



Community News

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A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

At the last meeting of the executive committee of the Association it was resolved that we sign an agreement to lease the Waiatarua Community Centre. The lease has been negotiated with the Waitakere City Council over the past year or 18 months and is a somewhat fearsome document giving us considerable responsibilities.

The Community Centre is undoubtedly a valuable facility. We have administered it without the benefit of a formal lease since it was built about 20 years ago so that practically speaking there will be little change as a result of signing the lease. Nevertheless, it does give the local users of the Centre an increased ability to make improvements and many have already been proposed. For example, it is likely that the floor will be carpeted.

If you wish to propose improvements you would like to see in your Hall please contact a member of the Committee.

Shortly we shall have a Spring Fair. You can hire a table, come and buy, or simply come and meet other residents.

With increasing vandalism and burglaries in our area the Neighbourhood Watch Scheme is very much needed. If you would like to be part of a Group please contact a member of the Committee.

Next month we shall be sponsoring public meetings to provide you with an opportunity to inform yourselves about the MMP or FPP voting systems, and to meet the Waitakere Electorate candidates. In November we shall have a Craft Fair which is being organised by Tony Bacon.

The Association always welcomes new members. Thank you to all the readers of this newsletter who have joined us. You acknowledge that you appreciate receiving what we regard as an excellent, useful community communication. The Editor always welcomes news from residents, as well as free advertising for members.

Yours sincerely,

RICHARD HOYLE

OBITUARY

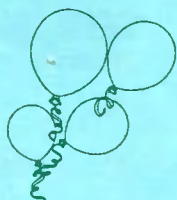
One of our long time residents, Mrs Mickey Cook died last month at almost 85 years of age.

Mickey first came to Waiatarua to stay with her aunt from time to time but by the late 1940s was living here permanently.

Later she married John Cooke and they have lived here in her aunt's house ever since.

Mickey had a wide knowledge of plants and enjoyed gardening, as well as helping in the library. She will be sadly missed by those who knew her.

SPRING FAIR

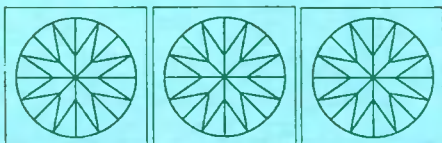


This is planned for Sunday 26th September from noon until 3pm at the Community Centre - plan to be there, bring your family and meet your neighbours over a sausage or tea and cakes, listen to the music, buy a bargain from the stalls and let the little ones play in the sandpit.

Sounds good doesn't it!

If you have some goods for sale ring Margaret on 814-9843 to reserve space.

CRAFT SHOW



There has been a good response to our initial announcement about the craft show - there are currently 8 people who have expressed interest. We are looking for about a dozen, so if there are any other craftworkers out there who are looking for a chance at some Christmas sales, give Tony Bacon a ring on 814-9860.

One of our more observant readers has pointed out that the monthly craft show at Titirangi is on the

same date as we originally advertised, so we have changed ours to Sunday, 21 November.

All the stall fees will be ploughed back into advertising and promotion (apart from the hall hire fee of \$35), so we hope to get a good attendance.

Waiatarua has a wealth of talented craftworkers, and this will be a good chance for the rest of the world to see what we have to offer - and perhaps show that Titirangi is not the only craft centre in the West!

PLAYCENTRE



The Annual General Meeting of the Waiatarua Playcentre will be held at 7.30pm on Monday 20th September at the Centre 911 West Coast Road. All welcome.

LIBRARY REPORT



With sadness we note the death of our longtime friend and tireless "backroom helper" - Mickey Cooke. Mickey always arrived cheerful on Thursdays, and her very special talent was to repair damaged books - this she achieved beautifully. Damaged books were always known as a "Mickey job".

She was a kind and special person, whom we shall all miss.

Farewell Mickey.

Again many new titles are now on the shelves as are the Waitakere loan books which are on the front shelves. It is very pleasing to see more books are being taken out - we must be doing something right!

New titles:

"Going West" - Maurice Gee - Winner of the Watties book award and an excellent read.

"Hotel Pastis" - Peter Moyle's latest delightful story. Recommended.

"The Edge" - Dick Francis.



Wouldn't you want to help if your neighbour's house was on fire?

Just standing and watching makes you feel so helpless.

There is a way you can help — by becoming a volunteer firefighter. It's a great way to do something important for yourself and your community.

But you need more than just a desire to help. To be a volunteer firefighter you need courage and dedication, enthusiasm, and willingness to learn new skills and face new challenges.

If you think you have these qualities why be an onlooker? Come to the fire station and talk to us.



New Zealand Fire Service
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Being a volunteer firefighter has matchless rewards

Helping save a life is the most satisfying experience for a volunteer firefighter.

We need very special men and women with courage and dedication to be firefighters — people who are not afraid to take on challenges, and to work hard and give time to help others.

Being a volunteer firefighter means being part of a well trained, well equipped team. The crew of a fire engine must work skilfully together to be an effective firefighting unit.

Although they are not paid volunteer firefighters find very satisfying rewards. Things like comradeship, a sense of belonging, and pride in a job well done.

If you want to do something important in the community, perhaps help save a life, come to the fire station and talk to us.



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WHAT WOULD HAPPEN IF

ONE DAY SOMEONE'S HOME CAUGHT FIRE AND THERE WAS NO-ONE TO CREW THE WAIATARUA FIRE ENGINE?

