



Community News

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EDITORIAL

You can all blame me for the recent rain. We bought 2000 gallons of water on Monday afternoon, and on Monday night, Tuesday and Wednesday it poured non-stop. At least we have proved that our tanks are fillable, although the combination of 75 metres distance plus a fair amount of lift meant that what should have taken 10 minutes took 1½ hours!

Didn't the celebrations go well? I managed to attend most events, and had a great time at each of them. I missed the history night and the 60's dance. The history night was apparently a sellout - standing room only. I'm told the 6 people who came to the dance boogied till the small hours to a terrific band, but where were the rest of you? Was it the price, the theme, the date or what? Some feedback as to why you all decided to stay at home would be greatly appreciated, as otherwise we shall have to be very cautious about organising such an event in the future. The only other complaint was that despite strong hints from your editor there was no chocolate cake at the morning tea!

Many thanks to everyone who was involved in organising the events, and to the Fork'n'View for providing premises and prizes and Brewers Supplies and East West Foods of Glen Eden for more prizes for the beer and bread night.

The next issue will be in February 1990, so in the meantime have a good Christmas everyone, take care on the roads and we'll see you in the New Year.

HOME BREW - OR THE CAMEL BREEDER'S REVENGE

This was it - the most important occasion for home brewers in the Waitakeres. Everybody that was anybody serious about beer had a favourite brew entered for assessment as part of the 25th anniversary celebrations for the Waiatarua Ratepayers' Association. Twenty entries were categorised into three groups; lager, ale and stout. The best of each was awarded a prize and went into a grand taste-off for the dubious title of BEWARE (Best Waiataruan Brew). The winner received a meal for two at the Fork'n'View and rumour has it the food is not too bad which may assist in making this event the inaugural one for many happy future competitions.

The professional panel took about 1½ hours to evaluate the entries and awarded the following placings:

First - lager	:	Les Hayward
First - ale	:	Ian Wells
First - stout	:	Les Hayward
BEWARE prize	:	Councillor Ian Wells

Which just goes to show that some people are good at more than one thing. Congratulations to all.

James Healy.

REMEMBER - THE WARRA A.G.M IS ON WEDNESDAY 21ST FEBRUARY, 1990

THE SURPRISE!

We first met at the Fire Station. After a while we were told to put on our blindfolds. We were then put in a truck and taken down Scenic Drive. After a bit of driving all of us got out and were lead to.....the unknown! We all sat down on a seat and then started moving! The suspense was unbearable so we all took off our blindfolds. Everyone was in a train! It was really neat. The train went to the dam on Piha Road and back. It was choice. When we got back we had a barbecue. I had a great time.

Megan Baker

This is one of the winning recipes from the beer and bread night, courtesy of Elaine Baker. With luck we shall bring you another one in the New Year.

ELAINE'S BAK'A BREAD

In a mixing bowl put:

2 tsp sugar or honey or molasses etc.

Add:

1&1/3 cup boiling water

1&1/3 cup milk

Sprinkle 1&1/3 tsp dried yeast over liquid and leave about 5 mins.

Add:

5&1/3 cups flour (4 cups wholemeal,
1&1/3 white)

1&1/3 tsp sea salt

1&1/2 tbs wheatgerm or bran

Mix well and put in oiled tin of your choice. Put in the oven at 70° for 30 mins then turn the oven to 200° for 30 mins to bake.

This is the basic recipe. You can experiment by adding sunflower seeds or sesame seeds, oats or use different flour. Add whatever you fancy, you are the chef!

A NEW PLAYGROUND FOR WAIATARUA

It seems appropriate that amidst the recent anniversary celebrations a major improvement took place for the children of Waiatarua. Even as the sound of fundraising and festivities were ringing out above - inside the Community Centre - a dramatic change was occurring outside.

Wayne Edwards, aided by an enthusiastic group of past and present Playcentre fathers, toiled throughout the day of 11 November to build an excellent and attractive staircase down to our new Council-supplied Playco equipment. In case you haven't yet noticed, a combined Ratepayers' Association and Playcentre initiative has resulted in our very own set of modern playground equipment.

Playcentre will upgrade the swings and the rest of the area depending on when the hall extensions occur. Meanwhile, it is time to acknowledge the energetic, consistent and generous work done by Wayne Edwards in particular. Thanks are also due to Paul Baker for the design of the staircase amongst other efforts, and to Warren Allely, Russell Rooney, James Healy and Jeff Brinton for their help.

Make sure you and your children make use of this new asset to our 25 year old Community Centre!

