



# Community News

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## EDITORIAL

I was very sad to hear of the sudden death on Easter Monday of Wilfrid Hoelen.

Wilfrid came to the area in the early sixties, when with great energy and enthusiasm he started a fibre-glass boat factory, as well as being a member of the Ratepayers Association, which at that time was involved in fund raising to build the hall and library.

He continued to show an interest in the district, supported the Fire Brigade, as well as showing a great interest and concern for employees, friends and neighbours.

Wilfrid leaves behind his wife Carole, and family Ingrid, Paul, Natalie and Andrea, to whom we offer our sympathy and support.

## MESSAGE FROM THE NEW PRESIDENT

Those of you who attended the AGM in February will recall that I was a somewhat reluctant starter for the position. However, I enjoyed my time as President about eight years ago and since I am supported by an excellent team on the Committee I feel confident that the Association is in good hands.

About me. I live alone about 500 metres past the Piha turn-off on the Scenic Drive.

I work in Newmarket, and my job is as an environmental consultant, mainly in the air pollution field. I am interested in Scouts and am also active in the Anglican Church.

It was a pleasure to nominate our immediate Past President, Tom Baker, as an honorary member of the Association at the AGM. Tom has worked very hard for our interests, and luckily he is still with us continuing his work, particularly on transmission mast issue.

I have been contacted three times in my short time as President, by the Western Leader asking for comments on topical events. My comments are off the cuff, and, for those of you familiar with dealing with the media, wildly skewed. For more balanced comments, contact me direct! Richard Hoyle, President; phone 814-9641

## APOLOGIES

to Bill Haresnape for omitting him from our list of Councillors in last month's newsletter. Our Councillors are Bill Haresnape, phone 817-8500  
Helen Haslam, 812-8890  
Ian Wells, 814-9601



## SEPTIC TANKS

At present the Council cleaning scheme is working in Henderson Valley and is due to reach Oratia Valley by mid May, and finish Waiatarua by the end of October. If your tank needs more urgent attention you can ring the Council.

## JUSTICE OF THE PEACE

Waiatarua residents needing the services of a J.P. now have another local person they can call on.

Peter George, of 895 West Coast Rd, has been a J.P. for 7 years and will be happy to provide any assistance required. But please, do ring Peter or his wife Marian first to arrange a suitable time, phone 814-9456

## GINGER PLANT ERADICATION

The Association has received approval from the Labour Dept. for our project to employ four people for a six month period cutting and spraying ginger plant in the Waiatarua area.

Job applicants will be employed under the Task Force Green Job Creation Scheme. They must be registered unemployed and preference will be given to people living in the Waiatarua area. All wage costs will be reimbursed by the Labour Department, and Waitakere City has agreed to provide the funds for purchasing protective clothing, cutting and spraying equipment, a shelter and other materials.

To achieve maximum benefit from the program the organiser will be liaising and co-operating with the city's spraying con-

tractor.

It is intended that the program will make a significant contribution to ginger plant eradication in our area and also provide employment and work experience for people who would otherwise be unemployed. The project is budgeted to be financially self supporting and we do not expect to need contributions from the community. However local residents can assist with administration of the program.

People interested and prepared to contribute some time to assist should contact the organiser Wayne Edwards 838-5527.

*Remember too, a little encouragement of the workers when they are clearing near your house would be appreciated, a little praise goes a long way.*

*We will have a note left in your letter-box ahead of the clearing spraying so that you can protect any shrubs etc. you do not want damaged. Ed.*

## WHERE THERE'S SMOKE .....

A call to a house fire received by the local Volunteer Fire Brigade at the uncivilised hour of 2am one recent Monday morning revealed a little - known hazard in the home. An initial inspection found the kitchen rapidly filling with smoke but no sign of fire. An electrical fault in the roof void area above the ceiling was suspected, but a further inspection of the house found the true cause - a smouldering cloth on top of the fridge.



