

## The Waiaatarua Ratepayers and Residents Association Annual General Meeting

**Where** ; Waiaatarua Community Hall, 911 West Coast Road,

**When:** Thursday 21st February 2002 at 7pm for refreshments, 7.30pm start.

**Guest Speaker:** Dennis Finn – Chairperson of 'Keep Waitakere Beautiful.'

**Everyone is welcome.**

Come along and meet other Waiaataruan's who have a genuine interest in the Waiaatarua area and community. See you there.

## Wanted/Needed Urgently

### ...Deliverers for the Waiaatarua Community News...

Can you spare an hour a month enjoying the sights you don't see while driving, meeting the neighbours you didn't know you had, partaking in that exercise the doctor always said you needed???

We need you now! Several areas are without a deliverer. Please volunteer by phoning Jo on 814-9945.

We are also in need of a Bulk Delivery person as Helena's work commitments do not allow her to continue. The Bulk Deliverer's role is to pick up the Community News copies from the printers and distribute them to the letterboxes of those that deliver, usually on a Friday afternoon or Saturday morning, once a month.

If this sounds like you, please phone Jo on 814-9945.

We need your help to keep the Community News going.

**Please accept my Membership to the  
Waiaatarua Ratepayers and Residents Association**

**for 2002**

I enclose: \$10 Household, \$5 Single Occupant

Name .....

Address .....

Phone .....

**To Treasurer**

Waiaatarua Ratepayers and Residents Association  
911 West Coast Road, Waiaatarua, Auckland 8 **or leave at the library**  
Web Site: [www.waiaatarua.org.nz](http://www.waiaatarua.org.nz)

## Membership to the WRRRA

Membership for the 2002 year is now due. \$10 per household and \$5 for an individual. Support your community.

## The Waiaatarua Hall

### by Cathie Wells

The Waiaatarua Hall is to receive a face lift. Preliminary discussions have been held with the council about renovations to the whole building, inside and out, and including the parking area. In the mean time the hall area will be smarter.

It all started on a freezing cold Monday evening with all the heaters in the hall glowing and your committee endeavouring to hold a meeting while huddled around an additional heater brought by one of the members. "It's so cold in here no wonder no one wants to use this place in winter", was one of the comments.

After much research and consultation with heating experts about the most efficient and cost effective heating for the hall area, your committee ordered new heaters.

"Well, it's all very well to order new heaters but what about the curtains - shouldn't we do something about them too". There were more discussions, more quotes received and new curtains ordered.

The new heaters have been installed and the old curtains removed, the new ones are ready for hanging and the plasterer and painter will be starting later in the year.

### For Sale (from the hall)

5 RADIANT WALL HEATERS

2 CURTAINS - blue with multi coloured pattern to cover 8m x 2.5m  
any offer considered – All proceeds towards the hall renovations

Phone Cathie 8148 871

WAIATARUA RATEPAYERS & RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

## Fire Brigade News

### Medical Emergencies – Your Chance to Help

The Fire Service and St John Ambulance have agreed that fire crews should be sent to assist at potentially life-threatening accidents or medical emergencies, if St John's are likely to be delayed. Since our nearest ambulance stations are at Te Atatu and New Lynn, it's likely that we'll be called on to help and we're keen to do so. We would love to have some new volunteers to join other medical co-responders within the Brigade. It would be a bonus if you were sometimes in the area during working hours. Full training begins this month. For further details please call Lyndsay Whittle on 814 9872 or Ian Ford 814 8871 today.

### Recent Calls

The first 3 weeks of December were quiet, then when the fire engine was down the road picking up Santa for the kids' Christmas party . . .

SAT 22nd, 3:16 pm – Chemical spill after a car crash, Scenic Drive /Te Henga Rd.

Santa pitched in to help the rest of the crew, temporarily swapping his red suit for a mustard-coloured one and eventually got back to the kids about an hour late. That made a total of 43 calls for 2001.

### IN JANUARY . . .

SAT 5th, 6:12 am – Car fire, Scenic Drive near Arataki

SAT 5th, 7:04 pm – Car fire, Log Race Rd, Piha

SAT 19th, 3:59 am – Car crash, West Coast Rd. The driver of a car coming down the hill lost control on the corner just above Cascade Ave and hit a car coming up head-on.

TUE 22nd, 11:12 pm – Car fire, Scenic Drive

### FEBRUARY

SUN 3rd, 3:11 pm - Fuel leaking after a car accident, Piha Rd.

