



# Community News

MARCH 1990

EDITOR: TONY BACON

## EDITORIAL

It is with sadness that I record the recent death of Hugh Redgrove, long-time resident of Waiaatarua and creator of the gardens that have given so much pleasure to many visitors over the years. The community's sympathy and best wishes goes to his family.

I can also report some good news. For those of you who may have wondered at the signs by the side of Forest Hill Road that have appeared over the last couple of weeks, I am sure you would like to know that after a battle with hepatitis, liver failure, a high speed ambulance ride to the airport and jet across the Tasman, Tui Slater is recovering well from a liver transplant in Sydney. Tui is well known in the community, having served on the Ratepayers' Committee and played a prominent part in the Drama Group. We wish her a speedy return to good health.

## CORRESPONDENCE

Dear Editor,

Re: Tv Masts and Electromagnetic Radiation

In the February Newsletter, you invited comments on recent developments on local transmission sites, so here are mine:

There was a presumption contained in the notice of the previous meeting, that merely by attending you "showed solidarity" and were in support of the E.M.R lobby group. So I did not attend.

There is no unequivocal evidence that magnetic radiation is the cause of ill-health, stiff necks, headaches, a preponderance of male children or any other symptoms attributed to E.M.R.

Research has been going on for some 25-30 years in the U.K. and America, without conclusive evidence of impairment to health.

I am a Westerner, and quite prepared to accept the standards set by other Western countries for the safety level of E.M.R. equipment. I do not support those who lobby for the standards set by Czechoslovakia or Poland - it is doubtful that such standards are adequately monitored anyway. It is more important that we adhere to the standards already set.

Values of local properties are being severely diminished. Land Agents "can't even drag people into houses between Wirihana Ave and the Arataki information centre". This poses an immense problem for those in the area who are endeavouring to sell. One of my clients (I am a conveyancer) recently enquired whether he could sue the people who are being so vocal about the so-called health hazard. I referred him to the litigation section and wait the outcome with interest.

Finally, my own objection to further masts in the area is solely on aesthetic grounds - one mast is visually acceptable, more are not.

Perhaps the Ratepayers' Association should pause to consider what has been achieved

so far, and at what cost, before seeking more of the sort of publicity we have had from TV, Western Leader and other sensation seeking media.

Gillian Preece.

Dear Editor,

After reading in the last issue of Community News about the dog problem, I am more convinced than ever that something must be done to rectify this on-going problem. The owners of these dogs must be made responsible for their animals' actions. I am sick and tired of having to pick up my rubbish after the neighbourhood dogs have helped themselves, strewing it all over. It is also unfortunate that I can not feel safe taking a leisurely walk through my neighbourhood for fear of these animals. There are leash laws! Legally all dogs are supposed to be on a leash with a responsible person when off their property. I feel these dog owners are being thoughtless of other neighbours. The Waitakere City Council Rangers will be patrolling the area. I've lived here in the area for four years now and feel it's time action be taken.

(name withheld by request).

*Perhaps you could lessen your rubbish problem by not putting out until the morning of the collection? That won't help your other problems, though - Ed.*

Dear Editor,

The members of the Waiatarua Volunteer Fire Brigade would like to bring top the notice of a small number of residents the continuing problem of rubbish being left beside the bottle bank at the fire station. The rubbish is not only cardboard boxes and crates, but also consists of household rubbish.

The fire fighters get little enough money as it is from the bottle bank without having to go into competition with the local rubbish collection agency for no money at all.

To add to the problem, the playcentre has a box on the same site to collect

aluminium cans. Pet food containers and paint tins are not made of aluminium.

It would be very much appreciated if this problem could be overcome by taking these containers home once the bottles and cans have been placed in their respective bins.

If the bins are full, please do not leave bottles, cans etc. on the ground, but take them home with you until the bins have been emptied. Once the glass company is advised, it is normally cleared within three days.

Peter Hand  
Waiatarua Volunteer Fire Brigade.

## PLAYCENTRE NEWS

### NEWS FLASH!

We have changed our session times to:

Tues, Wed, Fri, 9.30 to 12 noon

at the Waiatarua Community Centre. All parents of pre-schoolers are welcome at our sessions. Please come along or phone Tessa 8149-492 or Wendy 8149-766 for more information.

### CAN COLLECTION

Waiatarua Playcentre have increased their can collecting capacity, in case you hadn't noticed the new yellow cage. We hope you will continue and even increase the recycling of aluminium cans, alongside the bottle bank outside the Waiatarua Fire Station. Thankyou for your help with our fundraising so far.

The great secret in life ... not to open your letters for a fortnight. At the expiry of that period you will find that nearly all of them have answered themselves.

