



# Community News

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COME AND LOSE THOSE WINTER BLUES!

Are You -

Old, Young, Married, Single, Male or Female?

If you answered 'YES' to any of these,  
you are eligible to come to:

THE GREAT WAIATARUA MID WINTER MORNING TEA

On WEDNESDAY 28th June, at 10.30 am

At the Community Centre.

This was advertised last month as a Senior Citizens event, but we thought it would be good chance for all non-commuting Waiatarua residents to get together for a chat, some musical entertainment and a mid-morning snack. So book the date, bring along something munchable and we'll see you there!

If you want to come, but have a problem with transport, ring Tony Bacon on 8149-860 and we will arrange to collect you and return you home.

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## SEPTIC TANKS - THE PROBLEMS OF THE EFFLUENT SOCIETY

A couple of months ago we reported on the Waitemata Council plan to introduce a City-wide, compulsory, user-pays septic tank management scheme. At the time we promised to organise a meeting in our area on the subject. Well, we finally made it. The meeting will be on **Monday 17th. July** in the Community Centre. The start time is 7 pm. This is a topic that we all have to grapple with occasionally, and it looks like the Council is actually doing something useful for a change to deal with what can be a sticky situation when it gets out of control. See our March 1989 issue for more details of what is planned.

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"Life is like a tin of sardines: we're all of us looking for the key".

- Alan Bennett, 'Beyond the Fringe.'

## LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT.

I wish to congratulate those residents who lodged objections to the recent planning application by TV3 for permanent and temporary masts to be erected in Quinns Road. The final figures were over 1600 for the two applications, which I understand is a record for objections received by the Waitemata City Council.

This extraordinary success would not have been possible without the efforts of the residents of Quinns Road, especially Wendy Healy and Allan Harding and their supporters who put a considerable amount of time and expense into organising the objections.

I would also like to thank Grant and Carol Longley for printing the objection forms which helped considerably in the success of the project.

Although the battle with TV3 has just begun, a more serious situation has arisen with the decision of the Waitemata City Council to allow masts to be erected on properties on the Scenic Drive from West Coast Road to Brabant Road, and all of Quinns Road. This decision will allow masts to be erected only in this specific area of the Waitakere Ranges. We are very disappointed at this decision of the Council, as your Ratepayers Association supported the original scheme change 169 to stop the erection of masts on the Ranges skyline, and the eventual removal of all existing masts.

With the introduction of deregulation there will be a considerable number of transmitting licences applied for (already 37 for UHF and 6 for FM have been received) which could see more masts than trees in this particular area.

To preserve our property values and prevent the unsightly environmental effect of masts, to stop interference to domestic appliances and to safeguard the the health of residents from potential electro-magnetic radiation, we have decided to appeal to the Planning Tribunal against the Council's decision.

Unfortunately an appeal takes a lot of time and money. We are fortunate in having Peter Sinton, a Town Planning Consultant, living in the area, who is preparing the appeal on behalf of the Ratepayers Association. To cover the cost of the appeal a fund-raising programme will need to be organized. As this is a community issue we must have full co-operation from all the residents in the Waiatarua Ratepayers Association area in order to proceed further with the appeal. Donation for the mast appeal can be sent to the Waiatarua Ratepayers Association Treasurer (see address on back page) who will deposit the monies received in a special account.

I would also like to take this opportunity of thanking Dr. Ivan Beale for the effort and time he has put in to establishing the criteria for an acceptable standard of electromagnetic radiation. His research and information has been most valuable in objecting at the planning hearings for the additional mast and satellite dish to be erected on the Broadcasting Corporation site, the objection to the TV3 mast and hopefully the establishment of an acceptable New Zealand or local standard for radiation levels that will pose no health hazards to the residents of Waiatarua.

Tom Baker  
President.

"There is a vast difference between the savage and the civilised man, but it is never apparent to their wives until after breakfast"

- Helen Rowland

## LIBRARY NEWS

Dear Friends,

We are still buying new books and gratefully accepting donations. Now that the long dark nights are with us why not come and sample what we have to offer. Old friends and new, spy thrillers, who-dun-its, sci-fi, romance, adventure, they are all there.

**Philatelists** - we have a box for the exchange of foreign stamps. All contributions will be very welcome.

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## PLAYCENTRE NEWS

The puppet show held during the May holidays was a huge success for everyone. The St. John's educational unit visited us with videos and a lot of very informative facts on first-aid for children.

We are planning on warming up the Winter term with a "Pie & Chips" Family night. Maybe that would be a good opportunity for you and your pre-schooler to join us.

For any information on Playcentre please phone Jan Parkes 8149-676.

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## WELCOME TO WAIATARUA

Peter & Emmanuela Hill.

## MEMBERSHIP

We now have about 120 paid-up members - with all the things going on at the moment, we need all the members we can get, so make this the month when you finally fill out the form and send us the cheque! Which takes us neatly on to.....

## FIGHTING FUND

This currently stands at about \$200. We will need lots more than that if we are to mount an effective challenge to the various planning issues currently before us, so if you are concerned about how your neighbourhood is going to be affected by these events, why not help us by sending us whatever you can afford? Mark the payment 'Fighting fund' and send it to the Treasurer (name and address on the back page). Which also leads on to.....

## TU3 MAST HEARINGS

These take place on the 12th, 13th and 14th July. If you ticked the box on your objection form, this is your chance to make your objections felt in person. The stronger we make our concerns known, the more likely it is that our efforts will succeed.

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WORK WANTED

Interior/exterior renovations, from decks to kitchens. Call for free quote. Adrien Riegen, 8149-741.

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Deadline for the next issue is Wednesday, 5th July. 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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