

Community News



MARCH 1997

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PRESIDENTS MESSAGE – AGM 1997

The Waiatarua Ratepayers and Residents Association committee has put in many hours working in the interest of all the ratepayers and residents of Waiatarua. We have specifically worked on the following items;

(A) Waiatarua Community Hall

1. Creating a clear and fair working lease with the Waitakere City Council for management and use of the hall and library.
2. Rewriting the rental contracts for more precise and clear contractual terms.
3. Arranging to have the Centre cleaned inside and out, repaired, repainted and new flooring in the kitchen. This makes the centre a more pleasant and attractive place to rent and use.

(B) Waiatarua Rates

A member of our committee attends all rates meetings. We are very concerned with the unfairness of the rates in our community and are working very hard to keep the rates from increasing dramatically. There is a move within the Waitakere City Council that could almost double our existing rates.

(C) Annual Plan

Each year Waitakere City Council asks ratepayers to submit requests for improving their area. Our association submitted the following requests for inclusion in the July 1997 – July 1998 Annual Plan.

1. A safer Scenic Drive – Piha Road intersection. We believe that the present configuration is unsafe and that this corner has been talked about for years and time for action is now!
2. A second safety item is the lack of a pathway on West Coast Road from Raroa Terrace up to the bus stop, about fifty metres up the road. Our school children are at risk daily along this winding, curving road with no place but the road to walk on.
3. We also submitted a plan to create a large parking space at the community hall to handle the parking shortage there.

(D) Radiation from the television mast.

Our association has become concerned about radiation levels from the mast as the measuring standards are being

changed. We have organised a sub committee to undertake further research in this area.

(E) **Other agenda items** include issues of rubbish removal, erecting "Welcome to Waiatarua" signs, community events to get acquainted, craft and boot sales, etc.

(F) Newsletter

We produce eleven newsletters each year to keep you informed about local and developing issues. We invite you to present information to be included in our newsletters. Welcome to new arrivals, farewells to those leaving, achievements of locals, babies born, letters to the editor of things that bug you or please you etc.

The members of the Waiatarua Ratepayers and Residents Association Committee serve because we are interested in keeping Waiatarua a beautiful place to live at reasonable cost. We try to represent the community interests. Where are you? We circulate a newsletter eleven times a year to seven hundred families. Less than a one hundred and fifty families support our association by paying the subscription – less than ten residents – other than the committee attended the Annual General Meeting. Five City Councillors attended the meeting. When it comes time to vote on spending money to improve the facilities in Waiatarua do they have to worry about the reaction of the people of Waiatarua?

Pay your subscription fees and join us in caring for Waiatarua.

Gerry Davis, President of W.R.R.A.

Please accept my subscription to the
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

WAIATARUA RESIDENTS

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH MEETING

to be held at

WAIATARUA COMMUNITY CENTRE

18TH MARCH 1997 at 7pm

Learn how we can make our Community safer

SPEAKERS:

Trish Maxwell District Co-ordinator for West
Auckland Neighbourhood Support.

Sgt Martin Landsey Community Relations Co-ordinator

Brent Copson Glen Eden Community Police

EVERYONE IS INVITED

One member from every household should attend

PLEASE SUPPORT THIS INITIATIVE

Enquiries - phone Mary on 814 9857

THANKS

Thanks to those who retired from the committee. Lyndsay Whittle, Peter Mohr and Julie Morrow. Many thanks for your contribution to Waatarua.

GARDEN GROUP

This month we are visiting South Auckland again, this time to the Pukekohe area. Water plants are in full flower at the moment so our first stop is Wright's Water Garden near Patumahoe at 10.30 am, then to the three acre Forget-me-Knot Garden and lastly to Joy Nurseries to fill our cars with perennials. Wednesday, March 26 is the day, bring a picnic lunch, a small entrance fee for the water garden and ring Eileen on 814-9298 by Monday March 24 for car pooling.

GINGER CLEARANCE

Bins will be placed for ginger collection again this year during the last week of March, which is just before Easter. The local bins will be at Parkinson's Lookout, outside the Community Centre and at the top end of Kauri Loop Road. **Abuse them and you will lose them. They are for ginger and not inorganic materials etc!**

If your property has not already been inspected for ginger, your turn will come within the next year and you will be required to remove any ginger. This is if you pass one of those signs stating that you are entering a ginger control zone - that will be most of us!

