



Community News

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GARDEN GROUP

An enthusiastic group met for the first time last month.

It was decided that we would meet monthly on the third Wednesday at 1p.m. with occasional weekend outings a possibility in the future.

The next garden day will be held at Eric and Lillian Winter's home 5 Cascade Avenue at 1pm on Wednesday 21st April, where we can learn something of hydroponics and organic gardening.

There will be no formalising of the group so that you are welcome to come and bring a friend to any of our afternoons, with the venue being advertised in this newsletter each month.

My apologies to Pauline whose phone number was copied wrongly, I hope to see you next time.

MAILBOX

NZ Post has reinstated the post-box at the Community Centre, but in a spot less likely to be pushed over, so please keep an eye on it as you are passing or live nearby.

There have been more reports of mail thefts, this time on West Coast Rd., so watch out for strangers hanging around and think about a padlock for your box, especially if you are down a long drive or cannot see your road frontage.

Never explain - your friends do not need it, and your enemies won't believe you anyway.

TELECOM MAST APPLICATION

The Resource Consent application to replace the Quinns Rd mast with a higher one was declined but an appeal has been lodged by Telecom.

SKATEBOARDER

I am very alarmed to see a youth every now and then roaring down West Coast Rd lying down on a skateboard. He is travelling fast for a skateboard, up to 45km per hour, I have been told, but of course would be easily overtaken by a car and I am fearful of a tragic accident.

Please ask any young folk in your care who could be responsible.

LIBRARY NEWS

HELP! We do need another helper for the 4th Saturday morning from 11am - 12noon.

If you could spare an hour once a month, (plus a chance to have a good browse around the shelves), we would appreciate it.

Please ring Bev on 814-9679.

Fred Hollows - NZ eye specialist - we have the book plus other new titles.

Hours	Tues.	7pm -	8.30pm
	Thurs	10am -	12 noon
	Fri	7pm -	8.30pm
	Sat & Sun	11am -	12noon

PLAYCENTRE BUILDING

This is progressing well and ready for painting by volunteers.

Help would be appreciated with the

painting and the installation of the playground equipment and fence etc.

The playground will be available for use by local children outside playcentre hours when it is finished.

If you can help to speed up the completion of the playcentre building by offering your services please phone Mary King on 814-9550

RECYCLING UPDATE

I spoke to our recycling truck driver recently. We had more than the green bin full and he was leaving the extra behind.

Evidently he will only take material in the bin and if you regularly need more room you can ring the Council for another bin on the Hotline 836-8045.

Apparently the collection is un-economic for him if there is a lot of extra containers put out.

WASPS

If you have any oversized wasps coming to visit at this time of year, try and kill them as these are queens leaving the nests, and will each be establishing a nest in spring.

SUFFRAGE CENTENNIAL YEAR

Council is planning city-wide events to celebrate suffrage year so that it can be a special one for all women in the city, including those who are often unrecognised and invisible. Fun and memorable events are being planned, as well as acknowledgement of achievements.

ADVERTISING.. Free to members.

Lost - Garage remote -between Atarua Gardens and West Coast Rd. If found please phone 814-9764.

Work Wanted - Gardener/Handyman Phone Maurice on 837-0965

Gardening work wanted - Horticultural tradesperson requires local part-time work. Phone 814-9144.

For Sale -

WAVE SKI (Livewater) \$450 ono.
WET SUIT (O'Neill) Medium, Good Cond, bib front, no jacket \$50 ono
10 Speed Bike, Good Cond. \$150 ono
Phone 814-9688.

Trichem Supplies - Don't forget Jocelyn's fabric paints and services, paint tips changed free. Phone 818-7426.

MAY NEWSLETTER.

Copy needs to be in the hands of the Editor, Margaret Blumhardt, 849 West Coast Rd., opposite Raroa Tce., by Wednesday 5th March 1993.

SUBSCRIPTIONS

These are now due and would be appreciated early in the year. This is one small way that you can support your committee and provide funds for better facilities. Come on don't put it off - do it NOW ! Fill in that form and drop it in the post box. THANK YOU !

Please accept my subscription to the Waiatarua Ratepayers and Residents Assoc. for 1993

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

Name.....

Address.....

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Phone.....

