

The Waatarua Community Breakfast

A review by Ken Stacey-Bush Reporter

I parked the ute with dog on back, outside the Waatarua Hall early on Sunday 28th October. Ticket in hand, dog on heel, our mouths started drooling from the delicious smell of bacon wafting towards us through the punga's and manuka's.

Kev and Terry greeted us as they manned the barbecues and I walked inside, leaving my dog sniffing disappointedly at one of my old gumboots.

A glass of orange was thrust in to my hand by Eileen. Husband, Tony, was busy scrambling the eggs in the kitchen...a hive of activity.

Entering the hall, to the right were mountains of freshly baked muffins, of all varieties, and bowls and bowls of the most magnificent red strawberries.

To my left Grant and Cathie were busy serving bacon, scrambled eggs, sausages, pancakes and waffles to the sixty or so fellow Waataruan's gathered.

Fresh coffee was brewing.

We ate until we were more than full and many returned repeatedly to the muffin laden table, during the morning.

Entertainment was provided by Mr Mystery, the magician. The children delighted in his trickery, his white rabbit and the disappearing cat, whilst the adults were never quite fooled, apart from the disappearing ring trick.

It was an excellent morning and a chance for people in the area to get together again for a good time. If you missed it, make sure you come along to next year's breakfast.

Thank you to all those on the WRRRA committee and their helpers who made the breakfast happen.



WAIATARUA RATEPAYERS & RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

This Month at WRRRA

We finally reached a quorum at 8.15pm and proceeded through previous Minutes, Treasurers report and Correspondence in and out.

- * The final Council Reports and minutes of recent subcommittee meetings (prior to the elections) were discussed as a brief synopsis of each was presented by Cathie and Jo.
- * Hall Redecoration – We are in the process of obtaining a quote to update the hall heating. A decision will be made at our next meeting. Curtain samples were viewed and the go ahead was given. The hall back stairs have been cleaned and a security light installed. We are still waiting for the Council to make repairs to the deck area outside the library.
- * Notification was given of a Combined Ratepayers Meeting to be held on 15th November. These meetings enable the different Ratepayers groups to communicate, voice their concerns and discuss issues relevant to their, and neighbouring areas, and support each other.
- * The Web site – the possibility of developing linkages to the Council Web site through the WRRRA web site was discussed.
- * Newsletter – There will be a December/Christmas Community News.

The deadline for this is Wednesday 5th December.

There will be no newsletter for the month of January 2001. The Community News will resume for 2002 in February. Don't forget to renew your membership for the new year...\$10 per family and \$7 single occupant. See the back page.

Weed of the Month – Elaeagnus

If you've ever had the misfortune to come across Elaeagnus, you're likely to put it high on your list of least favourite plants. It's not unusual to find this woody climber / shrub smothering fully grown teatree or tree ferns. It can be recognised by distinctive long silvery bronze canes of spring growth, and the underside of the elliptical leaves is also silvery. The woody 5 cm long thorns can also make their presence felt.

Physical control is extremely difficult unless you have a bulldozer. Cut stumps can be liberally painted with Woody Weedkiller within 15 minutes of cutting, or you can clear and spray the regrowth with Escort (5 gm per 10 litres) plus Pulse. ARC Enviroline 0800 80 60 40



Inorganic Rubbish Collections

The dates are as follows. You will be reminded closer to the time by way of a flyer in your letterbox.

- 491 West Coast Road up to Scenic Drive – 3rd December
- From Scenic Drive down Forest Hill Road to Parrs Cross Road – 3rd December
- Piha Road to 574 Scenic Drive – 10th December.
- Mountain Road area & Scenic drive north of Piha Road #576 on – 7th January 2002.

Brickbats and Bouquets

We would like to recommend a 'bouquet' to Zoran Dakic at 'West Coast Vet Clinic' for the caring and professional service he provides. We recently lost our Airedale, Jethro, to cancer, and found Zoran made a difficult experience more bearable. We are so happy for our other pet, Zelda, to have Zoran as her vet.

Thanks, Zoran... *Brendin and Annette, Forest Hill Road.*

Another bouquet to the members of the WRRRA and helpers, who put on a fantastic Community Breakfast on Sunday 28th October. A great morning. Thank you.

