



# Community News

AUGUST 1998

EDITOR : CARLEINE RECEVEUR

## MARGARET AND TERRY ARE LEAVING

### Let's give them a party to remember!

Come to the Waiatarua Hall, **SUNDAY 26 JULY 2.30PM**

Margaret and Terry Blumhardt are leaving Waiatarua on the 31<sup>st</sup> of July after many years living in West Coast Road.

Few can boast a record as impressive in terms of community service. Since they built a new house to live in on their property in 1967 they have an unbroken record of doing things for all of us. How's this list?

#### Margaret –

Oratia Playcentre  
Oratia Kindergarten  
Oratia Folk Museum  
Member of WRRRA 1968 – 1998  
WRRRA Executive Member  
Hall Fundraising 1970 – 1974  
Garden Group  
Waiatarua Newsletter Editor for 6 years

#### Terry –

Sunnyvale Scouts 1979 – 1985  
Volunteer Fireman 1968 – 1990  
Member of WRRRA 1968 – 1998  
WRRRA Executive Member  
Hall Fundraising 1970 – 1974  
Hall Custodian 1995 – 1998

They were greeted by the Whites (neighbours), when they shifted in and immediately became members of the Waiatarua Residents and Ratepayers Association. Terry became a ranger in the Auckland Regional Authority (Council) in 1970 with responsibilities in the water catchment and issued fire permits in the area for many years. On their property Margaret and Terry first grew flowers (irises) then kiwifruit and most recently Christmas trees.

A good example of their community values is the way they helped Wally Ayre before and after his hip operation. Wally put up with a lot of pain and an inordinate time on the hospital waiting list. Making sure he eventually got to the top of the list, then helping him on his return home, Margaret and Terry gave Wally inestimable satisfaction. This is but one example of the way they helped sick and aged in the district. However, you didn't have to be sick and aged to enjoy their generosity. How they ever made money from their kiwifruit orchard beats me!

Old hands who attended one of our public meetings, especially those held on behalf of aspiring politicians, waited with bated breath

for Terry's contribution. Quite often it was a long time in coming and the suspense was terrible. Finally, with the force of an explosion, his "question" would, quite predictably, wake everyone up. Woe betides the budding politician unable to stand up to this verbal tidal wave!

We wish them well in their retirement to live "down on the flat" in the Bay of Plenty.

(Contributed by Richard Hoyle)

## FIRE BRIGADE NEWS

### 'Red Hat, No Knickers'

Written by Tony Holt has been another success in fundraising for the brigade. Our thanks go out to all of those who put a lot of time and effort into getting it off the ground and making it the success it has been. Thanks to all who supported us – without your patronage it wouldn't have happened. Once again thank you all very much.

### Where's the money going?

We have been able to purchase the necessary hose for the new ute. Other equipment has also been ordered, so it shouldn't be too long before it is fully functional and able to be called out to fire calls by the mobilising control room. You may see it out with the fire engine, but at the moment it is only playing a supporting role.

### Fire Station

'Fingers crossed' it is, and we quote "virtually definate" you will see a new fire station this year. Funds are being put aside to rebuild it. Developments will be updated in forthcoming newsletters.

## WRRRA COMMITTEE PROFILE

### Introducing ... Jill Abbott

My husband Ron and I first met when I was 5 and he was 12 in a little place called East London in South Africa. Situated on the coast, roughly half way between Cape Town and Durban. We used to say that the weather was like a baby "if it wasn't wet it was windy". Because of the age difference I didn't see much of Ron growing up. After he finished school he did his 9 months compulsory military training and then went on to Rhodes university in Grahamstown. It was while he was here he got his Springbok colours for trampolining and gymnastics and represented South Africa in the World Trampoline Championships in London and came sixth. After graduating with a B.Com degree he went and lived in Durban. Meantime I was plodding along and getting through school, playing tennis and hockey and generally driving my parents mad.

Towards the end of 1972 Ron came back to East London and opened a Trampoline Centre on the beachfront for the summer before going to Australia in the New Year. So old friendships were renewed and we were married six weeks later and sailed the next day to Australia. He tells me it was a toss up between asking me to marry



him or buying a cine camera (it was in the days before Video cameras) I won by a hairbreadth. I must add that on our travels we did pick up a cine camera and I'm still going which is more than we can say for the camera, so I feel he made the right choice. We lived in Adelaide from where we worked and explored Australia for a year or so. It was here that I saw TV for the first time as South Africa only got TV towards the end of the Seventies – then on to the States, Canada and Europe.

We eventually settled in Durban, South Africa where our two sons were born. Ron worked for IBM (International Business Machines) or as we used to say "Institute of broken marriages" or "I've been moved". We moved both in South Africa and overseas. I worked in Public Relations in the fashion industry, which I loved, it was great fun.

We lived in Johannesburg prior to coming to New Zealand thirteen years ago. We spent the first eleven years at Bucklands Beach, Howick, I sold Real Estate, Ron started his Computer software business and the boys went to MacLeans College. We bought an Econovan and a tent and explored New Zealand from the top of the North Island to the bottom of the South Island travelling down the one coast coming back up the other. There are still bits in the middle we have to see.

