



Community News

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VALLEY OF THE PALMS

In and around Waiatarua and Oratia there are many entrepreneurs. One such entrepreneur is Dick Endt at Landsend Nursery. It's more than a nursery it's a place of inspiration, beauty and history.

Situated at 108 Parker Road in Oratia, Landsend is the result of diversification from an orchard and kiwifruit farm along with the desire of Dick and Annemarie to continue working on the land and keep their rural tranquil lifestyle. A lifestyle that started on the land back in 1962 when Dick and Annemarie purchased 20 acres. Situated on the land is the oldest house in the Waitakeres. Built in 1864 the house is still being used today by Dick's children, although it now has power along with a few modifications.

Nowadays Landsend is known nationally and internationally for its extensive garden and nursery of subtropical plants. Plants that have originated from many parts of the world including the mountainous regions of South America. Through research and vast travelling Dick discovered that New Zealand's climate is similar to that of the higher regions in South America. So he taught himself Spanish and set off to discover a new world. Through trial and error along with thorough research Dick was able to establish a unique range of sub-tropical plants that will grow in New Zealand.

Wandering around the nursery is like being in a tropical landscape with a banana plantation, taro patch and a spectacular mountain coconut grove. The difference between mountain coconuts and the usual coconuts is the size. The mountain coconuts are much smaller although they still taste like the larger common brown coconuts. Other plants include huge leafed xanthosomas and rare plants such as cycads, succulents and bromeliads.

These days Landsend is a family enterprise with family members playing a significant role in the day to day running of the business. While it is a reasonably "low tech" operation there is a tremendous amount of knowledge needed to be successful in the nursery industry and hence Dick is keeping it in the family.

Landsend is open by appointment only so give them a call and be prepared to be amazed and inspired. Phone 818-6914 or email: endt@ihug.co.nz



Wednesday 28 April 1 pm
at the Wintergardens in the Auckland Domain.
Ring Eileen on 814 9298 for car pooling
or for further information.

ON TO Y2K FOR THE FIRE BRIGADE

The end of the second half of the last year of this century is shaping up to be a corker for the Waiatarua Brigade. Not only is the old run down Fire Station about to be replaced with a bright shiny new one, but our local heroes of fire suppression are embarking on a totally unrelated venture - film making. Yes, the hills will be alive with film crews as a well known TV Production company makes a documentary of the Waiatarua Fire Brigade making a film.

The documentary will be screened on prime time television towards the end of the year. Although this is a Fire Brigade project we don't want to hog the limelight and would welcome all Waiatarua residents to be part of this unique venture.

So if you want to be part of the action give us a call, we'd love to hear from you!

It is however, going to be a big job requiring quite a bit of time and money, so if you know of anyone who may benefit by being a sponsor we want to hear from them also.

We are pretty excited about what the year has to offer, both for the Fire Brigade and for the Waiatarua area and its residents, so please feel free to give us a call at the following numbers.

Tony Holt 814-9688 or Lyndsay Whittle 814-9872

ITS ARRIVED.....WRRRA SURVEY

By now you will have received your Waiatarua Ratepayers and Resident's Association (WRRRA) survey. If you haven't received one then call Gerry Davis (President) on 814-8833 and he will organise one for you.

Thanks to those of you who have responded already - we really appreciate your feedback. In the first week 86 replies were received so if you haven't already sent your back then get out a pen tick the boxes, write your comments and post it back in the supplied envelope. Remember all replies received by 30th April go into the draw for an exotic hamper of goodies donated by Big Fresh.

CAN YOU HELP?

The current secretary for Waiatarua Ratepayers and Resident's Association (WRRRA) is moving out of the area - so we need a new one. The secretary's role consists of taking the minutes of the monthly meeting and circulating them to committee members along with some correspondence. Meetings are on the first Monday of the month usually from 7:30 to 9:30 PM. Anyone interested in helping on the committee and filling the position of secretary should phone Gerry Davis 814-8833 (President). We would appreciate your help, thanks.

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)

The Opanuku Challenge

Something a little different for this month is a walk down Opanuku Road. With great views over the city along with good stands of Kauri and beautiful little valleys to keep you entertained.

At the bottom you come across the notorious Opanuku Stream which tends to flood during winter so be sure to pick a fine day to take this walk. Continuing up through Sharps Bush and onto Mountain Road where you can join Walkers Track.

A short walk of around 10 to 15 minutes on Walkers Track will take you to two of the oldest Kauri trees in the Waitakeres. Estimated to be somewhere between 800 and 1000 years old.

From here you can decide to do the full loop which is the old Cobb & Co Coach Trail to Scenic Drive and then back to Opanuku Road or retrace your footsteps back to Opanuku Road. Retracing your footsteps is around 2 hours whereas doing the full loop takes between 2 ½ to 3 hours.

If you are feeling fit and it's a wonderfully crisp autumn day then this is a walk you need to do. On the Mitch scale it is a 10 out of 10, so they don't get any better than this. Good luck and good tracking - Mitch.



NEW ADDITION TO THE COMMUNITY

Alessandra Zecchini and Peter Dowling of West Coast Road are pleased to announce the birth of their daughter, Arantxa Claudia Lara, on 6 April at Waitakere Hospital.

PLAYCENTRE

By the time you get to read this we will be back from holidays. All children between 0-6 years along with their caregivers are welcome to come and join in the fun. 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 814-8835 or contact Elke on 814-8803 after hours for further information.



WHAT'S ON

Lopdell House

Martin Parr – Common Sense

25 MARCH - 25 APRIL

World class photographer Martin Parr will be exhibiting his latest series of A3 sized images. A total of 350 images taken all around the World. The images focus on details of contemporary life from fast food, clothing details to flowers and money.

