



Community News

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A very happy Christmas to you all

Ginger Out Week

Well done to all those of you who attacked the beast during the week, and special thanks to those dedicated souls who demolished the large stands at the end of Bush Road and the junction of West Coast and Forest Hill Roads. These areas have also been sprayed, so it will be a good public demonstration of whether Escort is as selective as it says, or whether other growth will be affected.

Regional Parks

Your Association has become a Regional Parks supporter, for which we got a smart badge to stick on the Library door, and an information pack which you can also read in the Library.

Membership

Currently stands at 198, so we will end up almost the same as last year - a little disappointing, but not bad all the same.

Your committee has decided to request the AGM to set the 1991 membership fee at \$7.00 for families and \$4.00 for singles. This is the first time the fees have risen for several years, and reflects our expected level of expenditure for 1991. It's still very good value, though, isn't it?

Community Barbecue

Don't forget this is available at \$25 for 24 hours, including gas. For bookings, contact Richard Hoyle on 8149-641.

Waitakere City Finances

In February 1991 there will be an opportunity for all rate-payers to provide input into the 1991 City plan and budget. If you have any ideas or opinions, contact an Association committee member, local Councillor, or phone the Council direct.

Waiatarua Association AGM

Will be held in the last week in February. You will receive a formal notice two weeks before the date.

'still xmas is a good time with all those presents and good food and i hope it will never die out or at any rate not until i am grown up and hav to pay for it all'

Geoffrey Willans & Ronald Soarle 'The Compleet Molesworth'

1958

Recycling

The opportunities for recycling are growing every day. You can return your supermarket bags, drop your cans and bottles into bins, pack paper into parcels and put into the proper places, drop off batteries, metal and plastics off at the baling station, return oil to the garage, etc. etc.

Waitakere City is considering setting up recycling depots throughout the city, with one likely site being at Oratia School. Your committee endorses this idea and hopes you will all use it to its fullest when it becomes established.

I hope that in the February newsletter there will be a special supplement for you to keep that will give you more details of what you can recycle where. In the meantime, remember that everything you throw away has to go somewhere, so do your bit and keep the garbage to a minimum over the holiday season.

Holiday Time

Your editor like the rest of New Zealand closes down over January, so the next issue will be in February 1991.

ADVERTISING

HOUSE WANTED

We just moved to New Zealand from Denmark and have fallen in love with the native bush. If you have a house for rent, then contact Claus and Tina Bruun on 451-398.

LONG TERM RENT WANTED

Flat/Studio/workshop for reliable single lady. Own furniture, dog and 2 cats. References available, anything considered (Waiatarua area.) Please phone Anne urgently on 8149-406 (7.30am - 11 am & after 8.30pm) or 645-265 (12pm - 7pm.)

CASUAL WORK WANTED

The new caretakers at Rose Hellaby House are looking for casual work in the local area. Experience in gardening, cleaning, landscaping and building work. Willing to house-watch and feed pets over holiday period. Also interested in hearing from teenage student willing to carry out occasional work for us. Phone Annie or Jim on 8149-205.

DRESSMAKING

Dressmaker for all sewing, bridal and evening wear. Professional work at reasonable rates. Phone Helen 8149-616.

MUSIC LESSONS

Beginners in both flute and piano. For further information phone Melissa, 8149-867.

EDITORIAL

Christmas is a time for giving thanks, so I would like to take this opportunity to express gratitude to various people who have helped the community in one way or another this year.

Thanks to all those of you who dug deep into your pockets and cupboards to help first Tui Slater and then the Healy family. In my first issue as Editor I talked of community spirit - it can surely have no better expression than in the help that you gave to these friends and neighbours in their time of need.

Thanks to all those unsung heroes and heroines who help the community in almost invisible ways - in the Library, at Playcentre, distributing the Newsletter - your help is appreciated, even if we don't often get the opportunity to thank you in person.

Thanks to the members of the Waiatarua Ratepayers Committee, especially the officers - President, vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer, who all put in many hours of work looking after the interests of our community.

Thanks to you, the readers of this Newsletter who forked out the \$5 to join the Association. It is your financial support that allows us to give you the services we provide. Next year, why not try to sign up two other people as well as yourself - wouldn't that boost our coffers!

And last, but certainly not least, thanks to Carol and Grant Longley who print this newsletter at absolutely no cost to the Association, a generous gift that allows us to use your money in other ways.

