



# Community News

JULY 1992

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## OBITUARY

CHRIS COCKELL  
1946 - 1992

It with sadness that we record the sudden death of Chris Cockell on 24th June 1992.

Chris was a resident of Raroa Terrace for 14 years where he and Jan operated a successful and well respected craft pottery studio. Chris was active in New Zealand pottery circles, having been a vice-president of the New Zealand Society of Potters, and author of a widely used book on gas kiln firing. Many an aspiring (and experienced) potter has benefited from his advice on how to coax the best performance from a recalcitrant kiln.

A man of strong opinions, Chris was nevertheless generous with his time and expertise to those who sought his help. His pots reflected his personality - strong, bold pieces in an unashamedly traditional style. Chris will live on in his work - it is one of the blessings of the potter's life that while the flesh is mortal, the clay can live forever.

The community's sympathy goes to Jan, Steven and Joanne in their time of sorrow.

Tony Bacon.

Chris was also involved with the Oratia Soccer Club, serving as President at one point. He was also a life supporter of the British club, Chelsea. Cricket was also of great interest to Chris and Steven.

Chris' passing will leave a gap in many areas.

Editor

## COMMUNITY PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Fundraising for the new  
\*\*\*\*\* Playcentre Building \*\*\*\*\*

Sunday 9th August..8.30-11am,  
at the Waiatarua Hall.

Due to popular demand we are having another wonderful family and community get-together over home-made pancakes, muffins and breads, washed down with bubbly.

As we were over-whelmed by last year's fantastic response we are requesting that people buy their tickets in advance as door sales will be limited.

\$6 adults, \$4 children 2-12yrs, under 2's Free. \$25 Family ticket. Tickets available from Jan Parkes, phone 814-9676 or Fiona McRae phone 814-9743.

## RURAL DELIVERY FEES

Any queries about refunds should be directed to New Zealand Post at New Lynn.

## WAIATARUA COMMUNITY CENTRE NEWS

Many thanks to Jerry Lovrin for repairing the Rose Hellaby steps.

The new curtains are close to arriving, making the hall a very attractive venue for functions, at a very reasonable hire fee. We need to get more

use from our hall, so remember it's there for functions and meetings, and let us know of any other possible activities.

The hall hire charges are a mere \$5/hour on weekdays, \$6/hour during the weekends, and \$65 (+ \$250 refundable bond) will get you the hall for an entire evening. Crockery is available for an extra \$25, as are Chairs for \$15, and a Piano to the tune of \$10. Even cheaper rates may be available to local groups.

If you are wishing to use the hall, phone the Custodian, Bob Langley on 814-9324.

Also remember the library for your winter reading.

#### CONGRATULATIONS

To Carole and Stuart Roscoe of Quinns Rd on the birth of their son Adam, who just managed to arrive in time to have a June birthday. Also to the Lathams of Rimu Rd on the arrival of son and grandson, Joshua now three months old.

#### RECYCLING PRIZES

The number on your recycling guide could win you a prize from this month, so keep watching the Western Leader! Do you feel some-what left out of this exercise?

#### COUNCIL NEWS.

Community Boards. In this year's Draft Annual Plan, Council reduced Community Board expenditure to a level which would allow only eight Board meetings per year, whilst increasing the Councillors budget. This means that BoardsqP could not meet often enough to have input into Coun-

cil committees (where decisions affecting local communities are still being made.)

Hopefully the forthcoming local body elections will see a change to a more enlightened council which will devolve local decision-making and the necessary funding to allow the boards to get on with the job that Waitakere Community Board has long pushed for, and which other cities gave their boards three years ago.

Depletion of Shellfish On the recommendation of Waitakere Community Board, Council is making a number of moves to deal with the increasing problem of the stripping of shellfish and other species from our shoreline.

We have written to the Minister of Conservation and Fisheries requesting urgent preparation of the National Coastal Policy and funding for adequate officers to monitor the beaches. We have written to the ARC (as the regulatory for the shoreline) requesting a moratorium on the taking of shellfish and other species to allow regeneration to occur.

