



Community News

OCTOBER 1996

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CANDIDATES MEETING

Our meeting was well attended with over sixty locals attending to listen to our local candidates have their say.

We had six candidates, ACT, Alliance, Labour, National, NZ First, Progressive Greens and a spokesperson from Christian Coalition.

The meeting was chaired by Richard Hoyle and was very orderly, which was appreciated by both candidates and the audience. Each candidate spoke for five minutes, followed by question time.

An excellent meeting and a chance to make a choice after hearing the candidates speak.

NEWSLETTER DELIVERY

Unfortunately some people did not receive their newsletter to remind them of this event. Please if you deliver the newsletter and you are going away could you please arrange for someone else to do it for you and ring Gay Cook. If you are able to deliver newsletters on an occasional basis Gay would also like to hear from you, her phone number is 814-9433.

Thanks to those who deliver the newsletter each month, your efforts are greatly appreciated.

CAR KEYS FOUND

A set of car keys were found on polling day outside the Community Centre. They are now at Blumhardts', 849 West Coast Road, opposite Raroa Tce, phone 814-9843

OPERATION SPRING CLEAN

The clean up went well, about ten of us managed to pick up the rubbish along the Scenic Drive and West Coast Road, along with painting out the graffiti on the concrete water tank at the TV mast.

Rubbish bins at various lookouts along the Scenic Drive would possibly help. Also fencing off gaps in the bush where it is easy to back up trailers and throw rubbish out, we found a house lot of rubbish that had been thrown into the bush, obviously from the back of a trailer - anyway thanks to all those who helped out, Tony Holt

GARDEN GROUP

A wonderful day in the Waiuku area is planned for our October 23 get together. The Marshall coastal garden will be visited first and then to the Four Winds which is a large rambling garden where we will have our picnic lunch. The last stop will be to the Ploughman's Garden and Nursery which specialises in lavender.

Meet at 10.45 am at the Hartman's House Craft Store car park on King Street. If an earlier morning tea is required, this is available at Kitchener Foods near ASB on Kitchener Road.

There are entrance fees of \$3 and \$5 and plants are available for sale at all gardens.

We will be car pooling and so please phone Eileen, 814-9298 or Margaret and Terry, 814-9843 if you are going and you have spare seats or need a ride.

Next month we will be visiting the Davis garden complete with restored railway station and beautiful trees and garden in flower, handy to home in Holdens Road.

You are welcome to join the Garden Group activities occasionally or every month, there is no membership or fees to pay. We normally meet on the fourth Wednesday of the month.

WAITAKERE LIFE EDUCATION TRUST

presents . . .

Spring Festival of Country Gardens

Ten of the North Wests outstanding gardens will be open to the public on Saturday 9 November from 10 am - 4 pm.

Gardens range from Kitty and Victor Sunde's prize winning Waiatarua garden to the visual impact of Twin Lakes at Coatesville.

For a real garden feast get your weekend pass for only \$12 at Muddy Thumbs Garden Centre, Henderson Valley Road or phone Eileen on 814-9298.

All proceeds to Waitakere Life Education Community Trust.



EXHIBITION



Local artists Stuart Slater and daughter Tui are holding an exhibition at Lopdell House, details in poster elsewhere in this newsletter.

The grasshopper illustrated is now in London waiting to be installed on the gates of the Globe Theatre alongside other "creatures" mentioned in Shakespeare's plays.



WAIATARUA COMMUNITY CENTRE

You will quite possibly have been into the Community Centre lately to vote and/or attend the electoral meeting. It is a very attractive place to hold that birthday party, Christmas function, seminar etc. We need to use this facility and would appreciate your enquiries.

Terry Blumhardt is Custodian and will take bookings etc. Phone him on 814-9843. The committee has reviewed the conditions of hire and the charges and they remain the same at the present time.

Friday and Saturday evenings, (including chairs & tables) \$100.

Hourly rate, (max 3 hours) \$10 per hour

Sunday to Thursday evenings

\$65, hourly rate \$7 per hour, (max 3 hours)

Daily rates Monday – Friday, **Full day** \$25, **Hourly rate** \$5

Saturdays & Sundays, **Full day** \$35, **Hourly** \$7

Crockery hire \$25, **Bond** \$50 – \$250.

Discount for regular users Community Barbecue hire \$20

Letters to the Editor

Having just received the September issue of Community News (the second since our arrival to the district) in our letterbox we felt it an opportune time to communicate with you to say how much we have enjoyed the insight it provides us with relative to all that has happened, is about to happen and will happen in the area in the future.

