

Community News



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WAIATARUA THEATRE PRESENTS

"A STING IN THE TAIL"

This month Waiatarua Theatre will present a thriller called "A Sting in the Tail", written by Brian Clemens and Dennis Spooner and directed by Wayne Hall (who directed "Lettice and Lovage" at Waiatarua).

Set in the seventies, the play is the story of a play writing duo – played by Peter Goodier and Chris Nicholson – struggling to recapture the success (and fortune) they achieved with their earlier hit plays. They come up with a perfect plot, a plot too good to waste on an audience.....

In a series of twists and turns, the plot unfolds murderously. Deception and double dealing dice with truth and justice until the denouement finally reveals all.

The play also stars well known Waiatarua actors Lee Ford, Lyn Harmer (who directed Clerical Errors) and newcomer Keir Whipp.

The play opens on July 21 for a three week season until August 6 on Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights at 8 pm. at Waiatarua Hall, 911 West Coast Road, Waiatarua.

Ticket prices remain the same, ie \$15 for Friday and Saturday nights (which includes a substantial supper) and \$8 on Thursday nights (tea/coffee and biscuits).

Don't miss this first-rate play. Bookings are necessary, so please phone Gay on 814-9433 or Gillian on 818-7310.

PLAY CENTRE NEWS



On June 12 our centre had it's first birthday and the party was a tremendous success. We would like to thank everyone who came.

The Play centre sessions are as follows:

Tuesday	9.30 am - 12noon
Wednesday	9.30 am - 12 noon
Friday	9.30 am - 12 noon

These sessions are open to children from birth to school age. Please feel free to come along. We are at 911 West Coast Road, below the Community Centre and the phone number is 814-8836.

Further information available from the new parent/baby co-ordinator, Marjan, on 814-9832

THANK YOU FROM THE TIMMINS FAMILY

We wish to thank everyone for their kind words and support while Michael was in hospital.

Special thanks to Lynn Bainbridge. Your help was greatly appreciated.

Kind regards
The Timmins Family.

NEW COMMITTEE MEMBERS

The Ratepayers and Residents Committee is very pleased at the response to the request for additional committee members. We welcome Isobel Beale, Tony Holt and Peter Leonard to our ranks.

Letter to the Editor

*"Water, Water everywhere,
nor any drop to drink!"*

☒ Have you heard there is a water shortage?

Well, I've heard, but with tanks over-flowing find it hard to believe. Sure enough, a local resident with his own private rain-gauge (not susceptible to statistical manipulation) is confident that our water shortage is the result of mismanagement and certainly not a 1 in 100 year drought. Commuters on the Huia Road who have observed the lower dams spilling into the Manukau would be similarly sceptical. It's just another instance of the need to beware of the bean counter.

We are to have a wonderful pipe from the Waikato - tenders opening shortly, 5 megawatts of power will be required to get that water to Ardmore where it can be diluted with Hunua water so that arsenic levels become acceptable.

Then we have to pay for it (fortunately Waiataruans won't have to drink it.) \$100 for every man, woman and child in the area, not counting interest on the money to be borrowed. And if, like me, you don't actually have water reticulated, don't think you will escape without footing the bill. Wait, also, for next year's thrilling Council election.

Aquarius

GARDEN GROUP



This month we will be meeting at the home of Gerry and Karen Davis at 17 Rimu Road at 1 pm. on Wednesday 27

Gerry and Karen are just starting their garden around their new house and we will look at helping them with ideas and may have another item such as a video. There will also be a trading table for bits and pieces of plants etc.

We have been assured there is lots of room , so bring those little ones along, they will be most welcome.

Phone Margaret on 814-9843 for further information on the Garden Group but everyone is welcome once or every month, there is no membership.

SEPTIC TANKS

The tank cleaning by Council finished it's first round and came to a halt and now it appears that it is up to you again to take care of the problem as before.

MUSEUMS

Remember to visit our Oratia Folk Museum, 527 West Coast Rd, open Sundays between 1 pm and 4 pm, and at other times for groups by arrangements. Admission by donation.

This house, thought to have been built by Mr Parker in 1872 was sited at what was the end of Parker Road. About twenty years ago it was moved to it's present site, in front of the old Parr homestead and with a lot of help from local people was restored and furnished as a pioneer cottage.

The Oratia Cemetery is just before the Museum, and has recently had the addition of the Jewish Prayer House which came from Waikumete Cemetery.

Hellaby House, Scenic Drive has the grounds open every day between 9 am and 6 pm, with a wonderful expansive view of both harbours from the lookout, and beautiful gardens. The house was left to the Auckland Regional Council by the late long time resident Miss Rose Hellaby and is jointly administered by the Auckland Regional Council and the West Auckland Historical Society.

A management Committee provides liaison with the local community and includes a representative of the Waiatarua Residents' Association. The display centre in the house is open on Saturdays, Sundays and Public Holidays in winter (Easter to Labour Day) between 1 pm and 4 pm.

There is no charge to visit the grounds, but there is a nominal charge to view the displays.

LIBRARY NEWS.



Hi! here we are again with some lovely new books.

