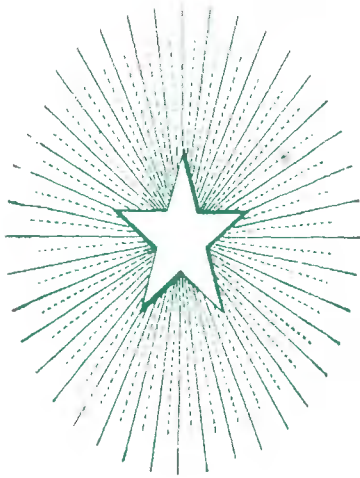




Community News

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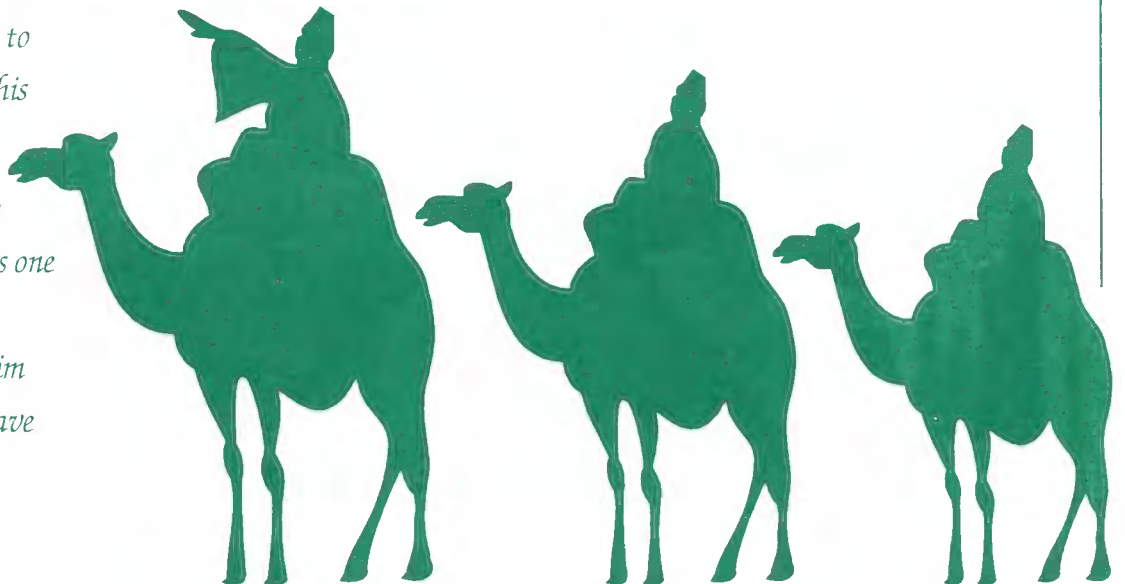


Christmas Greetings to you all

*Remember amongst the
hustle and bustle of
Christmas that we are
celebrating God's gift to
the world, Jesus and his
birthday.*

*"For God so loved the
world that he gave his one
and only Son, that
whoever believes in him
shall not perish but have
eternal life."*

JOHN 3:16



THIS AND THAT FROM TONY HOLT

A word of warning to watch out for suspicious cars or people. We have had several burglaries in the area; one local losing mag wheels from their car while they were asleep.

Anyone who is interested in starting a neighbourhood watch group in the area or fancy the job of co-ordinator in Waiatarua; (It would suit someone with a bit of time to spare; with the odd meeting or two throughout the year) give me a call.

There is also some graffiti to paint out, the TV mast water tank again and several transformers and power poles. There is also the ongoing problem of rubbish on the sides of the roads. Anyone interested in a clean up on Saturday morning 21 December, please phone me on 814-9688

A LOAD OF RUBBISH!

A committee member was driving up West Coast Road and spotted a local person off loading rubbish from his vehicle at the concrete house corner (opposite 862 West Coast Road). A "dump no rubbish" sign was erected there and has been removed by someone but after contacting the council they will be erecting a new one and will be considering putting up a barrier to prevent vehicles from stopping there.

