



This month at the WRRRA

Our October meeting was held at the home of John Hendrikse on Monday 4th October.

The main items of interest were :

* Membership of the WRRRA presently stands at 186 households. This being a record number of members.

* A grant of \$2000 has been received from Waitakere City Council for the upkeep of our community hall. This money will go towards general hall maintenance.

* We discussed the organisation of the up coming Market day/Car boot sale to be held at the Community Hall on Sunday 31st October, also the Meet the Candidates night to be held on Thursday 21st October at the Community Hall.

* We are still lobbying for the placement of "rumble strips" at the approach to the Piha/Scenic Drive intersection, also the placement of a "Dangerous Intersection Ahead" sign, on the Scenic Drive. We will be requesting the support of the Community Board concerning this issue.

* We are still urgently in need of a suitably qualified person to audit the WRRRA accounts at the end of the financial year, 31 December. If you are able to help, please phone The Treasurer, Eileen Powell on 814-9298.

Our next meeting will be held on Monday 1st November at the Waiatarua Community Hall, 911 West Coast Road, at 7.30pm.

Market Day/Car Boot Sale

Have you ever wanted to have a garage sale, but your driveway is too long, too steep and no one would venture out this far to purchase your treasures of yester-year?

Fill up your car boot
and come sell your wares

on
Sunday 31st October
at 9am

at the Waiatarua Community Hall,
911 West Coast Road.

It's not only for carbooters, but a Market Day, as well. Sell your crafts, art work, pottery, paintings, home made goodies, plants etc.

Book a table inside the hall for \$10, or a space outside the Hall for \$5 by phoning Denis on 814-9706 or

Eileen on 814-9298.

Editor's Note

My letter box and fax machine are still waiting for those "letters to the editor"

Express your views, voice your concerns, congratulate someone, tell me what's happening in your street, inform me of your neighbourhood "narks", share your wit, knowledge and views...

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Isiah's Fire

It's here at last : the premiere of "Isiah's Fire."

The filming and editing is all finished, and the Premiere night set for the 23rd October, at the Auckland Town Hall.

It is possibly the first time ever that a Volunteer Fire Brigade has made a full length film.

"Isiah's Fire" is a humorous look at the formation of a Fire Brigade in the 1950's.

It has fantastic aerial views of the wild west coast, old vehicles, good music, plenty of action, plenty of laughs, with the odd love scene thrown in.

So....don't miss the world premiere of The Waiatarua FireBrigade's own movie.

Special note : Ken Stacey , our famous bush reporter/film reviewer is unable, as yet, to give comment upon "Isiah's Fire"... as he is still awaiting his complementary ticket to the event...this in turn, promising a favourable review.

WAIATARUA VOLUNTEER FIRE BRIGADE
PRESENTS
THE WORLD PREMIERE OF THEIR MOVIE
"ISAIAH'S FIRE"
TO BE HELD
AT
THE CONCERT CHAMBER,
AUCKLAND TOWN HALL
QUEEN STREET, AUCKLAND
ON
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 23RD, 1999
AT
7.00PM
TICKETS \$30 EACH
INCLUDES COMPLIMENTARY BUBBLY AND NIBBLES
FOR FURTHER ENQUIRIES AND BOOKINGS
PHONE HELEN ON 814-9855 OR 837-0729
FAX 814-9850

Are you getting yours?

"Waitakere City News" is a monthly newsletter, published by the Waitakere City Council.

It is an informative publication, keeping residents up to date on current issues and events in Waitakere City.

Every resident in Waiatarua should receive this in their letter box.

Are you getting yours?

If not, please contact : Fiona Stobie, Public Affairs, at Waitakere City Council.

Operation Spring Clean

Throughout the months of October/November community groups are being encouraged and supported to "pitch in" and help with community clean ups.

The focus of Waiatarua's Spring Clean will be our own Community Centre at 911 West Coast Road. Tony Holt will be coordinating the clean up, and can be contacted on

814-9688 for those willing to get together and clean up the local environment around the hall. (many hands make light work)

Enjoy lots of laughs, meet other locals over a spade, rake or rubbish sack and enjoy fresh scones, jam and cream for smoko. See you there.

