



Community News

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RANDOM RUMOURS ROUND THE REGION

Oops!

Last month we welcomed Don and Christine Sykes - it should have been Don and Liz - sorry about that!

Membership

Last month's nag **nearly** worked - we are up to 146 members. Not quite the 150 I asked for, but not bad, all the same. The new offer is - how about 160 members by the end of November in return for a one month respite from reminders?

Ginger Spraying

The programme should be under way again by the end of November - weather, the Labour Department and everything else willing.

Garbage Collection

You will all be pleased to know that the start time for rubbish collection has been changed from 7 to 7.30am. It is hoped that this will allow more people to put out their bags in the morning rather than the evening, which would reduce problems with scavenging from dogs, wolves, grizzly bears etc.

West Coast Road Slip

Someone joked that the reason the repairs have not started is that they are still growing the trees for the poles - it turns out to be true! Apparently the poles required are particularly thick, and the latest information is that the required trees have been identified, and should be felled and treated shortly.



"Dr. Cassevent"

NZ Premiere

Written and directed by Don Edwards.

Mystery, Matrimony and Murder.

Can Cassevent, eminent psychiatrist and darling of many a widow in the Paris of the 1890's save the day? Or could this malevolent mayhem be just what the doctor ordered?

Find out at:

Waiatarua Community Centre, 911 West Coast Road.

November 21 (sold out),
22,23,28 (sold out), 29,30.

December 5,6,7

Admission: December 5 \$8 (coffee and biscuits)

Other nights: \$15 (supper and refreshments)

Curtain up 8pm. Arrive early for the best tables.

Reservations essential.

Phone: Phyl 814 9837
Bob 914 9324
Don 811 8844

WAIATARUA THEATRE

Speed Limits

After representations from all over the place the council has done a review of speed limits in the City. Changes that affect us locally are:

	From	To
Carter Road	100	70
Forest Hill Road	100/70	70
Kellys Road	100	70
Mountain Road	100	70
Parker Road	100	70
Quinns Road	100	70
Scenic Drive: West Coast Road - Piha Road	100	70

Let's hope that makes our area at least a little safer.

Market Day

The change to a Sunday afternoon timeslot seems to have been a good decision - there were heaps of people, lots of sales and a good time was had by all.

Working Bee

Thanks to the 5 people who turned up on Nov 2nd - four committee members and one real live volunteer! The kitchen is now cleaner than it was; you can tell which bits on the stove are chrome, the walls and windows are cobweb-free, and the walls and bench tops, if not gleaming, are at least less grotty than they were. We wondered as we worked - where are the Playcentre, who are prime users of the Hall, and where are the Drama Group, who also use the hall and kitchen, and were the main complainants about the state of the chairs? Ah well, 'twas ever thus - most whinge while a few work.

Library News

Please watch the notice board for Christmas holiday opening dates. For stay-at-homes, the Library will stay open every Saturday morning.

FIRE BRIGADE NEWS

Fire Ban

From November 6th - April 30th, the Waitakere Ranges annual fire restriction comes into force. All rubbish burnoffs, open fires (including barbecues) are forbidden without a permit from the council. The ban is imposed to protect plant life and the thousands of

people and their homes that could be at risk from a bush fire. We don't want a repeat of the scenes of devastation we have seen in Sydney and San Francisco happening here.

The Ambassador

With the arrival of daylight saving, the Ambassador will be open from 7.30pm on Thursday nights instead of 7 o'clock. Visitors note: you must sign the visitors book every time you patronize us.

Ladies Night

A night out for the local lassies, girls, ladies. Wear something outrageous.

When: Saturday November 23rd 8pm

Where: The Ambassador

Bring a plate and money for refreshments. A night of fun in store. Any queries or suggestions, ring Julie, 814 9763.

Fireworks night

Well, what can you say - 2 working bees to clean up around the Station and organize the bonfire, plus the many hours of preparation for the Community Event of the year. Come 7.30 the skies opened up in a big way, unfortunately for the kids. The bonfire was lit despite the rain, and so were some fireworks - some people were keen! But the fun was had much later, in the wee small hours of the morning, I believe. Several hours of dancing, then the rugby World Cup final, which was well worth watching. The few who managed to stay awake got home just in time for breakfast. A fun night for most, in spite of the weather.

SITUATIONS VACANT

Newsletter Editor

Yes, after doing the job for four years, your editor has decided it is time for someone else to take on the job of entertaining and informing Waitatarua. This means that I shan't be standing for re-election at the next AGM (in February). Any local resident who would like to take up the reins should contact Tony Bacon on 814 9860 so that their name can be put on the list of volunteers. No experience is necessary, just access to a typewriter or word processor.

NEWSLETTER DISTRIBUTION

Thanks to Ivan Beale and family and to Tony Webber for your years of service in delivering the newsletters. Your help was very much appreciated.

Welcome to two new distributors, Jan King and Jenny Enderby.