Studio Ceramics Student Design Competition

25 MARCH - 25 APRIL

Inaugural exhibition of student ceramic design competition. Highlights the work of the ten selected finalists. Competition is supported by Studio Ceramics as part of a search for new design talent.

Check Lopdell House's internet site on the for more information.
www.iopdell.org.nz or phone the Gallery on 817-8087.

TCAC – The Upstairs Gallery

Artists For The Forests

9 APRIL – 2 MAY

"Everything we do to our bodies we do to the earth, Everything we do to the earth we do to our bodies" This exhibition is aimed at celebrating and raising the awareness of Aotearoa's indigenous forests. Also a performance by artists from all over the country. "Kakariki" is being held at the Lopdell House Theatre on Friday 30th April at 7.30pm. Tickets \$8.00 from The Upstairs Gallery.

LIBRARY NEWS

A BIG thank you to the folk who have returned their overdue library books, but there are still many more out there that need to be returned. Please check through your book shelves to be certain there isn't an overdue library book there. Thank you in advance for your help. Library books can be returned at any time through the chute beside the library door. Go down the steps next to the community hall and you will locate the library door.

With Easter over, now is the time for serious reading.

For antique lovers, the book of the T.V. series is recommended. It is The Antique Road Show by Fiona Malcolm

Other recommended reading is:

Wilbur Smith - *Monsoon*

K. O'Neal - *People of the Lakes*

Dick Francis - *Field of 13*

Please note the library will be closed
Anzac morning, Sunday 25 April 1999.



Fire Brigade Awards

On Saturday 17th April the Waiatarua Volunteer Fire Brigade will hold a function for presentation of Service Honors and other awards. At that function, the Brigade's first ever Gold Star, awarded for 25 years service, will be presented to Station Officer Lyndsay Whittle by Laingholm's Graeme Booth, recent Past President of the United Fire Brigades Association.

Other awards to be presented that night:

- **Institution of Fire Engineers Preliminary Examination Certificates**

to Helen Longley, Cassandra Mosko, Richard Seccombe

- **NZ Fire Brigades Institute Fellowship Examination Certificates**

to Ian Ford, Tony Holt, Lyndsay Whittle

- **Three year service certificates**

to Helen Longley, Cassandra Mosko, Robert Lovrich

- **Bars for additional 2 years service**

to Mike Visser (total 7 years service), Richard Seccombe (7 yrs), Mark Stone (11 yrs), Dean Southey (11 yrs), Ian Ford (15 yrs), Tony Holt (21 yrs)

- **NZ Fire Service's Long Service and Good Conduct Medal**

to Ian Ford

Waiatarua Brigade was presented with the UFBA Qualifications Encouragement Award (presented annually to only one Brigade in NZ).

Congratulations to all those who are being presented with awards and thanks on behalf of everybody in Waiatarua for the fantastic job you all do. (Editor)



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.

BEREAVEMENT

Sympathy is extended to the family of Ria Visser who died on the 12th April – just one month before her 84th birthday. Ria lived in Waiatarua since 1974.

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

ADVERTISING

*This is free to financial members for 1999,
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.

FAY'S 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. Very competitive fees for housing transactions with a free will. I will accept briefs for Criminal cases in the Henderson Court. 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 696874

FOR SALE, PASTA MAKER - Brand new. Cost \$550 will sell for \$300. Phone 814-9456

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

WINDOW CLEANING / WATERBLASTING, Chemical & House Washing. Excellent rates, free quotes. Phone Glenn 814-9480

WANTED – Accounts person, the job includes preparation of GST returns, wages and PAYE, cashflows and budgets, compiling yearly tax return information for chartered accountants. Good computer skills important. Part time 2 – 5 days per month. Please call 814-8818.

THINKING REAL ESTATE – Give me a call to discuss, selling, buying or investment property advice. Phone Michael Griffith (the editor) on a/h 814-8995 or bus 817-0101.

ECSTASY AND ENERGY EATING – Food For Life – In true middle eastern fashion in my beautiful Moroccan style home, half day workshops in the ultimate way to stay lean. Learn recipes and cultures from Iran, Iraq, Jordan, Turkey, Morocco, Algeria etc. Please phone Tami Vazey on 814-9024.

SINGLE BED – Free for removal. Phone 814-9505

LEARN HOW TO TREAT YOUR FIRST AID AILMENTS WITH HOMEOPATHY. I am offering classes now in this, with further topics to include family and pet care. Ph Trica (Dip. Hom) 814-9221

FIREWOOD FOR SALE, guaranteed dry, pine \$50 a cubic metre. Phone 814-8833

BEAUTY THERAPY – Fully qualified with 9 years experience, waxing, electrolysis, facials, massage, tinting, manicures and pedicures. Phone Vicky 814-9317 (7 days)

SANDY MCCONNELL ANTIQUES: Fascinating genuine antique maps and views of New Zealand and Australia. Wide price range. Contact Sandy McConnell on 814-9962 or email: sandy_mcconnell@clear.net.nz

“MAYIM SUB – Counseling Service: Helping people overcome the problems life throws up. Contact Sandra Gibbons B.Min, Cert CPE on 814-9642 to find out more or for a brochure.

EAT AT THE HIGHEST RESTAURANT IN AUCKLAND – Yummy food and great views. Roast Dinners on Sunday Night. Phone 814-9006 for bookings etc. City Lights Cafe and Restaurant.

FREE TO A GOOD HOME – 2 lovely Irish Setter dogs. Must go together – great with kids and very playful. Phone Jill 814-9089.

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	

Please accept my Membership to the
Waiatarua Ratepayers and Residents Association
for 1999

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

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Copy needs to be in the hands of

The Editor,

35 Quinns Road,

Waiatarua

by WEDNESDAY 5th MAY, 1999

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