



Community News

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GINGER OUT WEEK IS 19 - 25 NOVEMBER

WHAT IS THE COUNCIL DOING?

The WCC, together with the ARC and other neighbouring local authorities is organising and sponsoring this concerted effort to significantly reduce the ginger that is slowly overtaking us.

You will have seen some of the advance publicity, and there is more enclosed with this Newsletter. They will be spraying the roadsides, and providing jumbo bins for community groups. There will be no charge for taking ginger to the tip for the period 19 November - 2nd December.

WHAT IS THE COMMUNITY DOING?

We in Waiatarua should be right behind this effort, as we have some of the worst ginger plantations in the Waitakeres right on our doorsteps. Your committee is organising a working bee to try to remove two prominent ginger plantations - at the junction of West Coast and Forest Hill Roads, and the corner of Bush Road. So come along on Saturday 24th November, armed with a slasher or other suitable tool and help make at least part of Waiatarua more beautiful.

WHAT CAN I DO?

There would be few of us who haven't got some ginger on our property. If you can remove some if not all of what you have, you will be making a significant contribution to the environment of your community.

The best way to deal with it is to cut the stalks down as low as possible, then either physically remove the roots, or spray the cut ends with Escort. You can put the roots out in plastic rubbish bags for collection on the usual day - but remember that a full bag of ginger root is very heavy - so care for the backs of our collectors and don't overfill. The stalks and leaves can either be dumped free of charge at the Council tip (up till the 2nd December), or put in one of the jumbo bins which we hope to have around the area. We have asked for bins at the Community Centre, Bush Road and the Devils Elbow.

You can buy small quantities of Escort from Veg-Gro Supplies, 33-35 Mihini St. Henderson.

DO YOUR PART - GET DIGGING!

WAIATARUA THEATRE - AUDITIONS

Where: Community Centre, 911 West Coast Road Waiatarua.

When: Sunday 2nd Dec, 2 - 4pm.

Why: We need two young women, two young men, 5 middle-aged men and 5 middle-aged women for J. B. Priestley's farcical comedy "When we are Married", directed by Don Edwards.

Yorkshire accents are needed for the older parts - remember "Brass"? The production is scheduled for February/March 1991.

Technical and stage crew are also needed - phone Don Edwards on 811-8844.

MISCELLANY

Waitakere City Annual Plan

Your committee made various comments about the Annual Plan and submitted them to the Council. The reply we received made no promises to change anything, but was at least a considered reply rather than a mere brush-off. This has to be an improvement on past times when there wasn't even an opportunity to comment in the first place.

Community Board Meeting

The next meeting of the Waitakere Ward Community Board is on Thursday 22 November at 7pm in the Waiatarua Community Hall. If you have an issue you want to raise, feel free to attend, or why not come just along and see how this newest branch of local government operates - after all, you are paying for it!

Rural Delivery

Your committee has been having a long-winded discussion with New Zealand Post with a view to having those of us still on Rural Delivery join the rest of the civilised world on the standard delivery system. We are now reasonably optimistic that this change will take place, but whether it will be next year or the year after is still not clear. We will keep you posted. (*posted* - geddit?)

Healy Family Fundraising

There are still a few tickets left for the dinner being held on November 23rd at the Community Centre to raise funds for the Healy family, whose house burnt down a couple of months ago. The cost is \$25 each, and you can book your place by phoning Marylin Trubuhovich on 8149-266.

More on Ginger Out week

Volunteers are wanted to look after a Waitakere Ranges Protection Society ginger education stand at Henderson Square during the week 19-25 November. If you can help, phone Margaret Woodward on 8176-414.

AFTERNOON TEA

It's munchies and gossip time again - this time it's afternoon tea - at 2pm on Tuesday 27th November, at the Community Centre. We thought we would make it afternoon so that all you people for whom 10am is the crack of dawn have no excuse for not coming. Bring a plate of goodies and all the latest scandal. If you need help with transport you can phone Tony Bacon on 8149-860, Margaret Blumhardt on 8149-843 or Joan Rudall on 8149-747 for assistance.

