



Community News

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FIRE BRIGADE NEWS

The Waiatarua Volunteer Fire Brigade would like to thank Grant and Carol Longley of Longley Printing for their help in producing our recruitment leaflet. We appreciate the time and effort you put into helping community organisations such as ourselves. As a result 6 new recruits have joined up, and possibly 2 more, which has been our most successful recruitment drive ever.

The Ambassador

This fine establishment is still open every Thursday evening from 7 to 10pm, at the Fire Station. A terrific way of meeting people in our community or just having a quiet drink or a game of pool. Coffee, tea, juice and soft drinks are also available, and come the summer evenings, we will even fire up the barbecue. Everyone is welcome - come and meet your local firefighters.

We would like to apologise for the evening of 8th September, when as a result of a muck-up with the roster, nobody was on duty with the result that the Ambassador was closed. We have now devised a better duty system and hope it won't happen again.

Community Centre Fire Alarm

This is now connected direct to the Fire Brigade control room, but if you hear it go off, please phone 111 anyway, just in case there is a line breakdown.

Party Time!

Tom and Les Baker are leaving us for the greener pastures of Kerikeri, so we thought this was a good excuse to have a party to send them on their way and thank them for all the work they have done for the community.

The date: Sunday 24th November, 7pm
The place: Waiatarua Community Hall
The price: \$20 each
The contacts: Marilyn Trubuhovich 8149 266
Pam Robinson 8149 355
Tony Bacon 8149 860

This is the only time this will be advertised and numbers are limited - be in quick! Your ticket price includes dinner and entertainment - bring your own liquids.

Those of you who came to the dinner for the Healy family will remember what a great time was had by all - let's make this one even better!



There was an inadvertent practice a few weeks ago, when one of the detectors in the library went off on its own. The whole affair was pretty shambolic by all accounts, not least because the siren was so loud the person on the phone in the building couldn't make themselves heard to the Fire Brigade! As a result things have been tightened up a bit, and it was in fact a valuable lesson.

Please note that the alarm is for fire not burglars, so please do phone 111 if you hear it.

ODDS AND ENDS

Working Bee

According to rumour Spring is upon us, so we are having a working bee at the Community Centre on **Saturday 2nd November** from 1pm onwards. The objective is to reduce the grime level in the kitchen, and also to clean up the stackable chairs. The chairs have all been repaired, but most of the seats are fairly grubby, so bring along your scrubbing brushes and join in the fun. When you have finished, you can relax at the fireworks (see opposite).

Septic Tank Cleaning

As reported last month, the McDonalds men are amongst us, but a word of warning. This is a service organised by the Council, and **paid for out of your rates**, so don't do what one unfortunate family did, and respond to a letter-box flyer and **pay** for your septic tank to be emptied about three days before the official visit.

Transmitter By-Law

This has now been passed by the Council, so in theory we are now less likely to get fried when BCL decide to add a new dish to the mast, or Broadtech apply (again) for a mast site. The regulations cover much more than that, though, so if you are involved in any way in radio frequency transmission, it would pay you to check out the rules. We owe a considerable debt of gratitude to people like Ivan Beale and Tom Baker, without whom the whole issue would have been dead and buried.

Justices of the Peace

With the imminent departure of Tom Baker for the winterless North (see page 1), the number of J.P.s in the district is again on the way down. If any Justices lurking in the area would like to contact the Editor, we will publish the details in the next issue, so those of us who need their services know where to go.

Public Phone

The public Coinphone outside Duvals is now working. Your President and Editor gave it a consumer test and can confirm that when you pick up the handset and put in the money you can definitely speak to other people.

Membership

129 is now the magic number - a lot down on the 180 at this time last year. We know times is tough, but your membership fee only works out at 13.46153 cents a week, which is not a lot to pay for:

- this magnificent publication.
- a committee that looks after your interests with the council and community board (transmitters, rates, planning matters, annual plan etc.)
- social events (fireworks, morning teas, market days etc.)
- Maintenance of the Hall furniture and fittings.
- etc. etc. etc.

I'll make a deal with you all. If we get up to 150 members by the end of October, I promise not to nag about it again until 1992 - I can't say fairer than that!

Keep Waitakere Beautiful

The Council's contribution in our area seems to be the clearing out of the water tables along the West Coast Road - nice to have, but one would have thought that was routine maintenance rather than beautification. There is no truth to the rumour that they are going to plant daffodils in all the potholes - they say they can't afford that many bulbs!

Welcome to Waitatarua

Don and Christine Sykes.

Congratulations

To Michel and Roelie Zwerink on the birth of their first baby. Michael Steven is already holding his first paint-brush.

FROM HELEN HASLAM - WAITAKERE WARD COUNCILLOR

WCC Annual Plan

Now is the time to consider what you would like to see Council achieving in the coming year. Ward submissions for the 1992-1993 Annual Plan will be heard by Waitakere Community Board on November 26th this year, and city-wide submissions by the policy committee on 4th December. We find it is most effective if you make verbal submissions (backed up

Fireworks !