A brickbat to those visitors to our area who chose to take what isn't theirs and leave families to try and cope with the 'fall out' from having a burglary take place in their home.

Waiatarua Playcentre

It is fun to be getting outdoors again at Playcentre, time for some more wet and mucky play.

So far this term we have had some special events including an ambulance visit, a walk at the scenic Cascades at Falls Park and a Samoan day.

The Samoan day was great with parents and children making paper lavalavas, fresh flower leis, and a wonderful lunch with chop suey, green bananas and taro dishes.

Parents enjoyed a pot luck dinner together one weekend night, and we have a family picnic planned soon.

We are making progress on our playground project, sourcing quotes for safety matting, and for some basic interchangeable equipment; which we intend to have in place early next year.

A fair/car boot sale is planned early next year, WATCH THIS SPACE!

For more information on Waiatarua Playcentre, phone Jenny on 814-9954.

Waiatarua Library News

We now have The Consumer Home Garden Magazine, which can be read at your leisure in the library.

New Books:

THE VETERAN by *Frederick Forsyth*,

THE SMOKE JUMPER by *Nicholas Evans*,

ROLLING THUNDER by *Bob Harvey* (all about Karekare)

VANILLA BEANS – BRODO by *Isabella Dusi*

AMERICA by *Stephen Coonts*

SONG OF THE SOUNDS by *Adam Armstrong*.

Christmas Holidays are soon to be upon us. Stock up on your Christmas reading. The last day to collect your books is Thursday 20th December 10am–12 noon. The library will re open on January 10th 2002.

WAIATARUA COMMUNITY LIBRARY

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

Hours of Opening

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

Stop Sign Wanted

Waiataruan, Debby Young and others, have organized a petition to convince the Waitakere City Council to change the Give Way sign at Forest Hill and West Coast Road into a Stop sign.

This is supported by the Waiatarua Residents and Ratepayers Association.

Debby has since attended the Public Forum meeting of the Waitakere Community Board and received very supportive feedback with an urgency for Council to look at this problem.

If you have not already signed the petition you can do so at the Oratia dairy and at the Waiatarua Library.

Hail and Farewell

Welcome to Waiatarua... Shawn and Tamara and family to Kauri Loop Road. Shawn and Tamara are from Calgary, Canada.

We farewell Adith and Shane Stoneman and family and wish them well. Special thanks go to Adith and Shane for their involvement in the Waiatarua Community, for many years Adith organised the bulk delivery of the newsletter, and was an active volunteer in the Waiatarua Library.



Our December trip will be to a local garden called Sonoma County, which is part of the former Western Vineyard property off Candia Road. Meet at 103 Candia Road at 1pm on Wednesday 5th December. Ring Eileen on 814-9298 for car pooling or any further information.

The suggested date for our Christmas lunch is the following Wednesday, 12th December. Margaret has very kindly offered the use of her deck and garden again, and we will confirm the date when we meet next time.

I would like to recommend a new garden book which is available from the Waiatarua Library. It is by Fiona Eadie who was the manager of the Oratia Native Plant Nursery and is called '100 Best New Zealand Native Plants for Gardens'. It has lots of information on care and maintenance, likes and dislikes and extensive landscaping suggestions for native trees, shrubs, ground covers and ferns.

Eileen Powell

Fire Brigade

Fire Permits

At any time through the year, your outside fire must be safe, under control and out by sunset. From 1st December to 30th April you also need to obtain a fire permit from the Council. The Council officer will visit your property and inspect the site before issuing the permit, so a few days notice is required – phone 837 0790. If the Fire Brigade is called to a fire without a permit we must put it out.

Brigade People

Your local Volunteer Fire Brigade has been busy lately. Congratulations to Karl Nuttall and Aaron Offenbaker who completed their Basic Training course in September.

We've formed a Management Committee to oversee the administration of the Brigade. Appointed were Chief Fire Officer Ian Ford (Chair) and Deputy Chief Richard Seccombe (in charge of Brigade activities). Elected by Brigade members were Marie Brittain (Fire Safety), Kevin Healy (Assets), Helen Longley (Operations) and Kevin Pennycook (Personnel and Training). Others are assisting in specific areas. Steve Smith has taken up the role of Drill Instructor, and we must also thank Ross Mullins who's joined us to assist with reporting, and Glynis Renata who has volunteered to manage our accounts.

