



Community News

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EDITORIAL.

There seems to be some positive things happening in the area at the moment.

Firstly the beginning of our free mail delivery for all those with letterboxes. Remember that if you have not put up a mailbox, or it is difficult for the mail deliverer to drive up to, you will be able to collect your mail at the Oratia Superette only until the end of June.

Recycling starts on the 17th June. This is another very positive service being started, which I hope will be very successful and further extended to include more items. If you have not received your recycling bin or have any queries please phone the Hotline 836-8045.

Our Community Centre is looking very smart with a new paint job both inside and out. New curtains are also on the way. Don't forget about this facility for meetings, classes, weddings, dinners etc. A recent wedding held at the hall was that of Tui Slater and Mark Williamson. Congratulations to you both.

FIRE BRIGADE NEWS.

Do you have fond memories of attending Guy Fawkes night at the Fire Station and feeling like a sardine as you attempted to squeeze into the social room with dozens of others? Well,

those days of emulating the Tokyo subway in rush hour will soon be past. The volunteer Fire Brigade plans to extend the Ambassador for the benefit of all, but is in dire need of some of the necessary resources.

If you can help with donations of money, materials, or draughting skills, please contact Tony Holt (ph 814-9688) or Ian Ford (ph 814-9618).

And just a reminder - the Ambassador is now open on Friday nights from 7.30pm - 10pm, not Thursday as before. All residents are welcome for a drink, a chat or a game of darts. We cater for non-drinkers and have a great selection of snack foods. Coffee and tea are free. Come and meet your firefighters and other locals.

Keep your eye out in the near future for a Can Bank at the Station.

The Closed Fire Season is now over. We had a few scrub fires, car fires, and motor vehicle accidents to attend, but no major fires or accidents, thank Goodness! Let's try and keep it that way.

Last but not least - congratulations to Waiatarua Fire-fighter Mark Stone on being selected for the 1993 Fire-fighters Calendar - the first volunteer to be included. Congratulations also to Marie Brittain, Ruth Brittain and Tony Holt for daring to strut their stuff

with Mark at the Calendar Selection night held recently at the Downtown Convention Centre. All done in the best possible taste, naturally.

HI NEWSLETTER DISTRIBUTORS!

Many thanks for all the good work. We are looking for someone to deliver this newsletter along the Scenic Drive from 'Duvals' to Waitakere Park Lodge.

We are sorry to lose the present volunteers, Pam and Dave Robinson who are moving from the area. I am sure you will join with us and wish them all the best in their new home on Waiheke Island.

If you would be willing to take on this monthly task please contact Jeff Brinton on 814-9969.

SUBS! SUBS! NO NOT SUBMARINES!

Last year \$1094 was collected in subscriptions. Our newsletter is published free by Longley Printing, so we are able to use subscription money for other things! No, not wild parties, BUT.....
Replacement hall fridge \$474,
Tuning hall piano \$220,
Gifts (Tom Baker, auditor, newsletter deliverers) \$228.35,
Subs (to Combined Ratepayers Association, Waitakere Ranges Protection Society \$30,
Planning Tribunal expenses \$58.40.

We would appreciate your continued support, and say thank you to the 162 households who were members last year. Membership to date is 87.
Marilyn Trubuhovich, Treasurer.

COUNCIL NEWS.

Rather brief this month, but just to let you know that council is undertaking a review of services to the elderly. If you have comments, or want more information on this, please contact your community board members or councillors soon.

LIBRARY.

Just a reminder about our well stocked resource, well manned or womaned by local volunteers. This is a good time of year to take a closer look at what is available there. The hours, for those who have lost their phone list are:

Tues. 7pm - 8.30pm.
Thurs 10am - noon
Fri. 10am - 11am
(during school term)
Fri 7pm - 8.30pm.
Sat. & Sun., 11am - noon.

The phone number for the library and hall is 814-9353.

LET'S GET CRAFTY !

You are invited to join the Oratia Spinning and Craft Group. The group meets each Monday morning from 10am - 12noon, (Feb. - Nov.) in the Oratia Church Hall, on the corner of West Coast and Parker Rds. New members would really be welcomed.

Spinning and all types of crafts are enjoyed by our members. Come and bring your own speciality, your knitting, or just sit and have a chat. For further information phone Bev on 814-9679.

LIPPINCOTT COTTAGE FOUND.

The 1930s cottage, which was featured in our April newsletter, and even rated a mention in the Western Leader, has been

located. Original land deeds proved that the Quinns Rd cottage was indeed the one being sought. It has been extensively altered over the years.

WAIATARUA THEATRE NEWS

Another successful production has just been completed, even if the hedgehog stew had to be replaced with beef, (hedgehogs are out of season)!

New white tables and chairs added to the comfort and style of the evening. New members have joined as a result of the last production, but more are always welcome.

An open evening is held on the first Friday of the month at "Badgers", on the lower carpark at the Waiatarua Hall for any interested persons

The group is sorry to lose Dave and Pam Robinson whose help was greatly appreciated.

The next production will be in September.

TRICHEM DEMONSTRATION.

Jocelyn Hinton wishes to demonstrate to you the wonders of fabric painting with this product, and give you the opportunity to try your hand at it.

Come and have a look at Margaret Blumhardt's home, 849 West Coast Rd, (opposite Raroa Tce.), on Thursday 2nd July at 10 a.m. If you are interested, but cannot come on that day, phone Jocelyn on 818-7426.

MISSING DOG.

A reward is offered for the return of a male bull terrier cross; white, with black ears, a black patch above the tail, and random spots underneath and on his chest.

He answers to the name of "Duke", and is two and a half years old. Duke has been missing from 777 West Coast Rd since Mothers Day.

Please phone Duncan on 814-9436 if you have any information.

A D V E R T I S I N G .
Free to financial members.

Builder - Qualified Carpenter and Cabinetmaker seeks work close to home. Reasonable rates. Phone John Ward 814-9577

Housekeeper required for half a day per week, phone Don or Liz Sykes on 814-9419.

Save electricity!

Call in at 'the one stop shop for home heating supplies', 849 West Coast Rd., (opp. Raroa Tce.), or phone 814-9843.

Firewood, (dry eucalyptus) is only a \$6 bag, and Pinecones are just \$4 a bag.

We sell these to raise funds for the Sunnyvale Scout Group, which caters for guys and girls aged 6 - 18 years, and meets in their hall at 72b Seymour Rd.

Also available at 849;
Coal, 25kg bags for \$7 each, or 3 for \$20. These funds are for the Kingdom Fund, which provides interest free loans to assist people in need of help.

If you are interested in the above heating supplies, Sunnyvale Scouts, or the Kingdom Fund, please phone 814-9843.

Car for Sale - Mini Clubman 1972, one family ownership, 71,000mls original, excellent condition, \$1700. Phone 814-9843

JULY NEWSLETTER. Copy needs to be in the hands of the Editor, Margaret Blumhardt, 849 West Coast Rd. by Wednesday July 1st Thanks to the Longley family of Longley Printing for once again printing our newsletter.

Thought for the month.

THE PLUM

You should learn that you cannot be loved by all people:
You can be the finest plum in the world,
Ripe - Juicy - Succulent
And offer yourself to all,
But you must remember there will be people who do not like plums.
You have a choice of becoming a banana,
But you must be warned that if you choose to become a banana,
You will be a second rate banana,
But you can always be the best plum.
You must realise that if you choose to be a second rate banana,
You must remember that there will be people who do not like bananas,
Furthermore you can spend your life trying to become the best banana (which is impossible if you are a plum)
Or: you can seek again to be the Best Plum.

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