Our situation is that we have just recently moved into the area having resided in the Eastern suburbs of Auckland for the past twenty six years. Seven weeks into our lifestyle change we have not one single regret and our experience to date in dealing with professionals, tradespeople, neighbours and shop assistants alike prompts us to say a sincere thank you to all those in the community who have made what was an enormous transition for us so much easier.

We bought and relocated to this "slice of heaven" during the very wet, damp and cold winter we have all experienced and that can only mean that the months ahead are something we can look forward to.

We look forward to receiving further copies of Community News – and yes we have joined the Ratepayers and Residents Association.

Sincerely, Margaret and Geoff Wood.

Thanks very much for your encouragement to me and the community. Editor.

LIBRARY NEWS

After twenty years Anne Marie Jannssens of Forest Hill Road has retired from library duty – Thank you Anne Marie.

We need someone to fill the duty on the second Friday night from 7 pm – 8 pm. If you can help please phone

Bev 836-4420 or Anne 814-8874.

NEW BOOKS THIS MONTH;

Blackwater	Kerstin Ekman
Spring Collection	Judith Krantz
The Last Don	Mario Puzo

WAIATARUA COMMUNITY LIBRARY

911 West Coast Road,
under the Community Centre.
Phone 814-9353

Hours of Opening

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

REVIEW OF LIBRARY SERVICE

NEVER USED A LIBRARY?

DO YOU KNOW WHAT YOU ARE MISSING?
WHAT WOULD MAKE YOU USE A LIBRARY?

The people of Waitakere City place special value on their libraries. At present there are nine Council libraries including including the mobile library in the City, and two voluntary library services at Piha and Waiatarua. Library services are consistently rated highly by residents in Council's annual consultation on it's services.

The City's library service is currently being reviewed. The aim of the review is to improve and build on the services our libraries provide, in a way which encourages more people to use libraries and can accomodate advances in technology and information services.

"Library services will not decrease", says Mayor Bob Harvey. "Instead, service will be strengthened and enhanced by new or additional services to make our libraries even better than they are now. We need the community's help in order to develop a library service that will meet the broad information needs of our people to the year 2020 and beyond".

Over the next few months Council would like to know what kinds of services people want from libraries, and where people would like different kinds of services. For example, would people like to be able to access fiction books in their local neighbourhood but be happy to make a short trip to access advanced reference books or services?

During October the Western Leader will publish notices explaining more about the review and ways to get involved. Please contact Council if you would like to invite Council representatives to your own forums or meetings to discuss what people would like from their libraries. We would especially like to talk to people who do not currently use libraries, or who have never used a library.

A background paper prepared by Council outlining key issues for libraries will be available by mid October.

For more information please contact Rachael Trotman on 836-8000 ext. 8441

PLAYCENTRE

If you and your child are interested in coming down to Playcentre to see what is going on we'd love to see you. We are down the driveway next to the Community Centre, 911 West Coast Road.

Our sessions are Monday, Wednesday and Friday, from 9.30 am – 12 noon and our phone is 814-835 or phone Debbie 814-9187.

FIRE BRIGADE Guy Fawkes

The community Guy Fawkes night bonfire will be at the fire station on Saturday 2 November. As usual, we will supply the bonfire and you can provide the fireworks. Safety is important, and so –

- There will be a separate, cordoned off area which must be used when lighting fireworks – only to be used by those lighting them please.
- Parents – you are responsible for supervising your children. The fire brigade is not a Babysitter.

Arrive any time from 7.30 pm on. The bonfire will be lit after nightfall. If the weather is inclement on the second (very unlikely!) it will be postponed until Sunday 3. Call the Fire Station on the night if doubtful – phone 814-9213.

Restricted Fire Season

The fire season starts on November 6. It means that you need a permit for **all** outdoor fires, apart from self contained barbecues. This means that rubbish fires and bonfires **must** have a permit. You get these from Council, phone 836-8000, not from the Fire Brigade.

For all fires and other emergencies – dial 111.

For enquiries, contact Ian Ford (814-9618), Richard Seccombe (814-8860) or Lyndsay Whittle (814-9872).

PLANT PEST CONTROL

Waitakere eco-city is about to embark on a "plant pest removal" clean up project. The work plan is part of our vision to remove noxious and "environmentally damaging" plants (particularly gorse, wild ginger, pampas grass, woolly nightshade, blackberry and privet species) from Waitakere City. Control methods include digging out; stump treatment; basal or overall spraying - depending on plant species and site.

I rang Council and was promised more precise local information but this was not forthcoming. There is a plan

for road verge clearance and Waitatarua is listed as being done between January and March 1997. The parks work plan has "Scenic Road to Forest Hill area; Waitatarua;" between September and December 1996.

