



# Community News

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## Leonard William Fannin

427112 RNZAF WWII

We record with sadness the death of Mr Fannin at Auckland Hospital on 30th June 1991. Len was a resident of Oratia for over 30 years. He is survived by his wife, 3 daughters and six grandchildren. Our sympathy goes to them all.

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## LIBRARY

By the time you read this, the Community Library should be open again, with a brand new ceiling and a brand new paint job. Thanks to Joe and Joan and Tony and Tom who did the painting. Thanks also to Ian Ford for providing storage facilities for the books during the renovations, and the volunteers who helped put all the books into boxes and then take them all out again.

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## ODDS AND ENDS

### Spring Fair

This is advance notice that we are planning a spring fair/market day for **Sunday October 6th**. More details next month.

### Membership

Stands at 112. I am sure you all have received your tax refunds by now, so how about sharing seven

dollars of it with us? The process is simple, painless and guaranteed to bring a smile to our Treasurer's face.

### Ginger Removal

The team are into the spraying phase now, after some unavoidable delays. Congratulations to the team leader, who has qualified as a sprayer as a result of training she received while on this project.

### Water Leaks

There is a suspicion that the slip in West Coast Road (which looks like staying unrepaired for ever!) was caused by a leaking water main. If you have reason to believe that a main is leaking in your area, a phone call to the council could save the same thing happening near **your** property. If you do report a leak, and nothing appears to be happening about it, contact one of the Association Committee members, and we will follow it up as well.

### Public Phone

Wonder of wonders, we are getting a public phone! This miracle of modern technology will be outside DuVals Restaurant, and what's more, it's a Coinphone! It shows that Telecom can sometimes do the sensible thing.

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## WAITAKERE WARD BY-ELECTION

Dear Residents and Ratepayers,

The recent sad and sudden death of Councillor Bill Haresnape has left a real gap in Waitakere Ward's representation on Council and Waitakere Community Board. We have only three councillors

to represent the special interests of the people of the ranges, coastline and foothills alongside 13 urban councillors from Massey (4), New Lynn (5) and Henderson (4).

You will receive your postal voting paper in the first week of September. I strongly urge you to exercise your vote with care. It is never easy to choose one person from a list of people who may all appear to be well qualified. The following points may help guide you:

- How has the candidate shown an awareness of the special needs of this ward with its unique environment of bush, coastline and foothills?
- Has he/she worked with community groups within the ward and how does he/she plan to have a regular and ongoing relationship with resident and ratepayer groups, special interest and environmental groups in order to keep well informed of local interests before debate and voting at community board and council meetings?
- Is s/he likely to be available for phone calls, site visits and meetings in the evenings, weekends, some weekdays and sometimes on public holidays?
- How well does he/she know your area and local concerns?
- What groups and individuals are indicating support for the candidate? Do you respect the opinions of these groups and individuals?
- Will s/he speak out clearly and firmly on behalf of ward interests while maintaining a working relationship with other councillors and staff members who may have opposing views and values?

I strongly urge you to attend a "meet the candidates" public meeting to hear each candidate and to seek answers to your questions before deciding which person may best represent your interests.

### MEET THE CANDIDATES

**PUBLIC MEETING TUE 3RD SEPTEMBER  
AT WAIATARUA HALL, 7.30pm**

**We get the local representation we deserve. Ensure  
you vote.**

Helen Haslam  
Ward Councillor  
Phone 8128 890

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## FIRE BRIGADE NEWS

The Ambassador is still open on Thursday evenings from 7pm - 10pm. This is a great place to meet the locals, have a game of pool, or relax over a drink. Non-drinkers are well catered for, snacks, tea and coffee are also available. Support the Fire Brigade! All welcome.

### Smoke Detectors

More than half of all fire deaths occur in homes, mainly while people are asleep. You should have at least two smoke alarms in your home, one near the bedrooms, and one in the living area. Don't put alarms in the kitchen, bathroom or garage where steam or fumes may set them off needlessly. Burnt toast is a common denominator for false alarms.

You can't rely on your own senses to detect a fire but a smoke alarm gives that vital warning. They will detect smoke before you can even see or smell it. Smoke alarms can be bought from most hardware and large retail outlets, from about \$20 up.

Batteries should be replaced regularly - choose a date you will remember - someone's birthday, or the start of daylight saving. Installation is easy and a small price to pay for saving a life.

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## NEWSLETTER DISTRIBUTION

We need someone to distribute the newsletter once a month from DuVals on the Scenic Drive to approx 1km south - around 30 copies. If you would like to perform this small service for the community, contact the distributor, Jeff Brinton, 8149 969.

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## SAVE THE CHILDREN FUND APPEAL

The SCF urgently needs collectors for its appeal in September. Even if you can just do a few houses in your own time it would be appreciated. If you can help, contact Dawn Miller, 8149 835.

