

Advance Notice of

The Inaugural Waiatarua Autumn Festival

Saturday/Sunday
27th & 28th March 2004

It is a happening thing. A great occasion.
Start planning now
to attend and to enter this great community event.



Categories you can enter:

GARDENING:

For children : Seeds. Plant it. Grow it. Enter it.
Adults : Homegrown Vegetable ... the biggest,
the ugliest, the longest, the best.



BAKING:

Waiatarua's Best Sponge cake.
Blokes Best Baking.



BREADS/ JAMS/ CHUTNEYS.

BREWS:

Waiatarua's Best Home Brew/Wine.
Waiatarua's Best Home brewed ginger beer.



CRAFT:

Children's : yet to be announced.
Adults: A Greeting Card. In any medium.
Maximum size to be stipulated. .



On the Saturday evening a Waiatarua 'Country Dance' will be held.
A Community Breakfast will be held on the Sunday morning
where awards for the Autumn Festival will be presented.

- Mark this in your diary now -

Certainly an event not to be missed in Waiatarua.

Fire Brigade News

We're still keeping the Training Centre and ourselves busy, despite the relative lack of fire calls. Recent courses completed include Emergency Response Driving (Steve Smith, Karl Nuttall and Aaron Offenbaker), Pump Operator (Derek Renata) and Fire Police Skills (Cathie Wells and Alan Marychurch).

All members will require NZQA Unit Standard 3285 (Protect personal safety at vegetation fires) before being allowed to attend scrub fires as from 5th October. We will be sitting this at the end of September.

Recent Calls - September

12:14 am, Sun 7th Car fire, Piha Road
10:30 pm, Mon 15th Car fire, Piha Road again

Guy Fawkes

We welcome you to join us on the evening of Saturday 1st November from 7pm for Guy Fawkes. As last year, we will supply the bonfire, and you bring your own fireworks. There will be a designated area for fireworks, so please check with any of the firefighters for this. Ground at the rear of the Fire Station doesn't drain well, so a pair of gumboots may be a good idea.

It's important that we consider our own safety as well as everyone else's at these events.

WAIATARUA RATEPAYERS & RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

EDITOR:
JOSEPHINE HALL
WARRA PRESIDENT:
TONY BACON PHONE 814-9860
WEB SITE www.waiatarua.org.nz

There will be safety notices at the Fire Station – please take time to familiarise yourself with them, and ensure that you and any children with you follow them. We will do our best to be vigilant, but please advise us if you're concerned or unsure of anything.

Phone 111 for all fires and emergencies. Otherwise you can call Ian Ford (814 8871), Helen Longley (814 9855) or Karl Nuttall (814 8777).

Arataki News

The weather has been it's usual fickle self and we are swinging from brilliant sunshine to rain most days, up here at the moment. For any of you who have ventured out on the tracks recently, you will have noticed the mud but probably had a fantastic time anyway. Think of all the beautiful sights you would have missed if you hadn't gone.

We have 240 km of tracks in the Waitakere Ranges Regional Park and they go to some very interesting places. A favourite of mine is to go to Whatipu and climb up the Omanawanui track. A seat has recently been installed with a fantastic view of the beach and the Manukau Bar. A great place to take a picnic and spend some time.

The gannets are back in good numbers at Muriwai and are already having the normal disputes over mates and nest sites. The colony is always an interesting place to visit but the main time is once the chicks arrive which is usually early November. The colony is then in full swing until the chicks and adult birds start leaving in late January. There are not normally any birds left by late March.

Most of the field Rangers recently updated their fire fighting skills with a course at the Fire Service Training facility at Mt Wellington. As you may realize, fire is one of the greatest threats to the ranges and we have to be ever vigilant and also ready to respond, to any emergencies. We have a great link with the local Waiatarua Fire Brigade and Ian Ford keeps us up to date with what they are doing.

Pestcontrol is an ongoing mission around the center and we have a dedicated team of volunteers who check the traplines and refill bait stations. We use peanut butter as a lure and also mix poison into it in some cases so it is important that dogs are kept on a lead if walking the tracks.

In the meantime if you have any questions you would like answered, call in to Arataki or give us a call on 817-0077

The Team at Arataki.

Waiatarua Rainfall

	RAIN DAYS	WETTEST DAY	AUG TOTAL	YEAR TO DATE
Mountain Road	15	20th (30 mm)	112 mm	1049 mm
Brabant Road	16	20th (25 mm)	110 mm	1222 mm
Quinns Road	19	21st (27 mm)	112 mm	1168 mm
Forest Hill Road			97 mm	1145 mm
Auckland City			53 mm	700 mm

Native Herbs in Waiatarua

Kumarahou. Diving along West Coast Road the other day I noticed the Kumarahou growing on the bank, are now in flower. This plant is commonly known as Gumdiggers soap as it soaps up when mixed with water.

