



Community News

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THEY'RE AT IT AGAIN!

Broadtech Communications have revived their application to erect a transmission mast in Quinns Road. It was their original application in 1989 that really focussed the community's attention on the dangers of having EMR sources close to residential properties. That application did not proceed, but now it has been revived and we are faced with the prospect of another battle to protect our community from the health hazards and visual pollution that this facility will bring.

The planning application states that they will comply with the Australian Standard, which sounds fine, but what happens when the radiation footprints of the BCL and Broadtech masts overlap? If the standard is then exceeded, who has the responsibility? The Broadtech mast is also in the neighbourhood of the Telecom mast at the end of Quinns Road; is there a potential overlap problem there? (A random thought - is there a general EMR danger with the Telecom facility that we should concern ourselves with?)

With this Newsletter you will have received a letter from Tom Baker that covers the issue in more detail, and also a pro forma objection form. Your Association urges you to complete the form (you can add further grounds for objection if you wish), and return them AS SOON AS POSSIBLE to the Community Library, the Community Centre letter box or the Oratia Dairy. The Association will make sure the objections are sent to the relevant parties.

DO YOU KNOW WHERE YOU LIVE?

We have been told by NZ Post that the official addresses for this area are now:

If you used to be RD1 Henderson, you are:

Waiatarua,
Henderson,
Auckland 1208

If you thought you were RD Oratia, you should now be addressed as:

Waiatarua,
RD 1 New Lynn,
Auckland 1207

PUBLIC TELEPHONE

Your committee is entering discussions with Telecom with a view to having one or more public telephones installed in the area, so we don't have to go all the way to Oratia to find one.

LIBRARY

Don't forget the Community Library is now open on Sundays from 11 am to 12 noon. This is a great opportunity to browse the new selections and bring back all your overdue books. (hint hint!)

Book of the month: "Pillars of the Earth" by Ken Follett. This is a dramatic and realistic story of life in England in the middle of the 12th century.

"Television is an invention that permits you to be entertained in your living room by people you wouldn't have in your home"
David Frost

TELETHON 1990

Oratia Lions will be holding a Telethon breakfast on the Sunday morning, 2nd September, so put the date in your diary.

THE NERD - SILLINESS AT THE DRAMA CLUB

You have been dragged from the mud of Vietnam by an anonymous stranger - you owe him your life. Years later he arrives on your doorstep and turns out to be the sort of person you wouldn't wish on your worst enemy - how do you cope? It is on this thin base that The Nerd sits, and the hero Willum goes from acceptance to despair to revolt as the play progresses.

David Fuller was Willum the afflicted architect, and sustained his aura of bewilderment with the slings and arrows of outrageous friendship well, making a good foil to Axel the acerbic drama critic, played by Brett Whyte in his usual urbane style. Tracey Brabet's Tansy was probably the best 'acted' of the parts, though the character itself was pretty weak.

Rick the Nerd gave John Goudge a chance to be frenetic, idiotic and obnoxious, and he succeeded admirably. The supporting players provided an effective backdrop of bewildered bystanders.

My only adverse criticism of the performance would be that not enough use was made of that precious commodity, silence - for emphasis, emotional impact and to allow a punch line to be appreciated.

We are lucky to have the Drama Club in our neighbourhood, and I for one look forward to the next production.

DOGS

It was good to hear that the owner of two uncontrolled dogs on the Scenic Drive is to be prosecuted - let's hope it happens more often.

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 _____

Phone _____

Please send to the Treasurer:

Wayne Edwards

PO Box 21197

Henderson

or leave at the Library

Deadline for the next issue is **Wednesday 5th September**. 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.

ADVERTISEMENTS

Where have all the small ads gone?

I can't believe that the market day was so successful that nobody has anything left to sell. Don't forget that financial members can place small ads in the newsletter free of charge - just send them to the editor at the address above before the deadline date and wait for the world to come knocking at your door.

