



Community News

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This month at WRRRA

by Jo Hall

We welcome and thank Kevin Healy, who has volunteered his services as secretary to our WRRRA Association.

Membership of the WRRRA, for 2000, stands at 112. For the same time last year there were 176 financial members. C'mon, fellow 'hill dwellers', forward your membership subscription to The Treasurer @ 911 West Coast Road. Do it now. (see the back page)

At the meeting this month:

- A subcommittee formed to investigate the upgrade and redecoration of our community hall were given the go ahead to employ the services of an architect, to gain feasible ideas and design, within a budget.
- Further organisation took place about our own 'Waitatarua Midwinter Breakfast' happening on Sunday 6 August.
- Much discussion was had regarding the "Review of Election of Councillors" from Waitakere City Council. See Gerry Davis' article later this newsletter.

The meeting closed at 9.45pm.

The next meeting of the Waitatarua Residents and Ratepayers Association will be held on Monday 7th August at 7.30pm at the Community Hall, 911 West Coast Road. All are welcome to attend.

HELP WANTED : *The Association requires an Auditor to audit our yearly accounts. If anyone is able to assist, please ring the Treasurer, Eileen Powell on 814-9298.*

Midwinter Community Breakfast

Put the date, Sunday 6 August, in your diary
for

Breakfast at the Waitatarua Community Hall

We can't guarantee Turkey for breakfast, but we can guarantee good food, good fun, good company, and raffles.

There will be a small charge of \$4 for adults and
\$3 for children 12 and under.

Phone Denis 814-9706
or Jo 814-9945 for tickets,
or further information.

What Ward in 2001?

By Gerry Davis

Every three years our council must review how our council and community board members, are elected in our city.

The present council prefers a ward system, and is currently proposing public input into a four option plan. Unfortunately the time for the public to respond has a deadline of July 7th which gave very little time for any response.

At present we have 4 wards, Massey, Henderson, New Lynn and Waitakere.

Our ward, Waitakere, is essentially a rural ward, with the smallest population and by far the largest physical area, at least 2 times bigger than the other 3 wards combined. As a rural area in the Waitakere ranges we have different needs, less services, and far greater distances for our representatives to cover.

On a current basis of population representation, the other 3 wards have 1 councillor per 14 000 people while we have 1 per 10 000. In the past, ratepayers groups in the Waitakere Ward, have persuaded the council to keep 3 council members to represent our region because of the unique nature and sheer physical size of our region, and not base the representation on numbers only.

The 4 options being presented for public discussion are;

1. To leave it as it is;
2. To take away 1 council member from our ward, The Waitakere Ward, and reduce its size very marginally and make Henderson larger and Massey smaller
3. Enlarge our, Waitakere's, boundaries, by taking an area of New Lynn and Massey, New Lynn would take part of Henderson. thus making Henderson and Massey smaller.
4. Dividing our ward into 2 wards, and enlarging the boundaries significantly by adding urban areas of all other wards. Waitatarua would become part of Waipareira, with the boundary, taking the physical region boundaries of Piha Road, Forest Hill Road and the Manukau Harbour and taking large parts of New Lynn.

The Waitatarua Ratepayers group has submitted to council that they keep the status quo, because we are largely a rural or bush living area with unique needs and characteristics.

We also hope it saves money for the council not to have to make the significant changes for the other options.

The only thing that brings the present Waitakere ward together, and make our voice strong, is that we all share the uniqueness of our rural and bush living environment in the Ranges. To add more than 100% of urban dwellers, as some plans suggest, to our region, would diminish our voice and the interest within our region in the problems of bush living and rural activities.

We hope you agree with us.

Report from Waitakere Community Board Meeting: 4 July 2000

by Geoff Wood

On behalf of the Waitatarua Residents & Ratepayers Association I attended the monthly meeting at Waitakere City Council. The main issue was to discuss the triennial review of the basis of representation and Council membership. Currently the Waitakere Ward has three Councillors representing it, but the optional modules for discussion involve various changes of boundaries and numbers of representation.

I addressed the Community Board to argue the Waitatarua Residents & Ratepayers' case. The points that we made were the same as those listed in Gerry's article, 'What ward in 2001?'