It has been an especially busy and exciting year at Playcentre. We enjoyed planning and organising the Waiatarua children's party which was a great success. We are winding the year up with a Playcentre Christmas party and looking enthusiastically towards next year. Feel free to join us - for information phone Jan on 8149-676.

COMMUNITY BOARDS

Your newly-elected Community Board is getting to grips with the task that lies ahead, and one of the things it wants to do is get feedback from the Community as to the needs and aspirations of people in our area. To this end the Board will be conducting informal surveys in the new

year to find out what you want for your community. Why not spend some time over the Christmas break considering what you see as the future of Waiaatarua - recreation, roading, street lighting, section sizes, tourism - anything you can imagine. If we as a community don't support our Community Board their task will be more difficult than it already is, and there are many in Local Government who would like to see the Boards fail - it's up to us to make sure this doesn't happen.

LETTER FROM OUR PRESIDENT

Firstly I wish to thank you for the support and confidence you gave me during the recent local issue.

The success of getting scheme change 169 rescinded was not solely due to my efforts. I had very good support and advice from Peter Sinton, a local Planning Consultant, who helped prepare the appeal in the terminology and conditions that the Planning Tribunal required.

Now on the Waiaatarua Transmission site. On Saturday 11 November a meeting was held at Waiaatarua attended by Johnathon Hunt, Minister of Broadcasting, Jack Elder MP, Mayor Assid Corban, Arthur Stacey, Managing Director of Broadcasting Communications Ltd. (BCL), board members of BCL, Radio Frequency Services, Auckland Area Health Board, 5 Waitakere City Councillors and representatives from local residents. Mr. Hunt proposed a Steering Committee be established to develop the requirements for a New Zealand Standard to set radio frequency radiation levels and methods of measuring such. Mr. Hunt stated that a NZ standard would be in operation within 12 months. As an ex Chairman of the NZ Standards Association Committee I know it is not their policy to fast-track a standard, and from my experience it usually takes at least two years before a standard is introduced. We were given assurances from Mr. Hunt and Mr. Stacey that BCL would comply with the new Standard requirements, and if necessary legislation would be introduced to ensure that interested parties comply. Subsequently I have been invited to attend the Standards Association meeting in Wellington on 6 December to discuss the

proposed NZ Standard for acceptable levels of Radio Frequency Radiation.

Many residents addressed the meeting, their main concern was for the interim period when TV3 and further FM transmissions will be added to the present existing high levels of radiation. Although the residents welcome the proposal of a NZ standard and a proposed by-law, the immediate increase in transmission emission from the introduction of TV3 will increase radiation levels on some properties by as much as 47%, and apart from TV3 further FM radio stations and three Sky Network channels are planned all within a year.

Because of the urgency of the situation a group of residents living near the mast have filed a claim in the High Court against the Crown, TVNZ, BCL and TV3 to seek an order of relief to prevent TV3 from transmitting from the Waiaatarua transmission site. This does not mean they want to stop TV3 from transmitting, but to transmit from another site, away from a residential area. The High Court Judge has set the hearing to be heard in Wellington in February 1990.

It has been rumoured that I am bankrupting the Ratepayer's Association with the legal costs of all these actions - be assured this is not so. (I cannot see Joan Rudall allowing me to mortgage her library books!)

The costs of the current High Court action is being underwritten by some community-minded residents. The costs for the recent successful Waitemata City Council Planning Hearing on the erection of another mast and satellite dish on the Waiaatarua site is being met from monies from the Waiaatarua Action Group and voluntary donations (Mast Fund) from supportive residents. The actual legal cost for preparation and attending 30 hours of Planning Hearing amounts to \$4882. The current balance in the fighting fund is \$4366.20, leaving a deficit of \$ 516.30. As the mast issue is, and indeed should be, a total Waiaatarua community commitment, it should not be left to a few to cover all these costs. Therefore more voluntary donations are required from the community to cover this deficit. Please send your

donations, no matter how small, to the Secretary/Treasurer or leave them at the Library.

The legal costs for rescinding scheme change 169 amount to \$900, which is the responsibility of the Ratepayer's Association, based on a resolution passed by residents at a meeting, that the Ratepayer's Association should appeal against the Council's decision. If your committee agree, we do have the opportunity to seek legal costs against Waitakere City Council, and therefore we could be reimbursed for some of this cost.

Finally I would like to thank the residents who participated in the recent 25th Anniversary Celebrations. Unfortunately I was indisposed at the time and could attend only a few of the functions which proved to be very successful. Congratulations to your committee.