MORE THANKS

James and Wendy Healy and their children would like to convey warm thanks to all the wonderful people from throughout Waiatarua and Oratia who have offered and given support since our fire.

The generosity and thoughtfulness of friends, neighbours and strangers has been overwhelming.

We have experienced first hand the extent of caring in this community.

We have been moved and touched by your gifts of time, effort and possessions. It has greatly softened our ordeal. A very large THANKYOU to all.

Editorial postscript: the fund raising dinner for the Healys raised over \$1300 - many thanks to all those who contributed.

LIBRARY NEWS

Holidays

Final Closing date: Sat 22nd Dec '90
Opening: Sat 29th Dec 9.30 - 11am
Sat 5th Jan '91 9.30 - 11am
Normal service resumes: Sat 12th Jan 9.30 - 11am

Sunday opening will continue in 1991.

There will be a change of Waitakere City loan books early in February. Despite not yet receiving our annual grant, we are still able to keep abreast of new publications, such as:

September	Rosamunde Pilcher
Four Past Midnight	Stephen King
The First Man in Rome	Colleen McCullough
Longshot	Dick Francis
Plains of Passage	Jean Auel
Moas Ark	David Bellamy

Happy Christmas to all our readers.

ALL THOSE BITS AND PIECES THAT DONT FIT UNDER THEIR OWN HEADINGS

Western Leader

We had about 40 replies to the coupon in last month's issue - not nearly enough to persuade Suburban Newspapers to lay on a delivery service. Making the charitable assumption that you didn't quite get round to filling it out last month, there is another, positively the **last** opportunity in this issue.

I really would like the Western Leader delivered to my home and I'm very very sorry I didn't return the form last month.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____

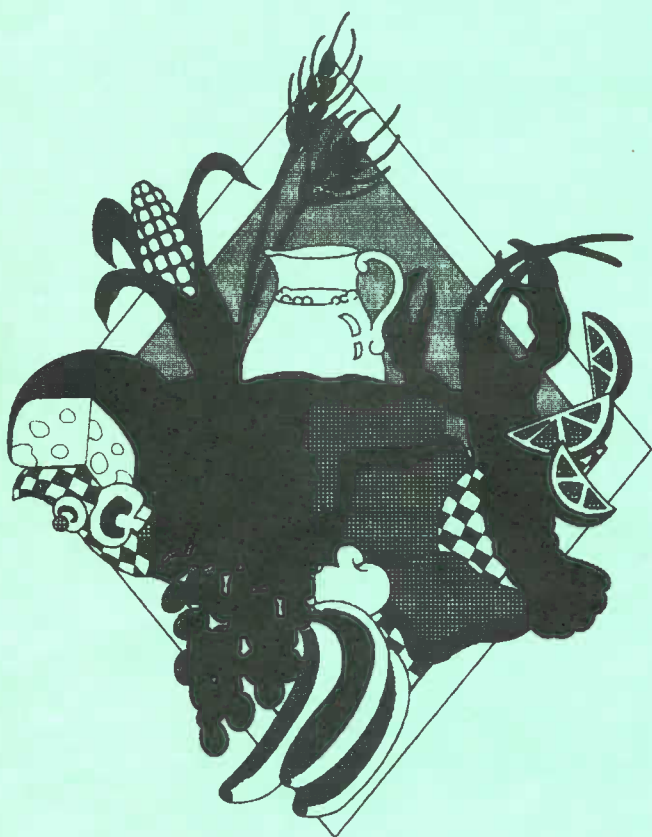
Return this form to
the Library or
Community Centre
Post box.

WORK WANTED

Buttonholes - for weddings, anniversaries, retirement or corporate functions. Phone me now for your quote - The Buttonhole Bird 8149-471.

WORK WANTED

Are you fed up with housework? Why not phone me now for your obligation-free quote. Phone Sharon on 8149-471.



**Eat drink and be
merry, for
tomorrow we diet**

Please accept my 1991 subscription to the Waiaatarua Ratepayers and Residents Association.

I enclose \$7.00 (Household)/\$4.00 (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 6th February 1991. 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 Waiaatarua 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 Waiaatarua by the Waiaatarua Ratepayers and Residents Association. If you are not already a member, your subscription of \$7.00 per household (\$4.00 for single occupants) will help us to maintain and improve the services we provide.