



# Community News

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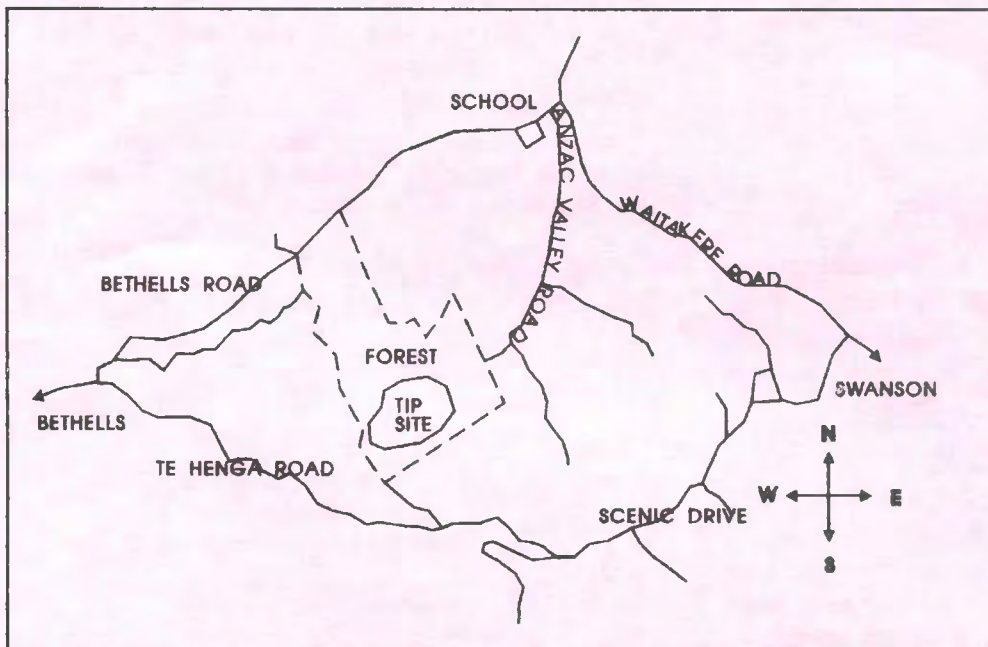
## GARBAGE DISPOSAL

(No, not replacing the government!)

One of the options being explored for future garbage disposal in Waitakere City is the establishment of a balefill site in Anzac Valley, which is at the back of Waitakere township. The map shows the proposed site.

- It conflicts with the council's own objectives of protecting the ranges.
- This is a proposal for a 30-year site use, and would provide no incentive to the council to explore more imaginative ways of garbage disposal.

This is leaving aside issues like leachate ending up in the Kumeu stream, effects on property values, traffic hazards in the area, etc.



Your committee will be making an objection, and you may wish to do the same. The closing date for objections is **29 July**, which does not leave you much time. If you want more information, you can contact:

Paul Lowe	810-9192
Glenys Leighton	832-3737
Jo Kemp	832-2626

Your committee, while recognising that garbage has to go *somewhere*, believes that this proposal should be resisted for several reasons:

- It is wrong in principle to allow the Waitakere Ranges to be used for what amounts to industrial purposes - this would be the thin end of the wedge.

### Don't forget:

The Association committee meeting is the first Wednesday of each month, at 7.30pm in the Community Centre Library.

The Community Board meets on the second Thursday of each month, at 7pm in the Council Chambers.

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## A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Elsewhere in this newsletter you will read about a recent hearing of the Planning Tribunal concerning the BCL installation (TV tower). Tom Baker, Ivan Beale and Peter Sinton have put a tremendous amount of time into this, including a fifty hour week on Tom's part, not counting preparation of submissions starting at 5 am I am told. All this for your benefit and mine, as local residents. On behalf of all of you I wish to thank Tom, Peter and the others involved.

More hard work has gone into the running of the Ginger Project. Thanks are due to Wayne Edwards and Margaret Blumhardt for their combined efforts.

Geoff Brinton has agreed, to relieve Wayne of some work, to supervise the distribution of the newsletter. Thank you, Wayne, for your past efforts and good luck, Geoff, in your new job.

All your committee work hard on your behalf. The quantity, and more important, quality of their efforts will earn lasting gratitude from residents, past and future, who benefit from this work.

Richard Hoyle.

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## HALL MAINTENANCE

You may have heard, or read in the Western Leader that asbestos has been found in the ceiling of the library. The discovery was made when investigations were being made to decide what had to be done to bring the hall up to fire safety standards.

The hall was built in 1974, and would appear to have never been satisfactory from a fire safety point of view. The issue came to a head this year with the Fire Service threatening to shut the place down if remedial work was not carried out. Council funds were eventually allocated to this task, largely thanks to the efforts of Cr. Ian Wells, and work is due to start this month.

Back to the asbestos. It is unlikely that there has ever been an ongoing health hazard, as problems usually only arise when the material is disturbed, but having been discovered, it has to be removed.

The work to be done includes enclosure of the underneath of the hall, replacement of the library

ceiling, installation of an alarm system, and associated painting. The work is expected to take a month, and is due to start on July 15th. This means that the library will be closed during that time, and possibly the hall itself as well. However at the end of it, we should have a much safer place to enjoy ourselves in.