### Fire Danger

The wet start to summer meant that the bush fire danger remained very low until mid-January. But now that the weather has improved, the risk is increasing. Please take care, and remember to contact the Council for a fire permit for all outdoor fires a few days before you need it.

### Contacts

Phone 111 for all emergencies. Otherwise, call Ian Ford (8148871) or Richard Seccombe (8141115)

## Weed of the Month

### Wild Ginger

Our most "famous" weed. It was "Ginger-out" campaigns in the 1980's which raised public awareness of the threat posed by introduced plants to our native bush. Our own Ratepayers Association organised a government-sponsored work gang to clear ginger from roadsides and public areas, but if we don't keep up the fight the problem will be back just as severely as before. The large scented yellow flowers of the widespread Kahili ginger and the less common creamy Yellow ginger are prominent from now until April. Beds of living rhizomes can form a dense layer up to a metre thick.

In the bad old days, the only way to get of wild ginger was to dig out every piece of root. That's still effective on small clumps. But the introduction of the herbicide Escort meant that complete control is now feasible without weeks of back-breaking work. Escort should be mixed at 2.5 grams per 5 litres water plus 10 mls of a spreader/sticker like Pulse. Garden centres sell small packs, but you may need to go to somewhere like Veg-Gro (Westgate) or Wrightsons (Kumeu) for larger packs. Unfortunately it's not cheap. The most efficient and economic method of control is to cut and clear away part of the stalk leaving 2 or 3 leaves, and spray what's left including the rhizome immediately. You'll see results in 3 months, but you should leave it for a year or so to dry out completely if you want to remove it. You can safely replant amongst the dead roots.

### Agapanthus

It's a really good idea to cut the flower heads off and dispose of them before they drop their seeds

**Fire Permits Required** *From now until the end of April you will need a fire permit from the Council for all outside fires except gas barbecues. Phone 839-0400*

## First Aid Certificate Course

Have you a lapsed first aid certificate or felt that you always should have one – one day! Here's your chance to learn the basics and be confident in administering aid.

Cathie Wells is organising an OSH and NZ Resuscitation Council certificate course with a fully qualified First Aid Tutor.

The course is two consecutive Sundays, April 7 and April 14, all day. Morning and afternoon tea provided.

## Waiatarua Playcentre News

The holidays has been a time of change for many of our families with the result that we are losing 6 families this term, two of these temporarily, as they take up six month contracts in the South Island.

So far this term we have gained two new children; our sessions are quite small now which is more relaxing for the children and parents. We are, however, very eager for new families, and to this end we have been doing letter box drops in the Waiatarua and Oratia areas promoting both the Playcentre and our Fair/Car Boot Sale, happening on Saturday 16th February. Please come and support the Playcentre. We will have cakes and sweets, a sausage sizzle, devonshire teas and a Playcentre White Elephant stall.

Bring along your unwanted items in exchange for a \$5 car boot space, or you may wish to have an inside stall for \$10. Phone Fiona on 817-5445 or Adith on 818-7728 for bookings.

## Rose Hellaby House – Waiatarua

The West Auckland Historical Society's lease of Rose Hellaby House expires at the end of March. The Society has voluntarily kept the historical display centre open for the past 20 years. Bill Burrill, the ARC chairperson of Parks and Heritage welcomes new ideas for the use of Rose Hellaby House. One suggestion has been an artists retreat. If you have any ideas or for further information contact Dave Hayes at the Arataki Visitors Centre, phone 817 4993, and if you haven't visited Rose Hellaby House for a while, pop in while the historical display is still there.

## From Waitakere Health Link Newsletter –

### DECEMBER ISSUE

by *Christine Healy*

### CHILD HEALTH

A new child health initiative has been started in West Auckland called WestKids, it is a joint venture between Waitemata DHB, Pasifica Fono, Wai-Health, Plunket, Integrated Primary Care Services (which includes most West Auckland GP's) and Starship Hospital. There were concerns regarding the number of West Auckland children being admitted to Starship Hospital. WestKids provides follow up care, family/whanau support services, and coordination of well child checks. WestKids also has a strong focus on analysis of local child health needs in order to identify ways of providing better health care for our children.

### West Auckland Youth Services (WAYS)

WAYS is a drop in centre where YOUTH can be themselves. It is a joint venture between Te Whanau O Waipareira and Pasifica and is situated at 3 Montel Avenue, Henderson. WAYS aims to empower and support RANGATAHI/YOUTH to reach their full potential socially, mentally, physically, culturally and spiritually.

