



# Community News

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## FAREWELL...

This month we say farewell to Ken and Joan Rudall.

Joan has been a very conscientious librarian and committee member over several years and will be greatly missed.

An afternoon tea to farewell Joan and Ken has been planned for Sunday January 24th at 2pm at the Community Centre, for which they will return. Plan to be there! Please bring a plate of goodies for afternoon tea.

After some encouragement Joan submitted this delightful piece.

"In 1978 I ceased to be a little Cockney sparrow and became a flightless kiwi. We came for a holiday in 1977 to visit Ken's sister. We bought our present property and then returned to Britain to sell our home which was near Truro in W. Cornwall. In order to meet and get to know people in the area, I joined the Drama Club and when I discovered that the local library was run by volunteers, I offered my services. I helped on the desk and in the back room for some time and then had a short break. Later Richard approached me and asked if I would be willing to represent the library on the Ratepayers Committee. There being no other volunteers, the library was stuck with me for six years. I know I am not irreplaceable and the library will continue as before, but I would like to think that in this respect I have lived up to a wayside pulpit which said "live to be missed". I shall miss all my library friends and this includes

the Waitakere City Library Officials who have always been as helpful as possible given the financial restraints under which they work. And now to "fresh woods and pastures new" i.e. we shall soon be moving to our new home, Unit 93, Hibiscus Coast Village, Red Beach, Whangaparaoa, where we shall be delighted to see any of our old friends who care to drop in."

## LIBRARY NEWS

The last night for borrowing this year will be Tuesday 22nd December, 7pm - 8.30pm.

Reopening will be on Tuesday January 12th, 7pm - 8.30pm.

Please take enough books to last. Happy Christmas to all our readers.

The library volunteers would like to take this opportunity to say goodbye and thank-you to Joan Rudall for the many years of dedicated service to the library. She will be greatly missed.

We wish Joan and her husband Ken all the very best in their new home.

More volunteers to help in the library will be needed next year. To find out more about what this involves phone Christine McKinder 837-4651 or Bev Latimer on 814-9679.

## Joan's Parting Comments!

To all our Readers,  
This is the last time that I shall say "Happy Christmas and lots of lots of interesting reading throughout 1993".

To Newcomers to the District. You will find the library under the Community Hall at 911 W. C.Rd. We believe that we have a well stocked library which is kept up to date with the latest publications. There is also a supply of magazines.

The library has the full backing of the Waitakere City library services, which means that special requests for books can always be made to them. We are supported by your rates, so do come along and see what we have to offer.

One small request - please return our books to us and not to any of the other city libraries.

#### RESTRICTED FIRE SEASON

A permit is now required to light a fire in our area until 30th April 1993. If conditions become dangerously dry a total fire ban will be declared.

Permits are obtained by contacting the Rural Fire Officer at Waitakere City Council, giving sufficient notice for an inspection to take place.

Exceptions to these restrictions are:

- (1) portable enclosed gas fired barbeques and,
- (2) solid fuel, wood or charcoal barbeque fires, ignited in designated constructed fire places in the Regional Parks area.

Please be vigilant and help preserve our area. Query fire permits with property owners or the Council or ring the Fire Brigade if they appear to be out of control.

#### WAITAKERE CITY REVALUED.

Many Waitakere City residents will notice a slight drop in their property valuations, according to the 1992 Government valuation figures released by Valuation New Zealand.

The Managing District Valuer said

new values reflect a more contracted real estate market than in 1989, although recent property sales suggest a degree of optimism is returning.

The changes in Waitakere City are consistent with regional trends.

Changes to values of residential property vary according to market demand, which is influenced by factors such as location, property type and general maintenance.

While property sale prices and valuations are closely linked, these valuations do not include chattels such as carpets and general appliances etc., which frequently make a considerable difference to the final sale price.

You should have received notice of your new valuations by now, and only have until 11 Dec. to object. Enquiries about valuations are welcome at Valuation New Zealand's office, (cnr. Gt Nth Rd & Trading Pl.), between 8:30 am and 4:30pm daily, or by appointment, phone 838-9189.

#### ANNUAL MEETING

Your association's Annual Meeting will be held on 17th February 1993 at the Community Centre. Mayor Bob Harvey will be the guest speaker, so plan to be there to support us and air your views.

A new treasurer and committee members are needed for next year, so please consider over the holidays your availability for a two year term.

Nobody needs to feel that once on there is no way out. So please consider if your two years can start now.

#### COMMUNITY WORKING BEE

A working bee to spruce up the grounds of the Community is planned for Saturday 6th March. If you should have some spare time and would like to work there earlier please contact the Custodian Mary Crosbie on 814-9858.



