



# Community News

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## What You Always Wanted To Know About The Elections But Were Too Afraid To Ask

Local elections are just around the corner. The elections are being conducted by postal vote with Election Day being Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> October. Your voting papers will be delivered to you between 25<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> of September.

Special voting is available to those residents whose name does not appear on the Final Electoral roll, but who qualify as electors, or who did not receive a voting paper previously posted to them or who spoiled their voting paper.

Special Votes are available from Monday 28<sup>th</sup> September to noon, Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> October at the Waitakere City Council in Waiparera Avenue.

Waitakere City is one of the six constituencies of the Auckland region and is divided into four wards, in which Waitakere is the smallest in terms of resident electors. The other wards are Massey, Henderson and New Lynn.

People are now busy campaigning and displaying signs. There are a number of council guidelines to which candidates have to adhere. For example no signs are permitted within 50m of major intersections, no signs are to be visible from the Western Motorway, no sign should exceed 3m<sup>2</sup> in area – and so the list goes on.

No election campaigning including the display of election signs is permitted on Election Day.

### Who is there to choose from?

#### Standing for Mayor for Waitakere City are:

Britten, Ross (Independent)  
Freeth, Michael (Independent)  
Harvey, Bob (Independent)  
Neeson, Vanessa (Independent)  
Scheib, Sandra (Christians against Abortion)

#### Standing for the Waitakere ward are:

Allen, Margaret (Go Waitakere)  
Gordon, Jeanae (Independent)  
Hales, Bill  
Hulse, Penny  
Lowe, Paul  
Povey, Barry (Go Waitakere)  
Stone, Carolynne (Independent)  
Sunde, Gordon (Go Waitakere)

In Waitakere ward, which has about 7,600 private dwellings, there are 3 places for councillors and 6 for the Community Board.

You can access the preliminary results of the elections from 7pm

on Election Day from the Henderson Service Centre in Railside Avenue or via the internet on <http://www.waitakere.govt.nz>

And what do these members of local government get in terms of remuneration?

The maximum remuneration for Members of Waitakere City Council include: for mayor \$91,570, councillors \$15,450 with a meeting allowance of no more than \$180 a day.

Happy voting everyone!

## WRRRA New Committee Members

Congratulations to Susan Clark and Glenda Tan, who are two newly co-opted committee members.

Remember all residents of Waitakere are invited to join the WRRRA meetings, held the first Monday of each month. It's a great opportunity to meet people in the neighbourhood and be involved in community affairs. Meetings are held at 7.30pm in the Waitakere Community Hall on West Coast Road.

## Ever Dreamed Of Being In The Movies?

This could be your big chance!

Following hot on the heels of the Waitakere Fire Brigade's huge success with "Phone 1125-J (A Short and Three Longs)", the producers have decided to make a 90 minute broadcast quality video production based on the stage play. The setting will be Nihotupu (alias Waitakere) in the late 1950's – early 1960's.

Although most of the major parts have been cast, people with the following skills are still required:

- actors for small parts (adults and children)
- extras
- technical crew and helpers
- carpenters
- electricians
- mechanics
- photographers
- designers
- drivers
- makeup artists
- hairdressers
- tailors / dressmakers

Please phone Lyndsay on 814 9872 if you are keen to help, or for any further information.

## The Falls

Looking for somewhere close to go and have that special meal or perhaps just wanting to have a caffeine fix in pleasant surrounds? Try "The Falls" Café and Restaurant in Alderman Drive, Henderson.

Wanting to go and have a nose for a while I ventured out with baby one fine morning. Located in "Falls Park" in Henderson, the two-storey Kauri Building was shifted from Railside Ave, where it had remained empty, to its present spot December last year.

Parking being no obstacle (unlike all those central city restaurants and cafes) I firstly admired the bronze archway sculpture which is

adjacent to the restaurant. Roderick Burgess, a local sculptor was commissioned to do the work by the Waitakere Licensing Trust as a project to celebrate Henderson's 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary, celebrated in 1994.

The archway depicts the early history of Henderson with its logging, gum digging, orchards and winemaking themes. These are illustrated on four panels that are united by trees to form the arch.

The Falls Hotel is a major landmark of the area. Built in 1850 by "Long John" McLeod, a mill manager for Thomas Henderson (the founder of Henderson), it was built to provide accommodation for the worker's at Henderson Mill.

In the 1880's the hotel was named the Falls Hotel probably because of its proximity to the Waitakere Falls (now just a trickle). It had earlier been referred to as the Oratia Hotel and apparently the name Oratia can still be seen on the north west wall of the building.

Souvenir brochures are available giving a detailed account of the history of the Falls Hotel.

The café, situated at the back of the hotel is open every day from 9am until about 7pm. On Thursday, Friday and Saturday, closing time can be as late as midnight. The café opens out to a deck area, where you can enjoy your cappuccino whilst basking in the sunlight.

