



# Community News

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## OBITUARY

ANNIE WHITTLE  
1908 - 1992

The Waiatarua Community has lost a long-time, well loved member with the death of Mrs Whittle on Saturday 8th August.

Annie was born in Strathmore, Taranaki, later living in Mangere before coming to live in Waiatarua in about 1948-49. With husband Vic she ran the taxi and the store which was on the corner of West Coast and Forest Hill Roads, a very colourful two storey building with lots of stained glass which I remember from my girlhood days of staying at Otimai.

From the shop they moved to a farm on Forest Hill Rd until 1958, when, with 8 year old Lyndsay they moved to the house on West Coast Rd.

Vic was the local fix-it and first aid man with Annie helping him or holding the fort at home. The Auckland Star was delivered by the Auckland Bus Company drivers, but the Saturday Star and the 8 o'clock were delivered by the Whittles, and in the late 60s they took over the weekdays as well. Vic died in 1986 but Annie continued to deliver papers finishing with the Sunday Star only earlier this year, for which she needed to be up at 6am. Occasionally in her younger days Annie would deliver the papers on horseback.

Annie had no holidays until after her husband's death so was always around to be of help to others. She was a loyal friend to them when they were at home, and always available to look after their homes and pets when they were away. When Hoppie left the district Annie looked after his dog.

Frances McConnell was one who was a good friend of Annie's, and was able to go away safe in the knowledge that all was taken care of. After Vic's death, when Annie found there was a world to visit outside Waiatarua, Frances would reciprocate and deliver the papers etc.

Annie was always present at Ratepayers Annual Meetings and social functions. We will miss her, but can thank her for her son who continues the Whittle tradition of being so involved in assisting within our community whenever possible.

## COMMUNITY DINNER

On 3 October, at the Waiatarua Hall, we are holding a dinner at which we will say farewell and thank you to long time Waiatarua resident Bob Langley.

Bob is getting married in September and leaving these bush clad hills to live in Glen Eden, thus leaving the position of Custodian of our Community Centre which he has so ably done for a number of years.

Bob and his late wife moved into Quinns Rd in 1957, but he will probably be best known as the proprietor of the Waiatarua store from 1964 - 1981.

Details of the dinner have not yet been finalised, but ring Marilyn Trubuhovich, 814-9266, or the Editor, 814-9843, for the very latest info.

#### LIBRARY NEWS

We are still adding recent publications to our lists and this month there will be a change-over of Waitakere City Loan Books, so why not come and visit us and see what there is to interest you?

On Thursday mornings there are a number of helpers keeping the library up to scratch, and you would be very welcome to join them for a cup of tea. If transport is a problem and you would like to come on a Thursday feel free to contact us and we may be able to arrange for someone to call for you.

Phone the library, Thurs 10-noon on 814-9353 or Joan on 814-9747

#### WINGS GYMNASTIC CLUB INC.

We are a small club, run by parents, and cater for approximately 25-30 gymnasts (from age 4 up). Our aim is to provide encouragement and the facilities to practice gymnastics at a reasonable cost for both recreational and competitive gymnasts. We are affiliated to the Auckland Gymnastics Association and some of our girls have been quite successful in competitions around New Zealand.

We operate from the old winery buildings at 233 Scenic Drive, and training sessions are from 4-5pm or 4-6pm (depending on whether the girls are recreational or competitive) on Mon-

day to Thursdays each week. We are currently constructing new sections of sprung flooring and need approximately 400 tennis balls. If you have any old tennis balls to spare they would be greatly appreciated and can be left at the Oratia Superette.

For further information about WINGS Gymnastic Club please contact either

Raewyn Page phone 836-0296  
or Mary Crosbie phone 814-9858

#### WAIATARUA PLAYCENTRE

The Annual General Meeting will be held on 14th September 1992 at 7.30pm at the Waiatarua Community Centre. All welcome. For further information phone Kathryn Dix on 814-9339.

#### WAIATARUA THEATRE PRESENTS

Winter Glory by Peter Coke.

August 27th, 28th, 29th and  
September 3rd, 4th, 5th, 10th, 11th  
and 12th..... at the Waiatarua  
Community Centre.

What happens when a well intentioned spot of mercy poisoning gets muddled? Come along and see the hilarious results.

Remember, supper food for the audience is suggested by the play, but don't worry, *you* won't be poisoned! Thursdays \$8, coffee and biscuits. Fridays and Saturdays, \$15 including full supper with wine or fruit juice.

Book early for good seats from Phyl 814-9837 or Bob 814-9324.

#### ORATIA CRAFT AND PRODUCE MARKET

The first of these will be held in the Oratia Settlers Hall on Sunday September 6th, from 10am-2pm.

For further information contact Maria 818-3327 or Barbara 818-7816.

