

Community News



APRIL 1998

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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF WARRA

The Annual General Meeting of the Waiatarua Ratepayers and Residents Association was held at the Waiatarua Community Centre on Thursday 26 February 1998.

Firstly, Mayor Bob Harvey addressed the meeting and outlined the key issues that the Waitakere City Council are currently addressing. He discussed the challenge we as residents of Waiatarua have in maintaining the natural environment and constraining the urban sprawl.

The issue of the Inner – Outer Differential was debated. All residents need to understand the issues surrounding this and support the WARRA in representing the community.

The President's Report

Waiatarua is served by many wonderful helpers. I want to thank the current members of the Ratepayers Association who are continuing to serve and those who are retiring; the library committee who faithfully open our excellent library and our custodian who jealously looks after our community hall.

A community works best when it is well informed and involved. A special group of people make this happen through our monthly newsletter. A very special thanks to the Longley family for formatting and printing our newsletter and to Margaret Blumhardt, our editor, for the many years she has served in that capacity.

Our Role:

The Ratepayer's Association is here to represent the people in Waiatarua. As part of this task we attend many Council and Community Board Meetings regarding items of concern to our community. This information is then shared with you through our monthly newsletter.

We also manage the Waiatarua Community Hall, to make it available for hire for birthdays, parties, wedding parties, interest groups etc. At present we are negotiating with the city to make it wheel chair accessible. We have replaced the curtains in our library and purchased a dehumidifier to help with the dampness.

The Annual Plan:

Each year we participate with the City Council in a competition with all the other boroughs for the items we would like to have council give us through the annual plan. Our major concern here has and will be safety issues. We have therefore asked for several years for a footpath from Raroa Terrace to the school bus stop, a very dangerous section of roadway. We have asked for a roundabout at the intersection of the Piha, Scenic Drive corner. We have also asked for some improvement of the parking at the Waiatarua Hall.

Special Events:

This year we arranged and hosted a historical afternoon of storytelling by those people who have lived in the community for many years. Our audience of about 80 people laughed and enjoyed themselves as we heard about Waiatarua from the 1900's to the present. A video / audio tape is available from our library.

We also had Jeanne Wade's book "Song of Two Waters" reprinted and it too is available for sale from our library.

I have been pleased to serve this year as President of the Association and I look forward to serving in the 1998 – 1999 year.

Please, if you have issues you wish us to consider, call me to bring them before your committee.

Gerry Davis

INTRODUCING THE NEW COMMITTEE

There were a number of new committee members this year.

Please find the names and contact numbers of the current committee members at the back of this newsletter for your reference.

Each month a personal profile of each new committee member will be printed in the newsletter so you can get to know the people representing you.

Introducing..... Carleine Receveur

Greetings, I have lived in Waiatarua for almost three years now and thought it was about time I made a contribution to this wonderful community we live in. My husband Jamie and I decided to live in the Waitakere's as we both have a love of the New Zealand bush. Waking up to the sounds of the birds rather than the hustle bustle of cars that we were doing living in central Auckland, was a refreshing change.

I am a qualified nurse currently working at Mercy Hospital in Epsom as a Duty Manager.

I am working towards a Masters of Business through extramural study at Massey University. However this year I have taken a year out as Jamie and I are expecting our first baby in July.

I am looking forward to contributing to the Waiatarua ratepayers association. I have taken over the role of editor for the newsletter from Margaret, who has done a wonderful job of keeping all residents up to date on what is happening in the community. Beware I am a novice editor!

I am open to any ideas or suggestions you may have. If there is something you would like to contribute to the newsletter please feel free to contact me.

30% INCREASE IN RATES FOR WAIATARUA

- a message from the President -

There is a greater than 50% chance of there being a 30% increase in our rates. Our City Council has made a political decision, based on a flawed survey that the inner/outer differential no longer exists. We have for years paid about 30% less in our rates because the belief was that we received fewer benefits/services from our council. The council has decided that essentially we receive benefits and services equally with the inner city people.

In front of council at present are three choices to be decided in the next month or two.

- 1 - To stop the inner/outer differential and raise the rates in the outer area by about 30% immediately.
- 2 - To raise the rates in steps until there is no differential.
- 3 - To delay the decision for 1 year while a major review of how rates are set and to implement a better survey.

Your association – the executive of the Ratepayer's and Residents of Association of Waiatarua (WRRRA) want to delay for 1 year. This will enable us to work on getting accurate information to challenge what we believe was a flawed survey. We believe that there are a significant difference in services that the outer area receives and therefore our rates should be less.

We will need your help at some point, if you are interested in attacking the problem. The councillors, not Stone, Lowe and Hulse, but the others will need to vote to delay the implementation for a year. At present there is little will to do this!

GINGER BINS

This years Ginger Out Campaign started on the 2nd March. Unfortunately the Council did not inform us earlier that this was happening despite requests over the years for adequate notice!

If you haven't spotted them already there are three bins located in the Waiatarua area. These are:

- Parkinson's Look Out, Scenic Drive
- Kauri Loop Road, corner with West Coast Rd
- Waiatarua Community Centre

If the bins are not abused they will available until the end of March. However, although the focus is for Wild Ginger if you have other noxious plants, these can be disposed of in the bins as well.

There will be weekly inspections of the bins, so please ensure that this opportunity is not abused and start digging!

PLAYCENTRE

A busy start to the year with a pleasing number of new faces. We welcome Jo and Mallory, Tracey and Tayla to our Playcentre family. We have also had to farewell Jamie Barnes and Cameron Fletcher who are both off to school. We wish them well. They will be missed. Paula Barnes our past president has also departed and we wish her all the best.

Our playcentre is involved in the Telecom fundraising scheme whereby 5% of your toll bill is donated to us. To nominate our centre for this forms are available by phoning the playcentre on 8148835 or Debbie Brown on 8149187.

