

Community News



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The Fire Brigade's production of the second play of the series has recently ended, resulting yet again in a very healthy financial result.

We at the Fire Brigade are grateful to the Waiatarua Ratepayers Association who kindly donated the use of the Waiatarua Hall and provided free of charge all the power used throughout the production.

To the committee a hearty thankyou and to all those who attended the play thankyou also.

GET WELL SOON

To Jan Cockell of Raroa Terrace who was involved in a horrific head on collision near the Whenuapai Bus Company depot recently. Jan will be in Auckland Hospital, Ward 7A, for some time and son Stephen says that she would appreciate visitors.

We wish you make remarkable progress Jan and that you are back home earlier than expected.

MARKET DAY – Everybody will be there!

The date for this is Sunday, 22nd June, from 12 noon onwards at the Community Centre, 911 West Coast Road.

There will be stalls, and BBQ sausages and teas for sale.

Come and meet your neighbours and buy some bargains.

Limited spaces still available, phone **Chuck Humphrey** on 8149-557 for further information.

Graffiti Paint Out & Clean Up

Saturday June 28 is the day. Phone Tony Holt on 814-9688 for details.

Come on! Get behind him and help with this clean up!



SUPERANNUATION

REFERENDUM

Marie Hasler, our Waitakere electorate MP will be arranging an evening of speakers to inform us on this issue so that we can have an informed vote. This will be on September 4 at the Waiatarua Community Centre. More details next month.

GARDEN GROUP

This month we will be going to the Regional Botanic Gardens in Manurewa on June 25 to view the proteas and camellias in flower.



We will meet in the car park at 1 pm and can have afternoon tea after we have enjoyed the flowers.

Please contact Eileen on 814-9298 if you need transport or if are going and you have a spare seat.

You are very welcome to join us at any time, there are no fees and you can come as often as you like or just once.

LOCAL HISTORY AFTERNOON

We hope to hold this on a Sunday afternoon, probably August 3.

We will have a display of photos etc and want locals who lived here and perhaps still do to reminisce. We would like to hear from you if you can contribute in any way.

Please phone Lindsay Whittle on 814-9872 or Margaret on 814-9843

COUNTRY CRAFT MARKETS

Oratia Settlers Hall is the venue for these on a Saturday between 9.30 am and 3 pm. Only quality crafts will be sold, eg handmade mohair jumpers, cross stitch cards, silk scarves and pictures, gemstone trees plus much more. Some stall holders are local and some from over Auckland.

The next three dates for the Craft Market are as follows, July 5, August 2 and October 4 as well as before Christmas. For further information phone Heather Tubb, phone 445-7040, fax 446-0770 (attention Heather Tubb)

STRANGE HAPPENINGS

I have heard of a number of strange incidents lately and everyone needs to be watching for strange strangers.

Letter boxes seem to be one target. There is vandalism in removing or destroying them and also remains of mail from some has been found. If yours was hit or you think your mail may be missing you will need to contact the sender.

Of course the problem is that you have to know that the mail is missing! A letter was found for George, phone Margaret for collecting that one.

A van drove up a long driveway on Scenic Drive recently

and when asked what they wanted the answer was they had come to repair the fridge. There were no tools in the van and when reported to the police the caller was told that the van had been stolen two days earlier.

Phone your Neighbourhood Watch co-ordinator with any strange happenings and let's keep the crims away.

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

The names of our current co-ordinators are listed below. If you haven't been approached yet and would like to belong to one of these groups, give the co-ordinator a call.

Name	Address	phone no.
Mary Kelly	3 Atarua Gardens	814-9857
Tony Holt	56 Bush Road	814-9688
Ross & Kath Mullins	330 Forest Hill Rd	814-9402
Jenny McGee	886 West Coast Rd	814-9954
Chris Field	799 West Coast Rd	814-9876
Ngaire Mason	21 Tui Crescent	814-9036
Bernie Oudemans	15 Quinns Road	814-9941
Margaret & Paddy Marshall	19 Raroa Tce	814-9859

ADDITIONS TO TV MAST

TV4 transmission facilities have been added to the Waiatarua mast and Waiatarua Ratepayers Association has asked Council to widen the monitoring area.

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. You can phone us on 814-8835.

