



Community News

MARCH 1993

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ANNUAL MEETING

We were privileged to have a very interesting address from the Mayor at our meeting last month.

He told us of the plans to make Waitakere City New Zealand's first Eco-City by adopting the principles of Agenda 21 from the summit environmental conference in Rio de Janeiro last year.

More details of what this means will be explained at a later date.

The Mayor also told us of his initiatives, along with those of Council to encourage business activities in the City so that residents not only live in Waitakere, but also work and shop here.

PRESIDENTS REPORT

Thankyou for the opportunity to present this 28th Annual Report for the Association.

The year started with more excitement than we have had for some time, namely the victory over NZ Post in achieving a free postal delivery service throughout our area. In this we had the additional useful opportunity to cooperate with our neighbours in the Oratia Ratepayers Association.

Other highlights of the year were a successful dinner for the retiring custodian of the Community Centre, Bob Langley, and recently an afternoon tea for our librarian of many years, Joan Rudall. Our grateful thanks go not only to these two faithful servants, but also other such volunteers as Tony Bacon for his attention to the maintenance requirements of the

Community Centre and Marilyn Trubuhovich who finishes as Treasurer of the Association at this meeting.

After the local Body Elections in October we wrote on your behalf to thank Assid Corban as Mayor, Ian Wells as Councillor and Chris Timms as Community Board member for their time on the Waitakere City Council, and to congratulate the new incumbents Bob Harvey, Carolynne Stone and Paul Lowe. Helen Haslam continues on the Council and we thanked her for her generous support of our Association.

We have made various submissions on important issues to the Council including the Annual Plan, the District Plan and the Sale of Liquor Policy. We also submit to specific requests for specified departures from Town Planning in our neighbourhood and I should like to thank Peter Sinton for his expert assistance in this.

It is always a pleasure to join with the two big Community groups in Waitakere, the Drama Group and the Playcentre. Both have had some success during the past year and we hope that that will continue. Our thanks go to the Longleys for their continuing support in printing the Community News. This is obviously the most tangible evidence of the Association in the area. Under Margaret Blumhardt's editorial jurisdiction it has maintained its enviable record in keeping residents informed of local events of local importance.

The old Task Force Green scheme

enabled us to make significant inroads into ridding the area of this noxious weed and I should like to thank Wayne Edwards for his hard work in administering the scheme on our behalf.

Finally, my thanks to the Executive Committee and you, our members, for your membership. The Association IS a necessary part of our Community and we are fortunate in having your support.

Richard Hoyle, President.

LIBRARY ANNUAL REPORT

Firstly the library committee would like to record thanks to Joan Rudall (self-called, first among equals), Mickey Cooke and Jan Dephoff, all helpers for many years. Their assistance has been invaluable.

We welcome Barbara Field to the backroom team. We thank all our volunteers and are always eager to welcome new ones.

We have issued about the same number of books as last year - over 3,500. There have been two book exchanges from the Waitakere Library services during the year and we have purchased over 200 books ourselves. This figure is very good bearing in mind the increased cost of books and so they are purchased with great discretion. We also subscribe to several magazines.

Finally we would like to say a big thank-you to the library section of the Waitakere City Council for their continued help.

We are proud of our library, and feel that it provides an important service to the entire community.

PLAYCENTRE BUILDING

The new playcentre building has after years of waiting, risen like a mushroom on a site below the Community Centre. It is now completely enclosed and will hopefully be ready for occupation for the second term.

The building has been constructed by Matairi Builders which is run by a playcentre father.

The interior painting will be done by playcentre parents and the playground equipment will be moved to outside the building.

WAIATARUA THEATRE

Waiatarua Theatre begins its 1993 season with a comedy called Crime and Culpability. This hilarious play - written by local actor/director Des Gotobed - received rave reviews when it premiered in Sydney last year at a drama festival.

Crime and Culpability is one of two one-act plays being performed in a joint presentation by Waiatarua Theatre and our friends at Waitemata Little Theatre.

The Waitemata group will also present a play by a local writer, a drama called Confessions in a Safety Belt by Earl Jensen and directed by Peter Mason. The venue is the Green Room, Assid Corban Centre, next to Henderson Library, opening on Sat March 20, then from Wed March 24 to Sat March 27. The show starts at 8pm, costs \$6 plus donation for a light supper provided.

It's going to be a great night, the start of an excellent line-up from your local theatre this year. For bookings, please phone Phyl Vincent on 814-9837.

We will return to Waiatarua Community Centre. Watch this space!!!

Please accept my subscription to the Waiatarua Ratepayers and Residents Assoc. for 1993

I enclose \$7 Household,
\$4 Single Occupant

Name.....