We are open Mon, Wed and Fri 0930-1200. Please feel free to visit during these times and you'll be able to view our new wet and dry fish tank with goldfish, tadpoles and frogs which has been a recent purchase.

The Playcentre is situated down the drive next to the Community Centre, 911 West Coast Road.



The next meeting for the Garden Group is at 1pm on Wednesday 25th March at Colourline Nursery, 703 West Coast Road.

The theme will be Perennials and Lavender.

You are very welcome to attend, there are no fees and you can come as regularly as you like.

LETTER TO THE NEW EDITOR!

I wish to thank Carleine for coming forward to take over as Editor. I know she will do a great job. I enjoyed my six years. At first it was trying to learn the computer with the help and sometimes exasperation of my sons, in fact it still is I suppose. Tony Bacon knows that when I am in trouble! Many thanks to the Longley family, especially Carol for being so keen to help us produce this newsletter. Carol puts in all the fancy bits and scans photos and pictures and nothing is ever too much trouble and it is printed at no cost to the Waiatarua Ratepayers and Residents Association.

Thanks to all the people who have encouraged me with their comments and sending contributions.

Lastly thanks to the committee whom have been a pleasure to work with and I know that local affairs are in good hands. I really appreciated the flowers presented to me at the Annual Meeting.

Margaret Blumhardt

LIBRARY NEWS

Thank you Adith Stoneman for answering our need for a volunteer. This does not mean anyone else who is interested need not apply, the more the merrier.

We will be closed over Easter weekend, which is Good Friday 10th April, Saturday 11th and Sunday 12th. This year Anzac days falls on a Saturday so we will be closed on this day also.

New books this month:

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| People of the Mists | <i>K. O'Neal</i> |
| The Mistress of Spices | <i>C. Divakutumi</i> |
| A Question of Integrity | <i>S. Howatch</i> |
| K for Killing | <i>D. Easterman (a real mans book!)</i> |
| Street Lawyer | <i>J. Grisham (come and put your name down for this one)</i> |

All is well here in the library, please feel free to come and visit.

ADVERTISING

This is free to financial members for 1998,

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

LEARN TO SPEAK ITALIAN with an experienced native teacher. Private or groups, all levels - conversation, grammar, business. Phone Alessandra, 814-8993.

EXCELLENT CHEAP GLASS REPAIRS - phone 814-9786

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

WANTED - HANDYMAN / CARPENTER - to gib-board a double carport. If available please phone Wade on 814-9724

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 - mariehasler@mp-waitakere.gen.nz

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
Ngairé 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
Gaelene & Tony Goodrich	17 Cascade Ave	814-9788

Please accept my subscription to the
Waiatarua Ratepayers and Residents Association
for 1998

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 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 & Sunday 11am – 12 noon

Books can be returned at any time through the chute by the library door.



*Wishing everyone
a Happy and
Safe Easter
Weekend*

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 hrs)

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

MAY NEWSLETTER

Copy needs to be in the hands of

The Editor,

722 West Coast Road,

Waiatarua

by MONDAY 6TH APRIL, 1998

Opinions expressed in this newsletter are not necessarily those of the Editor or the Waiatarua Ratepayers and Residents Association.

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WAIATARUA RATEPAYERS AND RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION COMMITTEE 1998

President	Gerry Davis	Ph/Fax 814-8833	
Vice-President	Tony Bacon	Ph 814-9860	Fax 814-9140
Past-President	Richard Hoyle	Ph 836-0489	
Treasurer	Eileen Powell	Ph/Fax 814-9298	
Secretary	<i>Yet to be appointed</i>		
Playcentre	Penny Barker	Ph/Fax 814-8950	
Editor	Carleine Receveur	Ph 814-9272	
Community Board	Chris Field	Ph 814-9876	
	David Harre	Ph 818-7816	Fax 818-7252
Members at large	Terry Chapman	Ph/Fax 814-8778	
	Jenny Cornell	Ph/Fax 814-9724	
	Wade Cornell	Ph/Fax 814-9724	
	Tricia Fitzgerald	Ph 814-9610	
	Anne Gordon	Ph 814-8711	
	Jason Gordon	Ph 814-8711	
	Den Graham	Ph 814-9706	Fax 444-0199

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 Monday of the month at 722 West Coast Road.

Newsletter delivery is the third or fourth week of the month.

Newsletter distribution problems phone Adith Stoneman on 814-9822.

WAITAKERE WARD CITY COUNCILLORS	Penny Hulse	832-5358	
	Paul Lowe	810-9192	
	Carolynne Stone	818-8057	
WAITAKERE CITY COUNCIL	Office hours	836-8000	– animal welfare 836-7777
	After hours	836-8045	– for noise control, animal welfare, stormwater, accidents.
	Daytime accidents	836-8000 ext 8736	attention Roger Ward
	Information line	836-8056	for details of council services & facilities

GRAFFITI REMOVAL	Tony Holt	814-9688	
WAIATARUA VOLUNTEER FIRE BRIGADE	Emergencies	Phone 111	
	Enquiries phone	Ian Ford 814-9610	
		Lyndsay Whittle 814-9872	
		Richard Seccombe 814-8860	
		Waiatarua Fire Station 814-9213	
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	
WAIATARUA LIBRARY	911 West Coast Road, under the Community Centre		
	Phone	814-9353	
	Opening hours	Thursday 10am — 12noon. Friday 7pm — 8pm	
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WAIATARUA PLAYCENTRE	911 West Coast Road, down the drive		
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	Phone	814-8835 or contact Debbie phone 814-9187	
WAIATARUA COMMUNITY HALL HIRE	Custodian – Terry Blumhardt, phone 814-9843		

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