## CONGRATULATIONS

Mathew Sinton is one of seven NZ boys selected to attend the Oceania Training School next month having won four gold medals at the NZ cycling champs

## RECYCLING UPDATE

Our first week of collection, the week of the 15th June, saw 65 tonnes of recyclable material passing through the recycling depot in all shapes and forms.

In the Waiatarua area a truck, other than the rubbish truck, has been designated to collect your recyclables.

Load after load of tin cans, plastic, glass and aluminium was sorted, baled and returned to industry for reprocessing.

Since the first collection week the pace has slowed to a slightly - less - than hectic rate with the majority of our calls on the Hotline answering general queries.

Here are some of the most commonly asked questions:

- \* The rubbish and recycling collections are separate but both must be at the kerb by 7am.
- \* Please continue to wash and squash items.
- \* No lids please.
- \* Only these items will be collected: tin cans, glass jars and bottles, plastics with 1 or 2 on the bottom.
- \* Unfortunately we cannot accept used oil packs. Due to the washing procedures it is not possible to remove the oil from the plastic.
- \* Place your bin in a spot that's easy to see from the road.
- \* Give your bin an identity! Paint your street name and number on it clearly.

The response has been terrific. Thank you for your continued

support. Keep on recycling.

Please call us on the Hotline 836-8045 if you have any further queries. Jillian Haywood, Recycling Co-ordinator.

## REFERENDUM

On the 19th September you can cast your vote at the Waiatarua Community Centre.

The only public meeting that I have heard of anywhere near West Auckland to discuss the options available to voters is at the Blockhouse Bay Community Centre at 1pm on 26th August, and is being organised by the Alliance candidates.

## COUNCIL ELECTIONS

A meet the candidates meeting has been arranged for Wednesday 16th September at the Waiatarua Community Centre commencing with a cup of tea at 7pm.

Please make an effort to attend so that you can cast an informed vote in the Council elections. It is always a very interesting and informative evening.

## NEWS FROM HELEN HASLAM

*Rural Sewerage Management Plan*  
If yours is one of the 400 "difficult to reach" septic tanks still awaiting your first pump out, it should be completed over the coming 6-8 months. Council requires the contractor to leave a notice advising you that your pump out is to be carried out, and again when it has been completed.

Further information from Eric Donald, Environmental Health Manager, Phone 836-8000 Ext 8016

### *Urban growth Study.*

As part of our Strategic Plan and District Scheme Review, we are currently considering options for future urban growth for Waitakere City. Proposals



under discussion are development of Kumeu, Taupaki, Whenuapai, Birdwood and Oratia areas, and intensification of development within the existing boundaries. Preferred options will be put up for your comments later this year, and will of course be considered in relation to the ARC preferred option for containment of growth for our city.

Further information from Jenny MacDonald, Senior Policy Analyst, Ph 836-8000 Ext 8407.

*Waitakere Community Board*

At their July meeting, Community Board members were advised that Councillor Tim Shadbolt's membership of the Board had lapsed due to his non attendance at four consecutive Community Board meetings without tendering his apologies. His membership was later re-instated by the full council at its meeting on 22nd July. For those who read the report in the Herald, the Community Board attendance fee which was incorrect - it is in fact \$85 per meeting. Councillor Helen Haslam Ph 812-8890.

MISSING CAT

Burmese Male Cat, Chocolate (Golden Brown Colour), neutered 3 year old answering to "Austen" has been missing from 552 Scenic Drive since after breakfast on Tuesday 30th June. Anyone who may have seen this very affectionate cat or even better know of his whereabouts please contact his very distraught Mum or Dad, Murray or Joanne on 814-9882 anytime.

ADVERTISING. Free to members.

*Situation Vacant*

Custodian required for bookings, cleaning etc of Waiatarua Community Centre and library. Phone Marilyn 814-9266 for further information.

Concreter-cum-plasterer needed to complete the repair of brick steps at Community Centre and

Person to scrape down and paint iron railings at Community Centre. Details for both from Tony Bacon 814-9860

Firewood, wattle & eucalyptus \$6 bag. Coal \$7 at 849 West Coast Rd., phone 814-9843

SUBSCRIPTIONS

Keep those subs rolling in. If you have any queries please phone Marilyn Trubuhovich, our Treasurer on phone 814-9266. To keep costs at a minimum, receipts are not posted to residents. All receipts for this financial year, Jan. - Dec.92, will be available for collection in the Waiatarua library.

SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER. Copy needs to be in the hands of the Editor, Margaret Blumhardt, 849 West Coast Rd., opposite Raroa Tce., by Wednesday Sept 2nd. Thanks to the Longley family of Longley Printing for once again printing our newsletter.

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

I enclose \$7 Household,  
\$4 Single Occupant

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To Treasurer, W.R.R.Assoc.,  
911 West Coast Rd.,  
Waiatarua.  
or leave at the library.

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