Further information contact Rod Smart, Waitakere City Council 836-8000 ext. 8037.

The future is not a place we are moving towards but something we create by our actions and vision.

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TAKES TO THE ROAD



2 performances only at the
Buckland's Beach Yacht Club
(Half Moon Bay Marina)

on Friday 15th & Saturday 16th
November at 8.00 pm

\$16 per head – includes a fish & chips supper and
a complimentary glass of wine

*If you missed our last successful season
– here's another chance!*

ENQUIRIES TO LINDSAY – PHONE 814-9872

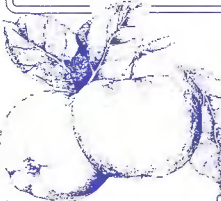
This, That and T'uther



An exhibition of art works
in copper and wood, crafted
by Stuart Slater and copper
and silver jewellery by
Tui Slater.

4th – 27th October 1996

Opening at 6.30pm on Thursday 3rd October
Upstairs Gallery – Lopdell House – Titirangi
Gallery is open daily
from 10.00 am — 4.30 pm
Titirangi Community Arts Council, P.O. Box 60-109



November 2nd 1996
Tickets \$10.00 per person

Featuring nine special gardens from
our district, including gardens that have
featured in the Trinity Garden Festival and NZ House & Garden
Magazine. These private gardens are of the highest calibre and
some are open to the public only through the school Garden
Ramble. One of them even boasts a lovingly restored New Zealand
Railway Station in a beautiful setting.

Don't miss this unique opportunity
Tickets may be ordered by phoning:

Oratia School 818 6216 during school hours
Janis Riegen 814 9741 anytime

or you may purchase tickets at the school, Shaw
Road, Oratia – or at the Oratia Dairy after October 7

Oratia School Garden Ramble

ADVERTISING

*This is free to financial members for 1996,
January to December. A list of financial members
is available at the library,
and any queries about membership
can be answered by phoning*

the Treasurer - Eileen Powell on 814-9298

**Repeat commercial advertisements of financial
members will only be printed as space allows,
for the remainder of the financial year**

ELECTRICIAN – Phone your local man, Jim
on 814-9344.

CARING BABYSITTER WANTED for 12 month old,
occasional Saturday nights etc as required, in our
home. Must be responsible, experienced and capable
of caring for a young child. Moutain Road area.
Phone 8375-285.

BIRKENSTOCK SANDALS – German style sandals,
from \$85. Some pairs on special 20 – 30% reduced.
Phone 814-9996

CLASSICAL HOMOEOPATHY – After 3 years of
intensive study I am now a final year undergraduate of
the Auckland College of Classical Homoeopathy. I now
need cases for my Diploma exams. If you are curious
about Homoeopathy or have a health ailment which
needs some attention then please feel free to give me a
call. I am a mature person with a sympathetic ear. Full
confidentiality is assured. In lieu of fee any donation
would be appreciated. Looking forward to your call.
Phone Tricia Lukas on 814-9221.

GARDENING AND LANDSCAPING –
Phone Linda 833-7860

BAND FOR HIRE – Experienced, reliable and profes-
sional. Wide range of music, will suit any occasion. For
details and bookings please phone Steve on 814-9191

THE FAIRY FLOWER SHOP – 543A West Coast Road,
for that special gift. Phone 813-0333.

PALMS, BANANAS AND OTHER EXOTICS FOR SALE
–visits to Landsend - valley of the Palms are by
appointment only - so please phone 818-6914 and we
will love to show you around at 108 Parker Road,
Oratia. \$5 entry fee is redeemable on plant purchases

MORRIS LANDSCAPES – Design and construction
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damage. Drilling to 6 metres deep, Truck hire. Difficult
conditions our speciality. Peninsula Contractors.
Phone Len on 834-6125, mobile 021 939-740 or
Ross on 814-9002, mobile 025 939-740.

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for Water Filters/Purifiers. Sales, Service, Installation,
Replacement cartridges. Free quotes. Phone Robin
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Please accept my subscription to the
Waiatarua Ratepayers and Residents Association
for 1996

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

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

To Treasurer

Waiatarua Ratepayers and Residents Association
911 West Coast Road, Waiatarua, Auckland 8
or leave at the library

NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER

Copy needs to be in the hands of

Margaret Blumhardt

Phone 814-9843

849 West Coast Road, Waiatarua

(opposite Raroa Terrace)

by WEDNESDAY 6th NOVEMBER, 1996

*Opinions expressed in this newsletter are not necessar-
ily those of the Editor or the Waiatarua Ratepayers and
Residents Association.*

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