Saturday November 2nd

6pm onwards

At the Fire Station

**Bring your own fireworks and food - a
barbecue will be available.**

**If the weather is wet, the event will be
cancelled.**

**Parents - please keep your children under
control in the interests of public safety.**

**Hosted by the Waiatarua Volunteer
Fire Brigade**

by written copy), so that we can ask for clarification where necessary.

Role of Community Boards

It now appears unlikely that the Council and the Community Boards will agree on the future of Community Boards. After consideration of public submissions to abolish the Boards, Council will reassess its position. If agreement is not reached the Local Authorities Commission will determine the matter. Waitakere Community Board continues to request delegation of local decision making to a Ward Committee of 6 elected Councillors (who would replace the existing 6 Community Board members and 3 Councillors).

Environmental Policy

Council is about to expand it's Mission Statement and Goals with the preparation of a policy to identify key environmental issues, including implications of the environmental policy for all of Council's other policies and operations. Hopefully Council will appoint one of the councillors from this ward to the three-member committee which will oversee the development of the new policy.

Recreational Fishing Zone

We met recently with representatives of MAF to request extension of the 1km recreational fishing zone from Muriwai to Whatipu Heads. MAF viewed the recommendation favourably, and have agreed to give careful consideration to our concerns regarding the serious depletion of shellfish, starfish and crabs from our West Coast and Manukau beaches. We look forward to the MAF reply.

Cr. Tim Shadbolt

Tim was recently sworn in as a member of Council and Waitakere Community Board in an overflowing council chamber amid more media coverage than we have seen in the last two years. I'm sure that Ian Wells joins me in welcoming Tim as a representative of the Ward.

Mining at Muriwai

Council, environmental and ratepayer groups have all expressed strong opposition to the proposal for prospecting for Ilmenite at Muriwai. The Minister for Energy, John Luxton has replied that we should not be concerned as the proposal is for prospecting only! The implications of this for our West Coast beaches are very, very serious.

Balefill Sites

Council has abandoned the proposal to use Waitakere Forest (Anzac Valley) as a balefill site. We must now turn our attention to finding a satisfactory alternative to the Kay Road site. The previous Council promised local residents that the Kay Road site would close after 8 years when the permit expires in 1993. Some of the options being considered are ARC regional sites, composting, incineration, improved recycling and refuse reduction.

Waiatarua Playcentre

It was with great pleasure that I supported the proposal to lease land at the Waiatarua Hall site to enable the new Playcentre building to be established. Congratulations and best wishes to all those hardworking and tenacious people who have worked towards this resolution. I look forward to the opening. *(Editorial note: and thanks to all of you who completed and returned the questionnaires in the last issue. The current guess at a completion date is the third term of 1992.)*

Helen Haslam Phone 8128 890

ADVERTISING

HOUSEWORK

Reliable, mature lady available in the Waiaatarua area. Phone Lilian 814 9638 - the phone is now working!

HOUSE FOR SALE

Waiaatarua, private sale. Modern split-level home. 3bdrm, study, 2 bthrm, sep. dining, lounge. Rimu kitchen, 2-car garage/workshop. Extensive decks surrounded by ¼ acre of tree-studded grounds. All-day sun. \$219,000. For appointment to view, phone owner, 814 9616.

NEW NEW NEW

For those who didn't make it to Market Day! Debbie and Gerard have recently created and printed 2 very different designs of Birthday Calendars and are now selling them throughout New Zealand. These are not annual calendars, but are used year after year to remind you of those special dates one tries very hard not to forget. An idea which originated in Holland, the Dutch hang them on their loo doors to keep them in touch with birthdays and anniversaries coming up.

You can buy them from Jan Parkes, 814 9676 for \$8.00 each and help support Playcentre fundraising, or contact Debbie or Gerard vander Walle on 814 9654. A great Christmas gift and very easy to post overseas.

COMPUTER CLEAROUT

I've finally got round to sorting all my gear, and the following are surplus to requirements:

- NEC P5200 24-pin Dot Matrix printer - fast, very good letter quality (it used to print this newsletter) - \$800, including spare ribbons.
- Star SG10 9-pin Dot-Matrix printer - sturdy, reliable, very cheap to run - \$250.
- Intel Above Board Plus 8 memory expansion board with 2mb of 100ns RAM - \$950.
- IBM compatible joystick - \$20.
- Microsoft compatible mouse - \$50.
- 2 64k 150ns memory chips - free to a good home.
- Printer cable - ribbon type, Centronics each end - \$10.
- Assorted 360k floppy disks - make me an offer.

All the above can be tried with your machine before you buy, and I can give help with installation. Phone Tony Bacon, 814 9860.

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

I enclose \$7.00 (Household)/\$4.00 (Single Occupant)

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or leave at the Library



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Deadline for the next issue is **Wednesday 6th November, 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.

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