To Treasurer,
Waiatarua Ratepayers & Residents Association,
911 West Coast Rd.,
Waiatarua.
or leave at the library.

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Eco-City and Agenda 21

Council has recently announced that Waitakere City is to become New Zealand's first eco-city. We are adopting the principals of Agenda 21 from the summit environmental conference in Rio de Janeiro last year.

What is an eco-city?

The Mayor's vision statement to Council in January this year contained the following statement:

"My final vision of no less importance, is of a city which cares of its environment - Waitakere as the first eco-city of New Zealand.

To many of us, the environment means native trees, green grass and clean air. But it is more than that. As human beings we need to live in an environment which provides physical nourishment, intellectual stimulus, active and passive recreation, cultural richness, good health, security and shelter. We are finally realising that we must also be in harmony with the world around us if we are to be able to sustain all these positive qualities of the human environment into the foreseeable future."

The following are excerpts from reports written for the City Development Committee by Ann Magee, General Manager of Strategy and Development.

"The eco-city concept reflects a holistic view of people within their environments, aware and responsive to the limits and potential of their natural eco-systems.

Being an eco-city is at the one and same time a goal - a place where activities damaging to people and the environment which are avoidable do not occur - and a way of selecting what activities are to be encouraged. Development choices for human activity in the home, work place or recreationally, are made within a framework of sustainability - environmentally, socially, financially . . .

Describing Waitakere City as an eco-city establishes a clear goal of how the City could and should be, and succinctly states the guiding principles for the City's future. This would reflect the city's identity, and convey to business and to the community what the city stands for. Investors, potential residents and visitors would know where the City is going and what values are paramount . . .

There are a range of agencies which can assist Council to identify the most effective ways of proceeding. The Ministry for the Environment, Greenpeace movement, the NZ Institute of Architects amongst others have indicated a willingness to assist Council to identify initiatives that work and could be applied within the city . . .

What is Agenda 21?

"On 12 February, Council was briefed by a representative of the Ministry for the Environment, Mr Nizar Mohamed, on the final document of the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development, held at Rio de Janeiro in Brazil in June 1992. This document is widely referred to as Agenda 21 - perhaps symbolically reflecting the maturity and responsibility associated with being 21 in western cultures. The message put forward is simple. To avoid irrevocable environmental damage and the threat to human survival a concentrated action programme at the international, national, local - and even individual - level is required. In essence, Agenda 21 is a programme to draw together and co-ordinate actions which affect the economy, society and the environment to achieve sustainable development. As such it complements the concept of an eco-city, the principles for selecting the actions and programmes to achieve that goal. Current approaches are seen, despite positive actions

in some realms (endangered species, global action on the ozone layer, the Resource Management Act) to be fragmentary and often in conflict. Failure - environmental, social or economic breakdown - could be a consequence. The Garden of Eden to be passed onto the next generation then would be "full of weeds". Most commentators see this as describing global environmental experience in the last 200 years in particular, and judge decisive action to be an imperative."

To put the eco-city and Agenda 21 principles into effect, we are beginning a review of Council's Mission Statement and Goals, Strategic and Annual Plans and work programmes.

We have applied to become the New Zealand representative in the United Nations worldwide network of cities who have agreed to implement Agenda 21. The programme will be monitored over many years, with information and ideas being shared.

We will continue to update you on these exciting and sensible concepts as we move into making them a reality.

For further information, phone 836-8000 extension 8401 - Secretary - Strategy and Development Unit.

Helen Haslam
Councillor Waitakere Ward
Telephone 812-8890



*To enable us to honour women achievers of Waitakere City we ask your help!
The endeavour is to find all the following Winning Women to acknowledge their work.*

1. Women whose work has been recognised - i.e. medals or awards.
2. Women whose work has NOT been recognised but should be.
3. Achievers in the world of sport - arts - music - business etc,
4. Women who have overcome major obstacles to succeed.

Can you help us find these women? If you can fill in the details below, or give as much information as you can, it would be very much appreciated.
Please return this form to:

*Gwen Nash, Chairperson
Massey Community Board, c/o Waitakere City Council,
Private Bag 93109, Henderson, Waitakere City*



Name

Address

..... Telephone.....

DETAILS: (Type of medal or award - area of achievement - special achievements etc.)

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Your name and contact telephone number (optional)