day or evening. The attendance at the final Council meeting by about 70 residents really gave the Action Group a buzz to know that there was a large group of people supporting their objections. At times during the whole process many of the Action Group felt they were fighting a lone battle but when the support was needed the community really rose to the occasion.

Unfortunately this is only round one and if we are not careful BCL will just disregard the recommendations and add further transmissions to the present tower. This will increase the amount of radiation and in turn it will increase the number of households which are directly affected. Round two is ensuring that the council recommendations are put in place as soon as possible. Any support you are able to give the Action Group will be very welcome by lobbying Local and Central Government politicians.

Thank you to a very caring and supportive community. We all hope that you will continue to give that support for the benefit of the whole community.

Waitatarua Action Group.

This letter was edited slightly for length - Ed.

WAIATARUA THEATRE



The theatre's next production, "Christmas Tails" is scheduled for December 14th and 15th at 8pm, 16th at 2pm and 8pm and 17th at 2pm only.

Set in your typical Kiwi home, the action takes place on Christmas Eve when the whole family is thinking and dreaming about Christmasses past and present, and will feature many well and lesser known Christmas stories and carols.

Prices are \$10 for adults and \$5 for children at the evening performances (including light refreshments) and \$5 for everyone at the matinees. Children attending the matinees will receive a free bag of sweets.

"Christmas Tails" will provide real family entertainment and is guaranteed to bring the child out of even the most determined adult!

Book your tickets by phoning 8149-837, 8149-220 or 8149-747.

ODDMENTS

It was good to see the police out the other day stopping all the cars travelling through the area in an attempt to curb the spate of burglaries. The final onus though is still on us to keep our houses secure and our eyes peeled for suspicious strangers.

FIRE BAN

Remember the Summer Fire Ban took effect on 7th November, and runs until

30th. April 1990. This means you can't have any fire in the open air without a permit. Depending on who you talk to, this can also include incinerators and barbecues. However it would seem that the ordinary domestic barbecue is allowed. Which brings us to:

COMMUNITY BARBECUE

This is available for hire for \$25 for a weekend including the gas, plus a deposit of \$40, refundable if the barbecue is returned in good condition and clean. The guardian is now Richard Hoyle, telephone 8149-641.

ADVERTISING

EUROTILERS

Specialists in laying slate, marble granite, ceramic tiles, blocks and bricks; also plastering and fencing work. Phone Rick on 8149-312 for a quote.

LOST, STOLEN OR STRAYED

Blue pt. siamese tom cat missing from Forrest Hill Rd since Labour weekend. Please phone 8149-403 if found.

FOR SALE

EXA-GYM. Full scale model in excellent condition. \$400. Phone 8149-968.

HASSLE-FREE BIRTHDAY PARTIES

Save your nerves by calling in the Reetle Beetle Birthday Co. We supply everything from food to games to balloons to the kleensak for tidying up. Phone Ree on 8149-263 or Cathie on 8149-601 for more details.

Please accept my 1989 subscription to the Waiatarua Ratepayers and Residents Association.

I enclose \$5.00 (Household)/\$2.50 (Single occupant)

This is a renewal/new subscription (Delete one)

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Please send to the Treasurer:
Gisella Kernot,
12, Tui Crescent,
Waiatarua
or leave at the Library.

Deadline for the next issue is Wednesday, 6th December. 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.

Our thanks to Waiatarua residents Grant and Carol Longley of Longley Printing for their help in the production of this Newsletter.

This Newsletter is delivered to all Households in Waiatarua by the Waiatarua Ratepayers and Residents Association. If you are not already a member, your subscription of \$5.00 per household (2.50 for single occupants) will help us to maintain and improve the services we provide.

ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS

OK fun-seekers, here are ALL the details:

- Sat. 4th. November: Fireworks at the Fire Station. Barbecues from 6.30 pm, sparklers after dark. Sausages will be available, bring your own everything else.
- Sun. 5th. November: The list is full for the dam visit, but for those lucky enough to have got in, the dam will be open from 10 am until 2pm, although you won't be allowed in after noon. The gate is 2km down the Piha Road on the left. There will be extra parking on the right side of the road. Wear good walking shoes.
- Wed. 8th. November: Beer and Bread night at the Fork 'n View. Entry forms were in the last Newsletter. Entries must be at the Fork 'n View by noon on the 8th. If you want to sample the offerings, arrive after 6.30 pm. There will be music and song, so bring your instrument and your voice.
- Fri. 10th. November: 3.30 pm - party for children up to 10 years at the Community Centre. Parents are welcome too. Please bring a plate. Fancy dress and masks are optional. There will be clowning and all sorts of fun and games.
4 - 7 pm. Mystery adventure for young people 11 years and older. Meet at the Fire Station at 4pm (don't be late!). Wear strong shoes and heavy duty clothes, and bring a blindfold!
- Sat. 11th November: 9 am, Community Garage Sale at the Community Centre. There are still one or two stalls available at \$5.00, so phone Jan Parks on 8149-676 if you don't want to miss out.
2 pm, Walk along Quinns Road to the Glow-worm cave. Meet at the Fire Station at 2 pm. Wear strong shoes. We hope to have the Community Minibus available if you don't want to walk the whole way.
- Sun. 12th November: This is bad news time. For all sorts of logistical reasons, we have had to cancel the Garden Party at Rose Hellaby House. If it's a nice day, you can go to the beach or mow the lawn.
- Wed. 15th. November: 'Coffee and Craft' at the Community Centre at 10.30 am. This is morning tea time, where your editor has a chance to get stuck into the chocolate cake. This time we have arranged demonstrations of both pottery and spinning to entertain you. If any local craftworkers would like to take this opportunity to display their work (remember Christmas is a-coming) please phone Bev Latimer on 8149-679. If anyone needs help with transport, please phone Joan on 8149-974 or Phyl on 8149-837. Don't forget to bring a plate!
- Fri 17th. November: History Night at 8pm at the Community Centre. There will be displays of old maps and photographs, arranged by the West Auckland Historical Society, and people on hand to answer questions about them. We have also invited some of the district's old identities to talk informally about their memories - some of which are hilarious!. Bring a plate for supper, and if you have any items of historical interest, bring them too (but not on the plate).
- Sat. 18th November: The final fling. a 60's (25 years ago, geddit?) dance at 8 pm at the Community Centre. We have a great band, you bring your food and drink. Come if you dare in your best 60's gear, otherwise you may miss out on the fantastic prizes we have arranged for all sorts of silly competitions. The cost is \$15 per ticket, payable at the door. All profits to the Hall extension fund. What a way to round off the fortnight!

IMPORTANT COMMUNITY NOTICE OVER THE PAGE

TIMETABLE

BEWARE

Number 17 Atarua Gardens was burgled sometime between 8 am and 2 pm on Tuesday 31st October.

Items including passports, cheque Books, personal documents and jewellery were taken. There was no sign of forced entry although all the doors were locked. Lack of heavy items taken may suggest their vehicle (if any) may have been parked elsewhere.

A bank video (BNZ Glen Eden) showed a male Caucasian, aged about 25 with a full beard, gingery hair and a small plait, large sunglasses and a check shirt trying to cash a stolen cheque. It is not known whether this person was responsible but if anyone can assist with information please make contact at the number below.

In the meantime for those of you at home during the day please remain vigilant and report anything suspicious. Please also ensure your premises are as secure as you can make them.

Lawrie Hart 8149-715