As a herb it is largely used for respiratory problems, such as colds, bronchitis, and is specific to prevent asthma, as it clears the mucous and is anti-inflammatory. The anti-inflammatory action also helps in arthritis. Externally it can be infused in boiling water, cooled and applied to wounds, sores rashes and eczema. To use the fresh plant use a handful of the leaves and flowers to a cup of boiling water. This herb is not suitable for pregnancy or with a peptic ulcer.

By Sonja Cartwright,

Waiataruan and Naturopath at Healthwise Naturopath Clinic.

Take up the Challenge

... Become a Lifeguard at Karekare

Being part of the Karekare Lifesaving Club is both challenging and rewarding. There are enormous opportunities to learn new things. Club members come from a wide variety of backgrounds. As a member of the club you will meet all sorts of interesting people and almost certainly make new life long friends.

The primary function of the Club is to organize and operate voluntary patrols of the beach for the weekends and public holidays between Labour weekend and Easter. Karekare can be a dangerous beach, but our surf club has a patrolling record second to none in the Northern Region.

The Club has numerous social events throughout the year, including an annual surfing and fishing contest. You may also like to become involved in Surf Lifesaving Competitions and compete against other surf clubs in the Auckland region and in New Zealand.

Anyone can become a lifeguard and/or member of the club – you don't have to be super fit or even be able to swim in the surf to make a valuable contribution.

If you would like to join the Club (or even if you are just thinking about it.) please contact the Club's secretary, Shalema, on 812-8788 or email wanden-hannay@xtra.co.nz. It costs only \$30 to become an associate member. Check out the Club website at www.karekaresurfclub.org.nz

A Tribute to the Golden Greats in Waiatarua

The possibility of a bronze homage to New Zealand's finest runners is the brainchild of the late, great sprinter John Davies, sports writer Warwick Roger and weekend jogger Mayor Bob Harvey.

At the small Scenic Drive waterfall in Waiatarua, the great champions of the 60's Snell, Halberg, Baillie and Davies all winners at both Olympic and Commonwealth Games would stop off for a drink from the fresh spring.

Trained by Arthur Lydiard, they would meet at his Mt Roskill home and run the Waitakere Ranges via New Lynn. Mayor Harvey believes it's time to honour both the runners and this special place. He would like the Waiatarua locals to cheer it on.

A design for the rock wall incorporating a special plaque depicting the runners with an explanation is what Harvey believes is needed.

"Both Warwick and I think a bronze form on the rock with the water flowing over it would make it complete", says Harvey – "We need to cost the project as we would seek funding outside of council. This council and the ARC, I am sure, will help and I will be approaching funding bodies for support".

The Mayor would like to get a positive feeling from the locals first. Email the Mayor with your thoughts bob.Harvey@waitakere.govt.nz

Brickbats and Bouquets

The nomination for the '**bouquet**' this month, goes to Greg McGee of West Coast Road. Greg has put in many hours worth of effort, energy and enthusiasm to enhance his immediate local environment with stone retaining walls and work in and around the verge of West Coast Road in front of his home.

There have been no nominations this month for the '**brickbat**.' Please forward your nominations for the brickbat or the bouquet to the editor. Thanks to the Fairy Flower Shop of Titirangi who donate a beautiful bouquet each month.

Correction in last month's Community News...

In the 'weeds' article it should have read that residents are able to obtain **12** free ginger bags each year for tubers and flower heads only. Put these out with the weekly rubbish. Available from Waitakere City Council.

GARDEN GROUP

This month we will be visiting Westlynn Gardens, 73 Parker Ave, New Lynn, to see the spring flowering and then on to Petals and Pots for afternoon tea. Meet at 1pm, Wednesday 1st October. Enquiries to Margaret on 814-9859 or June on 814-9398.

Put a note in your diary the date of 5 November for a full day in the Whitford area. At 10 am we will visit the famous Ayrli's garden, Potts Road, Whitford. We will then take a picnic lunch to eat in Ayrli's and after go on to another garden in the area.

Waiatarua Playcentre

As the holidays approach we can reflect on the fun times and learning experiences, not to forget the fantastic friendships and community spirit that can be found at our local Playcentre.

We held our AGM in September and all our positions were filled by our positive and enthusiastic members.

We look forward to a new Playhouse for our children after the holidays and lots of new sand in our sandpit.

With the sunshine months approaching why not pop in and visit us. We always welcome new families.

