



Community News

JULY 1997

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*Hear ye! Hear ye!
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The event of the decade!*



Local History Afternoon & Re-launch of "Song of Two Waters"

Sunday afternoon, August 3 – at 1 pm is the time for these exciting events to take place at the Waiatarua Community Centre, 911 West Coast Road.

Jean Wade, author of the local history book, and husband, Keith will be present, as well as a number of people who lived in the area many years ago, and in some cases still do.

It is exciting to have the launch of the reprint of Jean's book and to combine this with reminiscences from people who lived here forty, fifty, sixty years ago.

We will have Phyl Vincent if she is back from gadding around the globe, Bill Beveridge, known in more recent times, before his retirement as the head of ARC Parks in this area but in earlier days lived and worked at the Upper Nihotupu Dam, off the Piha Road. We also have Jim and Dawn Forbes who have lived on the Piha Rd., since 1949, John Isaachsen who has lived here all his life, in fact, he is the third generation to live on West Coast Rd, Fred and Fay Warby, residents of 57 years. Our ever willing, Lyndsay Whittle and David Harre' of Oratia are also contributing and helping organise the day. The list will be much longer by the time the day arrives.

We will have a display of photos etc and want locals who lived here and perhaps still do to reminisce and those of you with questions about the history to have them answered. If you have photographs or anything else that we could display on the day please phone Lyndsay Whittle on 814-9872 or Margaret Blumhardt on 814-9843.

We will open at 1 pm and start the programme from 1.30 pm. Afternoon tea will be served and then I would imagine the talk will go on ...and on...and on! If you can't come for all the afternoon do try and come for some of it - you may find that you can't tear yourself away.

There is no charge for the afternoon and there will be the opportunity to purchase your copy of the book.

INORGANIC RUBBISH COLLECTION CHANGES

You should have received a Waitakere City newsletter and then a pamphlet informing you of the changes to these collections but I notice that people are still putting out inorganic rubbish with their Wednesday general rubbish.

June 25 was the last weekly collection and from now on collections will be twice-yearly on a rolling basis around the city. We will be advised three weeks before a collection is due in our area.

NEWSLETTER DISTRIBUTION

Gay Cook has been responsible for this task for the last three years and the committee wish to thank her for the great job she has done.

With a change of job, Gay is no longer able to do this task each month and so we are looking for some-one else to step into Gay's shoes.

The bulk newsletters need to be counted out and delivered to the volunteers who put them in your letter boxes. A small number also need to be posted.

If you are able to take on this task or need further information please phone Margaret on 814-9843.

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.

JAN COCKELL PROGRESSING WELL

Jan will be finishing her bed rest at Auckland Hospital, Ward 7A, this next week. Son Stephen says that she will then be having six weeks of rehabilitation. Jan appreciates visitors and is feeling more comfortable now. Keep up the good progress Jan!

GARDEN GROUP

The next meeting will be on Wednesday July 23 at Terry and Margaret Blumhardt's home, 849 West Coast Road, opposite Raroa Terrace, at 1 pm.

Eric Scanlen will be showing us his 3D coloured slide show of native orchids. Yes they really are 3D when you wear the glasses provided!

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.

For further information about the group phone Eileen on 814-9298 or Terry and Margaret on 814-9843.

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

We have a new group in our area! Daniel Muller, 550 Scenic Drive, phone 814-8998, is the co-ordinator, so please give him a call if you wish to be part of his group.

I cannot emphasise enough that if something does happen on or near your property your **first action** must be to telephone 111 and advise the police. Your safety comes first and they are the ones with the expertise. Your neighbourhood watch group is the second telephone call you should make and they will see what they can do to help you.

We have had an instance this month where one of our neighbours had a car drive up their right-of-way and back away very quickly when they saw someone in the house. The car had been stolen, but a burglary was prevented. Please be careful. Work out a plan of action for yourself if something like this happens so that you know exactly what you are going to do and who you can call. Know who is at home in your close vicinity who you can alert and can help in getting a registration number or descriptions. I can't emphasise enough that you must always telephone the police first. They are in the best position to help and that is what they are there for. Neighbourhood watch is not a replacement of this facility but is there to add their help and support to that already available.