- Arthur Binstead,  
*Pitcher's Proverbs, 1909*

## LIBRARY NEWS

At the recent AGM of the Ratepayers Association a request was made to open the library on Sundays. We would need four volunteers each willing to give one hour of their time on one Sunday each month. If you are willing and able to do this please ring Joan on 8149-747 or Bev on 8149-679 stating a preference for morning or afternoon. It would be for a trial period in the first instance.

We are building up a small reference library including Consumer magazines. Everyone is welcome to use it during Library hours.

There are still a large number of overdue books. Please check your shelves.

Happy reading in 1990 everyone, we will continue to do our best to serve you.

### LIBRARY REPORT FOR 1989 (AS GIVEN TO THE AGM)

The Library accounts show that our finances are in a very healthy state as long as we get continued financial support from the new Waitakere City.

During the past year we bought 200 adult books and 72 for our young readers. We also gratefully acknowledge some welcome bequests.

In 1989 we issued 1000 books more than we did in 1988 and we would like to think that this trend upwards will continue in 1990.

About 700 adults have readers tickets and about 400 children. We would like to have seen a lot more of all of them.

The accounts show that we made nearly \$50 from the sale of books at the Anniversary Garage Sale. This sum has been earmarked for the new Children's Corner, when it is built.

Finally I would like to thank our 22 helpers for the grand job of work they have done over the past year and for the help we have received from Central Library Services.

Joan Rudall  
Librarian.

### PRESIDENT'S REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31 DEC 1989

It has been said by residents that Aucklanders don't know where Waiatarua is. Over the past year Waiatarua has become a household name, not only in Auckland but throughout New Zealand and Australia. The publicity Waiatarua has received through newspapers, television etc. for the stance being taken on the mast issue has been widely circulated. This may or may not be a good thing, depending on your point of view, but it has proved that we have a lot of support out there from people outside our area. When we decided to object to TV3 erecting two masts in Quinns Road we had the support of 1600 objectors to the two applications, most of those objections coming from the general public outside Waiatarua.

1989 was a strenuous year with the mast issues taking up considerable time and effort in preparing objections and appeals and attending Council meetings and planning meetings, all of which have been reported in the Community News. Beside the mast issue, we have been successful in getting the plans and construction drawings completed for the hall extension, but because of the change in administration there is a delay in getting the project started. There is also a delay in getting the hall painted, although \$10,000 was allocated in the current year's budget. Tenders should have been called in August 1989 and the contract completed by November 1989, but we are currently awaiting a new programme from the Council so that the contract can now be completed by April. (*Editors note - it now appears the painting will be done as part of the Hall extension project.*)

During the year we had a by-election in January for a Waitakere Ward Councillor caused by the resignation of Gary Taylor, and also Mayoral, Council and Community Board elections, which gave us the opportunity to get our first local residents elected - Ian Wells to the Council and Chris Timms to the Community Board. I am

**KEEP THIS PAGE FOR FUTURE REFERENCE**

**WAIATARUA RATEPAYERS AND RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION - COMMITTEE**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Phone</b>	<b>Responsibilities</b>
Tom Baker	8149-340	President, Hall extensions and maintenance
Peter Sinton	8149-469	Vice President
Ian Ford	8149-618	Secretary
Wayne Edwards	8149-976	Treasurer, Newsletter Distribution
Tony Bacon	8149-860	Newsletter Editor
Margaret Blumhardt	8149-843	Social Director
Jeff Brinton	8149-969	
Mark Heimgartner	8149-228	Neighbourhood Watch Coordinator
Wilfrid Hoelen	8149-657	
Richard Hoyle	8149-641	Community Barbecue Custodian
Joan Rudall	8149-747	Librarian
Chris Timms	8149-346	Community Board representative

**COMMUNITY INFORMATION**

Association Committee meetings 1st Wednesday of month, at the Community Hall  
Deadline for Newsletter copy 1st Wednesday of the month  
Newsletter delivery 3rd or 4th week of the month

**NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH** Coordinator is Mark Heimgartner, 8149-228

**COMMUNITY CONSTABLE** Nigel Barnard, 837-0765

**PLAYCENTRE** Meets Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday, 9.30 - 12 noon  
Contact Wendy Healy, 8149-766

**LIBRARY** Opening Hours are:

Monday	CLOSED
Tuesday	7 pm - 8.30 pm
Wednesday	CLOSED
Thursday	10 am - 12 noon
Friday	10 am - 11 am (School Term only) 7 pm - 8.30 pm
Saturday	9.30 am - 11 am

**COMMUNITY BARBECUE** Custodian and contact for hiring is Richard Hoyle,  
phone 8149-601

**COMMUNITY HALL HIRE** Contact the Custodian, Bob Langley, 8149-324

Standard rates for Hiring are: DAYTIME: \$5/ hr weekdays, \$6/hr Saturday.  
EVENINGS: \$65, with a \$250 returnable bond.