We can be found down the drive from the Waiatarua Community Hall at 911 West Coast Road.

Our sessions are Mon, Wed, Fri 9.15 – 12.30. The first three sessions are free.

Term 4 begins Monday 6th October.

Waiatarua Community Library

We, the library helpers, would like to thank the Waiatarua Residents and Ratepayers Association for the lovely morning tea they provided as a 'bouquet' of the month. We regard our work here as a 'labour of love'.

We would like to say thank you to Grant Longley who provides the library with cards and envelopes.

New books to the shelves this month are :

'A QUESTION OF BLOOD' by Ian Rankin.

'TRAVELS WITH MY MOTHER' by Peter Calder.

'SONGS OF THE HUM' by Jodi Picoult

'BAD COMPANY' by Jack Higgins.

'THE MURDER ROOM' by P D James

'SEIZURE' by Robin Cook.

... AND MANY MORE.

Come and visit your local community library. We are underneath the Community Hall at 911 West Coast Road.

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

Mumblings, Meanderings and General Musings

I heard an interesting comment the other day. A resident said "My partner won't pay a sub to the WRRRA because there is nothing in it for us." This got me to thinking—why *should* anyone want to pay \$10 a year to become a WRRRA member?

I've come to the conclusion that it is a bit like the annual fee many of us pay to the AA or an insurance company—it only takes one call-out for your subscription to have paid for itself many times over. The AA looks after the interests of the whole motoring public by commenting on legislation, lobbying MPs and things like that. It also does things specifically for members, such as the breakdown service. It is very similar (at a *much* lower level) with the WRRRA. Your committee advocates for the whole community to bodies like the Waitakere City Council and ARC. I recently spent a couple of hours with a WCC Engineer looking at roading problems and discussing possible solutions. The results of that will (I hope!) benefit all the residents of the areas affected, whether they are WRRRA members or not. If the WRRRA did not exist that sort of lobbying would be entirely left to individual residents. We also administer the Community Hall and have oversight responsibility for the Library. You will also see elsewhere in this Newsletter an article about Structure Plans. This is a complex planning matter that could potentially affect everyone in Waiatarua. Your committee will be making sure that the best interests of all Waiataruans are looked after. On the other hand, I occasionally get calls from residents asking for advice about specific issues that only affect them. I usually help as much as I can, but it would certainly be the case that if the issue became complex or very time-consuming I would want to be satisfied that the caller was a WRRRA member. On a more trivial level WRRRA members can advertise in the Community News at no charge, and I can say from experience that that response from those ads is usually very good. Your committee has also recently made the decision that in future community events organised by the WRRRA will have two levels of charges—one for members and a higher one for non-members.

It is also worth pointing out that \$10 a year is only 2.739726027 cents a day (I like to be exact about these things), which is not a huge amount of money to pay for these services. I know there is another Ratepayers Association in Waitakere City that charges \$80 to be a member!

So, have I convinced you? Can we expect a flood of \$10 cheques in the next few weeks? Look forward to the next exciting episode in the October Community News!

Tony Bacon

You may remember...

in the July issue of the Waiatarua Community News there was an appeal to assist long time residents of Waiatarua, Jim and Dawn Forbes, who recently lost their home on the Piha Road, due to fire. This appeal raised \$740 and has been forwarded to Jim and Dawn.

What's On

'Trash to Fashion 2003' is on again this year. Friday 31 October 8pm, Saturday 1st November 1pm and 8pm.

Wanted

... your input into the content of the Waiatarua Community News.

News, Ideas, Information, Interesting places and people within Waiatarua, Events and Happenings. Please contact the editor Ph/Fax 814-9945 or via email at forwardthinking1@xtra.co.nz

Advertising

This is free to financial members
for 2003, 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.

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

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. www.atarua-bandb.co.nz

LAWN MOWING: Local, reliable. Phone Eric 837-2333.

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

LANDSCAPER: For experienced, professional landscaping services (including paving, concrete, retainer walls, fences, decks, gardens/plants, water features) at a competitive price, contact Bevan on 837-1992 or 021-375 707 or at totaland@ihug.co.nz

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.

MAKE UP ARTIST: Prof. International makeup/hair artist available for weddings, special occasions in your own home. Phone Juliette on 814-8802

LOCAL ISSUES: Phone Kevin Healy, Waitakere Community Board on 814-9505 or email: kevin@healy.co.nz

PLANTS – One day lilies, taros, bulbs, mondo grass and various perennials for sale. \$1 – \$3. Also some shrubs. All sales for charity. Phone Margaret 814-9859.

FAYS YOGA CLASS: Classes to suit busy schedules plus Antenatal – Glen Eden Ph 817-8233.