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
Daniel Muller	550 Scenic Drive	814-8998

AUCKLAND ORCHID CLUB

The Spring Show, called Orchids in Toyland, will be held at the Corban Winery Estate on August 22 - 24.

Friday 22 August	1pm - 5 pm
Saturday 23 August	9.30 am - 5 pm
Sunday 24 August	10 am - 4 pm

The club would be pleased to have new members and for further information you can contact Lee Ducker, 416-6737

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.

COUNTRY CRAFT MARKETS

The future markets at Oratia Settlers Hall advertised last month have now been cancelled.

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

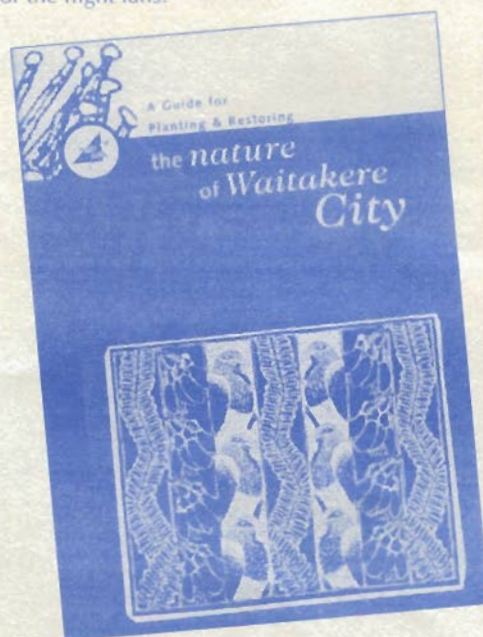
New members always welcome!

The reprinting of "Song of Two Waters" by Jean Wade has been authorised by the Ratepayers committee and will be available soon.

New books this month:-

Total control	David Baldacci
Primary Colours	Anonymous
Howard	John Costello
Body Language	Alan Pease
Rude & Political Jokes	(only for the broad-minded)

We also have "The Mask of Sanity" by James McNeish, (which presents an alternative view of the Bain case) and "Warbirds over Wanaka" for the flight fans.



"A GUIDE FOR PLANTING AND RESTORING THE NATURE OF WAITAKERE CITY"

There is a reference copy available at the library for anyone interested. For those of you who would like to have their own copy, contact the Waitakere City Council office who will provide you with one.

Seventeenth Century Nun's Prayer



Lord, Thou knowest better than I know myself that I am growing older and will some day be old. Keep me from the fatal habit of thinking I must say something on every subject and on every occasion.

Release me from craving to straighten out somebody's affairs.

Make me thoughtful but not moody; helpful but not bossy.

With my vast store of wisdom, it seems a pity not to use

it all, but Thou knowest, Lord, that I

want a few friends at the end.

Keep my mind free from the recital of endless details;

give me wings to get to the point. Seal my lips upon my aches and pains. They are increasing, and the love of rehearsing them is becoming sweeter as the years go by. I dare not ask for grace enough to enjoy the tales of others pains, but help me to endure them with patience.

I dare not ask for improved memory but for a growing humility and not a lessing cocksureness when my memory seems to clash with the memories of others. Teach me the glorious lesson that occasionally I may be mistaken.

Keep me reasonably sweet; I do not want to be a saint - some of them are so hard to live with - but a sour old person is one of the crowning works of the devil. Give me the ability to see good things in unexpected places, and talents in unexpected people. And give me, Lord, the grace to tell them so.

WAIATARUA COMMUNITY HALL HIRE

Remember to hire this excellent facility for your meetings, parties, dances, birthdays (children's and adults) etc. Lovely wooden floor for dancing.

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 up to \$250.

Discount for regular users. Community Barbecue hire \$20

Phone the custodian, Terry Blumhardt, on 814-9843

MAIL FOUND

Last month I mentioned that mail had been found and this was sent to the Post Office in New Lynn. They said that they would destroy any they could not deliver and so we asked for it to be returned to us.

There are two letters without envelopes. One is to Donna and George from England and the other to Jamie and Jody from the USA, with photos taken on a trek.

