



Community News

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TV MASTS - NOT IN OUR BACK YARD?

For those of you that couldn't attend the 10th May meeting at the Community Centre, here is a summary of what was discussed by the 100 or so people who were there:

There are three issues confronting us at the moment - the developments in the area of the existing TV mast, the proposed new TV3 and Broadtech structures, and the passing of scheme change 169 by the Waitemata City Council.

Dr. Ivan Beale of the Scenic Drive Action Committee explained the case put to the planning committee against the developments at the Waiatarua mast. He outlined sources of electromagnetic radiation, the allowable levels of exposure throughout the world and the health effects of prolonged exposure. New Zealand has no standards in this area, and the BCNZ follows the Australian standard. However Dr. Beale asserts that the standard has not been recently re-assessed, and he showed evidence of a world-wide trend to make acceptable levels lower as research comes forward. He concluded that we must all press Waitemata City to introduce a by-law based on Soviet standards for general public exposure to electromagnetic radiation. Only then would residents be assured that health risks are minimised, as the Soviet standard is the most conservative in the world.

Wendy Healy of Quinns Road then reported on the progress of the objections there to the temporary TV3 tower and the commercial multi-use Broadtech 77-metre high mast. Quinns Road residents are united in opposition to both proposals and have been busy finding information to refute TV3's claim to need a separate facility. The current owner of the proposed site is also exploring avenues to legally withdraw from the sale. Residents have been busy in circulating objection forms throughout Auckland. She also pointed out the inconsistency in Waitemata City being both nuclear and smoke-free while new sources of electromagnetic radiation are to be allowed in the Waitakeres.

Kevin Lynch of the Waitakere Ranges Protection Society then urged us to challenge the Council to justify their decision on the recently passed scheme change 169 which allows masts to be erected on Scenic Drive between West Coast Road and Brabant Road. He also suggested we challenge the Planning Tribunal's right to claim the Waitakeres for mast sites.

Support also came from an unexpected quarter in the form of 3 representatives of Browns Bay residents who are opposing a Sky Network proposal to place a translator amongst their properties. Our meeting agreed to support their cause as they were supporting ours.

The meeting concluded with the unanimous motion that the Waiatarua Residents and Ratepayers Association challenge the Council to justify scheme change 169.

WHAT YOU CAN DO

- Complete and submit an objection. Objection forms are available at

the Council Offices, and also at Nola's at the Parr's Cross Road junction and the Mountain Top Cafe. If you are not sure of what to write, an example can be seen on the door of the Waiatarua library at the Community Centre. The closing date for objections is May 18th, so don't delay! To save you postage, you can leave your objection forms at the Community Centre post box (the brown wooden one) where they will be collected daily.

- Contribute to the fighting fund that has been set up. Send your donation to the WRRRA treasurer at 12 Tui Crescent or leave it in the Community Centre letterbox.
- Encourage friends, relatives and colleagues in other parts of Auckland to complete objections. If we can demonstrate that the concern over this issue is not confined to the Waiatarua area, our case will be that much stronger.

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WAIATARUA THEATRE - WINTER PRODUCTION

"LADIES IN RETIREMENT"

Thanks to a small but enthusiastic response from the community to our "open night" held in March, we have summoned enough support to launch into a mid-winter production of "Ladies in Retirement", written by Percy & Denham, directed by Gill Preece.

This is a tale of murder on the salt marshes of the river Thames - and the predicament of the housekeeper/companion who has to contend with the demands of two potty sisters and a callous neer-do-well nephew.

Come and see some of your favourite actors, and support some new talent as well - why not make up a small group of friends and neighbours and make the most of our new discount price - \$1 off every ticket for groups of six or more. Please note that pre-booking is essential for this offer - and assists the caterers!

Performance dates: June 22nd, 23rd, 24th, then 29th, 30th and July 1st.

Curtain up at 8.p.m. - latecomers will have to wait for a suitable pause to be seated, so please be on time.

The usual supper and liquid refreshment is served at the Friday and Saturday performances.

Prices (all inclusive): Thursday \$6 adult, \$3 under 15 years.
Friday & Saturday \$15 adult, \$5 under 15 years.

Bookings by telephone to Phyl on 8149-837.

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COMMUNITY HALL EXTENSIONS

Things are progressing with this project. The Council has completed the working drawings, and a committee of representatives from the Ratepayers Association, Drama Group, Library and Playcentre has been formed to look at the feasibility of proceeding. The committee will meet during May and we will give you a progress report in our next issue.

Of course these things don't come free, and fund-raising is going to be an important part of the planning. If you have any brilliant ideas about how to raise lots of money instantly with no effort (or any that do require some effort), Tom Baker would love to hear from you on 8149-340.

FIRE CALLS DURING 1988

Here is a summary of all the fire calls answered by the volunteer Fire Brigade during 1988.

False alarm with good intent	2
Incinerator	1
Private Fire alarm	2
Property	6
Special Service	1
Chemical Hazard	1
Scrub	11
Car Fires	13
Car accident	8
Undetermined	1
Standby	2

(Called to another station because they are out at a call that will take a lot of time)

Total 48

This number of callouts (nearly one a week) shows how much we owe to the hardy souls that make up our volunteer brigade. Next time you hear the siren go when you are tucked up in your nice warm bed, think about the above figures and be grateful!

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PLAYCENTRE NEWS

We are pleased that the council has approved a new/improved outdoor play area at our Waiatarua Community Centre site.

Coming attractions in the May holidays are a first aid course for parents and a puppet show. Its been great to welcome four new families into Playcentre.

If you would like to be part of what we are doing please phone Jan Parkes on 8149-676 for all the information.

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NEW COMMITTEE MEMBERS

We welcome Jan Parkes, telephone 8149-676 and Maree Carson, telephone 8149-263 who have added their talents to the Association committee.

THANKS

To Messrs. Wooler and Silcock, who have volunteered to join our dedicated band of Newsletter distributors.

MEMBERSHIP

A good jump in numbers last month; there are now 93 Waiatarua families that can enjoy a conscience-free night's sleep because they have sent in their membership fees. That only leaves about 506 to go - just think what the Association could do if everyone joined up!

SENIOR CITIZENS MORNING TEA

We are planning to repeat the get-together we had last year. This one will be on Wednesday 28th. June at 10.30 a.m. at the Community Centre. Everyone who came to the last one enjoyed themselves, so we hope to have an even larger gathering this time! There will be another notice in the next Newsletter, but mark the date now so you don't get double-booked.

COMMUNITY MINIBUS

Don't forget that Waitemata City Council has a minibus available for community use. If you want to use it, contact Sharon Simona at the WCC on 836-1119.

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ADVERTISING

FOR SALE

Bedsread - Brocade & cotton fringed. Throwover type, light colours. Will fit double or queen size bed. Also brass table lamp with fluted glass shade. Phone 8149-340.

TREES FELLED

Also scrub cutting, sections cleared, rubbish removals. Phone Trevor on 837-4611.

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Deadline for the next issue is Wednesday, 7th June. 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.

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