BABYSITTER: Mature, honest and reliable lady. Experienced. \$10 per hour. Phone Juliette on 025-875-805.

WATER SERVICES LTD. Pump sales and service. Tank repairs, cleaning and new tanks installed. Filtration and water treatment.

Phone Phillip on 812-8537 or 025-279-6036.

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 Road	814-9402 + Fax	
Jenny McGee	886 West Coast Road	814-9954	
Margaret/Paddy Marshall	19 Rarua Terrace	814-9859	

Please accept my Membership to the
Waiatarua Ratepayers and Residents Association

for 2003

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

Name

Address

Phone

Email

To Treasurer

Waiatarua Ratepayers and Residents Association

911 West Coast Road, Waiatarua, Auckland 8 or leave at the library

Web Site: www.waiatarua.org.nz

WEST COAST WATER. For all water deliveries phone Patrick on 812-8079 or 027-288-9111.

AUCKLAND'S WAITAKERE PARK LODGE: Open Thurs to Sun for lunch & dinner. Now open for Sunday brunch from 10am. Enjoy the log fires in our luxury lounge bar, magnificent views & dining on the deck. Ph 814-9622.

FOR ALL BREASTFEEDING SUPPORT AND INFORMATION please call your local La Leche League leader, Adith on 818-7728.

"HEALTHWISE" YOUR LOCAL NATUROPATHIC CLINIC @ 123 Glendale Road Ph 813-3615. For menstrual, digestive problems, low energy, freq. colds and flu etc.

LIFESTYLES MASSAGE THERAPY: Providing therapeutic, sports and relaxation massage in a safe, professional environment. Ph Doug Maynard on 814-8981 or 021-543-302.

GARDENER AVAILABLE – Excellent, honest and reliable garden labourer with 2 years experience. \$18 per hour. References available. Please leave a message on 021-145-5725 for Daniel.

ROOFING AND SPOUTING – Free advice, consultation & inspections, 28 years experience. Quality new and reproofs, repairs, spouting etc. Onduline organic and non polluting roofing, gutter leaf protection Ph Mark 812-8337 or 025-958-058.

TREEWORX – Fully insured and qualified arborists. Ph Guy Thomas 021 244-8733.

PAINTING AND DECORATING. For quality an service phone Graham on 8371612.

REAL ESTATE. Here providing a local service. Selling or Buying call Wayne on 814-1964 or 0274-223377 (Harveys-Titirangi Real Estate Ltd MREINZ Ph 817-8011)

ELKE'S FOOD & WINE MARKET. A small gourmet food store stocks fresh European sourdough breads, authentic german meats, organic cheeses, chocolates and many more yummy treats. Also a large selection of award winning wines, including a delicious port. Pop in for a glass of wine & a sandwich or a cake and coffee. Open Saturdays only from 10am – 2pm at the Seibel Winery, 113 Sturges Road, Hsn. Ph 814-8803. Catering for private functions available.

CREAM FOR JOINTS, MUSCLES, BRUISES. Essential oils and all natural ingredients. Ph 814-1868.

TRAMPOLINE FRAME AND SPRINGS. Needs new mat. Free Ph 814-1868

DOG KENNEL AND RUN. Good condition \$200 Ph 814-1868

DO YOU KNOW ANY SEMI RETIRED/SINGLE PERSON/QUIET COUPLE that wants to rent a 2 bedroom flat with carport in the Oratia area? No smokers or dogs. Ph 813-9251 leave message if answer phone is on.

LOOKING TO BUY OR SELL A PROPERTY? For best results and free advice please call John on 814-9000 or 0274-122-853. Bayleys Titirangi.

MARVELLOUS MOSAICS a two day workshop at Titirangi Community House. Day 1 : Sunday 12th October 9.30 – 4.30pm. Day 2 : Sunday 9th November 9.30 – 4.30pm. To register call Diane on 817-7448. Cost : \$60. Call Helen (tutor) on 814-9963 for a list of materials.

THE NIKAU CLUB: Bar, Café, Restaurant. New Spring hours. Open weekdays 12 noon until after dinner for lunches and dinner. Open weekends 10am until late, after dinner for breakfast, lunch or dinner. On Thursday from 9.45pm we have a live DJ. No cover charge. Phone 814-1919.

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

NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER

Copy needs to be in the hands of
The Editor,

757b West Coast Road, Waiatarua. Phone 814 9945

EMAIL: forwardthinking1@xtra.co.nz

by WEDNESDAY 22nd OCTOBER, 2003

Opinions expressed in this newsletter are not necessarily those of the Editor or the Waiatarua Ratepayers and Residents Association.