



Community News

MARCH 1992

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The Annual Meeting was held on 27th February, attended by 18 members which shows that everyone must be more than satisfied with the work of the committee over the last year! Perhaps if it had been held after the Rural Mail Accounts had arrived, the hall would have been full. Your committee has been trying for several years to have this area taken off Rural Delivery, so far without success, but we are still trying.

If enough residents choose to cancel their account, take it into the Delivery Centre at the Oratia Superette and arrange to collect their mail from there this will help our cause to obtain free delivery as is enjoyed by our neighbours in Forest Hill Rd, most of Scenic Drive, and even rural areas such as Parau, Laingholm, Woodlands Park etc. Written objections to N.Z. Post currently being collected would also help. Perhaps you could join with some neighbours and arrange to collect each others mail as some are not going out every day. No change of address is necessary if your mail is presently addressed to Oratia, Waiatarua, or R.D. New Lynn, as all that mail is delivered to the Superette and only that mail for which the Rural Delivery Fee has been paid will be delivered.

ORATIA SUPERETTE - NZ POST DELIVERY CENTRE informs me that We provide a Rural Mail pick-up service for those people wish

ing to collect their mail from here, rather than have letter-box delivery. This service is provided free of charge to customers.

Mail is sorted alphabetically, and filed in envelopes with your name. Additional names in the same household are filed in one chosen named envelope. Mail may be collected any time the shop is open, however, as we don't receive the Post till around 9.30am each morning, we ask that you understand this and refrain from collecting your mail until sorting is completed. This ensures that you get ALL your mail for the day and helps speed up our sorting time without interruption.

Stamps may be purchased from the Post Office counter any hours the shop is open, we also handle parcel posting both NZ and worldwide. Unfortunately, our agency does not handle letter registration, or car registration/ownership.

Our shop hours are 6.30am to 7.30pm Monday - Saturday, and 7.30am to 7pm Sundays."

Eric, Margaret & Michelle Allan
Phone 818-6462

The new committee and their responsibilities as well as other handy local information is listed further on - please attach this to the inside of your phone-book and keep for future reference.

NEWSLETTER EDITOR

Tony Bacon retired as newsletter editor after giving excellent service for a number of

years so please now send all copy to me at 849 West Coast Rd.-opp Raroa Tce.

MAST FUND The families involved wish to thank the generous people who have contributed \$360 to their legal fees recently.

MEMBERSHIP FEES are now due for the 1992 year and would be appreciated as soon as possible. There is so much the committee can do with a strong membership behind them, Thankyou!

PRESIDENT'S ANNUAL REPORT.

It is my pleasure to record this 27th Annual Report of the Association.

Your Executive committee have been active on your behalf during 1991, and eight specific issues were mentioned in the December issue of our newsletter. I should mention again the fine contribution Tom Baker made to the community during his time with us. I am a sadly inadequate successor by comparison. However, because all the committee have put in a lot of hard work, including Tom before his departure in November, we have managed to accomplish a great deal. I should particularly like to thank the retiring Secretary, Ian Ford, and retiring Newsletter Editor, Tony Bacon, for their hard work in those positions.

The most important issue to have faced the Association for many years is the matter of microwave radiation from transmitters in the area. Whilst we must live with these, it is of continuing long term importance that we are (a) fully informed about and (b) protected as far as possible from any adverse effects from this radiation.

Another way the Association serves you is as a conduit for information to and from the Waitakere City Council, where we are both a stimulus for action and an agent for change. This year is election year, and you can be assured that we will

continue to represent, emphatically if required, the needs and aspirations of our community. It is appropriate at this point to thank our ward councillors Helen Haslam and Ian Wells for their past efforts.

The library group put in many hours of hard work in maintaining a high standard of service. Residents who use the library are very grateful.

Lastly, I should like to thank all residents who support this association with their membership. Our numbers are greater than for some years past, and may even be a record. They do in any case represent an impressive percentage of the total number of residents giving a considerable degree of credibility to our point of view in submissions to the Waitakere City Council. Thank you. Richard Hoyle, President.

LIBRARY ANNUAL REPORT.