RESIDENTS AND SUPPORTERS OF WAIATARUA

In May 1989 Broadtech Communications Ltd applied to the Waitemata City Council to erect a 77 metre transmission tower at 41 Quinns Road for TV3. Over 800 residents and supporters objected to this development, so Broadtech withdrew their application. **NOW** Broadtech have applied for the same designed tower to be erected with transmission facilities at 39 Quinns Road. From their application the proposal is for speculation, as no definite clients are named. Potential radiation risks and visual pollution of masts erected on the Waitakere skyline should be the concern of all residents. With the Government decision to deregulate the communication industry, we could see more masts than trees if we allow this to happen. At present, three transmitters are operating in the Quinns Road/Scenic Drive locations without the Council's approval. One FM transmitter operating for 6 months in Opanuku Road without Council approval, has recently closed down. We must therefore oppose and object to the development of the communication industry in the Waitakere Ranges.

It is important that the Waiatarua community is united on this issue to add strength and credence to stances taken by the community as viewed by those outside the area especially Government and Local Body Administrators.

Enclosed are two copies of Notice of Objection. One is required for the Waitakere City Council, the other for the Applicant, Broadtech Communications Ltd.

Please fill in **BOTH** copies as follows:-

Item (1) Your name and address.

Item (2) Your name and address.

Item (3) Your signature and date.

Item (4) Tick in the box if you wish to appear at the Hearing.

BOTH completed copies can be delivered to the Oratia Store, the Waiatarua Library, or the **Brown** Post Box outside the Community Hall, West Coast Road.

It is important that all copies be returned no later than Sunday, 26th August, 1990.

If you wish, you can forward them direct to the Council and Broadtech respectively by 4.00 pm Monday, 27th August, 1990.

If you require more objection forms for family and friends please contact Grant or Carol Longley of Longley Printing, 29 Bruce McLaren Road, Henderson. Telephone 837-0729, (8149-855 After Hours).

TOM BAKER

President

Waiatarua Ratepayers & Residents Association (Inc.)

(Note: An interesting article on the Waiatarua mast saga is in the current August 13th-19th issue of the Listener).

P.S. Any and all donations for the continuing fighting fund will be greatly appreciated.

BROADTECH COMMUNICATIONS LTD
C/- DUFFILL WATTS & KING LTD
P.O. BOX 26-221
AUCKLAND

NOTICE OF ~~SUPPORT~~ / OBJECTION

(1) I/We _____
of the following address _____

~~support~~ object to the application by (applicant) BROADTECH COMMUNICATIONS LTD.
at (address) C/- DUFFILL WATTS & KING LTD. P.O. BOX 26-221 AUCKLAND
for approval to: ERECT AND OPERATE A RADIO & T.V. TRANSMISSION FACILITY AT
39 QUINNS ROAD, WAIATARUA.

The particular parts of the application I/we ~~support~~ object to are: _____
THE ENTIRE APPLICATION

My/Our reasons for ~~support~~ objection are: _____

- (A) THE NEED FOR A NEW TRANSMISSION SITE IS NOT PROVEN.
- (B) THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT IS NOT SUITABLE FOR A RESIDENTIAL AREA.
- (C) THE NUISANCE EFFECT OF INTERFERENCE TO RESIDENTS' ELECTRICAL APPLIANCES.
- (D) THE POSSIBLE EFFECTS OF ELECTROMAGNETIC RADIATION ON THE HEALTH & SAFETY
OF RESIDENTS.
- (E) THE VISUAL IMPACT OF THE 77 METRE TOWER ON THE WAITAKERE SKYLINE.
- (F) THE CUMULATIVE RADIATION LEVELS FROM 3 MAJOR MASTS ERECTED IN THE AREA.
- (G) THE WORK IS CONTRARY TO SOUND TOWN PLANNING PRINCIPLES AND TO SECTIONS
3 & 4 OF THE TOWN & COUNTRY ACT 1977

My/Our ~~support~~ objection would be satisfied by: _____

THE APPLICATION BEING REFUSED ON THE ABOVE GROUNDS

(2) Address for correspondence is : _____

Telephone N° _____

Please indicate with a tick in the box if you wish
to appear or be represented in support of
your objection at the committee hearing (4)

(3) _____ Signature
_____ Date