Ron went back to university to do an MBA, then my eldest son started university. He had no sooner finished than the younger one started. By the time he graduates we will have had someone there for ten years.

We moved to this beautiful neck of the woods at the beginning of last year. We live on an acre of land surrounded by bush, birds, city and harbour views and great neighbours. We now also share our home with my Mum (they say a girl can't get by without her Mum), two Irish Setters and a cat.

My aim this year has been to learn Ballroom Dancing and get involved in this community.

**WANTED – VOLUNTEERS TO HELP WITH THE ORATIA FOLK MUSEUM GARDEN**  
Please contact Neville Brown ph: 837 1085 or see him in action in the garden every Monday 9-12pm

## NEIGHBOURHOOD NEWS

In not quite the same genre as the infamous Felicity Ferret – a new section in the Community News will be dedicated to residents of Waiatarua in which everyone is invited to forward letters from anything to welcoming new residents, to any interesting and juicy gossip!

### Welcome to ... Glenda and Kai Seng Tan.

Glenda and Kai recently moved to Waiatarua after living in South Auckland for 22 years. Kai Seng came to New Zealand from Penang in Malaysia to Auckland University and Glenda from Dunedin. So they are both immigrants.

They love their new surroundings and love the bush.

They have 3 boys and a foster daughter all grown now, one son is living with them at present.

Waiatarua is a radical change from Papatoetoe and Glenda is wondering if she is having a midlife crisis. There is no fire engine sounds, no alarms in the middle of the night, just the beautiful sound of the tui song. They look forward to meeting more Waiatarua residents and participating in local affairs.

## Congratulations to .... Jo and Geoff Hall

on the arrival of their second daughter, **Laura Kate**, 7 pounds 14 ounces.



A light in the night sky? What's been happening to the communication mast? Is this competition for the little Sky Tower? Keep a "mast eye" out for further illumination.



Okay, okay, I just can't help myself I just have to show off our new little daughter, **Caroline Ruby** who was born on the 18 June – only 5 pounds! Ed.

## ORATIA KINDERGARTEN FUNDRAISER

Oratia Kindergarten is organising a dance as a major fundraiser for the upgrading of their playground. The band "Tongue and Groove" will be playing – they are well known to get the dance floor packed.

**DATE:** 1 August 1998

**TIME:** 7:30pm – midnight

**VENUE:** Titirangi Memorial Hall, South Titirangi Road, Titirangi

**COST:** \$20 (includes supper)

There will be a reasonable Cash Bar operating so no BYO.

Ph: 8149577 or Lynn ph: 8149605

So get a group together and support Oratia Kindergarten, and have a great night of dancing.

## LIBRARY NEWS

Please, please look under beds and behind chairs for over due books. We want them back, drop them in the shoot – we will not be too hard on you (not like other libraries).

### New books this month:

- Gerald Seymour - The Waiting Time (this time based in Germany)
- Colleen McCullough - Song of Troy (another hilarious romp)
- Terry Pratchett - The Last Continent
- Sebastian Junger - The Perfect Storm (a non fiction description of different storms. Awsome!)
- Richard Preston - Cobra Event

## 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.

## Letter to the Editor

I would like to make people aware going down Mountain Road in the mornings that there are shift workers returning home. It is a fact that Mountain Road is a narrow winding road and at certain spots there is barely enough room for two cars to pass each other. However it would be nice to be able to use it with confidence in the mornings instead of nearly being driven off the road by people in a hurry to get to work. So be aware, I could be around the bend.

### WHAT'S ON:

#### Oratia Spinning Craft Group

Bi annual Fair – and sale of work

SEPTEMBER 5<sup>TH</sup> 1998

Oratia Church Hall, Parker Road • 10am – 2pm

Make a note of this date please.

They will have a wonderful range of famous homemade goodies and crafts and things for children.



#### SEPTEMBER 6

Going West by train. Auckland Central to Helensville and back – a one day adventure of food, wine, performance and history. Featuring Lynda Chanwai-Earle, Dick Scott, Bob Harvey and others.

#### SEPTEMBER 12,13

Two days of discussion, performance and readings by leading writers; James Belich, Paula Boock, Dianne Brown, Lynda Chanwai-Earle, Dave Dobbyn, Witi Ihimaera, Annamaire Jagose, Kapka Kassabova, Michael King, Chris Knox, Shonagh Koea, Michelle Leggott, Rachel McAlpine, Anne Salmond, Tina Shaw, Peter Simpson, C.K. Stead, Tainui Stephens, Robert Sullivan, Ian Wedde, Peter Wells.

#### SEPTEMBER 19

Storyfest. A day for families to delight in the world through story telling, performance and workshops.

For further information:

Naomi McCleary – Arts Advisor, Waitakere City Council

Ph: 836 8000 ext 8934

#### LOPDELL HOUSE – Robert Franken: Mystic Places

16 JULY – 16 AUGUST • Franken's large scale paintings and smaller pastel works explore issues of migration, identity and belonging. Working from the question of the shadow, and whether it may be said to have a soul, Franken's works consider his responses to life in the Pacific and its implications.