### Painted Apple Moth Update (PAM)

Recent finds in the Scenic Ranges of PAM indicate that the moth may have begun to infest the ranges. MAF estimate that PAM could cost forests, horticulture and the environment \$48 million over the next 20 years. However the impact on conservation areas such as the Waitakere Ranges is not known because although PAM is known to feed on Kowhai and Ribbonwood, MAF have yet to carry out host plant trials that include all our native species.

MAF is setting up a health monitoring and support services as part of the eradication programme for PAM. MAF have set up an information line for the community to access information and advice free of charge. The number is 0800 96 96 96.



Our next garden visit will be held on Wednesday 6 March to the Studio and Garden of Kevin Kilsby. It is an inner city subtropical garden with Bromeliads, Taro, Ferns and Palms and featuring other foliage plants. Kevin also produces designer ceramics, which are available for sale, and many of you will have seen around town the irresistible ceramic pukeko.

The address is 4 Weston Ave, Mount Albert and we will meet there at 1 pm. 6 March. Ring Eileen on 8149-298 or Margaret 8149-859 for further information or car pooling. Everyone is welcome.

### February Garden Calendar

- Keep dead heading perennials to prolong flowering
- Take semi hardwood cuttings of native plants such as Coprosma, Hebe, Olearia.
- Shorten back straggly Lavender and Abutilon after flowering and take cuttings
- To help keep passion vine hoppers at bay, spray with jets of water or Pyrethrum.
- When it is humid water in the mornings to reduce moisture on the leaves at night.
- It is not too late to plant Carrots, Silver Beet, Beetroot, Leeks and Winter Greens.

Enjoy your garden!!

## Jetstream Maybe?

A recent reply from Telecom said that "At this stage Waiatarua is not on our Rollout Plan [for Jetstream] but we will be releasing a new Plan in March/April 2002."

So if we want to see Jetstream or Jetstart in Waiatarua any time soon, we need to let Telecom know that we're interested. If we use the tried and tested principle of "the squeaky wheel gets the oil", then I'd suggest we all try squeaking now, while it's being reviewed. The more Waiataruans that register their interest, the more likely Telecom are to take notice and add us to their rollout plan. Registering WON'T commit you to taking up Jetstream or Jetstart, but it means that you might at least have the option to do so. But you'll need to do it now to be effective.

To register, go to [www.telecom.co.nz](http://www.telecom.co.nz), click on "Product finder", then "Internet and data", followed by "Jetstream @ home" and finally "Check your line for Jetstream"

## Local Election 2001

Now that the dust has finally settled from the elections in October, I would like to thank everyone that supported me during the campaign and, of course, on the day. I was delighted to be the top polling candidate, both for Community Board and the Waitakere Licensing Trust. Sadly, this doesn't mean cheap liquor for the whole of Waiatarua!

As well as my normal Community Board duties – advocating for your local issues – I have been appointed to the Board's Street Events Sub-Committee (road closures, etc.), and to the Keep Waitakere Beautiful Committee. Keep Waitakere Beautiful organise many special events in our city including Operation Spring Clean and Trash to Fashion.

Having been on the receiving end of several generous donations from the Waitakere Licensing Trust (to the Brigade, Barnardos etc.), as a Trustee it will be great to give some money to other community groups.

Any questions about Council, our community, community groups' funding – don't hesitate to call me. We've had an extra phone line put in to handle the deluge of inquiries! Phone: 814 9505 or 814 9507, fax: 814 9507, email: [kevin@healy.co.nz](mailto:kevin@healy.co.nz).

At Community Board level we can't promise to fix everything. We can find out if it's possible, and work with Council towards improving the amenities of our ward. Look forward to hearing from you.

Kevin Healy  
Waitakere Community Board  
Waitakere Licensing Trust  
WRRRA

## Waiatarua Library News

We are back!

Come up and check us out!

We would love to welcome any volunteers new to the district on Thursday 10am – 12 noon to help us keep the library going, covering books, shelf tidying, etc. All are welcome. Phone Bev 814-9430.

**NEW BOOKS:** DIANA GABALDON – *Fiery Cross*  
JOANNE HARRIS – *Chocolat*  
ANDY MCNAB – *Bravo Il Zero, Immediate Action, Remote Control*, all true stories of the Iraq War.  
PHILLIPPA GREGORY – *The Other Boleyn Girl*  
KEN FOLLETT – *Jackdaws*

(See back page for hours)

## The Nikau Club

Hello from the Nikau Club. We've been open since early December and would like to thank all the locals for their support and invite those of you who haven't tried us yet to come on in.

