



# Community News

JULY 1993

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## CONGRATULATIONS

To our very own local resident Dawn Miller on being awarded a Distinguished Service Award in the Queen's Birthday Honours for her work with Save the Children Fund.

Dawn became a committee member of the Auckland branch in the early 1960s when she was teaching at Rutherford High and her pupils wanted to sponsor a child overseas.

In the late 1970s Dawn almost single-handedly established the Western Districts sub-branch of Save the Children which was granted full branch status in 1992 through her efforts.

Dawn personally sponsors five children and spends one day a week on Save the Children work.

## WELCOME BACK AND CONGRATULATIONS

Drs Digby and Carolyn Whyte have returned to live in the area as Digby has been appointed Operations Manager of the Auckland Regional Parks Department.

It is really good to have a local go overseas and obtain qualifications and return to work here in our parks which he knows so well.

## LIBRARY NEWS

As we wade through the doldrums of winter with storms, power failures and long dreary days, there can hardly be a better way to escape than with a good book.

Cook up a storm - a splendid selec-

tion of recipe books to tempt all palates.

Green fingers or a desire to have a lovely garden? - investigate the varied range of garden books.

A thirst to know more about N.Z. and her history? - check out the many titles available.

There are also piles of delightful childrens books begging to be read.

New titles include:

"That Childhood Country" - Deidre Purcell's second splendid novel.

"Dragon Tears" - Dean Koontz. Very interesting.

"Daughter of Persia"- S. Farmaian. Highly recommended.

"Brilliant Divorces" - June Flaum Singer.

"To the ends of the earth" - David Yallop.

"Valley of the Dragons"-J. Wiffen. Amazing!

"Other Lovers" - Erin Pizzey.

If you are newcomers to our beautiful little corner of Waitakere, please come and visit our library and see what we have to offer, we are sure to have something to please you. If you have mislaid your membership card, tell us and we can issue a new one.

Remember - we are here for you, come and see us.

Opening hours are as follows:

Tuesday 7pm - 8.30pm.

Thursday 10am - 12noon.

Friday 7pm - 8.30pm.

Saturday 11am - 12noon.

Sunday 11am - 12noon.

## GARDEN GROUP

Next meeting will be on Wednesday 21st July at 1pm.

If the weather is satisfactory we will be going to the Oratia Native Plant Nursery, 625 West Coast Rd., opposite and just past Sunola Orchard, to learn something about what is available and suitable to plant in our area.

Geoff Davidson is a mine of information!

Should the day turn out to be unpleasant we will have a video at 849 West Coast Rd., opposite Raroa Tce., and visit the nursery next month. Plenty of parking is available at 849 by using lower gate and turning left.

For any queries phone Margaret on 814-9843. Remember that the Garden Group is always held on the third Wednesday of the month and that the newsletter has not always been delivered by then, so if you would like to be involved please ring and get your name put on the phone list.



## WAIATARUA THEATRE

Waiatarua Theatre is back at the Waiatarua Community Centre with an hilarious new comedy next month. Clerical Errors, written by Georgina Reid and directed by Lyn Harmer, opens on Thursday August 12th, with a champagne gala.

It will be playing for three weeks on Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights on the following dates: August 12, 13 and 14; 19, 20 and 21; 26, 27 and 28 starting at 8pm.

The cost on Fridays and Saturdays is \$15 (including a supper that fits the play) and on Thursdays we serve tea, coffee and biscuits for only \$8. Bookings are essential. Please phone Phyl on 814-9837 or Gay on 814-9433.

Make sure you don't miss this play. It's fun..... with a twist!

## PLAYCENTRE OPENING

This exciting event takes place on Saturday July 24th at 2pm.

If you have not already replied to the general invitation to be present please phone either... Mary King 814-9550 (most evenings) Fiona McRae 814-9743 (answerphone)

## THE FERNS

New Zealand's only Swedish Restaurant has opened at 473 Scenic Drive in Waiatarua with the old DuVal's having been bought by Michael and Eva Chevin, formerly of Titirangi.

Together they have set up "The Ferns Restaurant" with mainly Swedish and continental influence. The Swedish specialties include herring and snaps, marinated salmon, homemade Swedish cheesecake and cucumber soup.

The fully licensed restaurant has undergone extensive upgrading on the interior and is open Wednesday to Sunday from 6pm till late and for Sunday brunch 10am until 3pm.

You can contact them on 814-9804.

## ORATIA FOLK MUSEUM

Old fashioned plants are needed to give the garden that authentic look and old photos, especially local ones would be appreciated so please let us know if you can help in this way.

The roster of helpers for the Sunday opening (1pm -4pm) is going well but extras are always welcome.

Visitors are of course needed also!

