



## This month at the WRRRA

by Jo Hall

This month we welcomed Celia Wood-Calvert, a local resident from Forest Hill Road, to our meeting.

### MATTERS ARISING:

Our Waiatarua Community Hall has been granted \$1000, this year, to go towards general maintenance and upkeep of the hall.

Waitakere City Council has produced a new issue of a "Community Facilities Plan and Directory". A copy of this is available in our Waiatarua library.

**Hall Refurbishment:** Eight new wall lights have been installed, and create a more subtle and friendly atmosphere, than the bold and unforgiving fluorescents in the ceiling above.

Further investigation of colour, style, form, texture and cost, in regard to new curtains, new chairs, tables, interior decoration, and heating, is occurring by way of a subcommittee formed to give Waiatarua's Community Hall a well overdue make-over. (not of the 'Changing Rooms' variety).

Waitemata Health's upgrading of Waitakere Hospital to a sub-district hospital. Denis Graham, from the WRRRA committee, has volunteered to attend the first meeting of this reference group on behalf of Waiatarua's Residents and Ratepayers, but due to work commitments, is unable to commit himself further. If YOU have an interest in health care and have some understanding of the health needs of our community, please consider volunteering to be our representative.

Phone Denis on 814-9706.

There was much discussion and concern was raised about roading and traffic problems in Waiatarua (especially Forest Hill Road area) and what 'avenues' we might take to solve certain issues, such as speed, pedestrian and road safety, and poor/inadequate roading up here in the hills. This item was deferred for further discussion, to next month's agenda – so if you have something to add, please consider attending the next WRRRA meeting to be held on **Monday 4th December at the Waiatarua Community Hall, 911 West Coast Road at 7.30pm.**

**Advance Notice:** The WRRRA AGM for 2001 is to be held on Thursday 22 February at 7pm at the hall. As Gerry Davis, (President), Denis Graham, (Vice-President) and Wade Cornell, have indicated they will not be standing for the 2001 committee, please consider seriously whether you could commit to serving your community by becoming involved in the WRRRA 2001. It is not an arduous role, but a very important one, and many hands make light work. Phone Gerry Davis for further information on 814-8833.

**A Note From Your Editor...** There will be one more issue of the Waiatarua Community News for the year 2000. The Christmas issue's deadline will be Friday 1st December.

There will be no Community News in the month of January 2001.

## Extracts from "The Mayor's Report 2000" – Gordon Sunde –

"It is with great sadness, both personally and as Mayor of this City, that I record the passing of Councillor Gordon Sunde. I had the great privilege to be able to speak at his funeral on Wednesday, 4 October 2000. There will never be enough good men in this world. Today there is certainly one less".

### IT'S LIFESAVING TIME AGAIN.

"This city has some of the most dangerous beaches in New Zealand. They are also some of the most beautiful and popular. As a lifeguard, of almost fifty years, patrolling, I join with my Patrol Captain Kubi Witten-Hannah in reminding Councillors that the Lifeguards on our West Coast beaches do a horrifically hard and arduous season from Labour Weekend through to Easter, including the statutory holidays. As enjoyable as this may be on the good days, when there are tragedies, it turns our weekends into emotional endurance tests".

## Attention All Ratepayer and Resident Associations In Waitakere Ward

Re: Vacancy on Waitakere City Council as a result of the death of Councillor Gordon Sunde. At its monthly meeting on October 25, 2000 Council resolved to fill the vacancy by appointment of the next highest polling candidate from the 1998 elections – Margaret Allen – who stood on the Go Waitakere ticket.

Many people believe this was an undemocratic method. Many people believe the residents of Waitakere Ward should be able to choose their representative in the climate of 2001, not 1998. There is a great deal of concern that the current Council plans to reduce the number of Council representatives for the area. Many people would like to have a by-election.

**WE THINK A BY-ELECTION IS IMPERATIVE** especially since Go Waitakere are attempting to alter the Waitakere Ward boundaries to reduce the number of representatives of the Waitakere ward.

Costs of the by election could be shared with Waitakere Licensing Trust which also has a vacancy to fill.