We have the Pizza oven going now and the complete menu is running all day from 9am. So you can have breakfast for dinner or dinner for breakfast. Whatever. Whenever.

We do everything from cookies to main meals, so don't be afraid to call in just for coffee and cake or a late dessert and liqueur. The bar is open all day, so you can visit for a cool nectar juice, wine, beer or a fabulous cocktail and admire the beautiful glassed macracarpa top. Our baby pizza's are proving a popular bar snack.

The response to the changes in the space has been fantastic and the view is to die for.

I often light the fire when we are engulfed in cloud or rain to keep everything warm and cosy.

We had a jazz duo one Friday, and those that were here loved it. But I don't know how to let you all know what we're doing or what you'd like us to provide. We have a great venue here.

If you have any ideas or suggestions, please write to me or drop in a note.

We intend to be here for a long time so I'd like to make it into a business that meets the community's needs.

Thank you all again and I look forward to seeing you at the Nikau Club.

*Christine Brien*

Manager.

*P.S. If any of you have a good quality surplus of fruit or veges in your garden, I'd be happy to trade with you.*

## Scene or Heard in Waiatarua

'Oratia Park Estates'

Have you '*scene*' the sign on West Coast Road?

The 'Oratia Park Estates' is a development of 13 lifestyle lots near 148 Parker Road. The lots range in size from 8000 square meters to 20,000 square meters. Priced between the late \$200,000's and early \$300,000's.

## Welcome to Waiatarua

Welcome Tony and Jeanette to Brabant Road.

Welcome *back* to Waiatarua, Philip and Debbie Brown and family to Atarua Gardens.

## Waiatarua Walkers

Meet Saturday morning at 8am outside the Oratia church for an hour's walk. If interested Phone Jo on 814-9945.

## Brickbats and Bouquets

A *bouquet* to the residents near 235 Forest Hill Road. Their verges are always weed free, neat and tidy, enhancing the beauty of the natural environment we live in.

A *brickbat*, however, to those 'graffiti do-ers' who spoil our environment.

To report any graffiti or tagging phone the Waitakere Tag Out Trust Hotline on 839 0400.

# 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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**WOODEN FARM GATES AND ENTRANCE GATES** made to order.  
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**TREE WORK:** Fully insured and qualified arborists.  
Phone Guy Thomas 813-1481 or 021-244-8733.

**LAWN MOWING:** Local, reliable. Phone Eric 8372333.

## 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 Tee	814-9859	
Gaelene/Tony Goodrick	17 Cascade Ave	814-9788	

## 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

**VICKY'S BEAUTY THERAPY:** 10 years experience. Facials, waxing, massage,  
manicures etc. Available 7 days Phone 814-9317.

**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.

**HOUSE FOR SALE:** Waiatarua. 4 bdrms, 2 bathrms, open plan kitchen leads to  
3 living areas opening on to large sundeck with panoramic views over Auckland.  
Separate office/sleepout with own bathroom. Solar-heated swimming pool.  
Over 3/4 acre of bush with garden, garage carport and easy access on to West  
Coast Road \$430 000 Phone owner 814 9876

**RESTAURANT AND LICENSED CAFÉ** The recently refurbished restaurant at  
473 Scenic Drive, Waiatarua, now offers fresh and interesting breakfasts, lunches  
and dinners. Phone Christine at The Nikau Club 814-1910.

**DRAMA CLASSES FOR JUNIORS, YOUTH & ADULTS** at the Theatre, Lopdell  
House, Titirangi & at Rimu Glade Studio, 4 Rimu Road, Waiatarua. Year courses,  
short courses & scholarships available. Contact West Auckland director, actor,  
musician & writer John Goudge for information Ph 814-9744.

**FAYS YOGA CLASS** for true fitness and relaxation Ph 817-8233.

**PLANTS:** various perennials, shrubs, bulbs, bog irises, mondo grass and a few  
indoor plants \$1 - \$5 Phone 814-9859

**MOBILE REIKI & MASSAGE THERAPIST** 7 years experience. For further  
information, or to arrange an appointment phone Vicky 836 8633.

**MARRIAGE CELEBRANT PLUS VENUE PLUS JP** for your specifically  
designed ceremony and garden setting (if required), talk to Peter George Ph  
814-9456

## 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

## MARCH/APRIL NEWSLETTER

Copy needs to be in the hands of  
The Editor,

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by WEDNESDAY 6th MARCH, 2002

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