## TELECOM MAST

Telecom have advertised their intention of replacing their 21m mast at the end of Quinns Rd with a 30m mast plus antenna.

We plan to lodge an objection to this proposal.

## COUNCIL NEWS FROM HELEN HASLAM

The past six weeks since the elections have been very full and busy.

The new streamlined committees and Community Boards have all had their first meetings to brief new members, and to give an overview of the main issues begun by the previous Council. The new committees will now work their way through those issues in detail, reviewing, adapting, confirming and developing them.

The main theme which is emerging is one of Waitakere City - the environmental City. This was reflected in many of the recent submissions to the Strategic and Annual Plans. For example, people want job opportunities developed through businesses which will enhance and protect the delicate ecosystems and beauty of our city. Many have asked us to look at other alternatives for dealing with our sewerage - these range from individual site alternatives to septic tanks, through neighbourhood treatment to district treatment plants which would reduce the need to pump all our sewerage through to the Mangere Sewerage Treatment Plant into the Manukau Harbour.

### Submissions to the Strategic and Annual Plans.

These were heard over the past Two weeks. They are currently being analysed by staff ready for detailed consideration and prioritising by Community Boards and Council.

The Strategic Plan will be finalised early next year - it will be used as a focus for Council's planning and work over the next ten years or more

Once the Annual Plan priorities are determined, the Draft Annual Plan and budget will be put up for public comment early next year in order that the rate may be set for July.

### Environmental Conference

Mayor Bob Harvey has promoted the idea for an environmental conference in our city in April or May next year. This will provide an excellent focus for the environmental city theme. We will keep you informed as plans are developed.

### Maori and Pacific Island Welcoming Ceremonies.

Wonderful welcoming ceremonies for the Mayor, Councillors and Community Boards have been held recently. The Maori welcome was at Hoani Waititi Marae and the Pacific Island ceremony was at the Henderson Civic Centre.

They were both heartwarming and impressive ceremonies which were attended by many people. I'm sure that everyone present must have been very moved by the warmth and sincerity of the occasions.

### Elected Members' Allowances

We are currently debating options for remuneration of elected members. Council wants to ensure that remuneration should be fair to the individual, it should reflect as far as possible the skills, expertise and time commitment required for the position, and most importantly it should be fair to the ratepayers of the city.

I am pleased that we are reviewing this matter as I have never been happy with the previous "flat levels" of remuneration which did not ever seem to be consistent with the differing roles of different positions.

### Women's Suffrage year

1993 is Centenary Women's Suffrage Year. Planning has begun for celebrations during the year. Council will be working with a number

of organisations to promote a variety of opportunities for recognition and celebration of the achievements, strength and vitality of the women of Waitakere City and New Zealand.

Shellfish Depletion

Discussions are well advanced between Karekare Res. and Rate. Trust, Ministry of Ag. and Fish., Council, A.R.C., Tangata whenua, Dept. of Cons. and the Comm. Board to trial a two year moratorium on the removal of shellfish and other marine organisms from the foreshore at Karekare. This will be for the purpose of educating the wider community of the need for promotion of conservation of all species.

It is hoped to have the scheme under way for the Christmas holidays. It will be monitored in order that other areas may benefit from what is learned from the Karekare trial.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to you and your families. I hope you all have a very enjoyable and safe holiday. Helen Haslam, phone 812-8890

ADVERTISING.. Free to members.

Business for Sale

The Oratia Superette is for sale - catering to 600 local households and passing beach traffic. Good turnover - great clientele. Ideally suited to community minded locals. Easily run by family. Genuine enquiries welcome.

For Sale - Xmas decorations. 6m long brightly coloured party garlands, mostly from Holland, good quality and re-usable. Also garlands in Xmas colours of red, green and white. Approx \$8 each. Phone Debbie or Gerard van der Walle on 814-9654 or pop into Oratia Superette where there is a sample of one hanging over the fridge. Birthday Calendars which will remind you of birthdays year after year are also still for sale.

Gardener/Handyman required for beautiful established property at 41 Quinns Rd. Would require two mornings a week at \$10 per hour. Please contact Liz and Don Sykes on 814-9419.

Inexpensive herbal based products for calorie-controlled weight reduction. Call Independent Herbalife Distributor Cinnamon on 814-9976.

For Sale - TUTU \$50 ono cash. Excellent condition - Hot Pink with lace and pretty flowers. Ideal Christmas gift. Phone Tessa 814-9802

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

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Merry Christmas to you all.