Tom Baker
President

MAST UPDATES

One of the results of the proceedings, discussions etc. concerning the mast was an agreement that surveys of radiation levels would be undertaken by an independent authority. The first of these has recently been completed by Dr. H. A. Whale. The full results are available for inspection in the Waiatarua Library, together with a commentary by Dr. Ivan Beale who monitored the process on behalf of the residents. The following is a much abridged version of both documents.

THE SURVEY

The survey was undertaken on 21 November 1989 at various locations ranging from sites very close to the Mast to sites in Forest Hill Road, West Coast Road and the Community Centre. Readings ranged from less than 2 $\mu\text{W}/\text{cm}^2$ (microwatts per square centimetre) to a high of 150-170 $\mu\text{W}/\text{cm}^2$. Dr. Whale added these comments:

"Whilst my main purpose in making these measurements was to obtain a set of

measurements that could be used to compare the levels with any changes that occurred with the addition of new transmissions it should be pointed out that they were, in fact, made at predetermined locations. In order to determine the average levels of radiation they should, ideally, have been made over a uniformly distributed grid of locations but this was impossible to achieve with the topography and the large extent of the area covered. In particular, the few very high readings obtained over very limited regions should not be given undue emphasis if realistic averages are required. Since these have been shown to be very localized, it is very probable that they can be reduced or even eliminated by the use of some local screening or by some mechanical changes in the local metallic structures that are responsible."

DR. BEALE COMMENTS:

"Residents are concerned with how large their potential exposure might be, so they wanted to know the largest reading at each location. BCL, on the other hand, seem interested in average levels. This is because they want to minimise the perceived danger and because average levels are used to check on the theoretically calculated exposure levels.

"The levels. From the residents' perspective, the main findings were:

i) A maximum reading of 170 $\mu\text{W}/\text{cm}^2$ (at 545 Scenic Dr). The highest reading found during the previous survey on May 23 was 70 $\mu\text{W}/\text{cm}^2$. The high reading was probably a result of reflection of radiation from a metal surface. The highest reading is close to the maximum permitted by the Australian standard adopted by BCL (200 $\mu\text{W}/\text{cm}^2$) and exceeds the World Health Organisation recommendations of less than 100 $\mu\text{W}/\text{cm}^2$.

ii) Significant levels were found at locations more than 1km. from the mast (Forest Hill Rd., West Coast Rd., Quinns Rd). Levels above 2 $\mu\text{W}/\text{cm}^2$ are illegal in residential areas in most Eastern European countries. The Waiatarua Action Group is seeking a bylaw and national standard setting a maximum exposure of 10 $\mu\text{W}/\text{cm}^2$. The high levels so far from the mast were

surprising and mean that the next survey will have to sample a wider area more extensively, particularly high knolls where there are dwellings.

iii) Levels measured in this survey were generally higher than those measured in the survey on May 23. A maximum increase of more than 100% was found, although BCL calculations predicted a maximum increase of only 47%. Further substantial increases can be expected over the next two months.

"The survey shows that Waiatarua has a problem with radiation from the mast. The problem is quite widespread, not confined to the immediate surrounding properties. Moreover, BCL's proposed expansion during the next few months will aggravate the problem. Radiated power from FM broadcasts will be doubled, and Sky Network TV (3 channels) will add yet more. BCL will be asked to organize further surveys as each new service is added, and further reports will be made to the residents."

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I attended the Standards Association of New Zealand meeting held in Wellington on Wednesday 6th December to implement a National Standard to set permissible levels of radiation. Present were representatives from Telecom, Airways Corp., the National Radiation Laboratory, Broadcast Communications Ltd., Police, Defence, University of Auckland, the Local Bodies Association and the Minister's representative.

It was agreed that a New Zealand Standard was necessary, and that a Project Committee be formed to draft the Standard. It was also agreed that the basis of the New Zealand Standard should closely follow the Australian Standard, which will be put out for public comment to allow the Project Committee to consider applicable comments and then draft the New Zealand Standard.

The Project Committee will consist of nominating bodies from the Minister of Broadcasting, Ministry of Health, Broadcasting Communications, Medical Research Council, Vice Chancellor of the University of Auckland, Communications Industry, Local Bodies Association and Informed Public.

I was nominated to represent the Informed Public, and although I accepted the nomination I will delegate the position to Dr. Ivan Beale who has done considerable research on the subject of Electromagnetic Radiation.