The rag had been used earlier in the day for polishing furniture, and it was a chemical reaction between the linseed oil used and the cotton fibre of the cloth that had resulted in a genuine case of spontaneous combustion. The cloth was about to burst into flame when discovered, with what could have been potentially tragic consequences.

And just as a footnote, the Brigade was somewhat delayed in returning to the Fire Station after getting the appliance stuck reversing down the steep, narrow steep driveway afterwards. After using a collection of jacks and heavy winching equipment, the Brigade wasn't back at the Station until 8am.

#### NEWSLETTER DISTRIBUTION

We are in need of one or two deliverers to continue circulation in the Scenic Drive between the top of Mountain Road and Mt Pukematekeo. If you are interested in helping with delivering between 25 and 50 copies once per month please contact the distributor Wayne Edwards - 838-5527. Also contact Wayne if your newsletter has not arrived by the end of the month.

#### NEWS NEWS NEWS NEWS

We can't print it if we don't know about it, so tell us about what is happening to you and your neighbours, such as who is leaving perhaps for some exciting place or reason, new arrivals, both to the world and the district, exam passes, sports achievements etc etc. Contact Tony Bacon 11 Cascade Ave. by the first Wed of month.

ADVERTISING Free to members

#### WORK WANTED

Reliable 18 year old female and 19 year old male students available for babysitting [most days and nights], cleaning, mowing lawns, feeding pets and odd jobs. Phone Cinnamon 814-9976, or Nick 817-4095.

#### FOR SALE

In good condition :  
2 child's booster seats, \$29 ea.  
Modern pine wardrobe, \$75.  
Electric stove, old but works fine, \$95 ...or offer. Gillian or Chris Nicholson on 814-9599.

#### FUNDRAISING

Pine Cones, \$5 bag, 10 for \$40.  
Coal, \$7 bag, 3 bags for \$20.  
Call at 849 West Coast Rd, opp. Raroa Terrace, phone 814-9843.

#### SUBSCRIPTIONS

These are now due for payment for 1991, and the W.R. & R. Committee would like to welcome you into membership this year. Keep those subscriptions rolling in to exceed last year's. The form is on the back page.

#### KIWIBURRA

The N.Z. Herald of 1/4/91 reported the sighting in Oratia of the first flight of the bird, a genetically engineered cross between a kiwi and a kookaburra, the result of five years research. It was reported to have escaped from a secret laboratory near Piha. Have you seen this bird ???!



**EARLY MORNING WINTER WAKE UP  
CHAMPAGNE & PANCAKE BREAKFAST**

This a PLAYCENTRE FUNDRAISING.

We are preparing to build our own facility and move to the area below the Drama Club building, Badgers - wooooee! In order to do this we need to raise funds.

We are organising a Champagne and Pancake Breakfast for all the family on Sunday 9th of June at the Community Hall from 8.30 to 11.30 a.m.

- Δ Hot Pancakes with a large variety of toppings.
- Δ Home Baked Breads
- Δ Sweet and Savoury Muffins
- Δ Champagne and Orange Juice
- Δ Coffee, Tea, Milo

A fun day for all . . . A good cause.

Tickets must be bought in advance -  
So phone:

Debbie Van der Walle 8149-654  
or Merrilyn Wills 8149-839

**NOW !!!**

Tickets selling at:

- \$1 per child
- \$5 per adult
- \$12 for a family concession

See you there!



"HIT ANY KEY TO CONTINUE"

**\* GINGER PLANT \* GINGER PLANT \***

Is your Ginger Plant getting you down?

We will cut it back and remove it for you.

Phone Gerard or Debbie Van der Walle to arrange a date and a price.

Any other odd jobs you just don't get around to - we can take over and ease the load.

Phone 8149-654

Please accept my subscription to the Waiatarua Ratepayers and Residents Assoc. for 1991.

I enclose \$7 ( Household ),  
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or leave at the library.

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