



WAIATARUA

COMMUNITY NEWS

DECEMBER 88

The response to the cover competition was amazing - so amazing that the judges have decided to give a prize to both entries! Congratulations to Megan and Andrew Baker, and thanks for making such super pictures. I was hoping to publish them both, but I ran out of room, so Megan gets to be the famous one!

Because of the front cover, we are a bit short of space this month, so please excuse us if everything is a bit squashed.

I would like to thank all of you who have said you enjoy the newsletter, and also to all our distributors who battle rain, wind and man-eating possums to get it to your postbox each month. A special thank you is also due to Carol and Grant Longley who wrestle with very tight deadlines to print the newsletter. It makes a lot of difference to the enjoyment when the thing you are reading looks good, and all the credit for the good looks is theirs. No issue in January, so Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Everybody who attended the Senior Citizens' morning tea seemed to enjoy themselves. There was some renewal of old acquaintances and lovely music from Celia Calvert and her friend from Laingholm - there is something really civilised about tea and scones with a violin and piano playing in the background! We are hoping to repeat the event, probably in the Autumn, so all of you who missed out this time can come along then.

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#### HAVE YOU BEEN BURGLLED?

Constable Barnard, our Community Constable, tells us that the Onehunga Police have caught an offender with loot that may have come from our area. So if you think any of the following might be yours, you can contact Constable Barnard on 837-0765.

A complete silver teaset	An antique silver teapot and other silverware
A big copper urn	An Oratia School 1982 Reunion badge
A grey coloured Flight doctor's bag.	

This is probably a good time to suggest that you find out what your neighbours are doing over the holidays, and arrange to keep an eye on their property if they are away - and I am sure they will do the same for you! If you see anything suspicious, phone Constable Barnard on the above number, or if you see an actual burglary in progress, phone 111. Villains have already been caught in Oratia this summer, so be warned.

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#### LIBRARY NEWS

Season's greetings to all our readers. Here's wishing you lots of good reading in 1989. We already have some new books on order for you. To all our helpers, a big 'thank you'.

Holiday reminder & correction to the November issue - the library will be open as usual on Friday 23rd. Dec. 7 - 8.30pm - not in the afternoon. The library will be closed from 25th Dec - 5th Jan inclusive. It will open on:

Friday 6th	10 - 11am	Saturday 7th	9.30 - 11.30am
Friday 13th	10 - 11 am	Saturday 14th	9.30 - 11.30am

We will re-open at normal times from Tuesday 17th January 1989.

Are there any magazines that you would like to see in the library? We have subscriptions to some; and if there is enough interest we can take out more. If there is a particular magazine that you would like to see in the library, let us know.



## GOOD READING FROM THE WAIATARUA LIBRARY

### "FAMILY BUSINESS" - by Anna Murdoch

Her second novel gives an inside view, through the eyes of one family, of the world of newspaper ownership, wheeling and dealing, editing. It comes from one who is herself a journalist and also the wife of Australian-born Rupert Murdoch, owner of newspapers in Australia, Britain and USA.

### "ORIGAMI FOR CHRISTMAS" - by Chiyo Araki

A book that brings together the delicate Japanese craft of folding paper - Origami, and the most celebrated Western holiday. Attractive colourful decorations to add a new and fascinating touch to Christmas. There are coloured illustrations and then detailed step-by-step instructions for each origami.

(These reviews contributed by Phyl Vincent)

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## PLAYCENTRE NEWS

Lots of fun for everyone last month. Mums, Dads and kids had a great time at our Kite day at Parrs Park. The shrieks of laughter made it hard to tell who was enjoying themselves most! Unfortunately bad weather meant we had to cancel our barbecue at Karekare. We raised \$200 for the building fund from our latest fundraiser - a garage sale in West Coast Road.

We are currently planning our Christmas breakup. The children have been making decorations, and we are having a party for the children with a few vinos for the Mums, and Santa will be arriving. That should cheer us into the New Year!

Many thanks to those residents who support our Aluminium can collection at the Fire Station. We have emptied the sack twice already.

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## ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP

Good news/bad news time: The good news is that we will end the year with 147 paid up members, which is about 100 more than last year. The bad news is that the membership fees all become due again in January! There is a definite benefit to paying up early - only financial members can vote at the AGM - see below.

## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The AGM will be on Wednesday, 22nd Feb at 7.30 pm in the Community Centre. This is an advance warning - you will receive a formal notice nearer the date. We are hoping to have some interesting speakers, including the new Waitakere Ward Councillor, whoever she or he may be.

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## "SONG OF TWO WATERS CORPORATION" - MOUNTAIN TOP CAFE DEVELOPMENTS

The public meeting at the Community Centre showed a fairly even split of those in favour and those against the proposal. Mainly for this reason, your committee is not taking a formal position one way or the other at the moment, but will closely monitor progress and make sure that everybody's interests and concerns are voiced. If you have a strong opinion about the development proposal, either for or against, contact a committee member, or write a letter to the Newsletter so that others can hear your views.

## WEST AUCKLAND RHODODENDRON GROUP

A small but enthusiastic group of "rhodophiles" has formed the above association in order to exchange experiences from growing the plants, particularly in the Titirangi-Waiatarua area.

The Waitakeres offer excellent conditions for rhododendrons: native forest giving shelter, substantial rainfall and mild temperature. However novice growers can experience difficulties with the heavy clay soil if they are not made aware of the appropriate planting techniques.

The group has a number of aims - to promote rhododendrons in the region, to exchange garden visits, to arrange meetings with specialist speakers, to assist newcomers and to work towards the future establishment of a public rhododendron garden in the Waitakeres.

If you are interested in these beautiful plants and want to make contact with other enthusiasts, you can contact Chris Timms on 8149-346.

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## ADVERTISING

### WANTED

Do you have an unwanted piano taking up precious space? If so, I am looking for one and will pay up to approx \$100. Phone Lyn Hailes, work 4444-965, home 8149-578.

### FOR SALE

Oak dining table and 6 chairs. Excellent condition, \$400. Phone 8149-818.

### POTTERY OPEN DAYS

Dec. 17th/18th at Chris & Jan Cockell's Pottery, 6 Raroa Terrace. If you can't make it then, the shop/display area is open most days. Visitors are welcome. Phone 8149-701.

### FOR SALE

Stock ex childrens' boutique. All top quality goods, now half shop price - below cost. 5th - 20th. December only. Phone 8149-669 any evening.

### FOR SALE

Oak & cane lounge suite. One 3-seater, two one seaters. Has been stripped, needs restoration. Offers? Phone 8149-412.

### COSMETICS

Carole Smith, a Mary Kay Beauty Consultant, is now running individual or group skin care classes in the privacy of your own home. For more information, phone 8149-438.

Deadline for the next issue is Tuesday, 14th February, 1989. Please send legible copy to the Editor, Tony Bacon, 11 Cascade Avenue. All submissions must have a name and contact phone number, even if that is not for publication.