These were well received by the Board, and one member spoke strongly in favour of our viewpoint. It is to be hoped that other Resident and Ratepayer Associations will also take the opportunity to present their opinions.

Waitatarua Fire Brigade

by Ian Ford

Progress on the Fire station:

A couple of local landmarks disappeared in June - the appliance shed and neighbouring macrocarpa stump have been removed, along with a fair amount of earth. At the time of writing though, progress had been

delayed by the wet weather and ground conditions. (Fancy that – wet weather in July – what a surprise!) But we still hope to have full use of the station around the end of the month.

Training:

As well as the regular Monday night training, Brigade members have attended weekend course in Hazardous Materials Handling (Ian Ford) and Advanced First Aid (Marie Brittain, Kevin Healy, Helen Longley and Steve Smith).

Calls For Last Month:

If you're wondering why you hadn't heard the siren lately it's because it has been removed for servicing. The Brigade is currently relying just on pagers for call outs.

There were 6 of these in June:

- Sat 3rd, 22:09 - Car fire, Scenic Drive
- Wed 7th, 18:24 - False alarm, Scenic Drive
- Wed 7th, 19:15 - False alarm, Scenic Drive
- Wed 14th, 21:41 - Attempted car fire, Scenic Drive
- Thu 15th, 17:18 - False alarm, Piha Rd (*cloud mistaken for smoke*)
- Thu 29th, 21:40 - Car fire, Scenic Drive

The false alarms on the 7th were both at Pukematekeo where a film crew was shooting a scene for a new TV series, "Street Legal", and the glow from their lights was mistaken for a fire. After the second call a couple of the crew remained with our ute until they had finished.

At the attempted car arson on the 14th, we called Police and Fire Safety Officers to investigate. We're hopeful that they were able to glean some useful evidence.

Contacts - Ian Ford ph 814 8851 or Richard Seccombe 814 8860

Documentary NZ

presents ...

"Hometown

Hollywood"

A review by Ken Stacey – Bush Reporter

I hope many of you were able to catch the television programme, 'Documentary New Zealand' a few weeks ago, when the making of the film, 'Isaiah's Fire' was screened.

It was great to see the Isaiah's Fire team get credit for all the hard work they put in to the movie. Just how much became apparent as the documentary progressed.

Everything from props; such as the creation of tin dunnies, the interiors of houses, the organisation of old classic vehicles, fire engine and uniforms, to the complexities of lighting systems, sound quality, and camera positions. Try and fit that in to a few weekends' work, while holding down day jobs.

The quality and diversity of individual actors' performances, was fostered under the direction of Kevin Healy.

Special credit must go to the late Tony Holt, who wrote 'Isaiah's Fire' and played 'Badger Davies' in the film.

Dedication was the key theme in the making of the film. The unpaid dedication of all the actors, the support of their families, members of the local community and the 'Unitech' film crew.

The Waitarua Fire Brigade has, for years now, been an active part of our community.

The film and the documentary just cemented that in place, as well as putting Waitarua on the map.

I am one of the many 'hill dwellers' who think this area is special, in no small way, because of the uniqueness of the people living here, who contribute to our community.

Reduce your Waste

'Not in my backyard ... not over there either!'

Nobody wants a landfill in their backyard, or anywhere near where they live, yet roughly 90% of 1,000,000 tonnes of solid waste that is generated in the Auckland region this year will end up in landfills. We are running out of options for disposing of such a growing mountain of rubbish.

It is estimated that a typical home's rubbish consists of 40% packaging, 40% kitchen waste and 20% is paper, in various forms.

Reduce your waste by recycling.

What you can and cannot put out for kerbside recycling collection:

PAPER AND CARDBOARD:

- Accepted** ...Newspapers and magazines, ...Catalogues and advertising circulars ...Books, including phone books ...Envelopes ...Cardboard boxes and cartons (flattened) ...Paper bags
- Not Accepted** ...Wax coated paper and cardboard designed for fridge use (including milk cartons) ...Used tissue or paper towels.

RECYCLING BINS:

- Accepted** ...Glass jars and bottles (no broken ones) ...Type 1 and 2 plastics such as milk and clear softdrink bottles (tops off) ...Tin and aluminium containers
- Not Accepted** ...Crockery, broken glass and mirror glass ...Plastic food containers or utensils ...Motor oil containers ...Toys ...Paper products

If you have lost your green recycling bin, phone the council on 8390400 – there is a \$5 charge for a replacement bin.