If you have any queries or complaints about newsletter delivery, please feel free to phone Jeff Brinton, 814 9969.

And a personal note from the Editor to the deliverers:
We all appreciate the efforts that you make to get the newsletter delivered promptly. Our timing of some events and publicity in the newsletter relies heavily on knowing that it will be delivered during a certain period, so if you ever know you are going to have a problem at any time with prompt delivery (i.e. within 2 or 3 days of receiving your bundle from Jeff), please let either Jeff or the Editor know, so we can make alternative arrangements for that month. There is nothing worse than being told about some great event - that happened 2 days before the newsletter arrived!

FROM HELEN HASLAM - WAITAKERE WARD COUNCILLOR

Dogs on Beaches By-Law

This bylaw was passed in October to assist in the control of dogs on beaches. It enables responsible dog owners to exercise their dogs on the beach with due regard to other beach users. Dogs must be on a lead at Cornwallis, Mill Bay, Karamatura, Kaitarakihi, Anawhata and Karekare. No dogs are allowed at Whatipu or Piha south of Lion Rock, and at North Piha and Bethells dogs must be under control at all times. Owners are being instructed to remove or bury dog droppings. Waitakere Community Board are discussing methods of monitoring this by-law with Ratepayer Groups, surf clubs, ARC and Council's Animal Control section.

Wild Ginger, privet, possums and wasps.

Public awareness campaigns are still being prepared for control of these pests. We hope to see privet declared a class B noxious weed along with wild ginger. Wasp and possum pamphlets are still available

from Council. Phone 837 3700 and ask for Pest Control.

Strategic Policies for Economic Incentives, Health Issues, Environment and Solid Waste

Small groups of councillors have formed to prepare guidelines for Council on proposals for long term policies in these matters. The policies will enable Council to do improved and co-ordinated long-term planning for the years ahead. Annual plans will be monitored to ensure that they take account of the strategic policies. Dorothy Wilson is on the Health Issues group, Ian Wells is on the Economic Incentives group, and I am on the Environment group. Membership of the Solid Waste group has yet to be determined.

Toxic Waste disposal

Council has accepted Waitakere Community Board's recommendation to prepare plans for storage and recycling facilities for toxic wastes at the Baling Station. We'll keep you posted about developments.

Farewell to Tom Baker

It is with real sadness that I farewell Tom Baker as he leaves for the sunnier climate of the North. Tom was the prime mover in the establishment of the Combined Ratepayers Association of Waitakere Ward. It plays a valuable role in keeping ratepayer groups in touch with the issues being dealt with in various parts of the ward and to prepare co-ordinated submissions to Council on the Annual Plan, and many other issues of concern to the ward. Although the Combined Ratepayers and Residents Association will continue the very worthwhile work started by Tom, his energy, wisdom and wide experience will be sadly missed.

(Editorial note: Hear, hear to the above. Waitarua's own farewell to Tom takes place at the Community Centre on 24th November. See last month's Newsletter for details, or phone Tony Bacon, 814 9860.)

Helen Haslam Phone 8128 890

ADVERTISING

FOR SALE

Home Brewing Fermenter, capping machine and large quantity of bottles. \$50 the lot. Phone Eric 814 9638.

FOR HIRE

Santa Costume. Phone Margaret, 914 9843.

FOR SALE

Aunger Toyota rear window louvre. Suitable for Corona Sedan or Avanti, at Aussie price - \$95. Phone Eric 814 9638.

LIFT WANTED

For schoolboy, from 833 West Coast Road bus stop to Blockhouse Bay Rd/New North Road intersection, arriving about 8.30 am to 9 am, Mondays to Fridays. Remuneration offered. Please phone 814 9847 anytime.

TRAINING OFFERED

Wordperfect, Lotus 123, Computer Basics. Beginners, intermediate or advanced training available. General training or specific problems solved. Are you getting the most out of your computer? \$10 per hour. Contact Sally Falkner, 837 4629.

KAURI KITCHEN HOME COOKING

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Person for housework. 3 hours per week. \$5 per hour. Phone 814 9440.

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The Treasurer,
Waiatarua Ratepayers and Residents Association
911 West Coast Road
Waiatarua

or leave at the Library

November (Northern Hemisphere)

The shepherds almost wonder where they dwell,
And the old dog for his right journey stares:
The path leads somewhere, but they cannot tell,
And neighbour meets neighbour unawares.
The maiden passes close beside her cow,
And wanders on, and thinks her far away;
The ploughman goes unseen behind his plough
And seems to lose his horses half the day.
The lazy mist creeps on his journey slow;
The maidens shout and wonder where they go;
So dull and dark are the November days.
The lazy mist high up in the evening curled,
And now the morn quite hides in smoke and haze;
The place we occupy seems all the world.

John Clare (1793-1864)

Deadline for the next issue is **Wednesday 4th December, 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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