LIBRARY NEWS

Do you want to know what happened in the world the day you were born? Are you interested in the history of this century through contemporary eyes? - Come and consult the "Chronicles of the 20th Century".

Consumers Institute are ceasing publication of "Food and Health". We hold back copies, many of which have very interesting articles. Why not have a look?

While in the U.S.A recently I saw copies of books on the stands which we have had on order for some time in the future. Alas, books are far too heavy to be bringing many back.

Joan Rudall.

Welcome back to Waiatarua

Margaret and Neil Pullan would like to let all their friends know that they are back at 892 West Coast Road. Welcome back.

Welcome to the world

John and Pauline Isaachsen would like to extend their grateful thanks to their friends and neighbours for the kind wishes and gifts received for the littlest Isaachsen, Owen, who is a very well and contented little boy.

Membership

Stands at 193 - 5 less than the total for last year, but 57 less than our target for 1990. Are their 57 (or more) Waiatarua residents willing to make the supreme sacrifice of a \$5 subscription to make sure the treasurer doesn't have to commit ritual suicide for failing in his forecast? Salve your consciences - fill out the form on the back page and return it *today!*

Western Leader Delivery

We have had a good response to our request for Western Leader deliverers. The next job is to convince Suburban Newspapers the demand is actually there.

Please complete the tear-off form below and return it promptly to the Community Library or the Community post box outside the Community Centre. Even if we get a good demand there is no guarantee the deliveries will actually happen, but you can bet your boots that a poor response will make sure they don't. So if you want to receive the Western Leader, fill out the form now before lethargy sets in and you forget.

THE TOUR

Traveller's tales from Joan Rudall

We flew to Vancouver, the itinerary said dinner and breakfast on the plane. We should have known better, in 17 hours we were offered lunch, dinner and breakfast, three large meals, various drinks and all while sitting doing nothing.

We saw a river pink with sockeye salmon, we saw them harvesting cranberries and we saw the fall colours, slightly disappointing this year, among a lot of other sights.

But it is the hotels. Will they offer you a good, sensible, heavy key to your room or one of the new magnetic types which do not work half the time? And all of which have to be inserted differently. Will you be able to put all your gear down and open the door before the green light goes out? You are on the North American continent so remember to flick the light switch up for on. As you enter the lamps around the room when you eventually find their switches may go round or backwards and forwards - always the last you try.

And the bathrooms - have they given you a shampoo and conditioner or a modern combination? Is there a moisturiser, a lint remover, a duster for your shoes? Is there a bath as well as a shower? (We were lucky in all but our last stop) and, extra luxury, a hair dryer? Did the room have a notice "This is a non-smoking room"? A room with a view? Well we were lucky at Niagara and had an excellent view of the falls, pity the weather was cold and wet.

Friends, do you remember which hotels had what on your tours? Of course I am penning this with a biro with a nice name stamped on it.

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POTTERY OPEN WEEKEND

Jan and Chris Cockell are having their open weekend on 8 and 9 December this year at their pottery at 6 Raroa Terrace, Oratia (phone 8149-701). They will be open from 10 am to dusk and all are welcome to call in.

CHRISTMAS GIFT

Are you wondering what to give the woman who has everything? How about a gift voucher for a relaxing and rejuvenating facial treatment or some other beauty therapy treatment for those tired, worn out hands or feet? If you are interested, please call Lorraine on 8149-642 or call at 14 Tui Crescent to discuss an appropriate treatment.

WORK WANTED

Lawns mowed, casual or permanent. Sections cleared, trees cut, rubbish removed. Also truck and driver for hire. Free quote, good rates. Phone Scott, 8174-738.

LUGGAGE

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Henderson

or leave at the Library

YOUR COMMUNITY NEEDS YOU!
DO YOUR BIT IN GINGER OUT WEEK!

Deadline for the next issue is Wednesday 6th. December. 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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