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

Cheaper rates are available to local groups.

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

so far, and at what cost, before seeking more of the sort of publicity we have had from TV, Western Leader and other sensation seeking media.

Gillian Preece.

Dear Editor,

After reading in the last issue of Community News about the dog problem, I am more convinced than ever that something must be done to rectify this on-going problem. The owners of these dogs must be made responsible for their animals' actions. I am sick and tired of having to pick up my rubbish after the neighbourhood dogs have helped themselves, strewing it all over. It is also unfortunate that I can not feel safe taking a leisurely walk through my neighbourhood for fear of these animals. There are leash laws! Legally all dogs are supposed to be on a leash with a responsible person when off their property. I feel these dog owners are being thoughtless of other neighbours. The Waitakere City Council Rangers will be patrolling the area. I've lived here in the area for four years now and feel it's time action be taken.

(name withheld by request).

*Perhaps you could lessen your rubbish problem by not putting out until the morning of the collection? That won't help your other problems, though - Ed.*

Dear Editor,

The members of the Waiatarua Volunteer Fire Brigade would like to bring top the notice of a small number of residents the continuing problem of rubbish being left beside the bottle bank at the fire station. The rubbish is not only cardboard boxes and crates, but also consists of household rubbish.

The fire fighters get little enough money as it is from the bottle bank without having to go into competition with the local rubbish collection agency for no money at all.

To add to the problem, the playcentre has a box on the same site to collect

aluminium cans. Pet food containers and paint tins are not made of aluminium.

It would be very much appreciated if this problem could be overcome by taking these containers home once the bottles and cans have been placed in their respective bins.

If the bins are full, please do not leave bottles, cans etc. on the ground, but take them home with you until the bins have been emptied. Once the glass company is advised, it is normally cleared within three days.

Peter Hand  
Waiatarua Volunteer Fire Brigade.

## PLAYCENTRE NEWS

### NEWS FLASH!

We have changed our session times to:

Tues, Wed, Fri, 9.30 to 12 noon

at the Waiatarua Community Centre. All parents of pre-schoolers are welcome at our sessions. Please come along or phone Tessa 8149-492 or Wendy 8149-766 for more information.

### CAN COLLECTION

Waiatarua Playcentre have increased their can collecting capacity, in case you hadn't noticed the new yellow cage. We hope you will continue and even increase the recycling of aluminium cans, alongside the bottle bank outside the Waiatarua Fire Station. Thankyou for your help with our fundraising so far.

The great secret in life ... not to open your letters for a fortnight. At the expiry of that period you will find that nearly all of them have answered themselves.

- Arthur Binstead,  
*Pitcher's Proverbs, 1909*

## ADVERTISING

### HAVE YOU LOST

A small female white tortoise-shell cat? (very friendly!) Please contact Jan Bradbourne if she's yours, or if you can provide a good home for her - phone 8149-407.

### FOR SALE

A large selection of baby clothes. Most have never been worn. From newborn to 2 years. Phone 8149-557.

### FOR SALE

Wedding gown. White satin, styled by designer. Also beautiful floor-length veil, to fit size 12 - 14. Phone 8149-557.

### FOR SALE

Girl Guide uniform. In excellent condition. Ring Monique - evenings, 8149-458.

### CAT MINDER WANTED

Reliable person to feed 2 cats once daily in Tui Cres area for 4 weeks, starting April 6th. Phone 8149-002.

### GRAZING NEEDED

Please can you help. I need grazing for my future pony around the West Coast Road/Rimu Road to Bush Road area. If you have suitable pasture to lease, please ring Katherine, 8149-662.

### MURDERED LOST OR STOLEN

Cameo gold pure-bred persian cat. Chantie was last seen on Tuesday 23rd January 1990. Chantie is 4 years old, white and golden brown, with long hair. This is the third persian cat we have lost within 12 months. There is a reward out for Chantie of \$100, so if you can solve the mystery or have seen Chantie, please phone Sally or Graeme Falkner on 837-4629.

### ACADEMY OF CREATIVE DANCE

Classes for all ages, including an informal ballet class for young dancers, no exams. Creative dance stimulates personal development, skill in movement, expression, confidence and coordination, teaches use of space, rhythm, energy, mime and quality of movement. Creative dance is for everyone. The classes are held at Kaurilands Hall (former Van Zon School of Creative Dance). For enrolment phone Lynette 8149-662 or Ruth 817-5029.

### WORK WANTED

Student teacher would like house cleaning/ironing work. Please phone 837-4605.

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:

Wayne Edwards,  
3, Quinns Road,  
Waiatarua

or leave at the Library.

Deadline for the next issue is Wednesday, 4th April. 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.