Recent Calls

September's calls (as reported in last issue): 13. October's calls: 0. Since then, in the first week of November:

- Sat 3rd, 8:46 pm – Car vs pole, Piha Road. This time the pole was a clear winner, but fortunately the driver was unhurt.
- Tue 6th, 2:28 pm – Lines down, Anawhata Road. No action required.

Contacts

Phone 111 for all fires and emergencies. Otherwise, call Ian Ford 814 8871 or Richard Seccombe 025 915 525

What's On

Sculpture and Garden Art Exhibition-Quality Artwork displayed in a beautiful 2 acre garden in Oratia. Friday 30th November – Sunday 2nd December 10.30–4pm. Phone Chris 818-8883 for tickets.

Neighbourhood Watch

Waiatarua has had a spate of burglaries this past month. There have been two reported burglaries in West Coast Road and one in Cascade Avenue. These have taken place during the day. TV's, stereo's, computers, a motor bike are only some of the items targeted.

We need to be much more alert. Many burglaries are opportunistic where by these people are prowling around just looking for open doors, windows, signs that there is no one home etc. So please be aware of what is happening in your street, or in neighbouring properties and report anything suspicious.

The trend at the moment seems to be the stealing of bbq's, outdoor furniture and lawn mowers.

On the back page of this newsletter are listed people who have volun-

Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor,

I agree completely with Peter Radford – what's wrong with the current WRRR Logo? It is simple and clean, doesn't look dated and has a lovely 'hilly' feel to it. The only modification I would make would be to use a different typeface for the lettering.

The Association letterhead and the masthead for this newsletter (both of which I designed, so I feel qualified to criticize) are a different matter. Both could do with a face lift. I suggest that Cathie uses her great design talent in that direction rather than trying to fix what aint broke. Tony Bacon

teered to be Neighbourhood Watch Coordinators. This list of names is dwindling when criminal activity in the area is increasing. We need to communicate with each other as neighbours, support each other and look out for each other.

I would encourage you to volunteer yourself as a Neighbourhood Watch Coordinator for your immediate area. It is not an arduous role, but one which is proactive and even enjoyable... you get to meet your neighbours!

If you are at all interested phone Trish Maxwell on 834-5813 Monday – Friday 9am–3pm and register your interest. She will assist in setting up your Neighbourhood Support Group. Also let us know so that your name and address can be included in the Neighbourhood Watch list on the back of the newsletter.

Vodafone Cell Site for Waiatarua?

Residents in the Forest Hill Road area have received notification from Vodafone of their proposed intention to erect a Vodafone Telecommunication Facility (Oratia Cell Site) on land at 148 –174 Forest Hill Road. (Sapich Brothers Winery Ltd.)

At this stage only 'affected parties', i.e. immediate neighbours, have been sent information regarding this, and including a form asking for their consent to the erection of the facility.

The Nikau Club

My name is Wayne Edwards. I am a long time resident of the area and the present owner of the restaurant premises in Waiatarua.

Waiatarua, Piha and Karekare residents have shown a lot of interest in the future of the restaurant so I would like to introduce myself to those who do not know me.

I have lived in Quinns Road, Waiatarua since 1968. In the mid 1970's I left for a few years but the appeal of the area soon brought me back. My five children have all been raised here and attended local schools. We love the native birds and bush, the fresh air, the privacy and the expansive, ever constant views.

I have always considered the restaurant a uniquely located property being central to the Waitakere Park and mid-way between Titirangi and Swanson and between Henderson and the West Coast beaches. When the property was offered for sale a couple of years ago my purchase was from the heart rather than a calculated commercial decision from the head.

Since selling my business a year ago I have been able to devote some time and effort to improve the presentation of restaurant. It has been fun and a rewarding exercise.

Some weeks ago I made the decision to be more than a landlord and to maintain an ongoing interest in the business. I sought a business partner with experience in the hospitality industry. My new partner is Christine Brien who has moved to Waiatarua in recent days.

Christine will manage the restaurant to be renamed "The Nikau Club" and will offer breakfasts, lunches and dinners. She has exciting plans and hopes to attract local residents with a range of fresh and interesting dishes.