Any rubbish placed anywhere but outside your own property is illegally dumped and you can be prosecuted for doing so. If you see any vehicles stopped for this purpose please take the registration number and phone the Waitakere City Council and they will prosecute. The person to phone is the Environmental Officer, Mr Baxter, phone 836-8000 and if it is after hours 836-8045.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Annual General Meeting of the Waiatarua Ratepayers and Residents Association (Incorporated) will be held on **THURSDAY 27 FEBRUARY 1997** at the Community Centre, 911 West Coast Road, Waiatarua. The purpose of the meeting is to receive the report and financial statement, elect officers and transact general business.

Tea and coffee will be served from 7 pm followed by a speaker at 7.30 pm. The Annual meeting will follow the speaker.

This year your committee has been past the teething stage and really tackling the issues needing their attention. Please consider over the holidays whether you would be available to join them on the committee and also ideas about using the Community Centre and any other matters that you feel your association should be involved in.

Remember to mark those new calendars with this date.

CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT

There is a notice at Parris Park advertising the Waitakere City's Carols by Candlelight to be held at the Corban Estate, Great North Road on Sunday December 15 at 8.15 pm. Please read the sign or phone the Waitakere City Council for more details.



CUSTODIAN

Terry Blumhardt, 849 West Coast Road, (opposite Raroa Terrace) has been appointed Caretaker/Custodian of the Community Centre. Please contact him for bookings of the Centre and also if you should be passing and have any concern about the Centre, any lights left on or other issues.

We need you to consider how we can use the centre more. Meetings, seminars, birthday parties, especially children's, dinner parties, etc. The wooden floor makes the venue very suitable for dancing.

The number to phone is 814-9843

ORATIA COMBINED CHURCH

- your community church

You've probably driven past the little church on the corner of Parker and West Coast Roads.

It's a lovely setting for worship with the native bush and (usually) blue sky visible from the pews. Sunday school is available for 3-12 year olds, with 20 -30 children currently attending.

Everyone is welcome, but we would especially like to invite you local folk to become part of the Sunday services.

If you've thought about attending church but not got around to it, perhaps one of the Christmas services would be the time to act.

December

SUNDAY 15, 9.30 am: Christmas family service, led by the Sunday School, and followed by a shared BBQ lunch.

(Bring food for your family)

SUNDAY 22, 9.30 am - 11 am: Anglican Church Service.

7 pm Evening service of carols and lessons. Enjoy short readings and the voices of the choir as we celebrate Christmas.

CHRISTMAS DAY, 9.30 am: A short family service.

We then revert to our regular schedule of services which begin on Sundays at 9.30 am and end by 11 am.

FIRST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH: Presbyterian Service.

SECOND SUNDAY: Family Service (involves the Sunday School children and is followed by a cup of tea.)

THIRD SUNDAY: Methodist Service

FOURTH SUNDAY: Anglican Service

German Christmas Eve Service at Oratia Church.

A traditional English/German service will be held on 24 December at 6 pm and will be followed by a cup of tea. Further information about this service can be obtained by phoning Louise on 814-9996.

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





FIRE BRIGADE

A fire ban is now in place.

For any fire other than a gas barbecue you need to obtain a permit from the Waitakere City Council - Rural Fire on 837-0790. You will need to do this several days beforehand, as they do not issue them on the spot. We cannot issue them at the fire brigade.

And to the person or persons responsible for persistently putting their rubbish out the front of the fire station . . .

The local canine community really do like having a dig through - but we do not really like having to clean up after them!

On a happier note, we wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Safe New Year



PLAYCENTRE

The Playcentre is situated down the drive next to the Community Centre, 911 West Coast Road, and if you would like to join us our session times are Monday, Wednesday and Friday 9.30 am - 12 noon. Our last session will be on Monday 16 December and then re-opening on Wednesday 29 January 1997. We will also be having our Christmas party on Friday 13 December.

For more information please phone 814-8835.

We would like to say a warm thank you to all the parents and friends who have supported us this year and have made it an enjoyable experience for our children. We wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and look forward to a sunny and Happy New Year!

LIBRARY NEWS

Christmas approaches! A very happy season to all our library users. The library will close on Friday December 20, (stock up with your holiday reading) and re-open on Thursday January 16, 10 am - noon.