All we have to do then is lobby the Council to do all the other maintenance and redecorating that we have been waiting for!

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## LIBRARY

Stock up now! The library will be closed from July 15 to August 15 due to the maintenance work on the ceiling - get your books while there is still time!

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## PLAYCENTRE NEWS

Thanks to you all for turning up to our Community Breakfast, it was wonderful to see such support. We really enjoyed our morning and hope you did too. The feedback we've had has been very encouraging so it looks as though it will become an annual event. We raised \$700, much needed money as we are in the stages of purchasing our own building to put down below the hall.

We are open:   Tuesday 9.30 - 12  
                      Wednesday 9.30 - 12 (over 2½ yrs)  
                      Friday 9.30 - 12

and welcome any new families to come along and see what happens.

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## SAVE THE CHILDREN FUND

The Save the Children fund is having an appeal for the famine victims in Africa. There are 27 million people facing starvation and over half these are children. \$15 will feed a child for a month and \$40 will feed one for 12 weeks.

SCF also has long-term development projects in the areas of health, education, clean water and the provision of seeds and tools.

## **POOCH PROBLEMS PROVE PERFUNCTORY**

Well, we tried. But a total of four submissions, two of which appeared to refer to each other, do not provide a firm basis for a campaign on dog control. Either the problems have been greatly exaggerated, as was suggested in one letter, or all those reports we had over the last year were from people who aren't prepared to be specific when the chips are down. Either way, your committee will not be pursuing the matter any further. Thanks to those of you who did write in, but all we can suggest is that if you have problems with dogs in your area, you contact the ranger at Waitakere City Council, phone 837 3700. To help you all control your dogs, we have reprinted an item from a couple of years ago on how to make a running line.

### **HOW TO MAKE A RUNNING LINE FOR YOUR DOG**

You will need:

Two strong posts.

A length of wire (No. 8 fencing wire is very good, but anything that will not break under the strain will do).

Two small rope clamps (from the hardware store).

Swivel clips for both the line and the dog's collar.

A dog chain or lead to attach the dog to the line.

Fix the posts firmly in the ground. Attach the wire to each post. You can just wind the wire around the posts, or attach it to eyebolts screwed into the posts. It doesn't need to be absolutely taut. Attach the rope clamps to the wire at each end, far enough from the posts that the dog will not be able to tangle itself around them.

#### **POINTS TO WATCH**

Make sure the clamps are far enough away from the posts - otherwise the dog could tangle itself up and become distressed.

Similarly make sure the chain or lead has swivels at each end - also to minimise the chance of tangles.

Make sure there is a bowl of water within reach - it should be of a type that cannot be knocked over.

Make sure the dog cannot jump over anything, such as a flat roof kennel or a fence, as it might hang itself.

The running line should be set up close to the dog's kennel or some other shelter.

The situation is not hopeless. With a government subsidy we have already sent \$500,000.

If you can help, please send your donation to Dawn Miller, 410 Scenic Drive, Waiatarua. An official receipt will be sent immediately.

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## **BITS AND PIECES**

### **By-Election**

The Waitakere City Council has decided to fill the vacancy left by Cr. Bill Haresnape's death through a by-election rather than just by appointing someone. The date is yet to be announced, but we should all give thought to finding a suitable candidate.

### **Security**

Commiserations to the Nicholsons of Cascade Avenue, who were burgled during the day recently. There have also been reports of thefts at night from outbuildings and parked vehicles in the West Coast Road area, so make sure you are secure.

### **Noise Control**

If your tranquil bush existence is being disturbed by loud music, chainsaws, skate boards or any other constant noise, you can contact the Environmental Health Officer at the Council. If you provide the name, address and source of the noise, it will be investigated. The phone number is 837 3700 or 837 3710 during the day, or 778 730 after hours.

## Ginger removal

Our willing workers are nearing the end of the cutting phase, and it seems there may be a gap before the spraying starts. To make sure that the most effective job is done, Wayne Edwards would like to hear from you if you think there have been any bits missed, or that the team could have gone a bit farther in from the road in any areas. You can contact Wayne on 838 5527 or 838 7417 during business hours.

## Planning Tribunal

Tom Baker and his cohorts have been doing battle on our behalf in front of the Planning Tribunal with regard to the BCL desire to keep the small temporary mast and to erect a satellite station at the mast site. It was apparently a very educational experience, as Tom and Ivan Beale were faced by the massed lawyers on the other side, and from all accounts acquitted themselves very well. Waitakere City were also there, and also gave a very good account of themselves (on the same side as us, for a change!) We won't know the decision for some time, and even if we win, the Minister can over-rule it if he so desires, so keep on keeping your fingers crossed.

## Membership

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## BIRTHDAY CALENDARS FOR SALE

A new idea direct from Holland. Debbie and Gerard van der Walle have designed and printed in New Zealand 2 very attractive designs of Birthday Calendars. These are used year after year to remind you of those special dates. They will be available soon in stores but if you want to purchase at a special price of \$7.50 phone 8149-654. Perfect Christmas presents.

## BEATING THE BOBBIES

Did you manage to solve last month's brain teaser? To put you out of your misery, the answer is printed below.



(The puzzle came from 'Diabolical Diversions', by Allan Bragdon and Leonard Fellows, published by Frederick Muller Ltd.)

Deadline for the next issue is Wednesday 7th August, 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.

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