#### LOPDELL HOUSE – Marcus Williams:

##### *Being Here and Being There* – 17 JULY – 16 AUGUST

Williams is an artist, teacher and amateur phenomenologist who lives and works in Auckland.

#### LOPDELL HOUSE – Gallery Film Series

A unique opportunity to view and consider film critically in West Auckland come and hear contemporary filmmakers and theorists and view some fabulous New Zealand films.

##### WEDNESDAY 22 JULY

Sima Urale O Tamaiti, Sub-Cranoum Feeling and Tattoo  
Lisa Riehana Native portraits and a Dragon Story

##### WEDNESDAY 26 AUGUST

Peter Wells Curves and Contrasts and The Mighty Civic

##### WEDNESDAY 16 SEPTEMBER

Laurence Simmons Broken Barrier

##### WEDNESDAY 21 OCTOBER

Paul Judge Lament for Barney Flanagan

All films screen at 7pm in the Lopdell House Theatre,  
418 Titirangi Road.

Tickets \$3/\$4, 4 evening pass \$15

#### LOPDELL HOUSE – The Upstairs Gallery

##### *Annual Primary and Intermediate Schools Exhibition*

9 JULY – 2 AUGUST

##### *Revelations: Paintings, Drawings and Sculpture by*

Beverly and Marion Towns and Simon Weeler.

6<sup>TH</sup> – 30<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST

#### Western Express

JULY 26 – AUGUST 1

Opening Sunday 26 July 5.30 – 7pm at West City, Henderson.

#### The 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Waitakere Secondary School Art Exhibition

– at West City. Through this project, Lopdell House Gallery wants to highlight and promote the Diversity of Secondary School art to regional audiences.



Our get-together this month will be in the form of a lunch to farewell Margaret and Terry. This will be held at 19 Raroa Terrace at 12pm Wednesday 22 July.

Bring a plate and if you have any questions ring Eileen on 8149298.

# 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**

FOR SALE - Cane two and one seater with cream Indian cotton cushions \$150 Ph: 814-9945

FLATMATE WANTED - to share Waiatarua cottage. \$85 p/w plus exp. Non smoker, no pets please. Phone 814-9352 or 818-8139.

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A La Carte Dining. Hours: Wed. to Sun. from 6 pm for Dinner. Lunch Sat. & Sun. from 12 noon. We are fully licensed and BYOW. Join our Wine Club and attend regular wine tastings. For information and/or Reservations please phone 814-9804.

LAWYER & NOTARY PUBLIC - John Hendrikse Also available at night and at weekends. Competitive Fees: to buy a home from \$445.00, to sell from \$345.00 plus GST and disbursements. Familiar with Afrikaans. 914 West Coast Road, Waiatarua - Ph/Fax 814-9991

FIREWOOD FOR SALE - *guaranteed dry* split macrocarpa, \$60 per cubic metre. Call at 17 Rimu Road or phone 814-8833

EXCELLENT CHEAP GLASS REPAIRS - phone 814-9786

DESKTOP PUBLISHING / WORD PROCESSING WEB PAGE DESIGN - all your typing needs catered for at very reasonable prices. Call Elaine 837-8207

MUSIC TEACHER - available to teach piano, keyboard and theory. Based in Waiatarua. Offers one-to-one tuition, practical and theory exams, competitions, all at reasonable prices. Contact NZ Modern School of Music on 0800 696874

KEEP HEALTHY NATURALLY - Tricia Lukas, Classical Homeopath Dip. A.C. Hom. First Aid and Chronic Health Problems. Phone 814-9221

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

PRUNING - roses, fruit trees, shrubs and Garden Design and Maintenance. Phone Linda 025 8335610 or evenings 833-7860

PROFESSIONAL ROCK BAND FOR HIRE -Very versatile with full stage show. For details and bookings phone Steve on 814-9191.

## 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	PH/FAX	E-MAIL
Mary Kelly	3 Atarua Gardens	814-9857 + Fax	turtle@xtra.co.nz
Denis Graham	Back up - Atarua Gdns	814-9706	
Tony Holt	56 Bush Road	814-9688	
Ross & Kath Mullins	330 Forest Hill Rd	814-9402 + Fax	
Jenny McGee	886 West Coast Rd	814-9954	
Chris Field	799 West Coast Rd	814-9876	CHRISLIZ@VOYAGER.CO.NZ
Ngairi Mason	21 Tui Crescent	814-9036 + Fax	
Adith Stoneman	8 Kauri Loop Rd	814-9822	
Margaret/Paddy Marshall	19 Raroa Tce	814-9859	
Gaelene/Tony Goodrich	17 Cascade Ave	814-9788	
Debbie Irving	562 Scenic Drive	814 9789	

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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 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

## AUGUST NEWSLETTER

Copy needs to be in the hands of

The Editor,

722 West Coast Road,

Waiatarua

by WEDNESDAY 8th JULY, 1998

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