



# Community News

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Everyone who came to the morning tea last month had a good time, so it looks set to be a regular item on the Waiatarua social calendar. Is there anything else that you would like us to do as a community? We can get the use of the Waitakere City Community minibus if necessary, so if there are any events, trips or other activities that you would like us to organise, just let us know and we will try to put it on. The person to contact is Margaret Blumhardt, telephone 8149-843.

Your committee has had more meetings with the Waitakere City Council about the mythical extensions and redecoration of the Community Centre. We are making progress, but there is nothing much else to report at present.

We now have 108 paid-up members of the Association. Obviously the lure of the saucepans prompted the rush of 28 new members last month. One subscription came in from the Slater family, with the apology for not paying earlier, as "they had been overseas". I guess we'll forgive them, just this once.

The district is losing Alan Harding, who is moving to the South Island for health reasons. Alan was the driving force behind the original objections to TV3 erecting a mast in Quinns Road, so the community owes him quite a debt. As Alan goes though, let us welcome Douglas and Gertrude Spray to Waiatarua.

## A TRIP TO HAWAII?

We can't offer you that, but you do have the chance to win a super set of Arcosteel stainless steel saucepans, donated by Graeme and Alison Storie.

### Easy Entry

All you need for a chance at this great prize is to be a financial member of the Waiatarua Residents and Ratepayers Association at 30th June 1990.

If you haven't yet quite got round to signing up, why not fill in the easy-to-use, polyunsaturated, user-friendly membership form on the back page, and send it the Treasurer now!

To qualify, your membership must be received by 30th. June.

**DON'T MISS THIS GREAT CHANCE!**

## WAITAKERE CITY RATES

Have you received your rates notice?

If you haven't, phone Waitakere City right now and ask for a copy to be sent. Apparently a whole bunch of notices were posted but went missing, including some for this area. The penalty date has been extended to 30th June, but apparently the responsibility for payment is still yours, even if no notice is received.

## RATES PROTESTS

Your committee has written to the Council and all individual Councillors as we outlined last month, expressing our anger at the size of the rates increase and the way the rate was struck. We received replies from Councillors Haslam and Kearney, and the City Manager Mr. Dacombe. (Perhaps the other Councillors were too embarrassed to respond.) All the letters expressed sympathy for our feelings, but pointed out that once a rate is struck, there is no legal way to 'unstrike' it. However they did promise more consultation in the future, and in fact we understand that the budget for the new year is to be circulated to Ratepayers Groups for comment before it is debated in Council. Whether we will be able to have any effect is not known, but at least we will be able to provide some input.

## LIBRARY NEWS

There will be a change over of Waitakere loan books on 20th June.

Joe is now back at the library several pounds lighter and feeling ten years younger.

We still have far too many overdues. Failure to return books is tantamount to stealing from your neighbours.

Joan Rudall

## PLASTIC RECYCLING

The Waitakere City Council is proposing to survey households concerning the willingness and feasibility of separating plastics for recycling. Your committee supports the idea of a trial scheme, although we recognise there can be problems in identifying the different types of plastic and then keeping them apart. Anything that delays the building of new landfills and conserves non-renewable resources must be worth a try.

## SPEED LIMITS

Good news to report here - The roads in the area are to progressively surveyed to see if the existing speed limit is appropriate, and we have been told that Forrest Hill Road is to have a maximum limit of 70kmh along its whole length. In addition, any 100 kmh signs will be replaced by the old black diagonal signs, which are apparently legal again.

### ANN BROWN

Our sympathies are extended to Royston Brown on the death of his wife Ann.

Royston and Anne were residents at 495 Scenic Drive after Royston's retirement as Superintendent at Waikeria. Whilst here they were active in the community and great friends of many residents. They had a superb garden of world-class rhododendrons and for years held regular garden days for local benefit. During the last five years they have lived with their son and his family in Hamilton.

### MALCOM WADE

We also say farewell to Malcolm Wade. Malcolm and Peggy moved to Waiatarua in 1970, living in Tui Crescent, the Dutch Kiwi and latterly Cascade Avenue. Malcolm was a well-known and liked face around the district, and will be sadly missed by his friends and neighbours. Our sympathy goes to Peggy in her bereavement.

## MARKET DAY

SATURDAY 23RD JUNE, OPENING 9 AM AT THE COMMUNITY CENTRE

There has been a big demand for stalls, so there should be plenty of bargains to be had. There will a sausage sizzle and a sale table where proceeds will go towards Tui Slater's benefit fund, and we are also hoping to have an auction at the end of the sale with proceeds going the same way. If you have any goods you would like to donate for the auction, phone Margaret Blumhardt on 8149-843.

He's Coming!

Who?

The Nerd.

### ADVERTISING

#### SITUATION VACANT

Henderson Valley Audio Visual company requires a receptionist/bookkeeping person. Hours flexible and negotiable. If you have these skills and would like to work in Waiatarua, please phone 8149-393.

#### TUITION REQUIRED

French tuition required for beginner. Conversational French. Phone 8149-007.

### WORK WANTED

Lawns mowed, sections tidied, trees cut etc. Reliable prompt service, free quote. Phone 8174-738.

### FOR SALE

Two roller garage doors - \$300 each. Brown Visor fireplace - \$200. GI Joe, Cobra base - \$100. Commodore 64 computer & printer - \$1500. Lawn mower, Masport - \$500. Phone 8149-452.

### DRAUGHTING & DESIGN

Draughting & Design of house plans and alterations of existing homes are my speciality. Cheap rates, fast and efficient. I have lived in the area for 18 years, so I am fully aware of the environmental aspects. Phone Mark Williamson on 8175-923 or 8149-803.

### LOST CAT

Missing since Saturday June 2nd. Abyssinian cross, possum coloured coat with an amazing tail that he can touch his nose with! His name is Simba and he is quite nervous. If you see him, please let Lyndsae and Alastair know on 8149-832.

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)

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Please send to the Treasurer:

Wayne Edwards

PO Box 21197

Henderson

or leave at the Library.

### FREE GIFT

This space is provided free of charge for you to jot down the recipes that you will be able to use when you win your free saucepans. Of course you are only eligible to use the space if you have filled in and sent off the coupon on the left.

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