



Community News

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PLAYCENTRE NEWS

The sand is in the sandpit and the painting almost finished! After a lot of hard work we are almost ready to move into our beautiful new building.

On Saturday June 12th a small ceremony to bless the building will be performed by Rev. Paniora. Then we can occupy the space and enjoy it!

There are so many people to thank for their support and help - especially over the past six fundraising years : former playcentre families and the Waiatarua community among many.

Opening Day is Saturday July 24th at 2pm. when we cordially invite any past members and interested supporters to join in our celebrations. Come and see old friends in a new building. We'd love to see you there.

R.S.V.P. by July 10th to
Mary King 814-9550 (most evenings)
Fiona McRae 814-9743 (answerphone)
Thankyou!

CAPITAL VALUE OR LAND VALUE ?

You are urged to attend the meeting at the Waiatarua Community Centre on Thursday 17th June at 7.30pm to hear our speakers Mayor Bob Harvey and Councillor Janet Clews give you both sides of this debate.

You will also be able to put questions to the speakers concerning this issue.

A cup of tea or coffee will be

available from 7pm, so come and have a chat before the meeting starts at 7.30pm.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Madam,

In connection with the proposed change from Land Value to Capital Value rating, it is very clear that the vast majority of Waiatarua residents are being hit with the very heavy increases expected with such a change. (up to almost 100%), PLUS the proposed 3.8% overall rate increase!

No mention at all was made either in Helen Haslam's letter or in the publication sent to ratepayers by the council of the fundamental philosophy behind the change to CV. It was very clearly stated in background papers supplied by officers to councillors, namely that it is a way to charge more to those perceived as being "better able to pay". This is an "envy driven policy - Hit the rich! Instead we are told that it is somehow "fairer"!!!

We are not told that the Alliance councillors (including all our ward councillors) have already voted CV rating through Special Order to get the change in place, and unless a vote to change things back we have CV rating. So opponents of CV are actually fighting a rearguard action in this so called consultation process. Interestingly the majority of the non-Alliance councillors voted unsuccessfully against this because

they could not support such a change.

It is extremely disappointing to me that the Alliance council candidates chose not to raise their support for increase in our rates during the election. The concept of Capital Valuation and its likely effect on Waiatarua were well known, and proponents of change should have raised it as an election issue.

Having been to public meetings on the subject, it is clear that the overall effects of CV are to hit most of the businesses in the city (the job providers), very hard, and to penalise anyone who chooses to improve their home and improve local residential standards (these are often the same people getting hit a second time).

It does apply a particular burden onto those older folk in our area who would live their retirement in their own homes remembering that they will have maximised improvements (and rate liability) at the very time they retire.

It also effectively subsidises those who would build cheap houses or make no effort to improve their own houses and factories. How is this good for the city unless we want ghettos???

I have personally asked both the Mayor and deputy Mayor Dorothy Wilson to balance this and to give me one single way in which this could be perceived as being of overall benefit to the future of the city. All I was told was that "other cities seem to do it".

The Land Value system did have oddities in it, but this change is simply creating a new set of injustices.

Further, we currently have the benefit of a differential which gives us a 40% discount on our rates because it has long been argued that we do not get full services. This differential is strongly resented in some areas

and it has been under threat in recent years.

It is clearly stated in background documentation that Capital Value is considered to reflect the services actually received and so change to CV will clearly mean that we will have absolutely no justification for arguing in favour of the differential. This simply means that we will simply get a further 60% + increase in the near future. It is quite conceivable that this could lead to some of us having our rates almost TRIPLED by change to CV.

WE ARE BEING SHAFTED.

If you do not care DO NOT COME TO THE MEETING. Otherwise come and really let them have it !!!!

Yours stirringly, Chris Timms.

LIBRARY REPORT

Among our new titles recently added - The Scorpio Illusion - Robert Ludlum's latest thriller. A female terrorist pursued by an ex Naval Intelligence officer with a mysterious past. This story is gripping - an excellent read for a wet weekend.

Joanna Trollope's "Passionate Woman" is a delightfully amusing romantic comedy.

Also on the shelves ----- R.D. Wingfield's "A Touch of Frost" and "Frost at Xmas" - this superb series on T.V. featuring the indomitable David Jason captured a large audience.

Fay Weldon's "Growing Rich", also currently on T.V. will appeal to those with a macabre sense of humour.

Also there are two titles by Frederick Forsyth - "The Shepherd" and "No Comebacks".

Remember - new books are going on to the shelves regularly with new titles expected. We try to cater

to all our readers. If you have any recommendations please contact us.

There are no waiting lists and plenty of excellent books, but we need you to use your library - as the saying goes "Use it or lose it!"

Opening hours are as follows

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

GARDEN GROUP

This month we are meeting at the Waiatarua Community Centre to hear our local Rhododendron expert, Chris Timms, share his knowledge and enthusiasm.