A programme was put in place to enable a standard to be implemented by about August 1990, but the consensus of opinion from some members of the committee is that the programme is too tight considering the major issues of the effects of athermal radiation and the agreement of permissible levels of electromagnetic radiation from transmission sites in residential areas.

Merry Christmas, everyone.

Xmas holidays. Last day for borrowing is Sat 23rd Dec 1989. We are open 6th Jan 1990 9.30 - 11.00 am. Reopening fully Saturday 13th Jan 1990. However we will not be open on Friday mornings until term starts again in 1990.

We have recently purchased a large number of children's' books from Wheelers and these include real story books for 5 yr olds and upwards. Also we are replacing some of our Enid Blytons. For adults our recent purchases include the latest Tom Clancy, Eddings, Kalman Cookson, Andrews, Eldred-Grigg & Theroux.

The Waitakere City Library services have just made a change-over of the books we have on long-term loan. Come and see us, there is something for everyone for those quiet moments during the holidays.

At the Garage Sale we raise over \$40 towards furnishing the new children's' corner.

Our thanks to all our helpers and borrowers; we have had a very successful year and hope for even better things in 1990.

ODDMENTS

We will end the year with 198 members - about 40 more than last year, which is very encouraging. Next year is likely to be even busier than this, so we mustn't rest on our laurels. Let's aim to have the membership up to half the circulation from just under a third. Subs are due in January, and remember that only financial members can vote at the AGM in February, so why not send your 1990 subscription now, before you spend it all over Christmas. Our new Treasurer (Ian Ford) can be reached at 7 Atarua Gardens.

FRANKLIN: Have you ever thought, Headmaster, that your standards might perhaps be a little out of date?

HEADMASTER: Of course they're out of date. Standards are always out of date. That what makes them standards.

THANKS

To Gisella Kernot our retiring Treasurer, who is moving to deepest Otago to run a pub! Gisella has worked hard for the Association in her roles of Treasurer, Hall Hire person and Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator, and we wish her well and look forward to drinks on the house when we visit.

We also thank vice-president Ian Wells who has resigned due to his election as Waitakere City Councillor. Ian has always been willing to take on the jobs nobody else wanted, and he will be missed.

Thanks also to our band of newsletter deliverers who bring this epic to you each month. They also deliver other things for the Association, often at short notice, and we appreciate their efforts. Grant and Carol Longley of Longley Printing also deserve much thanks for making such a good job of printing the newsletter, often to very tight deadlines, and at no cost to the community.

PLUS CA CHANGE, PLUS C'EST LA MEME
CHOSE

Gisella's job of Treasurer has been taken over temporarily by Ian Ford (address above), and her job of Hall Hire Commissar by Maree Carson, who can be reached on 8149-263. Our vice-president is now Richard Hoyle, who you can reach on 8149-641.

Everyone who thought from last month's Newsletter that Jennifer Jakicevich has resigned from the committee can relax - she has only relinquished the job of Secretary. That post is now held by the all-powerful Ian Ford. Jenny remains a valuable member of the Association committee.

WHERE, O WHERE HAS MY NEWSLETTER
GONE?

If your newsletter fails to arrive (and I know you all stand anxiously at the gate waiting for it), please contact Wayne Edwards on 8149-976, who will try and find out why. Remember that the

newsletter can also be found at the Library and the Oratia Superette.

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FOR SALE

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WANTED

People in the Waiatarua area, male or female, who are interested in joining the local Fire Brigade. We are especially short of people who are available during the day. Interested? - phone Tony on 8149688 or Les on 8149-549.

WORK WANTED

Two 12-year old boys are looking for odd jobs in this area. Preferably not too far from the Community Centre. Phone Totoshe on 8149-458 or Jesse on 8149-241

XMAS TREES

Fresh Xmas trees now available in Waiatarua. New stock delivered daily. Also top quality Xmas tree stands, painted in festive red & green. Simple to use, complete with water dish to keep your tree fresh. Hadham Park Kennels, 914 West Coast Road (200 yards past the Community Centre). Phone 8149-776.

BABYSITTER REQUIRED

For 3 girls aged 8, 5 and 3 years, on a regular basis over the holidays. This may suit a high school student. Hours are 8am - 2pm Sats and 8am - 12 noon Suns. Phone Jenny on 8149-463 if interested.

Please accept my 1990 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)

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Please send to the Treasurer:

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7, Atarua Gardens,

Waiatarua

or leave at the Library.

Deadline for the next issue is Wednesday, 7th February. 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.

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