To achieve this we must gather the signatures of 5% of eligible voters in the Waitakere Ward and present them to Council by November 30, 2000. PLEASE HELP GATHER THESE SIGNATURES. If each Resident and Ratepayer and Community Group we have contacted collects 100 signatures we will have met the requirement. Signatures and petitions need to be returned no later than Monday 20. Feel free to contact us for more information.

Yours for a democratic Waitakere

*Karekare Residents and Ratepayers  
Sunnyvale Resident & Ratepayers  
Huia and Cornwallis Residents & Ratepayers*

*Waiatarua Residents and Ratepayers Association support such a By-Election and have placed petitions in the Oratia dairy and Earth Seed Organics shop on West Coast Road.*

If you would like further information about this issue, or would like to help collect signatures, or have your signature counted, contact Kevin Healy on 814-9505.

## It's Inorganic Collection time again:

Waiatarua is a split point for Inorganic Collections.

The next inorganic collection for West Coast Road and Forest Hill Road is the week beginning 4th December 2000.

Scenic drive from Titirangi through to Piha Rd and Quinns Rd is the week beginning 27th November, 2000.

Scenic Drive from Piha Rd through to 574 begins 11th December. Scenic Drive from 575 onwards is the week beginning 8th January 2001.

*Please wait for the inorganic flyer to appear in your mail box before placing out your waste.*

Residents who see people dumping off inorganic refuse on top of existing piles should get the registration number of the vehicle, date and time, and call the 24 hour Waitakere City Call Centre on 8390400. When we can identify that the dumping is illegal, we will issue an infringement notice to the registered owner of the vehicle.

*Please make a note of the items NOT collected. i.e. no organic waste such as trees, branches lawn clippings etc.*

*Waste contained in bags will not be collected. This is to prevent regular weekly waste including food scraps from being placed out and getting ripped into by dogs etc.*

*Scavenging is not encouraged. This is because the mess often created is dangerous to pedestrians and motorists. If there is scavenging occurring that is causing a dangerous situation i.e. broken glass from TV etc, please phone the call centre – 839 0400.*

## Letters to the Editor

Dear Madam,

My name is Patsy Trousdale and I live at 350 Forest Hill Road. My fiancé, Paul Shaw, spoke to you the other night regarding the two latest traffic incidents on our stretch of Forest Hill Road.

The first accident occurred about two weeks ago when a car obviously took the corner too fast and ended up crashing through the white wooden fence at the side of our driveway and dropped onto our section below. By the time Paul & I returned home, the car was gone and no-one seemed to know what had happened, as neither the police or the council had been contacted. The driver did not leave any details for us either – not surprisingly.

Paul called Henderson Police Station and Waitakere Council to report the incident but neither seemed too worried by it. The council said they would send someone to assess the damage to the fence and then repair it.

Paul requested that they install proper barriers instead of a wooden fence but was told this was a hazard as a car "might hit the barrier, bounce off into the middle of the road and hit an oncoming car". The fence was repaired earlier this week.

The second incident happened on 22nd October. I was at home around 4pm painting the walls in our bedroom, when I heard an almighty screech and then a loud thud, close by. I rushed to the bedroom window to see a car lodged in the pine tree at the side of our driveway, about 5 metres from where I was painting at the time. The driver had lost control on the first corner and hadn't regained it in time for the second corner and had come off the road, straight down the side of the driveway (the opposite side of the driveway from the first incident). Luckily there was a big tree stump, which stopped the car from

rolling over and also probably saved the driver's life as the car was a convertible. If the tree stump wasn't there I'm quite sure that the car would have rolled over onto the driveway and down into the corner of the house, where I was standing at the time.

I called the Police a few minutes after the accident but since no-one had been hurt and the car was off the road and not causing a roadblock they were not interested. Even when I suggested to them that the driver was driving dangerously fast, they suggested that I ask him to report the incident himself if he wanted to, but that they were too busy to deal with it. Somehow, I don't think he will be reporting the accident himself.

