



Community News

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Waiataruas' BIG NIGHT OUT

Pam's out but Bob and Ted are in. Yes I'm sure you all know that Pam Corkery is pulling out of politics and that means a rearranged schedule and so will not be available for Waiatarua's Big Night Out on February 25. Equally as entertaining and with a local focus we have Bob Harvey (author) and Ted Scott (photographer). Bob and Ted will share with us the background to their popular book *The Untamed Coast* along with showing slides of Ted's inspiring photography of the Waitakere Ranges and adjoining coastline.

The *Untamed Coast* has sold in excess of 10,000 copies and is onto its third print run. Ted Scott will have copies available for sale on the night and he and Bob Harvey are happy to autograph them for you. If you already own a copy bring that along if you wish to have it autographed too.

The main thrust of Waiatarua's **BIG NIGHT OUT** is the Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the Waiatarua Ratepayers and Residents Association. This is on Thursday 25 February starting at 7.00pm. We invite you to come along and listen to Bob and Ted's stories and then join in for the AGM. All members of the community are welcome, young, old and anything in between.

The Association works for you and helps the development of our community. We make sure Waitakere City Council doesn't take us for granted even though we represent a small percentage of Waitakere City's population. We usually meet the first Monday of each month for a two hour meeting. The work is not difficult nor does it take a long time. Please consider whether you would like to take a turn, have some fun and share for the next year in building a better community.

Please consider coming to the AGM and no matter your skills or ability you have a lot to contribute and we would ask that you seriously think about joining the committee. Together we can build a better community for now and the years to come.

So join in the fun on February 25 starting at 7.00pm for Tea and Coffee followed by Bob and Ted's adventures and then the AGM.

PLACE: Waiatarua Community Hall (see map)
TIME: 7.00pm Tea, Coffee
7.30pm Bob and Ted's Adventures
8.00pm AGM Meeting
DATE: Thursday February 25th.

Can You Help!

To ensure this newsletter gets to you we need delivery people. Currently there is a need for a person (or family) to deliver the monthly newsletter to the upper end of Forest Hill Road. Delivery time is around 30 minutes even less if you walk quickly. You don't need to live in Forest Hill Road although close by would be easier for you. If interested or would like more information please call Adith Stoneman on 814-9822.

Thanks.



Our first get together for 1999 is on Wednesday 24 February at 1pm when we will visit the beautiful garden of Denis and Carol Graham at 9 Atarua Gardens. (rather appropriate road name, editor) Everyone is welcome and further information is available by contacting Eileen on 814-9298.

Mitch's Recommended Bush Walk

(This will be a regular feature by Mitch, who spends many hours running along the wonderful tracks in the ranges along with running City Lights Café and Brasserie. You are welcome to call in to City Lights Café and Brasserie to chat with Mitch about other walks)

Just 10 minutes by car from City Lights Café and Brasserie, down Piha Road to the end of Te Ahu Ahu Road/Log Race Road are three of the most under used walks within the Waitakere Ranges. Parking is easy as there is plenty of room for vehicles. Once there you have a choice of one hour, two hour or three hour walks.

- Mercer Bay Loop Track, = 1.5 hours return, approx. 1.4km
- Mercer Bay Loop Track to Comans Track = 1 hour return, approx. 1.4km
- Mercer Bay Loop Track to Ahu Ahu Track = 1 hour return, approx. 1.4km
- Do all three tracks together = 3.5 hours, approx. 4.2km.

These tracks have the most spectacular views of the Tasman Sea and Piha in one direction and then all the way to the Manukau Heads in the other. The walks at times are hundreds of feet above the sea with dramatic views down below. Fantastic places to watch the bird life too.

Some fitness is needed for all the tracks and in some places it becomes steep and rocky. Remember to go prepared with good walking shoes and a water bottle which is essential on these hot summer days.

On the Mitch scale of 1 to 10: I give it a 9. It's easy to get to and with the best in the west views.

Good luck and good tracking – Mitch.

Are you Financial?

Yes it's that time of the year again when we remind you that your subscription is due to stay part the Association. Your subscription goes towards this newsletter, and the general upkeep of the Association including the Community Hall and Library. The amount due is \$7.00 per family or \$4.00 per single occupant. You can post your subscription to 911 West Coast Road. Or deliver it when you attend the AGM on Thursday 25 February.

Please remember to write your name and address on the back of the cheque so we know who it is from.

What's On —

Lopdell House

Sound Shelter

19 FEBRUARY – 21 MARCH

An exhibition of new listening and installation sound works. Sound Shelter is part of Auckland's Sound Culture festival that runs from March 13 – 20 1999.

Check Lopdell House's internet site on the for more information. www.lopdell.org.nz

TCAC – The Upstairs Gallery

Terry Keenan and Barry Miller

12 FEBRUARY – 7 MARCH 1999

Bronze sculptures by Terry Keenan and oil painting by Barry Miller. Both Terry and Barry are long term residents of Waitakere City and well established artists. This exhibition promises to be a display of art at its finest.