- Frederick Forsyth - The Fist of God.
P. Vincenzi - An Outrageous Affair.
Steve S. Eccles - Tales from the Turf.
Bee Baldwin - Gracious Gardens in Small Spaces. (a NZ book)

Also a new magazine – *New Zealand House and Garden*. This is a bi-monthly, every bit as good as the Aussie and more relevant to New Zealand conditions.

Our old withdrawn books go to good causes such as Old Folks Homes, The Historical Society (fund raising for the Corban Mill Cottage in Henderson).

Thank you for the good response re staff. Are you a new resident in the District? Come and see what we have to offer.

Ring Phyl – 814-9837
or Bev – 814-9679
(after 15 July 836-4420)

PS - Bev and Hugh Latimer are leaving 313 Forest Hill Road after 18 years....but not going far; 331 Henderson Valley Road.

WAIATARUA

COMMUNITY LIBRARY

911 West Coast Rd,
under the Community Centre.

Phone 814-9353

Hours of Opening

Tuesday	7pm – 8 pm
Thursday	10am – 12 noon
Friday	7pm – 8 pm
Saturday	11am – 12 noon
Sunday	11am – 12 noon

Books can be returned at any time through the chute by the library door.

TITIRANGI DIVERSION DAY

An International Year of the Family Event

On Saturday 13 August we will be holding a Diversion Day at Titirangi, this will involve many activities both in and outside the centre. In the morning we will have demonstrations by various groups and in the afternoon there will be a concert. There will also be displays and stalls throughout the day.

Place: Titirangi War Memorial Hall,
South Titirangi Rd.

Date: Saturday 13 August 1994

Time: 10 am - 2 pm.

Further information from Vivian Keenan, phone 826-0473.

ADVERTISING

This is free to financial members for 1994, January to December. A list of financial members and receipts are available at the library, and any queries about membership can be answered by phoning the treasurer Mary Crosbie on 814-9858.

Builder - New Houses and alterations. Landscaping and creative ideas. Quality workmanship. Phone Andrew Davis anytime on 814-9043 or 025 731-453

Are you a rock collector? Here is a chance to buy at bargain prices. Butt ends, slabs, polished and unpolished. Some minerals also. Phone Phyl 814-9837.

Section for Sale - Scenic Drive, half acre, phone 814-9837.

Veterinarian - for pets and farm animals. House calls a specialty. Phone Neil Pullan 814-9504

Tutor - experienced school teacher available to coach Science and Chemistry. Phone Sheryl on 814-9975.

Bamboo Specialists - Nursery, 2m - 10m tall non running screens, ornamental shelter belts, edible shoots, timber, specialty garden species. We plant, hire, remove and export. Open Sunday to Friday, 833 West Coast Rd. We have the largest range of bamboo in NZ. Phone 814-9847, John and Pauline Isaachsen, Consultants.

For Sale - Lotsa Floppies - Used floppy disks (formatted). 5.25" 360k, 60 cents. 1.2mb, 90cents. 3.5" 720k, 80 cents. Phone Tony Bacon, 814-9860.

Rawleigh Products - The fact that this product has been "a friend of the family since 1989" speaks for itself. 100% guaranteed. Phone Nan or Roy, Independent Distributors on 814-9495.

Looking for someone to make small wooden boxes out of native timber to required sizes. Please ring 814-9966.

Computer paper wanted - plain, used or shredded for making beautiful hand made paper. Call Marlene 814-9966.

The Water Filter Warehouse - water filters/purifiers supplied at competitive prices, free installations, cartridge replacement service. Phone Robin or Paula on 814-9202.

Soils Engineer Septic tank designs, stability reports, storm water problems, drainage, subsidence, retaining etc. Specialising in underpinning. Phone Ross Ward, Westward Civil Ltd., 814-9002

Dehumidifier. Ideal way to combat condensation during damp winter months. 7 day free trial. Brand EBAC (Prices include GST). Specially designed for NZ conditions.

Large house - Home Dry XL, \$1090.00.
Medium house - Humidex Plus, \$887.00.
Small house - Humidex 4, \$775.00.

Phone Trevor of Mason Refrigeration Ltd on 814-9036.

Plumbing & Roofing Specialist - 24 hour on call service. D. Rush Plumbing Ltd. Craftsman Plumber. 130 Opanuku Road. Phone 814-9397 or mobile 025-724-679.

Firewood - Dry split macrocarpa \$45 per cubic metre. Call 17 Rimu Road or phone 8148-833.

R.J. Water blasting - Softwashes paving, roofs, boats and houses. Free quotes, no job too small. Phone Rob Pronk on 817-9944 or mobile (025) 999-622

Hairdresser requires work. Have your and your family's hair attended to at home. I specialise in cuts and perms, 25 years experience, very reasonable rates, please phone Lesley on 814-9242.

John Hendrikse - Lawyer and Notary Public, available at nights or weekends at his home, 914 West Coast. For an appointment phone 276-5217 or 814-9991

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

AUGUST NEWSLETTER

Copy needs to be in the hands of the Editor,
Margaret Blumhardt, 849 West Coast Rd.,
opposite Raroa Tce.,
by Wednesday 6th July.

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

Many thanks to the Longley family for once again printing this newsletter.