The restaurant is open 7 days for dinner and everyday for lunch apart from Saturday. The menu is a selection of great New Zealand fare. This restaurant is not cheap. I will need to consult my budget before booking in here. You do have to book; this is fast becoming a very popular place. Entrees cost from \$13 to \$15, whilst the mains range from \$25 to \$28. However the menu reads like poetry (and like poetry I don't necessarily understand all of it). Entrees such as "Tataki of venison with a sesame, soy dipping sauce and daikon salad" and "Paddle crab and potato cakes with szechwan pepper and citrus aioli" can but get the taste buds going.

There are a number of mouth-watering sounding mains to choose from and all are served with vegetables and potato of the day.

I left drooling at the mouth, having not even indulged in a slice of cake at the café. However I will be back, I can feel some coffee mornings coming on.

## Neighbourhood News

West is the best for movie and programme making! The latest TV series to be filmed here, closely following in the footsteps of Xena and Hercules, is a new series called Young Hercules. Rumour has it that it has been shot somewhere in Carter Road – drive slowly and you might see evidence of a set or two.

Sad news - our local "Off the Vine" restaurant has fermented and turned to vinegar. Watch that site for further developments.

Good news - following from the "Letter to the Editor" last month where Margaret and Geoff Wood wrote in describing their concerns over the conditions of Mountain road and that letters to the Council about the fact have gone unanswered, have finally got a response from council. In fact it was the Mayor himself who after reading none other than this newsletter, phoned the Woods to apologise for this oversight and was personally going to follow up their concerns. Well done and thanks to the Woods!

## Neighbourhood Watch

Does your group need to be revitalised? We felt ours did. A meeting was organised, and it was great to get to know some of our neighbours a little better. Traditionally we have had a street BBQ in February, but this year February came and went and no BBQ. So that was the first thing we decided to do and a few weeks later we enjoyed a Midyear Xmas Street BBQ – great turnout, great fun.

A telephone list and tree was made. We erected new Neighbourhood signs in the street and decided to meet on a regular basis varying the venue so that we not only get to know each other but also the environment we live in (this is what happens when you live in the bush).

At our last meeting we invited Mr Peter Francis, a criminologist as our speaker. Peter, outside his formal training, has made a personal study in regards to burglary and believes there is so much more that you can do then buying an expensive alarm system.

We all left a little wiser and with something to think about. Since

## Playcentre

Well it is almost the end of Term 3 and what a busy term we have had. We had ERO (Education Review Office) visit and have recently received our report. This will become a public document at the beginning of Term 4, so anyone wishing to view this may obtain a copy from the playcentre. I would however like to include an excerpt from the report for the community to read...

"Children attending Waitarua Playcentre appear happy and secure in a positive learning environment. They confidently choose from the wide range of stimulating resources and activities. Children are supported by caring adults who work hard to provide for their needs."

We held our AGM on September 15 and were pleased with the number of people willing to take up the challenge of holding new positions within our centre.

Joseph Paler and Phoebe Munro are turning five and are heading off to school. We wish them a very happy birthday, a fond farewell and all the best for their school years. We also feel sad to be farewelling Susie Butler after her many years of Playcentre involvement. She will be sorely missed and we wish her all the very best for the future.

Playcentre will be closed during the school holidays (26<sup>th</sup> September – 11<sup>th</sup> October). Our session days are Monday, Wednesday and Friday 9.15 - 12.15pm.

We welcome all children between the ages of 0-6 years old and their caregivers at our family co-operative. For further details phone the playcentre on 8148835 or Debbie Brown 8149187.



## Oratia Folk Museum

You may have noticed that the museum is going through a period of revitalisation. After 20 years of continued effort from volunteers, circumstances have meant that ever fewer people are able to volunteer time to the on-going maintenance of this valuable City asset. The same people are being required to give more time and effort.

It's becoming too much!

At the same time, more people seem to be interested in visiting the old house when it is open (Sunday 1pm-4pm)

Needed are:

- More people to add to the roster for opening the museum on Sunday.
- People to tend the cottage garden
- People to maintain the building and contents e.g. Repair doors, gates, windows, dust and clean, launder and repair clothes, linen. Air and freshen rooms.

**The Garden ...** we need people who can spare say 2 hours for weeding.

If we had enough people this would mean only once or twice a year each to provide really good tidying.

Please contact either of the below people ASAP (before Spring gets on top of us!) if you can offer any time to ensure the continued use and development of your gracious old gem.

Leonie Leman 818-5376

Neville Brown 837-1085

We have just had an offer of help on Thursdays so if you can help them please let us know.

## 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.

## Library News

It is good to see many new members using the library. Residents are noticing what an interesting selection of books we have.

New recommended books include:

A Monk Swimming	Malachy McCourt (brother of the writer of "Angela's Ashes".)
The Coffin Dancer	Jeffery Deaver
A Time to Kill	John Grisham
Message in a Bottle	Nicholas Sparks
Die Trying	Lee Child
Point of Origin	Patricia Cornwell
11 Hours	Paullina Simons

and many more.