Our officers have initiated meetings with other Auckland territorial authorities and relevant government departments to discuss regulatory controls and resources necessary to deal with the problem. The Waitakere Community Board is shortly to facilitate a meeting between environmental groups, tangata whenua and ethnic minority groups together with officers of the appropriate government departments and the ARC.

I am optimistic that these combined approaches, together with ongoing public pressure will result in ACTION!

Rural Sewerage Management Programme The Draft Annual Plan provides \$75,000 for this programme in the 1992/1993 financial year compared with \$217,000 in the current year. The programme was set up as a three yearly cycle throughout the city commencing in October 1989, the first programme due for completion in September 1992. To date some 400 septic tanks require pumping out. These are the more difficult tanks which have not yet been completed due to the technical complexities involved. The 1992/93 draft provision will cover these 400 tanks only, and a full evaluation of the scheme.

An alternative programme has been proposed for the 1992/93 year. It includes the the pumping out of the 400 problem tanks, commencement of the second three year cycle in Piha and Karekare where particular problems have been identified, and evaluation of the total scheme. This alternative programme would cost up to \$150,000.

Recycling Are you washing, squashing, and putting it in your green bin? We are receiving very enthusiastic comments about the new recycling service. If your neighbours are going to be away, you may like to offer to bring their green bins in on collection day to avoid empty bins on the roadside all week advertising that no one is at home.

Solid Waste Disposal Options With the Kay Rd balefill site consent due to expire at the end of next year, we are soon to make a decision on disposal options for the city's non-recyclable rubbish. The final options under consideration are:

a) LANDFILLS; extensions of Kay Rd site, Northern Disposal Systems (ARC company); Waste

Management (Redvale Site) and Wastecare (Whitford site).

b) ALTERNATIVE TECHNOLOGY OPTIONS: Auckland Recycling Company (composting); SEDEP (biogas digestion with methane gas as a byproduct); Fletcher Construction (incineration with electricity as a byproduct).

The options must meet the strict guide-lines as set out in the city's new Solid Waste Management Policy. A final decision should be made in October this year.

1992 Elections Are there some budding politicians preparing to put themselves forward for the coming elections? Applications must be lodged at the Council between 1st and 28th of August. Results will be made known on October 10th.

Waitakere Ward needs three councillors and six community board members. I believe candidates require a sound environmental background, vision, and a willingness to consult widely through the community networks during the term in office. Ours is a huge ward, comprising more than 40% of the total area of the city. Active, energetic politicians spread across the ward will ensure that on-going and effective communication can occur.

Household questionnaire Have you returned yours yet? The closing date has been extended so that you can give Council your bouquets, brickbats and suggestions on all aspects of Council's operations.

From Councillor Helen Haslam  
phone 8128-890

#### COUNCILLORS

Our other ward councillors are  
Ian Wells phone 814-9601  
Tim Shadbolt phone 818-3098

**MISSING CAT**

Burmese Male Cat, Chocolate (Golden Brown Colour), neutered 3 year old answering to "Austen" has been missing from 552 Scenic Drive since after breakfast on Tuesday 30th June. Anyone who may have seen this very affectionate cat or even better know of his whereabouts please contact his very distraught Mum or Dad, Murray or Joanne on 814-9882 anytime.

**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.

A sighting of this dog was reported since the last newsletter on the Scenic Drive by someone new to the District unaware that he was lost, so please, if you have seen him, phone Duncan on 814-9436.

**ADVERTISING.** Free to members.

Desktop Publishing

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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, eucalyptus \$6 bag. We sell this to raise funds to send eight of the Sunnyvale Scouts to the Jamboree at Trentham in January. Also available at 849; Coal, 25kg bags for \$7 each, or 3 for \$20. Phone 814-9843.

**SUBS!**

Membership to date is 110.

Keep those subs rolling in. If you have any queries please phone Marilyn Trubuhovich, our Treasurer on phone 814-9266.

**AUGUST NEWSLETTER.** Copy needs to be in the hands of the Editor, Margaret Blumhardt, 849 West Coast Rd., opposite Raroa Tce., by Wednesday August 5th. Thanks to the Longley family of Longley Printing for once again printing our newsletter.

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\$4 Single Occupant

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