Contact Bev 836-4420 or Anne 814-8874 for any queries.



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

LETTER TO THE EDITOR



For the last couple of weeks I have been demonstrating my rainwater gutter protection system at the Waitakere Plaza Shopping Centre in Henderson.

Mr Chris Tunks, was so impressed that he urged me to contact you to have publicity in your December newsletter.

Two products in particular would be of great interest to your members who collect their own rainwater.

First the Hedgehog 3-in-1 Gutter Protection System - these are half metre long UV resistant bristle filters, similar in appearance to bottle brushes, that can be installed individually over downpipe drain heads, or fitted together lengthwise for a continuous guttering protection system. These filters are extremely simple to install and just as easy to clean. Best of all they are guaranteed to stop the majority of pine needles, pohutukawa flower heads, gum and birch leaves from blocking gutters or polluting water tanks.

The second product is a nylon brush especially designed for cleaning gutters. The main advantage of this brush is that it keeps knuckles and fingers safe from lacerations caused by exposed roofing edges. It also cleans gutters far more thoroughly in less than half the normal time.

For more information on these and other products please contact New Zealand Marketing Distributors, phone 483-5933, fax 09 483 3700 or write to : PO Box 34155 Birkenhead. It would also help us if readers made reference to this newsletter when they enquired.

Laurie Dee, Managing Director, Rainworks.

This letter is a little abbreviated. Pamphlets showing these products in more detail will be pinned on a board, standing in the foyer of the Community Centre so that they can be read when standing outside. EDITOR.

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

Said the robin to the sparrow, "Friend, I simply do not know,

Why these anxious human beings rush around and worry so".

Said the sparrow to the robin, "Friend, I think that it must be

That they have no Heavenly Father such as cares for you and

me".

Take care over the holidays and I will be communicating with you via the newsletter again in February, Margaret.

CHRISTMAS BLUE MOON SERVICES

These will be held at Glen Eden Baptist Church,

97 Glendale Road, Glen Eden on -

SUNDAY 22ND DECEMBER AT 8 PM

TUESDAY 24TH DECEMBER AT 9 PM

Everyone welcome!



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**

STAINED GLASS STUDIO open for Christmas shopping.
Full range of native birds – wood pigeons, tuis, fantails,
saddlebacks and many more, from \$26 each.

Window hangings for children – fairies, wizards, animals
etc, from \$16 each.

A range of lampshades in stock all on special for Christ-
mas only. Stained glass windows can be designed and
made to order in the New Year.

Contact Susan Brogan, 293 Forest Hill Road, phone
814-9293.

LIFT NEEDED – recently started working and need a lift
from the top end of Forest Hill Road to Waitakere Road,
preferred or to Henderson Railway Station. Daily
between 7.30 am and return around 3 pm. Phone Mike
Visser or Kylie on 814-9440.

BUILDER – all work undertaken and guaranteed. Phone
Mike Visser on 814-9440 or 025 931246.

FRENCH LANGUAGE LESSONS – call Nada on 833-7860

LEBANESE FOOD for all occasions, call Nada: 833-7860

HANDY MAN AVAILABLE – call Martin on 833-7860

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

WANTED, A RABBIT CATCHING DOG! We have at
least one wild rabbit in residence and would love to
give some dog the sport of catching it or them. Payment
would be the free meat!

Phone Terry or Margaret, 814-9843

PORTABLE SAWMILLING to your specifications.
Macrocarpa for sarking, furniture and framing, also
slabs available. Phone Eric 814-8833.

THERAPEUTIC MASSAGE – Don't let stress spoil your
Xmas. Relax with a massage. \$25.

Phone Debbie van der Walle on 818-8450.

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

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

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
specialists. Making the most of your outdoor space.
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fencing, planting, a new lawn or maintenance.
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Waiatarua Ratepayers and Residents Association

For 1997

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

FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER

Copy needs to be in the hands of

Margaret Blumhardt

PHONE 814-9843

849 West Coast Road, Waiatarua

(opposite Raroa Terrace)

by WEDNESDAY 5th FEBRUARY, 1997

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Residents Association.*

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