## Just A Bit Of Rubbish

Don't forget to use the weekly paper and green bin recycling. The paper recycling collects clean, flat paper and cardboard which is used to make paper products. It does not include waxed paper, plastic coated or foil-lined cartons or window envelopes.

Goodies you can put in your Green bin include aluminium and tin cans, glass jars and bottles and recycle plastic bottles with 1 or 2 on the bottom

## What's On:

### West City Shopping Centre Half-Marathon

October 4. For more information contact Nick Schouten ph: 8370567

### Lopdell House Gallery

**Three Score** : An opera, a sound and dance. 3 nights of performance.

**John Luyall** Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> September 7pm

Water, pianos, ballerinas and plenty more!

**Relay-Go West** Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> September 7pm

Relay is an Auckland based sound collective of artists working primarily with sound. Go West is a performance night thematically structured around the location of Lopdell House looking also at themes of: 'westie' culture, the western genre, car culture and the site of Lopdell in WEST Auckland.

**Points in Space** Friday 25<sup>th</sup> September 7pm

A selection of 5 Auckland dancers / performers present new works at Lopdell House Gallery. This night will feature the work of Mark Harvey, Becca Wood and Charlotte Corner, Sue Cheesman and Andrea Munro.

then a few of us have asked Peter to have a look at our home and environment and Peter has given us some cost effective innovative ideas to make our home less inviting to burglars.

For a small fee Peter would be happy to attend your NHW meeting or you may wish to contact him individually to look at you property directly. Peter can be contacted on 813-2245.

Adith Stoneman

## Biosecurity Trials

Chris McKain, our Regional Biosecurity Officer is looking for properties in this area to conduct Ginger control trials using stem injection and alternative herbicides.

Also any sites with Elaeagnus (a long-lived, vigorous scrambling shrub) is required for herbicide trials.

Those residents who have either of these plant pests and are interested in being part of the trial can contact Chris on 8175153 to see if their property is appropriate. Written consent forms need to be signed before any trial work can be carried out.



This month we are visiting the Simcock family garden, which is a Waitakere City competition winner. The address is 209 Golf Road, Titirangi. Meet at 1pm 23 September. For further information or car-pooling ring Eileen on 814 9298.

### HELP!!!

We still need a new distributor to take over the Blumhardt's run in West Coast Road.

If you can help please contact Adith Stoneman ph 814 9822

# 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**

**CLEANER WANTED** for 3 hours a week for Scenic Drive house. Flexible hours. Refs essential. Ph: 814 9926.

**GRASS TRIMMER / WEED EATER** – For sale. Ryobi "Scorpion" Petrol Model RCT 2800AE as new. Shop price \$195 will sell \$145. Contact 814 9684 or see Hans at Kenlock Motors.

**VETERINARIAN** -Full veterinary service for dogs, cats and other pets; including spays and neutering, X-rays, urgent medical and surgical treatment. House calls. Phone Neil Pullan on 814 9504.

**CHEAP TRELIS FOR SALE** – 55 mm square, 25mm batten, large sheets. Ph 814 9272.

**ACCOUNTANT WANTED** – someone who speaks our language and understands our needs, not the usual run-of-the-mill accountant, rather someone who doesn't have a tie to loosen but does have the skills and professionalism provid-

ing expertise and excellent service. Phone Michael or Fern on 814 8995 a/h.

**FAYS YOGA CLASS** – Glen Eden – Your complete Health and Fitness Prog. Mon to Sat ph: 817 8233.

**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. With housing transactions a free will. Familiar with Afrikaans. 914 West Coast Road, Waiatarua Ph/Fax 814 9991.

**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 696 874.

**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.

**EXCELLENT CHEAP GLASS REPAIRS**  
Phone 814-9786.

**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.

**FOR SALE** Pasta maker (unused). Cost \$550 will sell for \$300. Phone 8149 456.

**WANTED** Person to split firewood. Good pay rate. Contact Peter George 814 9456

**JP and MARRIAGE CELEBRANT** Peter George, 895 West Coast Road Waiatarua. Phone 814 9456.

**PALMS, TAROS, BANANAS** and subtropical foliage plants available from our Nursery. For visits phone Landsendt on 818 6914.

## 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	crislizf@voyager.co.nz
Ngaire Mason	21 Tui Crescent	814-9036+ Fax	
Adith Stoneman	8 Kauri Loop Rd	814-9822	
Margaret/Paddy Marshall	19 Raroa Te	814-9859	
Gaelene/Tony Goodrich	17 Cascade Ave	814-9788	
Debbie Irving	562 Scenic Drive	814 9789	

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

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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

Phone the Custodian Pauline Isaachsen on 814 9847

## NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER

Copy needs to be in the hands of

The Editor,

722 West Coast Road,

Waiatarua

by WEDNESDAY 7TH OCTOBER, 1998

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