Have you heard about the 'Green Cone?'

On average 1/3 of household rubbish is food waste (kitchen scraps).

Living in the 'bush', as many of us do, possums can pose a problem in regard to composting such waste.

The Green Cone is a natural food waste disposal system.

Available from Waitakere City Council for \$40 the Green Cone is unobtrusive in your garden, and has a lockable top. To see one in 'real life' the Oratia kindergarten has one in their garden.

Waitarua's rubbish day is every Wednesday – please try not to put your rubbish out before this as it encourages dogs and cats to break open bags and create litter problems.

Our next inorganic collection is not until December.

PS. It is interesting to note that WCC charges \$1 per rubbish bag, Northshore charges \$1.30 and Rodney \$1.75.

Reference :
'Your Waste, your responsibility.' Waitakere City Council.

Waitarua Playcentre

After a busy term of tie-dying, creating fridge magnets, making lollies, popcorn, and chocolate crackles, not to mention celebrating lots of birthdays, and all the usual fun activities, we ended the term with a trip to 'Weird and Wonderful' at the Auckland Museum.

There have also been some great adult workshops to attend, including Emergent Reading, First Aid, Encouraging Positive Behaviour, and Music.

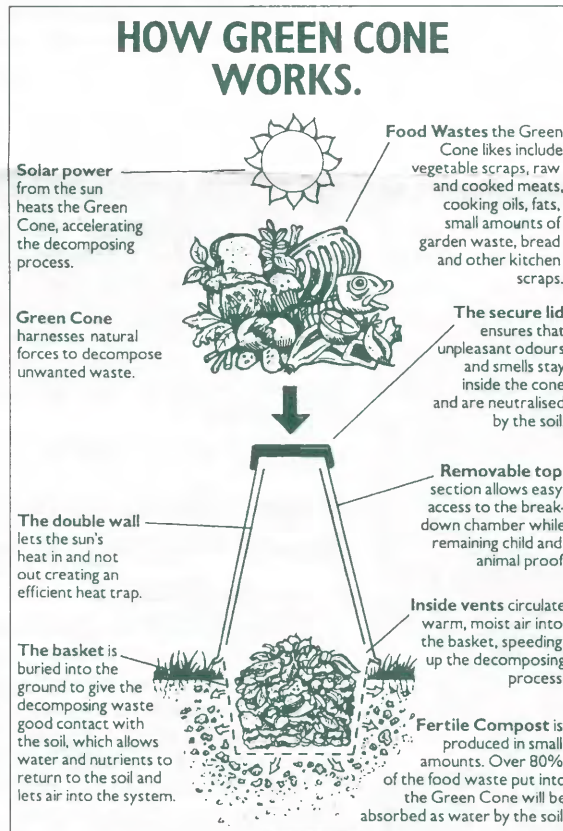
We would love to see you in Term 3, so why not pop in and visit us at 911 West Coast Road, Phone 814-8835, or Elke on 814-8803 after hours.

The first three visits are free, and once enrolled, the fee is nominal.

Congratulations to . . .



Dana, Mike and Michelle and James of Rimu Road, on the birth of their son, and brother, David Malcolm, on 20 May, 2000.



Waiatarua Library News

Come in and reserve "Down Under" by *Bill Bryson*. He observes Australia, (where 'even the fuffiest of caterpillars can lay you out with a toxic nip!'), with the same affectionate wit which readers enjoyed in 'Notes from a Small Island' etc.

Other new books include:

Cottages of New Zealand – *Malcolm Somerville*.

Passage to Juneau – *Jonathon Raban*

The Visitor – *Lee Child*

The Actresses – *Barbara Ewing*

Beneath the Skin – *Nicci French*

USS Sea Wolf – *Patrick Robinson*

We will soon have the video of 'Isaiah's Fire' for borrowing. If you haven't already seen the film, you almost certainly saw the documentary about it. \$5 to rent – Proceeds to Fire Brigade Funds.

Unique People in our Community

Jan Cockell – Studio Potter of Raroa Terrace

Jan Cockell has been "playing with clay" since the mid 70's. After a couple of years at a night school course she learnt the process of throwing stoneware clay on a potter's wheel – then practice...practice...practice...Jan continued learning and developing new techniques while associating with other potters.