"A Slice Of Europe – Croatia"

12 MARCH – 5 APRIL

Exhibition of Arts and Crafts by members of the Croatian Community.

If you are interested in joining the TCAC or want to find out more about forthcoming events phone Sue (gallery coordinator) on 817-8087 bus.

Titirangi Festival

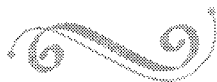
Sunday 21 February is Titirangi Village's Annual Festival. It's a fun filled day with the highlight, a charity auction. All sorts of goodies are donated for the auction so one never knows what they might be able to bid for. For those who haven't previously attended come prepared to be entertained. There will be all sorts for adults and kids. The organising committee are seeking full road closure for the day or at the least half of the road will be closed off. The radio station Mai FM on 88.6FM will be in attendance on the day and will be doing live feeds informing listeners of activities throughout the day. Further information or wish to donate goodies for the auction phone Sandy Cairns on 836-8000 Ext 8917. Have a fun day.

Waitakere Adventure Day – Huia

A day of abseiling, caving, kayaking, mountain biking, or maybe orienteering, sheep shearing or a 5km fun walk/run more to your taste? How about petanque or Tai Chi? These are just some of the events taking place at the sixth Waitakere Adventure Day on Sunday 21 February.

The day starts at 9.30 and finishes at 4pm. Entry is free to well over 30 exciting outdoor events. Foodstalls will be on site along with Spot Prizes and give-a-ways happening throughout the day.

This is a real family day with activities for all ages being held at Huia. For more information contact Parkline on 303-1530 or Sport Waitakere on 836-6635 (Sharron Todd).



Update on WRRRA Survey

In the last issue of Waitatarua Community News there was a brief article about the WRRRA survey. To refresh your memory the survey is to get your ideas and feedback about how the Association can best serve the Community. It will be your chance to jot down any gripes or nice things you would like to say and offer suggestions. Sure have a gripe if you want but we also want to hear your suggestions on how to go about rectifying the situation. The survey will be confidential to ensure we get unbiased feedback. It will be appearing in your letter boxes soon.

Proactive Fire Service

The local volunteer Fire Brigade is making progress on implementing a fire prevention plan in the coming months. As you can imagine (being a volunteer service) the main thrust of their duties is attending call outs. In the spare time between families, business and volunteer fire work they are developing the proactive fire prevention service.

In the meantime if you would like to learn more about this service you can phone Ian Ford 814-9610 after hours or 837-6477 during business hours.

Keeping an Eye Out

Ever wondered how rubbish or burnt out cars get to be dumped in our backyard? Well it's people who think they can use our area as a rubbish dump. Recently a local resident managed to prevent a trailer load of rubbish being dumped on Scenic Drive. By taking swift action and getting the local ranger involved they persuaded two "Townies" to take their trailer load of rubbish to a designated rubbish dump. Well done guy's thanks for taking quick action and getting support.

You too can play a part in keeping our backyard tidy. Keep an eye out for any suspicious carry-on and report it to the local ranger or the police. Make sure you jot down the vehicle's number plate to assist in following up.

Ginger Plant Time

In the next few weeks the Waitakere City Council is likely to be placing Ginger Bins for our use. It is important that we all play our part in removing Ginger Plants from our sections. Ginger plants can form dense colonies in native forests and smother the young native plants as well as preventing seedlings establishing.

There are only two effective ways of controlling Ginger Plants. One is by digging it out making sure all the root structure is removed and putting of it into the supplied council bins. The other method is to spray it with "Escort" herbicide. Be very careful not to spray desirable neighbouring plants. When spraying, spray the leaves, stems and root system making sure coverage is complete. Generally there is no need to remove the stalks and leaves once they have been sprayed, however, if you want to remove then wait until they are brown and dried out.

With more established Ginger plants it is best to cut down to waist height and then spray it. This not only means you use less spray but reduces the risk of spray drift.

Cutting the heads off the plant will prevent it from seeding, however, it does not kill the plant. If seeds are present then place the heads in a plastic bag and put them out with your rubbish.

Contact Enviroline on 0800-80 60 40 or our local Biosecurity Officer Chris McKain on 817-5153 to get the exact mixing rates for the herbicide and any other information you may require about Ginger plants or other noxious plants.

Condolences from the Community

Deepest sympathy is extended to the family of the lady who tragically died while out walking on Scenic Drive near the Waiatarua Fire Station on Sunday 7 February 1999.