Council have recently removed or sprayed the ginger on the roadsides and reserves and these plants should not be removed until they are completely dead, which takes some time.

Get in ahead of the inspectors and remove your ginger. Rod Smart, the Senior Noxious Plants and Pests Officer says that the standard advice to land occupiers with wild ginger is, "if the infestation is about the size of a dining table, then dig it out. Infestations the size of a lounge or roots one metre high, then it is more efficient and cost effective to treat with "Escort". (For example 10m x 10m ginger

infestation would require \$15 worth of "Escort" or \$220 for bin hire and tip fees)".

Use those free bins while you can!

Free tipping of domestic ginger is allowed at the Baling Station during the year but certain conditions apply. This offer applies to residents' private cars, vans, utes or single axle domestic trailers containing just wild ginger. Mixed loads of ginger and rubbish and commercial trucks or trailers of ginger will be charged the normal tip fee involved.

You can put the odd kleensack of roots out with the normal rubbish collection, (not too full as they are very heavy).

The ARC pamphlet, Wild Ginger states that - "if spraying with 'Escort' be careful not to spray desirable neighbouring plants, spray the leaves, stems, and root system making sure the coverage is complete. Do not remove the stalks and leaves until they have gone brown and dried out.

Escort should be mixed at one 2.5 gram sachet per 5 litres of water plus 10 mls of a spreader/sticker like Pulse. For larger applications mix Escort at 25 grams per 100 litres water, adding 100mls of spreader/sticker. Escort is available in small packs at most garden centres and larger quantities can be bought from Wrightsons.

If the ginger plants are too tall for convenient spraying they can be chopped to waist height and sprayed as soon as possible, or alternatively chopped right down, allowed to regrow to a couple of feet and sprayed. These methods mean less spray is used and there is less chance of drift. The effects of the spray are noticeable after three months and the weed will have died and it's rhizomes rotted after 12 - 15 months. Use chemicals safely and refer to the product label for full instructions". Pamphlets with further details and details of contractors are available from Council service centres and some libraries but can be posted on request. Phone 836-8037.

ORATIA DISTRICT SCHOOL

COUNTRY FAIR

Sunday 16 March 11.00 am

Stalls - activities

A time for getting our community together.

Come and support your local school and enjoy all the excitement of the fair.

END OF SUMMER BEACH PARTY

Organized by Oratia Playgroup.

Saturday 5 April, 7.30 pm - midnight ~ Oratia Settlers Hall

Dance to our D.J's music ~ Surf the simulated surfboard,
attack the American hot dog supper and lots more ...

Tickets \$15, get a group together and reserve your
tickets by phoning

Sue: 814-9348 or Deidre: 814-9577

NOW!

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.

LIBRARY NEWS

New members always welcome!

New books include:

Kara's Game	<i>Gordon Stevens (Bosnia)</i>
Plainer Still	<i>Catherine Cookson</i>
Maskerade	<i>Terry Pratchett (hilarious)</i>
Memoirs	<i>Mikhail Gorbachev</i>

Donated books:

Tess of the D'Urbevilles	<i>Thomas Hardy</i>
Vital Signs	<i>Robin Cook</i>
Deadly Reflection	<i>Maureen O'Brien</i>
Convention M.D.	<i>Frank Slaughter</i>

We have acquired a copy of "Song of Two Waters – an early history of Waiatarua" by Jeanne Wade. If enough people were interested in having a copy of this 1979 book there is a possibility of a reprint. Please contact the library any Thursday between 10 am and noon, 814-9353 to indicate interest, (or drop a note in the library slot.)

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

FERNS RESTAURANT

New main dishes include; Grilled fish of the day with red sweet pepper butter, Grilled lamb with mustard and white wine, Chicken with scallops, mushrooms and creamy curry sauce, Fillet steak with green peppers and mushrooms. See advertisement further on.

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. For more information please phone 814-8835.

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.

ADVERTISING

This is free to financial members for 1997, 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.

FERNS RESTAURANT – Patronise our local restaurant, a la carte dining. Open Wednesday – Sunday from 6 pm. Saturday & Sunday lunch from 11 am. Fabulous new chef, fabulous new menu, fabulous view. Fully licensed and BYO. For bookings phone 814-9804.