THE WAIATARUA VOLUNTEER FIRE BRIGADE NEEDS MEN AND WOMEN WHO ARE IN THE AREA AT LEAST SOME OF THE TIME DURING BUSINESS HOURS MONDAY TO FRIDAY TO BE A PART OF OUR FIREFIGHTING CREW.

YOU MUST BE OVER 18 AND REASONABLY FIT. YOU MAY BE A SHIFT WORKER, WORKING FROM HOME, OR A HOME EXECUTIVE.

INTERESTED?

CALL PETER HAND ON PH: 814-9763
 IAN WELLS ON PH: 814-9601
 IAN FORD ON PH: 814-9618

OR COME TO THE FIRE STATION ON MONDAY NIGHT

WE REALLY WOULD LIKE TO HEAR FROM YOU!

WAIATARUA VOLUNTEER FIRE BRIGADE

"Honour among Thieves" - Jeffery Archer.
 "Lords of the Air" - Graeme Master-ton. An absorbing saga about a family of aviators.
 "The Venerable Bead". - Richard Condon.
 "The Seventh Day" - H. Charles Bluming. Set in Israel during the conflicts of the 70s, this story portrays the life and death struggle of a Jewish family to retain their hold on their land.

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 September 15th at 1pm.
 The programme has not been finalised on going to print but those on the phone list will be contacted before the day with details, otherwise phone Margaret on 814-9843.

CLERICAL ERRORS



This was an excellent production by the Waiatarua Theatre and if you did not go you really missed a very good evening.
 The theatre needs local support so plan to be there next time.

NOXIOUS WEEDS

Ginger has now been declared a noxious weed and the council can require you to remove it.
 Now is a good time of year to pull out or dig out any seedlings and put them in your rubbish bag.
 For larger plants you can cut off the stalk and the rubbish collectors will take away the bulbs but do not make the bags too heavy - about half full is enough.
 The other method of eradication is of course very effective, and that is spraying with Escort and a sticking agent Pulse.

RUBBISH



Waitakere City Residents have succeeded in recycling 28% of household waste in the last year. Didn't we do well!

I have noticed that the Paper Chaser is arriving before 7.30 am so get that paper out early.

PAUL LOWE REPORTS

Currently the Environmental Management Committee is investigating weed management for the Waitakere Ranges and Waitakere City. Weeds are a considerable potential problem in areas of high conservation value.

The City has recently adopted a system of more firmly embedding road signs. Local signs will be repaired and replaced as necessary with more permanent footings.

from Councillors

Paul Lowe	810-9192
Carolynne Stone	818-8057
Helen Haslam	812-8890

ADVERTISING.. Free to members.

Remember that you can advertise your business if you live and work locally. 1993 subscribers will be able to advertise as space permits up until February.

Restaurant - The Ferns with hosts Mike and Eva Chevin, 473 Scenic Drive Waiatarua, fully licensed, phone 814-9804.

Soils Engineer ---- Septic tank designs, stability reports, storm water problems, drainage, subsidence, retaining etc. Specialising in underpinning. .
 Phone Ross Ward, Westward Civil Ltd., 814-9002.

Stained Glass Studio - at 293 Forest Hill Rd. Range of native bird window hangings for sale. New and restoration work, windows and lampshades. All at reasonable rates. Phone 814-9293 or call in.

Registered Drainlayer -wants work, all types of drainage work, septic tanks, stormwater, sewer connections, phone Ray on 814-9242.

Painter - Domestic and Commercial, New work and maintenance, phone Rob on 817-7537.

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.

R.J. Hydroclean - Houses, paving, roofs, boats, etc. Commercial and domestic waterblasting, for free quotes phone Rob Pronk, Home 817-7537, Cell (025) 999622. No job too small.

SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER.

Copy needs to be in the hands of the Editor, Margaret Blumhardt, 849 West Coast Rd., opposite Raroa Tce., by Wednesday 6th October.

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

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

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

Name.....

Address.....

Phone.....

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

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CONE SWEET CONE

The Green Cone is a natural food waste disposal system that operates from your own backyard. Food scraps make up 20% - 30% of domestic refuse, so the Green Cone is an effective way of reducing waste. It is simple and clean, comprising a recycled plastic 'cone' placed over a buried plastic basket. It will compost in the same position for a year or more, depending on how intensively you use it.

THE CONE TAKES fruit and vegetable peel, chicken bones, tea bags, egg shells - even leftover ashes.

THE SUN heats the green cone, speeding the decomposition process.

THE SECURE LID ensures odours stay inside the cone and are neutralised by the soil. It allows easy access but is child and animal proof.

THE DOUBLE WALL keeps the heat in, creating an efficient heat trap.



THE BASKET is buried in the ground to give the contents waste good soil contact, allowing nutrients and water to return to the soil, and allowing air into the system.

THE INSIDE VENTS circulate warm and moist air, speeding the process.

FERTILE COMPOST is produced in small amounts. More than 80% of the food waste that goes into the green cone will be absorbed as liquid by the soil.

CALL THE RECYCLING HOTLINE NOW: ☎ 836-8045 TO ORDER YOUR GREEN CONE!

FREE HOME DELIVERY • EVERYTHING INCLUDED • FULL INSTRUCTIONS

GREEN CONE IS ONLY \$60 WITH A FREE BOX OF COMPOST STARTER