



# Community News

JULY 1989

EDITOR: TONY BACON

## LETTERS

(Guilty parties note and be ashamed)

Dear Editor,

Would that I had the powers to force the owners of the dogs that savaged our prime sheep last Saturday to witness the carnage their pets had created - ewes heavy with twin lambs lying with their throats torn, hindquarters and udders ripped.

A few may have died quickly - long teeth sink deep. For those we found on open land our guns put them out of their misery. Two long days, through bush and stream we searched, trying to locate twenty more terrified animals. We found some - broken legged having tried to leap to safety, maimed ones lying in water, eyes pleading. One dear pet struggling to bring forth new life even in her own death throes.

Then came the task of burying the dead.

All because you irresponsible owners let your dogs run wild! Just what did you think when when your dogs came home bloodied and woolly? Doubtless you have decided to tie them up for a while.

Our monetary loss runs high, but nothing compensates for our sadness, and our tears will continue for a long time - my anger even longer!

F. Cathie, Oratia.

Dear Editor,

DOG OWNERS - do you know that there is a bylaw stating that dogs must be tied up during the period from half hour after sunset to half hour before sunrise the following day?

During the last two weeks of June five sheep were killed by dog(s) on our West Coast Road property. The sheep were badly torn and mutilated and the dog(s) would have been covered with blood and mud and the owner(s) must be aware of what has happened. We are hoping to save another sheep with a badly torn shoulder. She is in lamb, but the trouble is the dog is sure to come back. We have a trap set (supplied by the Council) and a gun at the ready, but it is the Owners who must take full responsibility for their dogs. (Our gun licence is only to shoot dogs!)

Pat and Don Millar, West Coast Road.

Dear Editor,

I am increasingly alarmed at the rapidity with which ginger plant seedlings are establishing themselves deeper and deeper into the bushed areas of Waiatarua. On my own property and those of my neighbours seedlings are sprouting in profusion as a direct result of birds feeding from large tracts of uncut roadside seedheads.

The Waitemata Council's flaying machines have in recent weeks removed seedheads nearest the road edges, but out of reach of the flayer's long arm thousands more seedheads stand and ripen.

Please remove all seeding heads from plants on your property, and remember that Escort and Amitrol can be used to control the plants. You can buy Escort in small quantities from Veg-Gro Supplies, Mihini St., Swanson.

Diana Thornley, West Coast Road

## MASTS, MASTS, MASTS

The Waiaatarua Ratepayers Association will be appealing against the Waitemata City Council's adoption of scheme change 169, which allows the erection of transmission masts between Brabant Road and West Coast Road. We need your money to help us fight this decision, which could profoundly affect the quality of life of residents in all of Waiaatarua. If you believe our community should be free of the interference with domestic appliances, potential health hazards, visual pollution and extra traffic that this decision will bring, please contribute to our fighting fund for the appeal. Send your money to the Treasurer (address on the last page).

While we are on the subject, some of you will have received a circular from Broadcasting Services, who operate the Waiaatarua transmitter, 'reassuring' residents about the safety of the site and it's surrounds. We asked Dr. Ivan Beale, who is mentioned in the circular and has done a lot of work on the question of radiation safety levels in the area for his comments:

"Broadcasting Services' letter is misleading both in its appraisal of peak radiation levels and in its conclusions regarding health risks. Peak levels represent the actual levels to which a person is exposed wherever the peaks are measured. Generally, peaks result from additive effects of reflections, but they are no less dangerous than direct radiation from the source.

"The 'average level' quoted is probably a fair estimate. It is 30 times higher than the strictest current exposure limit for exposure of the general

public. Health risks have been established at much lower levels. Evidence to this effect was accepted by the East Coast Bays City Council at a planning hearing on July 4th, when they denied approval to an application by TVNZ to erect a transmitter in Brown's Bay. Exposure levels predicted from this transmitter were ten times lower than those at Waiaatarua.

"The Australian standard referred to by Broadcasting Services does not cover the type of radiation produced by TV broadcasting from Waiaatarua, and does not, therefore, provide protection from the associated health risks."

Ivan Beale.

It is interesting that Dr. Andrew McEwan, mentioned in the circular as providing an independent report on the power flux density (i.e. radiation), appeared on behalf of the Broadcasting Corporation at the planning hearing in East Coast Bays concerning the application to erect a transmitter there.

Due largely to evidence presented by Dr. Beale, that application was refused, which we can only hope is a good omen for our own efforts.

However, things never stand still:

This notice was received from Gary Hines, Managing Director of Coded Communications Ltd:

"Coded Communications are planning a submission to Council to install a low profile antenna system in Quinns Road. Before the submission proceeds we would wish to discuss its contents with residents. We have therefore hired the Community Centre for this purpose and a meeting has been arranged for July 26th at 7.30pm for interested residents."

"Television - A device that permits people who haven't anything to do to watch people who can't do anything"

- Fred Allen

Help the fighting fund! Send your contribution to the Treasurer today!