The date, June 16th, time, 1pm.
Enquiries phone Margaret 814-9843.

WAIATARUA LITTLE THEATRE

Auditions for the next production, "Clerical Errors", will be held in the Waiatarua Hall at 1pm on Sunday, June 13th.

"Clerical Errors" is a comedy. The play's director, Lyn Harmer, describes the play as follows. An upright, well meaning Methodist minister, his mother and his fiancée find their lives radically altered by an encounter with a family of down-and-outs who camp out in a disused Methodist chapel.

This heart-warming comedy is full of humour and pathos, with just a little bit of a message underneath for anyone who cares to look for it.

The play has a cast of five women and three men, age ranges sixteen to sixty five and rehearsals will start on June 20th.

The play will run on Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights for three weeks from August 12th, i.e. 12/13/14; 19/20/21; 26/27/28.

If you would like a copy of the script contact Gillian Edwards on

814-9336 or Lyn Harmer on 818-3442

Waiatarua Little Theatre is always looking for recruits - from actors to set builders - and it's a lot of fun putting a production together. Anyone who's interested in getting involved should be there on June 13th.

ORATIA LIONS

Lions Clubs have been dedicated to serving communities for more than seventy five years. Now the Lions of Oratia have joined with thousands of other clubs around the world in Lions biggest mission ever, a worldwide campaign to conquer blindness.

Through Campaign Sightfirst, Lions have pledged to help rid the world of preventable and reversible blindness.

Please join with the Oratia Lions in their greatest act of service by attending their Champagne Breakfast on the 20th of June at the Oratia Settlers Hall at 7am.

Ticket/Donation \$12, Children \$5
Complimentary glass of champagne.
Raffles, refreshments and entertainment provided.

For bookings or further details contact Michelle on 814-9212
Ralph on 836-3976
or John on 836-3219

Another Oratia Lions project caring for the community.

SUBSCRIPTIONS

Our association is about to sign a lease for the Community Centre with Waitakere City Council (a council requirement) and we really need to have a good supportive membership behind us.

We also need plenty of ideas and help to use the centre as much as possible.

Fill in that form right now and send it off- we need your support!

ADVERTISING.. Free to members.

I get requests from local people who need tradespeople or other services and do not know if there are any locals available. I would like to be able to print this information in this newsletter and all I need to be able to advertise local services is your advertisement and to know that you are a financial member. I would then print your advertisement every so often as space permits. So come on all you electricians, plumbers, vets, builders, typists, contractors, etc etc give me your advertisements. Editor.

House to let....Waiatarua, sunny, furn., 2 brm., close to bus stop. Garage. \$180 pw. Phone 8492-861.

For Sale..Paint, 5x4L cans Resenes acrylic "Rum Swizzle" (8Y010), warm off white, excess to Playcentre building interior painting requirements, \$350. Phone Fiona 814-9743.

Work offered.....Housecleaning 3hrs a day, \$7hr, 2-3days a week. Phone 814-9440.

HELP..Busy working mother needs help to keep her house clean. Gen. housekeeping duties. Mountain Rd area. Phone Valerie 837-4630

University Student seeks work as a tutor in all levels of high school maths, physics, chemistry, biology and english. I attained all A passes in the 1992 bursaries exam and am prepared to travel to you. Phone 814-9337.

Bible Discussion.. Informal, Everyone welcome. Every Tuesday evening at 7.30pm. at Peter and Liza Brown's, 10 Raroa Tce. For further information please phone 814-9637.

Pest Control..Do it yourself-Simple and Economic. Eliminate RATS, MICE, COCKROACHES, SPIDERS, FLEAS, etc. Complete kit retails for \$22.95 but is available to Waiatarua Residents for \$16.

Phone Graeme on 814-9678.

5 people who are looking for a money making venture with very little capital input are being sought. All that is required is some ambition and lots of enthusiasm. If you are interested please phone Lyndsay on 814-9872.

Gardening work wanted - Horticultural tradesperson requires local part-time work. Phone 814-9144.

Marriage Celebrant - Weddings from the heart - Glenys Scott 814-9598

JULY NEWSLETTER.

Copy needs to be in the hands of the Editor, Margaret Blumhardt, 849 West Coast Rd., opposite Raroa Tce., by Wednesday 7th July 1993.

Thanks to the Longley family of Longley Printing for once again printing our newsletter.

<p>Please accept my subscription to the Waiatarua Ratepayers and Residents Assoc. for 1993</p> <p>I enclose \$7 Household, \$4 Single Occupant</p> <p>Name.....</p> <p>Address.....</p> <p>.....</p> <p>Phone.....</p> <p>To Treasurer, Waiatarua Ratepayers & Residents Association, 911 West Coast Rd., Waiatarua. or leave at the library.</p>

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