Paul called the council again on Tuesday and finally managed to speak to someone yesterday (Thursday). The council have said they will come out again and have a look at the situation and will get back to Paul when they have done that - but quite frankly I'm not holding my breath for any action. Unfortunately, I think someone will either have to be killed or seriously injured before they will take any action.

Waitatarua is such a lovely spot. Paul and I both love living here but unless something is done about the speed of the cars on Forest Hill Road, we will be seriously thinking about moving to a safer environment when we have children, as I would worry constantly about their safety on such a busy road.

We will let you know the outcome of the council visit when we hear back from them,

Regards,  
*P. Trousdale*

*A few days later...*

To get back to you regarding Waitakere Council's reply. The council told us that they appreciate our concern but that they are still unwilling to put any barriers up. However, they have replaced the reflector poles that were damaged by the second accident and have renewed the road markings. They also said that they would erect a sign before the sharp corner (around #346) to warn motorists, but that hasn't happened as yet, and would also paint double yellow lines down the centre of the road.

I guess it's a start but not really the action that we wanted.

Dear Madam

It is unfortunate that Terry Chapman landed the task of reviewing Gerry Clark's book "The Totorore Voyage", since by his own admission he lacks interest in both sailing and the bird life of the Southern Oceans.

Having an interest in both areas, and in defence of Gerry Clark, may I say how enthralling I found his narrative.

I own a copy of his first edition of "Totorore" (1988) and feel that there could be no better memorial to one who has contributed so much, so valiantly, to Ornithology and allied environmental issues.

Sincerely,  
*Rosalind Rothschild*

I would welcome more book reviews written for the Community News . . . perhaps now, I have another source. Thanks for your feedback Rosalind. I will be in touch . . . Ed.

## TAG West

*by Glenys Bean*

Auckland City is cleaner and greener these days than the Eco - Waitakere City.

Auckland City has converted to non toxic weed management practices. The citizens of Auckland are enjoying the benefits of having fewer chemicals in their atmosphere and less chemicals polluting their soil and water.

TAG Auckland (Toxins Awareness Group) pressured and lobbied Mayors, Councillors and Community Boards for many years - probably 12 - 15 years to persuade the Council to move from chemical weed management to steam and organic weed control.

Waitakere City Council so far has refused to convert to less toxic forms of weed control claiming that they can't afford to. TAGWest has been formed to lobby and persuade the Council to change its thinking. TAGWest believes the Council is being short sighted and that the health of their citizens should be paramount.

It is claimed that nearly 40% of people could suffer the effects of chemical poisoning. Maybe you suffer headaches, flu symptoms, nausea, irritability or a number of other symptoms but you just don't relate them to the fact that perhaps yesterday the neighbour sprayed their roses with a fungicide or that the Council sprayed the verges with Roundup.

TAGWest can provide you with support and information if you suffer from the effects of chemical poisoning. The group will be putting a submission to the Annual Plan in 2001 about weed management practices. If you feel committed to TAG's goals please watch the local notice boards for details of how to sign up, or you can write to PO Box 60 509, Titirangi.

*TAGWest really needs your support to make Waitakere City - Clean and Green.*

## Neighbourhood Watch

*by Sandy McConnell*

\*A well-known burglar is on the move in the Waitakere's, so watch out for him. He drives a grey 1990 Toyota Hilux, Please phone the police if you spot him as he is a notorious burglar and could be working in our area.

\*There was a car fire at Parkinson's Lookout on Monday night - 6th November. The car was practically unrecognisable but seemed to be a Subaru.

\*A resident on Scenic Drive reported that their mail had been opened and rifled through a few times - perhaps someone in search of cheques or cash? Mail has also been stolen from letter boxes along West Coast Road. (around the 700's).

If you work long hours, or your mail box is a long way from your house, it might be worth considering a lock for your mail box, to put off opportunistic thieves.

\*There has been a slight rise in the burglary figures in the last month and is expected to go up in December. Now is the time to be extra vigilant and alert as we get closer to Christmas, especially as people go on holiday.