After 3 – 4 years Jan started working with porcelain clay. (a smooth, white bodied clay) She found this gave more clarity to the glazes and it was much more satisfying to work with.

Jan's work has a definite uniqueness. It is finely worked, is delicate in appearance, usually decorative, but functional also.

Her inspiration for her work comes from forms in nature, particularly the spiraling punga fern fronds and the circle, the symbol of eternity. Inspiration is also often found in her combinations of clay and glaze and the different textural effects she is able to produce.

Jan creates bowls, trinket boxes, bottles, vases and herbal teapots.

She says, "I design for me ... if I like it, and see the potential in it ... I go on further."

Long time Waiatarua residents may remember the "Open Days" held at the Raroa Terrace studio each December, from 1979 –1991 when Jan, and her late husband, Chris, invited those in the community over for a wine and to view their pottery.

Chris and Jan had moved to Waiatarua in the late 70's. They liked the 'rural-ness' of Waiatarua, and enjoyed living amongst the trees.

Chris started into pottery through the engineering challenge he gave himself, of making their first LPG kiln. (this was not long after LPG became a commercially viable substance here). The kiln was made out of a 55 gallon drum lined with ceramic fibre.

Chris focused on domestic-ware in his pottery. He was influenced by a chunky solid style – like that of the old cider jars – and he used a simple range of glazes.

Sadly, Chris died in 1992.

Jan now supplies two retail cooperatives with her works, – The Albany Village Pottery and the Warkworth Craft Gallery. Her work can sell from mid \$20 to several hundred dollars. Often purchased as gifts, the works have a feminine feel to them.

Jan's style of work is distinctive and if you wish to view some of Jan's work, phone her on 814-9701.



Anyone who missed the Ikebana demonstration last month missed a treat as we all came away awed and inspired. Something different for next month... We have arranged a visit to Coromandel Cacti Nursery at 170 Mt. Wellington Highway. They have a huge range of cacti and succulents and will also give us information on care of these popular plants. Meet at the nursery at 1pm on Wednesday 2 August, or ring Eileen on 814-9298 or Margaret 814-9859 for car pooling or further information. We have no fixed membership and all residents are invited to join us.

WAIATARUA COMMUNITY LIBRARY

911 West Coast Road, under the Community Centre.
Phone 814-9353

Hours of Opening

Thursday	10 am – 12 noon
Friday	7 pm – 8 pm
Saturday	11 am – 12 noon
Sunday	11 am – 12 noon

What's On...

Waiatarua Walkers

We meet every Saturday at 8am, usually outside the Oratia church, rain or shine, to partake in the joys of a 6 or 8km walk. All are welcome to join us. Phone Jo Hall for further information on 814-9945.

Your Type of Poetry :

Montana NZ National Poetry Day

On July 21st in the Titirangi Community House, Rangiwai Road, members of several poetry and writing groups of the western areas will meet at 1.30pm for an informal poetry reading to celebrate 'National Poetry Day'. Those wishing to read either their own, or another's poems, will be most welcome. Or, if you prefer to be part of the audience, you will be equally welcome. This is, perhaps, the chance you have waited for, to let your hair down, strut your stuff and wow the audience. For further details phone Bernard on 817-9838.

Information on Harbour View South

The future use of the Harbour View South land, in Te Atatu Peninsula, is a city wide issue that Council would like your views on. Displays are being held in each City Ward to give you an opportunity to find out more about the options for this land. These options will be on display at the Waiatarua Hall, 911 West Coast Road on Saturday 5th August from 10am–1pm. Everyone is welcome to drop in during these times.

Unique Places in Waiatarua

The BCL Mast

by Jo Hall

The BCL Mast stands 121m tall, and, like it or not, is a feature on our Waiatarua landscape.

BCL sells its services to various telecommunications companies. It is a subsidiary of TVNZ.

The mast and buildings, (area 1105 sq m), were constructed in 1965.

The mast upgraded and strengthened in 1997.

The location and the height of the site is ideally suited for TV and Radio Broadcast activities. The mast holds antennae both for broadcast and microwave linking. (Microwave linking is a communications service to transfer information to other centres).