Graffiti "paint outs" will also be occurring .. if you are aware of any graffiti in Waiatarua, please inform Tony of it's whereabouts.

(Now that we have user pays rubbish collection, our bush is likely to receive more dumped rubbish. If you see this happening, please phone the council on 839-0400)

People Focus

Hidden away in these hilltops, we have many talented locals. This month we feature

Susan Brogan, a wife and mother of four, who settled in Waiatarua sixteen years ago.

Susan is a creator of leadlight windows, stained glass window hangings, mobiles and lampshades. Her interest in glasswork began about thirteen years ago, when she attended a night school course in stained glass at a local high school.

Susan's love of stained glass grew to encompass leadlighting, and she took up restoring cabinets - doing both the traditional style, and designing new, also lampshades and windows.

This was a far cry from her former secretarial background.

Susan now works from her home based studio in Forrest Hill Road, creating with glass, in a wide range of applications.

"Although I now design and make leadlights for homes, restore old panels for homes and furniture, and I love to make lampshades, it is the native birds (window hangings) that I am asked for the most."

Susan can be contacted on 814-9293.

Congratulations

Congratulations to Dawn Miller, of Waiatarua, who has recently won West Auckland's Super Gran competition.

What's on

Garden Group

This month we are visiting the spectacular rhododendron garden of Suzanne and Chris Timms, at 26 Bush Road. Meet at 1pm on Wednesday 27 October, and if possible, leave your car at home, as parking is on the street, and very limited.

An entry fee of \$4 is donated to charity.

Phone Eileen on 814-9298 for further information.

Guy Fawkes & Fireworks at the Fire Station

Friday 5th November..bring your sausages fireworks and sausages to enjoy a barbecue tea, from 6pm onwards at the Fire Station.

Library News

We have some very up to date books, including :

Elizabeth George .. In Pursuit of the Proper Sinner

Elizabeth Knox .. Vintner's Luck (Winner of the Montana Book Awards)

Barbara Ewing .. A Dangerous Vine

Georgina Beyer .. Change for the Better

Richard Prebble .. I've Been Writing

Frank McCourt .. "Tis

Patricia Cornwell .. Black Notice

Stephen King .. The Girl Who Loved Tom Gordon

Lee Child .. Tripwire

Joseph Kanon .. Prodigal Spy

New members are always welcome.

WAIATARUA COMMUNITY LIBRARY

911 West Coast Road, under the Community Centre.

Phone 814-9353

Note
new Sunday
hours!

Hours of Opening

Thursday 10 am – 12 noon

Friday 7 pm – 8 pm

Saturday 11 am – 12 noon

Sunday 11 am – 1 pm

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

Playcentre



Olive and William industrious at playcentre

Waiatarua Playcentre 911 West Coast Road. (down drive, behind the library)

Hours : Monday, Wednesday, and Friday 9.15-12.15pm.

New families always welcome.

Phone 814-8835 or contact Elke on 814-8803.

Meet the Candidates

When : Thursday 21st October
7pm

Where : Waiatarua Community Hall
911 West Coast Road
Waiatarua

Who : Jonathon Hunt, Brian Neeson,
Bruce Howatt, Mike Treen

Have confirmed their attendance
Come and be informed before election day.

Scene or Heard in Waiatarua

Some scenes from the recent Waiatarua Library's 25th birthday celebration.



Jeanne and Keith Wade.



Storytelling with Mary Nash.



Ann Martin and the Library Treasure Hunt.

Slow Dance

Have you ever watched kids
 On a merry go round?
 Or listened to the rain
 Slapping on the ground?
 Ever followed a butterfly's erratic flight?
 Or gazed at the sun into a fading night?
 You'd better slow down don't dance so fast
 Time is short the music wont last
 Do you run through each day
 On the fly?
 When you ask "How are you?"
 Do you hear the reply?
 When the day is done
 Do you lay in your bed with the next hundred chores
 Running through your head?
 You'd better slow down
 Don't dance so fast
 Time is short
 The music wont last.
 Ever told your child
 We'll do it tomorrow?
 And in your haste
 Not see his sorrow?
 Ever lost touch,
 Let a good friendship die?
 'cause you never had time
 to call and say "Hi"?
 You'd better slow down
 don't dance so fast
 Time is short
 the music wont last
 When you run so fast to get somewhere
 You miss half the fun of getting there
 When you worry and hurry through your day
 It is like an unopened gift
 Thrown away
 Life is not a race
 Do take it slower
 Hear the music
 Before the song is over.