Please be careful when leaving your home during the holidays and make arrangements for neighbours to keep an eye on things for you. Small details such as having lights come on at night, cancelling the mail and paper and having a friend or neighbour pop in now and again, to give the house a lived in look can make the world of difference and could turn away a would-be robber. Even a radio playing in the house at random hours could put off a criminally minded person!

*Waitatarua Playcentre had their electric jug stolen on the 17th or 18th of October. It was a new white, plastic, cordless kettle. Nothing else was taken in the burglary, and measures have since been taken to improve security, in and around, the building.*

## Brickbats and Bouquets

A Waiataruan has nominated that the *bouquet* this month go to the committee of the WRRRA and their helpers. She says... "What's going on in the community? What events are happening or about to happen? Who works tirelessly, not looking for accolades, helping to maintain our unique community? Who else but the committee and helpers of the WRRRA. To all those folk, a Big "thanks" in a big way, for your worthwhile efforts – you deserve a **Big Bouquet**."

A **Brickbat** is awarded to a certain group of youngsters who took the corner too fast on Piha Road and ended up in the ditch. Local Waiataruan's spent ½ an hour helping them tow their car from the ditch only to have their expensive towrope borrowed and not returned.

## Congratulations . . .

To Mike, Lisa and Callaway Latham, of Rimu Road, on the birth of their daughter and sister, *Jespa Rose*, born on Monday 16th Oct. To Rachel, Don and Tyrone Makea, of Waiatarua, on the birth of their daughter and sister, *Maristelle Yasmine Moeau*, born Thursday 19th October and weighing in at 7lb 14oz.

## What's On

**The Nihotupu Tramline Walk** on Friday 24 November 10am – 12 noon. Tramp into a remote area, including access to the normally restricted area of the Nihotupu Tramline. \$8 and registration essential. Phone Kay at Sport Waitakere 836-7719.

**Another "Christmas Carols" Evening for Waiatarua**, to be held in the Waiatarua hall. The date has yet to be finalised . . . so . . . Watch out for road signs advertising the event . . . A great time to wish your neighbours Christmas cheer – so rehearse some of those well known Christmas songs and carols with the family, and come and enjoy. All welcome.

**The Portage Mug Show** – 3 November – 26 November at The Upstairs Gallery in Lopdell House.

**C'mon you Waiataruan's who live in Mountain Road, Turanga Road and Tawari Road – let's hear what is happening in your part of Waiatarua. Contact the editor... email, phone, fax or snail mail... see the back page.**

## Waiatarua Walkers

Due to the warmer weather and the 'spring' in our step, we will now be meeting at the Oratia church each Saturday at the earlier time of 7.30am. For further information ring Jo on 814-9945.

## Waiatarua Playcentre

by **Jenny McGee**

We have been pleased to welcome the warmer weather back at Playcentre. The children have been making the most of the sunny spring days, spending their time outside climbing on constructions of ladders, rams and ropes, digging in the sandpit and chasing the occasional monster.

Lots of activity has been going on inside as well, including the recent construction of a rather imposing scarecrow/guy destined for the bonfire at the local fire station.

Why not pop in for a visit? We are just down the drive from the Waiatarua Community Hall.

Playcentre caters for parents and their children from 0 – 6 years in a friendly, creative, fun filled environment. Enquiries, phone Elke on 814-8803.

Playcentre would also like to thank the lady who donated a two seater and chair to our Playcentre's library corner. It is a hit.



Earlier this month we enjoyed an excellent day visiting three completely different gardens in the Clevedon area. Atarangi Gardens, although specialising in Penstemons had 650 roses blooming prolifically. Annette Sloogh's garden had a feature of dead gnomes and a delightful house garden – testament to her background of Landscape design. Kahikatea Farm is an attractive garden packed full of well-loved plants expanding continuously into the farm paddock. A special feature of the day was meeting the owners of these gardens – all lovely people, generous with their time and passionate about plants.

Our last get together for the year is a lunch at Margaret Marshall's home, 19 Raroa Terrace on Wednesday 6 December. We will begin at 11.30 with a stroll around Margaret's lovely garden. Bring a plate and a small present. Phone Eileen on 814-9859 for further information.