## ORATIA SCHOOL

The next meeting of the Board of Trustees will be on Thursday 10th August at 7.30 pm in the school staff room. These are public meetings and members of the community are welcome to attend. Copies of the minutes of the meetings are available for perusal at the school office.

Newsletters will be posted monthly around the community at:

Oratia Dairy  
Oratia Kindergarten  
Piha Store  
Waiatarua Community Centre  
Kenlock Motors  
Lone Kauri Community School

B.M.Brent, Chairperson

## LIBRARY

If your number is on the following list, then according to our records, you have some long overdue books! Please check your shelves.

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|---------------|---------|---------|---------|
| 131 NF        | 504 NF  | 545 JF  | 559 IF  |
| 1 NF          | 623 NF  | 793 JF  | 809 JF  |
| 817 F, YA, NF |         | 820 2F  | 859 F   |
| 860 2F        | 1016 JF | 1230 NF | 1412 JF |
| 1426 JF       |         |         |         |

F-Fiction                      NF-Non Fiction  
YA-Young Adult              JF-Junior Fiction

And this is only a fraction of the books which have not been returned over the last two years!

**WITH RAIN IN HAIR  
AND MUD ON SHOES,  
THEY MONTHLY BRING  
OUR LOCAL NEWS.**

We welcome two new deliverers to our team - Joe Hamill and Maureen Carbury. This is probably a good time of year to say a general thank you to all the willing (*I hope!*) people who get the newsletter to you each month. They do a great job, often at short notice, and we certainly couldn't manage without them.

If you find your newsletter is late or doesn't arrive, please don't abuse the deliverer, but phone Wayne Edwards on 8149-976, who will try and make sure the problem doesn't recur. Incidentally, we do try to organise events around newsletter delivery times, and give everyone as much warning as possible, but sometimes things happen at short notice, so if you find that there is something on tomorrow night, or even worse, last night, please be understanding and realise that we are all doing our best.

I can't let this piece end without mentioning Carol and Grant Longley of Longley printing, who not only print the newsletter free, but cope with very tight deadlines, not to mention changes to the copy after the plates have been made! Thanks Carol and Grant, you are doing a great community service.

## ALL THE ODDS AND ENDS

### MEMBERSHIP

I am not going to beg you for membership fees this month - I am sure your consciences will compel you to complete the form (conveniently placed on the last page of this magnificent publication) and send it off. You will then have the pleasure of joining the 135 other Waiatarua patriots.

### OSCARS - WHAT OSCARS?

Congratulations to David Fuller, who was declared Best Actor by the Auckland Theatre Federation for his portrayal of Albert Feather in the Drama Club's recent production of "Ladies in Retirement".

### COMMUNITY CENTRE MAINTENANCE

The City Council has budgeted \$10,000 for this work, and it should start in August. Won't it be nice to see the place all bright and fresh?

## WELCOME TO WAIATARUA

The Whittington family.

## MORNING TEA - OR WHO NEEDS LUNCH WITH A SPREAD LIKE THIS?

A great time was held by all of us who met and chatted at the Community Centre last month, with Celia's piano and violin accompaniment in the background. The rumours that your editor was seen having thirds and fourths of chocolate cake are not true - it was only seconds and thirds! We will certainly be repeating the event, and we hope to see even more of you there then - especially some of our younger residents.

## ADVERTS

### BABY SITTER WANTED

For 8 and 11 year old boys. Required for occasional nights and 1-2 mornings per week during school holidays while mother works. Must be reliable and mature. Would suit high-school student. Phone 8149-616.

### FOR SALE

4 metre diameter rotary clothesline. 18 months old and still in mint condition. \$110 cash. Phone 8149-471.

### FOR SALE

Large solid timber desk, \$175. Bar and 4 stools, Unusual circular design, attractive and functional, \$450. Chairs (2), converts into two-seater, brown velvet, \$100. Phone 8149-818.

## HIRE OF BANDSAW

Would a home cabinet maker, joiner or similar be willing to let me use their bandsaw? Very occasional use only, will supply own blade. Phone Anne Sherriff, 837-1651.

## FOR SALE

Bike Rack, fits under ball on tow bar of any car, takes two bikes, detaches in seconds. As new, \$50 o.n.o. Phone 837-4615.

## KENNEL

A-frame style, heavy construction, needs minor repairs. You'll need a trailer to take it home. \$35 o.n.o. Phone 837-4615.

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I enclose \$5.00 (Household) / \$2.50 (Single occupant)

This is a renewal / new subscription (Delete one)

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Please send to the Treasurer:  
Gisella Kernot,  
12 Tui Crescent,  
Waiatarua,

or leave at the Library

Deadline for the next issue is Wednesday, 2nd August. 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.

Our thanks to Waiatarua residents Grant and Carol Longley of Longley Printing for their help in the production of this Newsletter.

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