It has been a difficult year in some ways. The Waitakere City were still having teething troubles and it was only towards the end of their financial year that we received their grant. Without our reserves we should have had to stop buying books in the early part of the year. In July we were informed that although this years grant (July 1991 - June 1992) is less on paper it would have the same figure as last year, the reason being that the Council would pay the bills and be able to claim back the G.S.T. which we are unable to do. It will be seen from the financial report that our funds are in a very healthy state.

In the middle of the year the old asbestos ceiling had to be removed and a new one with better fire resistant properties put in its place. We are very grateful to the large army of volunteers who helped to clear the library of books and shelving, paint the library, workroom and toilet and then replace all the books and shelv-

ing. We hope we have not lost too many of our readers through being closed for so long.

This is always a good opportunity to thank the Waitakere City for its continuous support and also all those helpers on the desk and behind the scenes without whom we could not carry on. We have, with regret said goodbye to some of our helpers and have been delighted to welcome others.

Our aim has been to serve the reading public of Waiatarua and only you can say if we were successful.

NEWS FROM HELEN HASLAM

The Council year is in full swing again after the holiday break. We have a very busy year ahead.

ANNUAL PLAN

We are just beginning consideration of public submissions for the 1992-1993 Annual Plan and budget. The draft Annual Plan will be ready soon and will be advertised for public comment, prior to being adopted and the rates set for the financial year beginning July 1st.

HOUSEHOLD CONSULTATION

You will soon receive your annual household questionnaire. It provides you with a chance to tell council what you think of the way the city is being run. The results are carefully analysed for consideration and use by Council and the Community Boards. The various units use all comments relating to their particular work.

I do hope you will take the time to complete the questionnaire, we need your views.

LONG TERM POLICIES

We are working towards completion of long-term policies in a wide range of issues, some of which I mentioned last month. Public submissions have recently been sought on draft policies for Sale of Liquor, Solid Waste Management and on the use of the Harbour Bd. land at Te Atatu. Public hearings will be held and the policies finalised in the coming months.

Also under discussion are policies for Art and culture, Early Childhood, Tourism and Services for the Elderly.

ADVERTISING

Builder- Qualified carpenter and cabinetmaker seeks work close to home. Reasonable rates all work gratefully under taken John Ward phone 8149-577

Polytech Student, wants work ironing, house cleaning, child minding, office work, ginger clearing etc. Mon-Thurs to end of May, rates neg. Michelle Healy 8149-505

Wanted to rent, private bach or cottage by single, 40yr old self employed man, honest and clean living. Any condition as he has carpentry skills, phone Kerry 818-7855, evenings.

Please accept my subscription to the Waiatarua Rate. & Res. Assoc. for 1992.

I enclose \$7 Household - \$4 Single Occupant.

Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____

To Treasurer, W.R.R.Ass., 911 West Coast Rd, Oratia.
or leave at the library.

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		Newsletter distribution
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Wayne Edwards	814-9976	Co-opted, Ginger project

Committee meetings held on 1st Wed. of month at the hall
 Deadline for newsletter copy - 1st Wed., 849 West Coast Rd.
 Newsletter delivery - third or fourth week of the month.

WAITAKERE WARD COUNCILLORS	Helen Haslam	812-8890
	Tim Shadbolt	
	Ian Wells	814-9601
WAITAKERE CITY COUNCIL	Daytime	836-8000
	After hours	778-730

An answering service answers after hours calls and then alerts the appropriate person, in the case of noise control this is a Security Officer already on duty.

AUCKLAND REG. COUNCIL REP.	Gary Taylor	810-9594
COMMUNITY CONSTABLE	Rick Shaw	837-0765

PLAY CENTRE	meets Tues., Wed., Fri., 9.30 - 12noon
	Contact Jan Parkes 814-9676

LIBRARY	open	Tues. 7pm - 8.30pm	Thurs. 10am - noon
phone 814-9353		Fri. 10am - 11am during school term,	7pm - 8.30pm
		Sat. 9.30am - 11am	Sun. 11am - noon

COMMUNITY BARBEQUE HIRE	Hire \$25, Contact Custodian,
	Richard Hoyle 814-9641

COMMUNITY HALL HIRE	Custodian Bob Langley 814-9324
Standard hiring rates	Day \$5 per hr wkdays, \$6 wkends.
	Evening \$65, + \$250 ret. bond.
	Crockery \$25 Chairs \$15 Piano \$10
	Cheaper rates available to local groups.