Enquiries to Barbara or David Harre, phone 818-7816

## PARKES FAMILY

Remember them at this time as daughter Hollie recovers from surgery.

## WAITAKERE CITY COUNCIL NEWS

from Carolynne Stone

### RATING

We have come to the end of the consultation process on Capital Value and Land Value rating. By the 25th of June 1993, we had received 1,349 written submissions on the Issue. 167 people wished to speak to those submissions. Council will have heard those submissions over a four day period with a decision being reached at the end of the hearing process.

We believe this has been a successful exercise in including the public in the decision making process, many of the submissions highlighted other areas of public concern, this information also is of benefit to Council. For some it has been a difficult concept to come to grips with, but whatever the outcome has been, everyone had the opportunity to speak out on the subject.

It has been unfortunate that some saw this as an avenue to assign blame, make personal attacks and drag 'party politics' into an otherwise interesting debate into how we as a community are rated. We were not elected to accept previous Councillors decisions unchallenged nor to accede to minority decisions made on all Council's behalf. In fact, we have fulfilled the previous Council's recommendation to the incoming Council, to complete the review they had started on this issue.

As a responsible Council, we need to be committed to examining all manner of ways to improve our methods of running our City. Good decisions require all the information through appropriate consultative processes.

### TAUMATA RUNANGA

The Inaugural Meeting of the Taumata Runanga Committee was held on Monday, the 21st of June at the Civic Administration Building. Dr Pita Sharples of the Hoani Waititi Marae has been elected Chairperson of this Committee.

Committee members are:

Te Warena Taua  
Ricky Houghton  
Monty Rihari  
Bella Mano  
Reginald Ratahi  
Evelyn Taumaunu  
Mihi Te Huia  
Wiremu Takarei  
Naida Pou  
Heta Tobin  
Cr Ross Dallow  
Mayor Bob Harvey

Te Kawerau A Maki  
Te Piringa Tahiri O Te Maungarongo  
Te Roopu Kaumatua O Waipareira  
Te Whanau O Waipareira Trust  
Te Whanua O Waipareira Trust  
Te Roopu Wahine Toko I Te Ora  
Te Atatu  
Kakariki Marae  
Te Runanga O Ngati Whatua  
Henderson Maori Committee  
Waitakere City Council  
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It is an exciting development to see this Standing Committee of Council formed and meeting to discuss Council issues. Our best wishes and congratulations to the new members of this Committee.

## KAY RD BALEFILL

After a process of mediation, the community of Swanson has allowed the Council to extend the use of this site for a further three years. Cr Helen Haslam has been at the helm of this process, a New Zealand first in achieving a local Government decision mediated without legal objections and process. And recognition of her drive and energy in achieving a satisfactory outcome for both parties is due to Helen.

Council is looking at future alternative ways of dealing with waste after this three year period. This will also include looking at ways to achieve waste minimisation and increased recycling methods.

## FIRST CALL FOR CHILDREN

Council recently adopted the principle of First Call for Children. This principle asks us to examine, from a child's perspective, the implications of our decisions and actions as a council on our children.

To aid us in this process, Council appointed Cr Carolynne Stone as a child Advocate for the City. If you have any matters you would like to discuss on this subject, please contact Cr Stone - 818-8057

Regards from your Ward Councillors  
Helen Haslam 812-8890  
Paul Lowe 810-9192  
Carolynne Stone 818-8057

ADVERTISING.. Free to members.

Work Wanted - Lawnmowing and weedeating etc. Reasonable rates, phone Glenn on 814-9356.

Coal - 25kg bags \$7, 3 for \$20  
Firewood - bags \$ \$5 and \$6.  
849 West Coast Rd., opp. Raroa Tce  
Phone 814-9843.

Nutrimetics is skin care, colour make-up, hair care, sun care, household cleaning products, men's care, healthy living and much

more. All products are made from natural ingredients, friendly to you and the environment. For a personal skin care consultation phone Melissa on 814-9867. Glamour make-up done for special occasions.

Window Cleaning - Waterblasting, House Washing, Painting, free quotes for commercial or residential work. All work undertaken and guaranteed. Phone Glenn 814-9480.

Plumbing & Roofing specialist, 24hr on call service. D. Rush, craftsman plumber 814-9397.

J.R. Hydroclean - Houses, paving, roofs, boats, commercial and domestic, free quotes Rob 817-7537.

## AUGUST NEWSLETTER.

Copy needs to be in the hands of the Editor, Margaret Blumhardt, 849 West Coast Rd., opposite Raroa Tce., by Wednesday 4th August.

Thanks to the Longley family of Longley Printing, 29 Bruce McLaren Rd, for once again printing our newsletter.

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

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Waiatarua.  
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