## Waiatarua Community Library

We have had to farewell Edna George, a long time volunteer. Thanks for your company and contribution, Ed., and we wish you a happy life in Orewa.

New books to the library include *Katie.com*, a must read for parents and teens, about the hidden chat-room dangers.

Also:

*Code to Zero* by Ken Follett

*Sleeping Cruelty* by Linda la Plante

*Blue Gold* by Clive Cussler

*Rosie of the River* by Catherine Cookson

## 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

## Fire Brigade News

### Guy Fawkes

There are several ways to make it rain. You can wash the car, or plan a barbecue, or leave a duvet on the line while you go out. Or you can just wait for the Fire Brigade to schedule their Guy Fawkes bonfire at the Fire Station. The last method worked again this year, better than ever. We postponed from Saturday to Sunday . . . but that didn't help much. Only a few hardy souls braved the elements and the mud to attend, even though the rain had eased to a light drizzle. So there were no entrants (and hence no winners) for the Guy competition. We'll just have to let the prize jackpot until next year.

### Station Open Day

This was scheduled for Guy Fawkes weekend, and so also suffered from the weather. We thought we'd try again, so come along on **SUNDAY 3RD DECEMBER, ANY TIME BETWEEN 10AM AND 5PM** to check out your new Fire Station and meet your local Volunteer Fire Brigade

### Fire Permits

From 1st December until 30th April you need a fire permit from the Council for all outdoor fires, except barbecues. You can contact them on 837 0790.

### Calls for October

Tues 3rd 11:14 pm – Car fire, Piha Rd

Thurs 5th, 5:32 am – Car fire, Spraggs Bush, Scenic Drive

Thurs 12th, 00:56 am - Shipping containers on fire, Henderson Valley Rd

Sun 22nd, 1:00 pm – Garage on fire, Seaview Rd, Piha

Sun 22nd, 10:08 pm – Van fire, Scenic Drive near Arataki

Contacts - Ian Ford ph 814 8871 or Richard Seccombe 814 8860

## 'Waiatarua Parklands' Update

Waiatarua Parklands is a subdivision being created at 801 West Coast Road.

So far there has been a lot of earth works happening while they form the new road. Trees at the entrance to the new road have been removed, small manuka's are being nurtured for planting and drainage has been put in place to improve stability. The old 'Warby' house is to be transported away, shortly. By the end of the month the bulk of the earthworks will have shaped the road, and by Christmas the road will be formed and metalled.

## Thank You

. . . from Irene Wilson to the people who helped in the search for her missing scottie dog named Jock. A happy ending for everyone!

# 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.

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547-549 West Coast Road. Open 7 days Phone/Fax 818-6411.

**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.

## 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
Ngaire 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	

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

**WORK WANTED:** Registered drainlayer, 30 years experience. 6 tonne and 2 1/2 tonne diggers for hire. Phone Ray 814-9242

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

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**HORSE MANURE FOR SALE** \$1 per bag at 253 Forest Hill Road.

**LAWYER AND NOTARY PUBLIC:** John Hendrikse also available after hours and at weekends. Fees excluding GST and disbursements, are \$350 for a straight forward house purchase, \$550 for a combined sale and purchase. Familiar with Afrikaans. 914 West Coast Road Ph/Fax 814-9991

**WANTED TO BUY:** Good quality childrens/babies clothes. Must be in good condition. Phone Tracy on 817-1191 or 025-518-278

**HOUSEWORK:** Needed – some kind person to help out with busy adult household for a few hours each week. Please phone Carol on 837-0729 (day) 814-9855 (evening).

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**ELECTRICIAN:** Phone Jim your local man Ph. 814-9344

**CLEANER REQUIRED** – honest and reliable for 2 – 3 hours per fortnight. Phone Juliette 814-8802

## 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

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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

## DECEMBER

## NEWSLETTER

Copy needs to be in the hands of  
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by FRIDAY 1ST DECEMBER, 2000

Thanks to the Longley Family for printing this Newsletter.

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