APOLOGY – Mountain Bikes in Waitakeres

Sorry I misread this document and the information last month did not apply to the Waitakere Ranges.

The following is correct.

A draft amendment to the management plan concerning the use of mountain bikes in Regional Parks including the Waitakeres has been released.

The new draft policy would apply to biking in the parkland (including Lake Waimanu Reserve and the Catchment Parkland).

The recommendation is for non motorised bicycles to be prohibited from the Waitakere Ranges Regional Parkland.

The following is reprinted with permission from the newsletter of David Stone, Lawyer, of Kohimarama.

DOGS

Uncontrolled dogs are frequently a source of concern in both urban and rural areas.

The Dog Control Act 1996 sets out in detail a dog owner's responsibility to control his or her dog and the consequences that may follow from lack of control.

A dog is required to be registered and kept under control at all times. The Act provides that a dog can be considered not under control if it is

LIBRARY NEWS

New members always welcome!

Negotiations are still taking place re the feasibility of a reprint of "Song of Two Waters – an early history of Waia-tarua" by Jeanne Wade. It looks promising – we will keep you informed. Please phone the library Thursday between 10 am and noon, 814-9353, (or drop a note in the library slot) if you are interested in obtaining a copy.

New books include:

David and Goliath	Joe Karam
The Family Frying Pan	Bruce Courtenay
Distant Voices	Barbara Erskine
A Keeper of Sheep	William Carpenter
Birds of Prey	Wilbur Smith
The Echo	Minette Walters
Hornets Nest	Patricia Cornwell
Sole Survivor	Dean Koontz



"Laura's Poems" is a delightful selection of poems written by a very perceptive young girl between her seventh and eleventh years.

WAIATARUA COMMUNITY LIBRARY

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Phone 814-9353

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

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found in any public place in contravention of a bylaw or on any private land without the consent of the occupier or owner of that land

Many local authorities have bylaws which require dogs to be on a lead when in any street or public park or other public place. The local Council office will be able to advise and show you a copy of their particular bylaws.

If a dog is not under control in terms of these provisions a dog ranger may seize the dog. If a dog has entered private property the occupier of that property may seize the dog. Anyone in a public place may seize a dog if it is likely to cause annoyance or distress to any person or damage to any property. Having seized a dog that person must then return the dog to its owner, or make sure that a dog ranger takes it.

Attacks on Stock

A person has power under the Act to destroy a dog, but this power should be exercised with caution. It arises only when a person can actually see the dog attacking stock, poultry, another person or is personally being attacked.

It is important for stock owners to remember that their legal right to destroy a dog attacking their stock only applies if they actually see the dog attacking their stock. It is not sufficient to suspect a particular dog may be

Improved Bus Services

We have a greatly improved service on the loop to and from the Henderson Railway Station, numbered **route 167**. Departs from RAILSIDE AVE. (opposite Henderson Railway Station) and travels via RAILSIDE AVE., Edsel St., Great North Rd., Henderson Valley Rd., Forest Hill Rd., Farwood Drive, Bruce McLaren Road, Pine Ave., Forest Hill Road, West Coast Road, Parrs Cross Rd., Bruce McLaren Rd., Farwood Drive, Forest Hill Rd., Henderson Valley Rd., Corban Ave., Bruce McLaren Rd., RAILSIDE AVE., Edsel St., Great North Rd., to RAILSIDE AVE., opposite Henderson Railway Station.

Timetable Monday – Friday

Hend.	Pine	Wai.	Oratia	Hend.	Train
AM	6.15	6.25	6.30	6.45	6.50
6.45	6.55	7.00	7.15	7.20	
*6.55	7.05	7.25	7.30	7.45	7.50
*7.25	7.35	7.55	8.00	8.15	8.20
*7.55	8.05	8.25	8.30	8.45	8.50
*8.25	8.35	8.55	9.00	9.15	9.20
*8.55	9.05	9.25	9.30	9.45	
10.10	10.20	10.40	10.45	11.00	
12.10	12.20	12.40	12.45	1.00	PM
*1.55	2.05	2.25	2.30	2.45	
*2.55	3.05	3.25	3.30	3.45	3.50
*3.25	3.35	3.55	4.00	4.15	4.20
*3.55	4.05	4.25	4.30	4.45	4.50
*4.25	4.35	4.55	5.00	5.15	5.20
*4.55	5.05	5.25	5.30	5.45	5.50
*5.25	5.35	5.55	6.00	6.15	6.20
*5.55	6.05	6.25	6.30	6.45	6.50
*6.25	6.35	6.55	7.00	7.15	7.20
*6.55	7.05	7.25	7.30	7.45	

* Trains from Auckland connect with these trips. They arrive 5 minutes before these times.