*People on whom I do not bother to vote  
Are people who do not bother to vote.*

*Ogden Nash 'Election Day is a Holiday' Happy Days, 1933*

## CORRESPONDENCE

Dear Editor,

Recently we had the great pleasure of attending the Drama Club's presentation of "Now we are Married". What a wonderful evening's entertainment! Our compliments and thanks go to all involved, the fantastic performers, props and set team, director, and all the other people who helped to make the evening a resounding success. We came home feeling really light-hearted and are still laughing and discussing various characters and the really expert portrayal of them by the company.

We are so lucky in Waiatarua to have such a dedicated group of people who certainly give one's spirit a lift with the productions they offer us.

Thanks again to you all.

Elizabeth Pilkington.

Dear Editor,

There is someone in our community who is/has been doing alterations to their property, and have dumped rubbish consisting of old carpet (multi-stripe and patterned) an old brown patterned lounge chair and long pieces of spouting and down-piping, to itemise only some of the debris. This has all been dumped in the bush at the side of Quinns Road between numbers 15 and 17, in the water catchment area.

Obviously someone in this area is not very conscious of the environment around here. What a shame to spoil such beauty by being too **LAZY AND THOUGHTLESS** to take rubbish to the proper place to have it disposed of in the proper manner. All ratepayers have been supplied with a voucher for discounts to be used at the baling station, why not use it instead of devastating the bush as this careless person has?

If any environmentally conscious person would like to help in removing this rubbish, we would be only

### PLAYCENTRE COMMUNITY SURVEY

The Waiatarua Playcentre is in the early stages of obtaining consent to build a purpose-built playcentre facility on the Waiatarua Community Centre site, in the vicinity of the Drama Club building ("Badgers"). As a pre-requisite to funding, the Te Akoranga Playcentre Association, to which we belong, requires a playcentre to survey their community for an indication of the need and support for a playcentre facility.

Therefore we would appreciate it if your household could complete the following survey questions and leave it in your letter box by September 1st, after which we will collect it. If you have any queries, please contact Tessa Humphreys, 8149 492.

Community survey (please tick the appropriate boxes)

YES NO

1) Do you have any pre-school children living at this address?

<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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2) Does anyone at this address use the existing playcentre facility at the community centre?

<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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3) Is this household likely to need a playcentre facility in the future?

<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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4) Does this household object to a new playcentre facility on the Community Centre site?

<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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If you replied YES to question 4, please explain why below.

too willing to give a hand to get it back up onto the road ready for disposal. Unfortunately, we do not have a trailer or towbar but would be willing to contribute towards the tip fee to get the rubbish away from the area.

**LETS KEEP THIS AREA BOTH GREEN AND CLEAN!**

Elizabeth and Bruce Pilkington.

*Editorial note: While I agree with your general sentiments, we don't know that the rubbish was dumped by a local resident. People come from all over Auckland to leave garbage on our doorsteps!*

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**ADVERTISING**

**THE MAKEUP STUDIO**

School holiday grooming course for teenagers. August 26 - 30. Directed by Alison Axford, professional grooming and makeup artist. Course covers skincare/manicure, makeup, deportment, diet/health/exercise, self esteem, etiquette, hair care, fashion coordination and a personal photographic session. This is a fun week with practical sessions taught by professionals. Class numbers are limited to 20. Early booking essential. For further information phone Alison on 837 4618.

**YOGA CLASSES**

Mondays 9.30am - 11.00am, Waiatarua Community Centre. Tuesdays 7pm - 8.30pm, Oratia School Hall. For fitness, strength, flexibility and relaxation. All welcome. For further information phone Alison on 837 4618.

**MISSING**

Male and female brindle farm dogs, Staffy/Kelpie cross. Much loved and wanted working dogs who have not yet adjusted to city life. If you have seen either of these dogs, please phone Sonia or Warren on 818 3082 or 818 5902.

**WORK WANTED**

Need your gutters cleaned, your section cleared, house and driveways waterblasted and free of moss? For a quote phone Chris 8149 773.

Please accept my 1991 subscription to the Waiatarua Ratepayers and Residents Association.

I enclose \$7.00 (Household)/\$4.00 (Single Occupant)

This is a renewal/new subscription (Delete one)

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Please send to:

The Treasurer,  
Waiatarua Ratepayers and Residents Association  
911 West Coast Road  
Waiatarua

or leave at the Library

**NEED A HOUSEKEEPER?**

Sick of doing your housework, or do you work all day and haven't got time to do it? Give me a call. I am honest, reliable, and have references available. Phone Sandra 8149 773.

**HELP WANTED**

To bring a lovely garden back to it's full glory. Preferably someone to whom it would be more than just a job, and with the ability to help identify it's many treasures. Phone 8149 419.

**DISCOVER DRAMA FOR 5-6 YEARS OF AGE**

Discover Drama, develop creativity, build self-confidence, have fun through games, improvisation, mime, movement, story telling. Tutor: Judith Bishop. At Freyberg Memorial Community Hall, Roberts Road, Te Atatu South, on Tuesdays from 4.30-5.30pm. Term 3 (12 weeks) \$95.00. For more details phone The Performing Arts School, 771 228.

Deadline for the next issue is Wednesday 4th September, 1991. 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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