BRICK & BLOCKLAYING – BBQ's, tiles etc. Phone 837-4677.

MATHS TUITION available. Up to and including Form 5, School C maths. Qualified teacher. Phone Jo on 814-9945.

JOHN HENDRIKSE – Lawyer and Notary Public, available after hours at 914 West Coast Road, Waiatarua by appointment. Phone 814-9991.

VETERINARIAN – For pets and farm animals. House calls a speciality. Phone Neil Pullan on 814-9504.

PIANO LESSONS – Practical or theory, children or adults, beginner up to Grade 5. \$10 per half hour. Phone Penelope on 814-8833.

WAIATARUA MUSIC STUDIO – Violin and piano. Individual and group lessons. Celia Wood-Calvert. Phone 814-9660.

APRIL NEWSLETTER

Copy needs to be in the hands of

Margaret Blumhardt

PHONE 814-9843

849 West Coast Road, Waiatarua
(opposite Raroa Terrace)

by WEDNESDAY 9th APRIL 1997

PLEASE KEEP THIS PAGE FOR FUTURE REFERENCE

WAIATARUA RATEPAYERS AND RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION COMMITTEE 1996

President	Gerry Davis	814-8833	Vice-President	Tony Bacon	814-9860
Past-President	Richard Hoyle	814-9641	Treasurer	Eileen Powell	814-9298
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	Kevin Healy	814-9505		Christine Wickham	814-9505

Committee meetings are held on the first Monday of the month at 7.30pm. You are welcome to attend and bring your concerns, please ring the President or Secretary to arrange this.

Newsletter Deadline: Copy is the first Wednesday of the month at 849 West Coast Road. **Newsletter delivery** is the third or fourth week of the month. Newsletter distribution problems phone Gay Cook on 814-9433.

WAITAKERE WARD CITY COUNCILLORS

Penny Hulse	832-5358
Paul Lowe	810-9192
Carolynne Stone	818-8057

WAITAKERE WARD COMMUNITY BOARD

Above councillors plus

Herewini Kaa	
Bill Hales	817-3547
David Harré	818-7816
Elsa Garrett	833-4657
Betty Hanson	812-8681 and 629-3336
Owen Hughes	817-3231

WAITAKERE CITY COUNCIL

Office hours	836-8000 - animal welfare 836-7777
After hours	836-8045 - for noise control, animal welfare, stormwater, accident reporting etc.
Daytime accidents	836-8000 ext 8736 attention Roger Ward
Information line	836-8056 details of council services & facilities

GRAFFITI REMOVAL

Tony Holt	814-9688
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WAIATARUA VOLUNTEER FIRE BRIGADE

Enquiries phone

Emergencies	Phone 111
Ian Ford	814-8860
Lyndsay Whittle	814-9872
Richard Seccombe	814-8860

WAIATARUA GARDEN GROUP

Meets fourth Wednesday of month, February to November, all welcome, occasionally or every month.

Enquiries

Eileen Powell 814-9298 or Margaret or Terry Blumhardt 814-9843

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WAIATARUA PLAYCENTRE

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Opening hours

Monday, Wednesday and Friday 9.30am - 12noon

Phone

814-8835 or contact Marjan, phone 814-9832

WAIATARUA COMMUNITY HALL HIRE

Custodian - Terry Blumhardt, phone 814-9843

Friday and Saturday evenings (including chairs & tables) \$100. Hourly rate (max 3 hours) \$10 per hour

Sunday to Thursday evenings \$65. Hourly rate (max 3 hours) \$7 per hour

Daily rates Monday - Friday, Full day \$25. Hourly rate \$5. Saturdays & Sundays, Full day \$35, hourly \$7

Crockery hire \$25. Bond \$250. Discount for regular users. Community Barbecue hire \$20

ORATIA COMMUNITY CHURCH

Corner West Coast and Parker Roads.

Services every Sunday at 9.30 am

and Sunday School for children 3 - 12 years.

First Sunday of month - Presbyterian, Second - Family Service

(involves the Sunday School children and is followed by a

cup of tea), Third - Methodist, Fourth - Anglican.