Library –

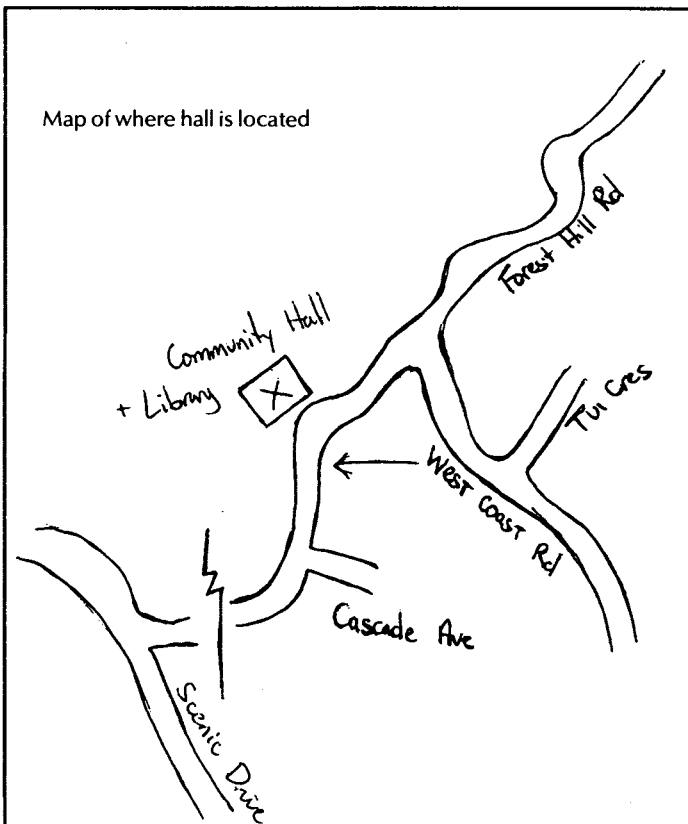
Waiatarua's Hidden Treasure!

Okay hands up those people that have visited the library. Hmm, thought so, not many of you at all. I confess to being in the same category until recently when I discovered just how interesting and vast the library is. In fact I was so impressed I joined up there and then and took home Jeffery Archer's latest book. Joining is free and you then have access to hundreds and hundreds of books ranging from novels to biographies, travel, history, cooking, do-it-yourself books and many more topics. There is also a children's section although I didn't spend any time there so you will need to check that out for yourself. The library hours are listed below so make the effort to visit I'm sure you will find it rewarding.

Sample of the latest arrivals:

- Dean Koontz - *Seize the Night*
- Brendan Graham - *The Whitest Flower (similar to Angela's Ashes)*
- Derek Hansen - *Blockade (author of Sole Survivor)*
- Jim Harrison - *The Road Home*
- Danielle Steele - *Mirror Image*
- Bryce Courtney - *Jessica*
- Minette Walters - *The Breaker*
- Barbara Taylor Bradford - *A Sudden Change of Heart*
- Dick Frances - *Field of 13 (short stories - this is a cracker)*
- J. Hinchcliffe - *Print Style (a lovely craft book)*
- Bob Harvey - *Untamed Coast*

Would those of you who are members of the library please check your bookshelves to make certain that you don't have any overdue books. The volunteers who run the library have spent a lot of time trying to locate overdue books so your help would be appreciated. They can be returned during opening hours or placed in the chute by the library doors, thanks.



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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.

Playcentre

Hope everybody had a wonderful and relaxing holiday. Playcentre is looking forward to a fun year with lots of new experiences for everybody. All children between 0-6 years along with their caregivers are welcome. So if you are wondering if Playcentre is suitable for your child then come along and experience it yourself. New faces and visitors are always welcome.

Our session days are Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 9.15am – 12.15pm. We are located at 911 West Coast Road, down driveway at the Community Centre, phone 814-8803 for further information.

Quotation

Why aren't we all empowered, happy, wealthy and successful? The truth is that even in the information age, information is not enough. If all we needed were ideas and positive thinking, then we all would have had ponies when we were kids and we would all be living our dream life now.

Action is what unites every great success. Action is what produces results. Knowledge is only potential power until it comes into the hands of someone who knows how to get themselves to take effective action.

ANTHONY (TONY) ROBBINS

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

JP - Mary Kelly. For personalised weddings, re-affirmation of wedding vows, ceremonies of commitment, naming ceremonies, MC, Chair for public meetings etc, Ph/Fax 814 9857.

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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, JP	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	chrislizf@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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Name

Address

Phone

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Waiatarua Ratepayers and Residents Association
 911 West Coast Road, Waiatarua, Auckland 8
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Friday and Saturday evenings, (including chairs & tables) \$100.

Hourly rate, (max 3 hours) \$10 per hour

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Daily rates Monday - Friday, Full day \$25, hourly rate \$5

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Crockery hire \$25, Bond up to \$250.

Discount for regular users. Community Barbecue hire \$20

Phone the Custodian Pauline Isaachsen on 814-9847

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35 Quinns Road,

Waiatarua

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