Address.....

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Phone.....

To Treasurer,
Waiatarua Ratepayers & Residents
Association,
911 West Coast Rd.,
Waiatarua.
or leave at the library.

ATTENTION

----- Waiatarua -----
--- and surrounding residents ---
Do you need us? Now we need you!

The Waiatarua Volunteer Fire Brigade needs your generosity and goodwill.

We are hoping to take an advanced First Aid Course that may one day save your life.

Unfortunately, Waiatarua is not funded in this area, and this why we turn to you for support. Our aim is to raise \$1800.

So please, if you are able to give a donation or have any queries please phone Tony Holt 814-9688 or Ian Ford 814-9618.

Please help us to help you.

LIBRARY NEWS

Thank you to all the people who replied to our call for volunteers, and welcome to Michelle Timmins and Bob McGuire.

Volunteers are always welcome, so if you feel that you have a spare hour, call into the library on Thursday mornings and have a coffee and a chat.

New titles in the library now include:

"A Rose Has Thorns", Beverley Hugheson's third novel. Set in England at the turn of the century, it is the bittersweet story of a young girl's struggle to rise above her station in life, and her passion for roses. Those of you who enjoyed "Song of Songs" will enjoy this story.

"Summer of the Night" by Dan Simmons. Lovers of horror stories will recognise this author from his earlier prize-winning titles "Carrion Comfort" and "Song of Kali". Again he keeps his reader poised as he uncovers the mystery of the bell tower.

Also - remember if a book you require is not in our extensive range - please enquire at the desk, we can arrange Special Requests.

NZ POST BOX

The box outside the Community Centre was vandalised three times in a month and subsequently removed by NZ Post.

They are prepared to replace it but want the community to watch out for vandals.

We may need to alter the sighting slightly to make it harder to push over.

WILD GINGER

This has now been declared a noxious weed in our area and that means that property owners have a legal obligation to clear it.

Now that the road verges are clear and it is so obvious how effective the spraying has been, we would hope that landowners would start straight away to finish the job. The spray used was Escort with Pulse.

ADVERTISING Free to members

For Sale - Bronze wing turkey \$20 and five x five month old turkey chicks \$10 each. Sell together or separately. Phone Jennifer 814-9312.

Gardening work wanted Horticult. trades person reqs. local part-time work. Phone 814-9144.

Te Atatu Army Cadet Corp for 13-18 year olds meets at Te Atatu Intermediate School on Tuesday nights at 6.30pm. For further information phone Jill Hardy 833-9689
Chris Harrop 834-7042
Debbie Smyth 8364470

APRIL NEWSLETTER

Copy needs to be in the hands of the Editor, Margaret Blumhardt, 849 West Coast Rd., opposite by Wednesday 7th April.

Opinions expressed in this newsletter are not necessarily those of the Editor or the Waiatarua Ratepayers and Residents Association.

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Committee meetings are held on the first Wed. at the Community Centre, Deadline for newsletter copy is the first Wednesday at 849 West Coast Rd Newsletter delivery is the third or fourth week of the month.

WAITAKERE WARD CITY COUNCILLORS	Helen Haslam	812-8890
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WAITAKERE CITY COUNCIL

Office hours 836-8000
After hours 522-4046 for noise control, animal welfare etc.
Information Line 836-8056 details of council activities & facilities.

COMMUNITY CENTRE PHONE NUMBER - 814-9353

PLAY CENTRE meets Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday from 9.30am - 12 noon.
Contact Mary King on 814-9550

LIBRARY HOURS Tuesday 7pm - 8.30pm Thursday 10am - 12 noon.
Friday 7pm - 8.30pm Saturday & Sunday 11am - 12 noon.

DRAMA GROUP For information phone President, Gillian Nicholson 814-9599,
Secretary, Gillian Edwards 814-9336, or Treasurer, Gay Cook 814-9433.

COMMUNITY HALL HIRE Contact Custodian Mary Crosbie on 814-9858

Friday and Saturday evenings -(including tables and chairs) \$100
Hourly rate (maximum time 3 hours) \$10 per hour.
Sunday to Thursday evenings - \$65, hourly rate \$7 per hour(max 3hrs)
Daily Rates Monday - Friday Full day \$25, hourly \$5
Saturday & Sunday Full day \$35, hourly \$7
Crockery Hire \$25 Bond \$250
10% discount for regular users.

COMMUNITY BARBEQUE Hireage \$20 - Contact Richard Hoyle 814-9641

FIRE BRIGADE Emergencies phone 111. Enquiries Peter Hand, home 814-9763