Many of the radio stations that transmitted via the mast, have since moved to the Sky Tower.

Waiatarua's BCL Mast is one of 450 sites throughout NZ. There are seven other big sites like this one. They are located in Wellington, Dunedin, Christchurch, Invercargil, Hawkes Bay and Manawatu.

As a condition of BCL's Resource Management Act approval there is a requirement to monitor the Electromagnetic Radiation Emissions (EMR) levels around the site. Regular measurements are taken by an independent consultant. These are forwarded to the Waitakere City Council.

The latest measurements were taken on 29 July 1999 and 3 September 1999. The readings taken were significantly lower than those taken in previous years.

The report says, "...Over most of this area the power levels are below the minimum detectable level of about 2 microwatts/square cm. Call this 2 units, so that the maximum recommended in the relevant standards is 200 units..."

The reduction in level has occurred because some of the FM transmitters have been relocated to the Sky Tower in Auckland city.

(A copy of the full report is available at the Waiatarua Library, or contact the editor)

Now the only time that the site is occupied is when new work, or maintenance work, is being undertaken. Originally there were up to four people at a time tending the transmitters which generate the TV signal for broadcast.

The site is expected to be required for the next 50 years.

Where technology goes in the future may determine the future of the site.

Advertising

This is free to financial members
for 2000, 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.

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 AND NOTARY PUBLIC : John Hendrikse, also available after hours and at weekends. Fee when buying a house, if no complications \$800. When selling, if no complications \$510. Familiar with Afrikaans. 914 West Coast Road Ph/Fax 814-9991

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

ELECTRICIAN – Phone Jim your local man Phone 814-9344.

WEST COAST VET CLINIC – Offering full veterinary service for your pets. ...
24 hour service Phone 814-9419

KENDRICK PAINTING AND DECORATING: for quality and service
Phone Graham on 837-1612.

PHONE “HERE FOR HAIR” MOBILE CUTS.
Phone Lesley 814-9242 or 025-203-9276.

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	
Ross & Kath Mullins	330 Forest Hill Rd	814-9402 + Fax	
Jenny McGee	886 West Coast Rd	814-9954	
Chris/Liz Field	799 West Coast Rd	814-9876	crislizf@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 2000

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

VISIT “EARTH SEED” 100% ORGANIC SHOP

for a great selection of organic and GE-free foods.
547-549 West Coast Road. Open 7 days Phone/Fax 818-6411.

WANTED: 3 – 4 bedroom house required to rent, with fire, and garden area for two young children, in the Waiatarua/Oratia area. Phone Angela or Kenneth on 817-8121

ORATIA KEAS GROUP: Keas is a scout group for boys and girls aged 5 ½ - 7 ½. We meet on Mondays at the Oratia Settlers Hall 4.30-5.30pm. Join us for fun and friendship. For further information phone Debbie Brown 814-9187 or Tina Ripley 813-6151.

FIREWOOD FOR SALE: dry, split, hardwoods \$60 per cubic meter
Phone 814-9724

RELIABLE AND RESPONSIBLE BABYSITTER required
Ph. Christine on 814-9505

SOLICITOR – Are you buying and/or selling your business/house? Are you interested in setting up a Family Trust? Phone Geoff Wood for your legal needs at 623-7541 DDI or 836-8630 a/hrs weekdays. Home visits by arrangement.

WORK WANTED: Registered drainlayer, 30 years experience. 6 tonne and 2 ½ tonne diggers for hire. Phone Ray 814-9242

FOUND: 7 bantam hens, and there was a rooster, in Cascade Ave. Phone Kevin or Christine 814-9505

BABY GEAR FOR SALE: Papoose Backpack \$85, Jolly jumper \$35, Activity Gym \$20, Bouncinette \$25, Breast Pump \$30. Phone Norny Waardengurg on 814-9777

WEB PAGE DESIGN, Desk top publishing, Graphic Design, Computer Support,
Phone Petrik 8365202.

LOST between Rimu Road and Kauri Loop Road – BMX front wheel. Phone Warrick 814-9847.

TYPING OUTWORK WANTED: Secretary with general and legal background wanting work for own computer. Skilled in Microsoft Word, Excel and Publisher. Affordable Rates. Phone 814-9788.

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

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by WEDNESDAY 9th AUGUST, 2000

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