There is one empty envelope for L. Whyman with a senders address on the back. I have tried unsuccessfully to phone.

Also there are a number of flyers about Scout firewood, business concerning Trevor Morris Radiators, and a schedule of schools Geography providers. I am keen to hear from the owners of these papers. Phone Margaret on 814-9843.

WAIATARUA FIRE BRIGADE

The Volunteer Fire Brigade will pause to reflect on Monday 21st July, as we mark our first year in the last two decades without Ian Wells. Many of you will remember "The Man of Many Hats", not just for his involvement at the Fire Station where he was our first Life Member. He also left his mark with the ARC, Drama Club, Ratepayers Association and as a City Councillor. It will be Ian's shout that night.

We've had a number of calls during weekday working hours lately. This poses a problem for us in turning out the fire appliance, as more often than not we don't have a full crew in Waiatarua at that time. The Fire Controlroom know this - it's common to many Volunteer Brigades - and respond an additional appliance from the city in case we can't turn out. However, a number of us work in Henderson and are able to respond from there. You can help us. If you see a car behind you on the road with headlights and hazard lights on during the day, please let it pass. Chances are it's one of your local volunteer firefighters responding to a fire call. Although we must still obey all the laws of the road when we travel to the station, we can still often make a difference with a delayed response.

And you'll have read of the recent avoidable tragedies in a number of house fires. If you haven't got around to getting your smoke alarm yet, all it needs is a phone call. We can deliver them, advise on installation, and even install them if you like. All for just the cost of the smoke alarm.

So perform a death defying act today! Buy a smoke alarm, or pick up the phone. You can call Ian or Richard (814 8860) or Lyndsay (814 9872).

118 members
so far this year.
Come on and send in
your subscription
now and let's have a record
number!

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

ELECTRICIAN - phone your local man, Jim on 814-9344

WANTED - weightlifting or other gym equipment, ie punch bags
for the Fire Brigade. Phone Tony 814-9688

EXCELLENT CHEAP GLASS REPAIRS - phone 814-9786

GARAGE FURNITURE SALE - Beds, tables etc.,
phone 814-9221

GARDENING, PRUNING AND LANDSCAPING -
Phone Linda 833-7860

CLASSICAL HOMOEOPATHY - I have a background of herbal
and naturopathic studies which have culminated in Homoeopa-
thy. Discover how Homoeopathy can alleviate many health
problems eg:- acute situations (First Aid, children's ailments,
winter health problems) and chronic situations, (constitution
remedies). Feel free to make enquiries or to make an appoint-
ment. Tricia Lukas, 814-9221

WINDOW CLEANING, WATERBLASTING & HOUSEWASHING.
Give those windows a sparkle and blast off the moss on that
driveway. Excellent rates, free quotes, phone Glen on 814-9480.

MARIE HASLER - Member of Parliament for Waitakere.
Electorate Office, 423 Titirangi Rd., P.O. Box 60204, Titirangi.
Phone 817-3889, Fax 817-2728.
Email address - marie.hasler@mp-waitakere.gen.nz

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

CONCRETE BLOCKS - For Sale - 2002 - 190 x 190 x 190mm.
300 for \$275 the lot. Phone 814-9433

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

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

ALL STUDENTS!! - Do you need help in 5th form Accounting,
Economics or mathematics. I am offering my services as a one to
one tutor and am prepared to teach within your own home.
Phone Paul Goldsmith, BCom on 818-8139

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

FERNS RESTAURANT - Patronise our local restaurant, a la carte
dining. Open Wed. - Sun. from 6 pm. Sat. & Sun. lunch from 11
am. Fabulous chef, fabulous menu, fabulous view. Fully licensed
and BYO. Phone 814-9804.

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

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

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Waiatarua Ratepayers and Residents Association
for 1997

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

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Address

Phone

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

AUGUST NEWSLETTER

Copy needs to be in the hands of

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849 West Coast Road, Waiatarua

(opposite Raroa Terrace)

by WEDNESDAY 6th AUGUST, 1997

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those of the Editor or the Waiatarua Ratepayers and Residents
Association.*

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this newsletter.