Unique Places in Waiatarua

This month we feature The Waitakere Park Lodge, at 573 Scenic Drive, Waiatarua.

In 1940 Captain Joseph Nevill-Jackson cut his way through the dense bush of Waiatarua in search of a site for his bach. Sixty years later the "bach" is a substantial Lodge perched on top of a ridge, among the tui's and wood pigeons of Waiatarua.

Waitakere Park Lodge, nestled in 80 acres of dense native bush, is surrounded on three sides by the Auckland Regional Parks, which will preserve the Lodge's unique setting. The Lodge has been built from scratch by Captain Nevill-Jackson and his family. He used two aircraft packing cases for the original building, on the property.

Captain Nevill-Jackson is now 88 years old and retired, with the business now being run by his two sons, Reg and Hugh. Captain Nevill-Jackson started with accommodation about thirty years ago with three motel style units. After opening the motel units, he found that many of the guests wanted their meals cooked for them, so the next stage of development was 12 hotel rooms along with restaurant and conference facilities. The additional facilities were completed about 15 years ago.

Now the Lodge operates as a conference venue for executive meetings, accommodation for guests wishing to get away from the rush of city life for the weekend, and the restaurant is open to the public for lunch and dinner, from Thursday to Sunday.

Waitakere Park Lodge has several onsite facilities, including a swimming pool, squash court, sauna, library, lounge bar, extensive gardens and grounds to relax in. There are magnificent views from the Lodge and restaurant encompassing the bush, Auckland City and the Hauraki Gulf. On a clear day the Coromandel Peninsular and Little Barrier Island can be seen in the distance.

Over the last couple of years the Restaurant and 12 rooms have had a substantial upgrade, with considerable care being taken to retain the Lodge feel about the property. Reg and Hugh are keen to retain the native timber finishes originally used in the building of the Lodge, which are a feature not seen in most new developments. The finished complement the spectacular native bush setting of the Lodge.

Access down the 1 kilometre driveway to the lodge has also been greatly improved, with the concreting of the steep hill at the Scenic Drive end of the driveway.

The Park Restaurant at Waitakere Park Lodge has a fulltime chef who has developed a Pacific Rim menu for both lunch and dinner. It is fully licensed and features an extensive wine list, including a selection of wines from the surrounding area.

(if going for dinner, choose a clear night with a full moon, and have a magical stroll through the gardens, so I'm told...ed.)

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 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, Phone/Fax 814 9857.

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

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

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

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

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

“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.

AUCKLAND SUN CLUB INC. The family club for clothes-free recreation invites you to visit. For further information please call 814-9973

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ELECTRICIAN – Phone Jim your local man Phone 814-9344

CITY LIGHTS CAFE & BRASSERIE – Waiatarua (the only place you can sit and look down on the Sky Tower) Open Friday, Saturday & Sunday CAFE ... 8.30am – 6pm come on up for eggs benedict & a read of the newspaper, watching the sun rise over the city.

BRASSERIE ... 6.30pm – 11pm, try our Sunday night roast dinners, or sample exotic ostrich. Phone 814-9006 for bookings.

HOME & INVESTMENT PROPERTY LOANS : Mortgage restructuring, debt consolidation & reduction, line of credit facilities. Free independent service. Phone your local broker on 814-9544 or 025-297-0322

WEST COAST VET CLINIC – Offering full veterinary service for your pets, including medical treatment, surgery, radiology, dental services, selected petfoods and housecalls.

Mon – Fri 9.00am – 12.00noon, 2pm – 7.00pm. Sat 9.00am – 12.00noon
3 Raroa Terrace, Waiatarua. Phone 814-9419

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 Tee	814-9859	
Gaelene/Tony Goodrich	17 Cascade Ave	814-9788	

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

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/DECEMBER NEWSLETTER

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