The right hand column are the times of trains going back into Auckland.

Other buses

To Downtown

From Pine Avenue route **166 Monday – Friday**
7.22 am via Forest Hill Road arrives Oratia 7.35 am, New Lynn 8.05 am and Downtown at 8.45 am.

To Waiaatarua 156

Leaving New Lynn Transport Centre 3.40 pm, arriving Forest Hill Road at 4.05 pm

Leaving downtown at 5.05 pm, New Lynn 5.40 pm and arriving Forest Hill Road at 6.05 pm.

N.B. – Buses have been cut back going through Glen Eden but greatly increased to Henderson.

Further buses run to and from Oratia church, and from Parrs Cross Road there are more, including Flyers.

Phone rideline 366-6400 or visit the information kiosk at New Lynn Transport Centre. Timetables will be posted on request.

Piha service

The **Piha service** is also improved with route **159** leaving Henderson on Wednesday and Friday at 8.55 am and arriving at Piha at 9.35 am

Also leaving Henderson at 1.55 pm and arriving at Piha at 2.35 pm.

From Piha to Henderson on Wednesday and Friday are at 9.35 am, arriving at Henderson at 10.20 am and 2.35 pm, arriving Henderson, 3.20 pm.

Route 159 departs from Great North Road (Henderson Township) and travels via Great North Road, RAILSIDE AVENUE, Bruce McLaren Road, Parrs Cross Road, West Coast Road, Scenic Drive, Piha Road, Seaview Road, Beach Road, to Post Office Store (Piha).

one that attacks stock, or to "catch up" with the dog a few days later.

However, stock owners do have a further right to seize or destroy a dog if it is running "at large" amongst their stock. The stock owner must show that the dog was actually running with the stock, or if left at large would return to run with them.

Dog rangers and police officers have much wider authority to enter on to private property and to seize and destroy dogs which may have been attacking stock. Courts have extensive powers to order destruction of such dogs and impose fines or sentences of imprisonment on owners of offending dogs.

Barking Dogs

Dogs which bark persistently can be a considerable nuisance. A complaint of this sort should be referred to the dog ranger. The Act contains powers for the ranger to enter onto private property, give notice to the owner, and if the notice is not complied with, remove the dog.

Liability for Damage

The owner of a dog will be liable for any damage done by the dog.

It is not necessary to prove that a dog has previously caused damage or injury or that the dog owner knew that it had a tendency to cause damage. Nor is it necessary to prove any neglect on the part of the dog's owner.

This means a dog owner would be liable for any damage caused even if the dog were on a lead at the time.

To give a few practical examples:

- If you find a strange dog on your property and in your view it is likely to cause annoyance or distress, perhaps to you or your children, you may seize that dog. However, you would have to return it to its owner or contact the dog ranger.
- If a dog is wandering on the street or in a public park and it appears unlikely to cause annoyance or distress to anybody, then the most you can do is to contact a dog ranger.

In view of the way that the Dog Control Act is drawn, I am of the opinion that merely because a dog chooses your front lawn for its convenience does not give you the right to seize the dog or make any complaint to a dog ranger. However, many local authority bylaws impose more stringent criteria in an attempt to meet this particular nuisance.

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FIREWOOD FOR SALE - guaranteed dry split macrocarpa, \$55 cm. Call at 17 Rimu Road or phone 814-8833

CLASSICAL HOMOEOPATHY - I wish to thank those of you who have been my exam cases. These exams have now been passed. I am happy to see anyone who would like to try Homoeopathy or who wishes to find out about it. Phone Tricia Lukas on 814-9221.

WOOL WANTED - Any leftover balls of wool required for knitting peggy squares for blankets for charity. Phone Rozanna on 814-9374

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JUNE NEWSLETTER

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by WEDNESDAY 9th JULY, 1997

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