



Community News

APRIL 1992 EDITOR: MARGARET BLUMHARDT

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

RURAL DELIVERY. The Waiatarua Residents and Ratepayers Association has been negotiating on this matter with the NZ Post Office, latterly NZ Post since 1985. During the last month I feel that at last we are getting somewhere. You should have received a separate memo from me with my recommendations for mail delivery in the immediate future. Whilst nothing is certain, after 30th September 1992 I think that all residents in the area will have free delivery.

Thank you to all of you who filled in the petition (approximately 400) and sent in the form letter (approximately 100). These were significant factors on our side during our negotiations with NZ Post. I should also like to thank Sandy Mill, Terry Wilson and Margaret Allan for their special contributions.

It was an interesting side issue when dealing with Trevor McLachlan of NZ Post to find that he was inclined to listen less to individual approaches from residents, but preferred instead to deal with our Association representing everyone. I hope you will now fill in and return the subscription form on the back page, if you have not already done so.

It was good to have members as well as elected Committee members at our monthly meetings in March and April. If you have some local matter of concern which requires our back-up please contact the Secretary and arrange to be present on

the first Wednesday evening of the month at the Community Centre, preferably with something in writing for us to consider. Richard Hoyle.

SUNDAY FUNDAY AND FAIR
19TH MAY 1992
1PM - 4PM
WAIATARUA
COMMUNITY CENTRE

Stalls and entertainment.
Fun for all the family.

Stall bookings phone Cathie
814-9601. Table \$10,
small space \$5

AFTERNOON TEA. Come and meet your neighbours and have a chat at the Community Centre on 4th May starting at 1.30pm.

Bring your ideas for future get-togethers and a small plate for afternoon tea. See you there!

If you need transport please phone Margaret 814-9843 or Cathie 814-9601

PLAYCENTRE NEWS.

As part of N.Z. Playcentre Week during April, the Waiatarua Playcentre will present Community Service Awards to Jo Conlon for his help in opening the library and to Bob Langley for help with the hall.

LIBRARY OPENING HOURS.

As from May 16th the library will open on a Saturday at the later time of 11am-noon

NEWSPAPER RECYCLING.

This is now on track. The paper truck arrives well before the rubbish truck on Wednesday morning, so see that we don't lose this service from lack of use!

HALL UPGRADING

At last there has been some progress with this issue. The council has completed a number of small jobs since the library ceiling was replaced to bring the centre up to meet the fire standards. Next is the painting and new curtains etc. Wow!

The Ratepayers Association owns a number of the chattels in the hall such as chairs and tables and will be seeking to upgrade these as funds become available, so this is yet another reason to renew your subscription. We really need your membership to truly represent you.

NEWS FROM HELEN HASLAM.

Septic Tank Programme. Council's current septic tank cleaning programme is due to be completed during 1993. At that stage you will be advised when the next programme begins in your area.

The following questions were raised at a recent meeting of the Waitakere Community Board.

1. "Approximately 40 tanks have not been cleaned"

There are actually 146 properties where cleaning has not been carried out. This is 3.7% of the total number of properties. There are a number of reasons why tanks have not been cleaned out; poor access, wet weather, request by owner to delay work, technical difficulties. Council is aware of the properties still to be done and they will receive attention in due course with each being assessed on their respective merits.

2. "Are residents advised of completion or failure to have tanks cleaned if the owner is not at home?"

Council's contractor leaves a booklet and a note advising the status if the resident is not home at the time.

3. "Who is responsible to correct any damage incurred during the cleaning process?"

The contractor is responsible.

4. "Are qualified persons ie; drainlayers required to do this work?"

The contractor is a qualified drainlayer.

5. "Are any problems reported to Council regarding faulty tanks?"

The contractor provides a monthly report on progress which includes comment where relevant.

If you have any queries regarding the septic tank programme, phone Council's Environmental Health section Ph 836-8000

Shopping Centres. Design proposals are being prepared to upgrade key shopping centres. They are New Lynn, Henderson, Glen Eden, and Te Atatu. The proposals are being prepared in liaison with local business associations and community boards. The priority each will be given, and the degree of support they will receive from council will be debated in the forthcoming Annual Plan and budgetary considerations for 1992-93.

If you are interested in reading any of the policies and design proposals I have mentioned in this or previous newsletter, they may be viewed at Council Offices or phone the Strategy and Development Unit on 836-800 Extension 8023. Best wishes to you all, Councilor Helen Haslam, Ph 8128-890

HELP! INFORMATION REQUIRED.

In the early 1930's the architect of the Auckland University "OLD ARTS BUILDING", Roy A. Lippincott designed and apparently built a double storied cottage for himself somewhere at the West Coast Road, Waitakere Ranges.

The main features of the design was the stone fireplace and the dormer window construction from the loft area rooms. The basement area contained a concrete water tank at the chimney end of the cottage and the drawing showed weatherboard cladding and corrugated iron roof.

Last year I started photographing the work of this architect and have not been able to locate this cottage. If you are aware of this cottage could you please contact Colin Tucker on phone 832-4980. Thankyou.

Editor's note. Plan is printed on the back page of newsletter.

ADVERTISING

Accommodation - Hi! I am a Nurse /Midwife looking for a place to live in Waiatarua, (share or otherwise). I have been living at Karekare and am keen to remain close to the bush and sea I so love. If you can help, please phone Deb on 817-8513.

Fenced Foster Home is required for a small, well behaved elderly house dog from mid June - mid Sept. Not used to small children. Would be great company for elderly person or some one frequently at home. Generous remuneration to the right home. Phone 814-9002

For Sale - Firewood and Pine cones for Sunnyvale Scouts funds. Eucalyptus \$6 bag, cones \$4 bag are available from 849 West Coast Rd, opp. Raroa Tce. or phone 814-9843 about delivery. Sorry no coal this year.

For Sale - Sliding shower doors old but serviceable, \$50. Phone Tony Bacon 814-9860.

House cleaning- Need more spare time? I can clean your house. Excellent reliable service References available. Phone 812-8403

Lawnmowing- Someone required on a regular basis. Phone Tony Bacon on 814-9860

Builder-Qualified carpenter and cabinetmaker seeks work close to home. Reasonable rates. John Ward phone 814-9505.

Ginger Plant Removal - Large amounts or small. Dug out by the roots and remaining area sprayed to prevent regrowth. We then remove all debris from your property. We also do excavations, section clearing and supply bark and topsoil. For a free quote phone Lyndsay 814-9872. \$5 from every job donated to Waiatarua Community projects.

MAY NEWSLETTER. Copy needs to be in the hands of the editor Margaret Blumhardt, 849 West Coast Rd. by Wednesday May 6th. I would love to have your news, letters etc. Advertising is free to financial members. Thanks are due once again to the Longley family of Longley Printing for their continued support in the printing of this newsletter.

Please accept my subscription to the Waiatarua Ratepayers and Residents Assoc. for 1992

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\$4 Single Occupant

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