During the redevelopment of the restaurant we heard many stories about tunnels underground around the property. Some said these were dug by the military about 1870 during the Russian invasion scare. We were told about furniture stored in them after the tearoom fire (about 1920 I think). Apparently the old underground petrol tank intersected them when installed for the general store in the 1940's or 50's.

Although I was sceptical about the authenticity of the tunnel stories my builder Ron took every opportunity to dig exploratory holes about the property. While digging the last hole for the planter boxes in front of the building we entered into a chamber. This is about two metres below ground and has sufficient headroom to accommodate a tall person. Although it is not a large area it appears that this chamber might have been part of a larger system. I am very interested in researching this more and would like to hear from any person who has information on when the tunnel or tunnels were dug and what was the purpose.

I am very interested in the history of the property and I look forward to meeting with you in our refurbished restaurant, café and bar.

Advertising

This is free to financial members
for 2001, 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.

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

WEST COAST VET CLINIC – Offering full veterinary service for your pets.
24 hour service Phone 818-4104.

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 2½ tonne diggers for hire. Phone Ray 814-9242.

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

ATARUA GARDENS BED AND BREAKFAST: No room for your out of town visitors? Contact Carol and Denis. Phone 09 814-9706 or 025-283-7544.

LAWYER AND NOTARY PUBLIC: John Hendrikse, available 24 hours by appointment. Are you buying and/or selling your house? Competitive fees. Home visits by arrangement. Overseas documents can only be witnessed by a notary public. Familiar with Afrikaans. 914 West Coast Road. Ph/Fax 814-9991.

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

BABYSITTER – Mature, honest and reliable lady. Experienced. \$8 an hour Phone Juliette 814-8802.

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HOUSE FOR SALE: ORATIA/WAIATARUA – low maintenance, double storey, 4 bdrm. family home, diesel central heating, dble garaging with workshop, large rumpus. Extensive valley views. \$317,000. Phone 814-9251.

TREE WORK: Fully insured and qualified arborists.
Phone Guy Thomas 813-1481 or 021-244-8733.

LAWN MOWING: Local, reliable. Phone Eric 8372333.

FAY'S YOGA CLASS – Unique programme of stretching, relaxing fitness health – Glen Eden Phone 817-8233.

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FIREWOOD FOR SALE: shed stored, pine and macrocarpa \$50-\$65.
Phone 814-8833.

BABYSITTER: Friendly, mature and responsible 15 year old girl. \$6 per hour. Phone Danielle on 814-9131 or 021-268 4401.

HORSE MANURE: \$1 per bag at 253 Forest Hill Road. Phone 814-9771.

STRESS? NECK AND BACK PAIN? OOS? SCIATICA? CARPAL TUNNEL? SPRAINS AND STRAINS?.. if so, maybe I can help. I am TMA (NZ) registered. Phone Rowan anytime on 8337866.

BABYSITTER: Friendly, outgoing and experienced 6th form pupil available evenings and weekends – \$6 per hour. Phone Tara on 814-8834

HOUSE FOR SALE: Waiatarua. Views for ever – 2 harbours, Coromandel, outer islands – glorious! 3 – 4 bedrooms, plus workshop and large separate studio/workshop. Heart rimu floors, large deck' tuis and pigeons in the birdbath. \$480,000. Phone Tony Bacon on 814-9860.

GARAGE SALE; 216 Mountain Road. Sat/Sun 1st, 2nd December 9am–5pm. Wide range of household goods, garden gear and tools.

FOR SALE: TV (2) \$100 and \$50, Entertainment Unit \$150, Coffee Tables, set of 5 \$300, Gas Heater \$125, Fridge/Freezer \$125 plus other household items Phone 8368630 evenings.

FOR SALE: Private family home on 1 acre. 3 large bedrooms, 2 bathrooms and single lockup garage. Newly redecorated inside and out \$248,000 Phone owner 814-8792.

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 |
| Margaret/Paddy Marshall | 19 Rarua Tce | 814-9859 | |
| Gaelene/Tony Goodrick | 17 Cascade Ave | 814-9788 | |

Please accept my Membership to the
Waiatarua Ratepayers and Residents Association

for 2001

I enclose: \$10 Household, \$7 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

Hall phone 814-9353

Phone the Custodian Pauline Isaachsen on 814-9847

DECEMBER NEWSLETTER

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by WEDNESDAY 3rd DECEMBER, 2001

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