



Community News

MARCH 1994

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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

This year's meeting was very poorly attended by the local community but well represented by councillors. Four councillors and one community board member were present as well as the mayor, who spoke to us about his first year in office, his vision for the future and the important issues facing the city. After the Mayor's short speech and question time, the short Annual meeting followed. You could have come, met some new folk over a cup of tea, attended the meeting and still been in bed in good time!

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

I have the pleasant duty to present the twenty ninth annual report of the Association.

Members of the executive committee have enjoyed the monthly meetings which were taken in a relaxed fashion and covered the usual topics of roads and footpaths, drains and dogs as well as the approval at long last of a lease for the Waiatarua Community Centre. Referring to the latter I cannot say at this stage whether the arrangement is viable, but we have no reason to think it is not.

We have been very fortunate in the lease and other matters in enjoying an excellent rapport with our ward Councillors and the Waitakere City Council staff charged with preparing the lease. Our thanks to them.

The community groups - Fire Brigade, Play centre, Drama Club and Library have all been strong during the past year and deserve hearty congratulations for the way they support our community needs and aspirations.

I welcome this opportunity to thank my fellow committee members for their hard work, particularly the Secretary, Editor and Treasurer.

We are a mature Association beaver away in the background - not making too many waves. Our responsibilities are not only to deal with nuts and bolts local issues but also to be up and running, on standby, in case an urgent need should arise for us to present a united front on important city issues. Local Government reform several years ago required each

council to consult formally with its constituents; the Association has been happy to fulfil its role in this process.

I am standing down after three years as President with relief since lately my energies have been required in my business, but with gratitude for the friendships and experiences the job has provided.

Thank you, Richard Hoyle, President.

NEW PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

A message from your new, green President. I am acutely aware of the responsibility of this office and will try to maintain the high level of competence shown by my predecessors especially the immediate Past President, Richard Hoyle and before him the inimitable Tom Baker esquire.

At this point I would like to thank Richard for his three year stint as President but he can rest assured I will have to lean heavily on his knowledge over the next twelve months.

Thanks must also go to those members no longer on the committee, Christine MacKinder did sterling work as our secretary, a vital role, also Peter Sinton, Ivan Beale, Mary King and Gillian Nicholson for their contributions.

It was a shame not to see more people at the A.G.M., the residents were outnumbered almost by a gaggle of councillors, Community Board members and our Mayor, Bob Harvey who gave us a run down on his first year in office.

We would like to hear from the community what you see as concerns and things you would like done. It was with that thought in mind that volunteer firefighter Mark Stone has joined the committee and at this point I would like to welcome him, Margaret Allan ex Oratia Superette and Michel Zwerink from Quinns Rd and look forward to working with them all. Michel has promised not to try and paint the corner of Bush Rd in such an unorthodox manner again.

The Waitakere and Auckland City Councils are undertaking a survey of Bus Transport in our two cities (try not to laugh just yet). They are asking for

submissions on four to five suggestions to improve bus travel. Your committee will accept and forward suggestions should you wish to make them.

Please report traffic accidents as we are trying to build up cases for areas that are seen as dangerous around the district.

Just remember that if you don't let us know, we won't. Cheers Ian Wells.

COUNCIL NEWS

Eco Fire The Council has announced it's intent to host a conference on the theme of Sustainable Cities in March 1995, planning for which is well advanced. Further details on speakers, workshops and the Eco Expo will be released over the next few months.

There will be wide ranging opportunities for local residents and businesses to learn about the trends in environmentally sustainable products and practices.

Accidents Please report even minor accidents in our area to Ian Wells, telephone 814-9601, or directly to the Manager of Roading and Traffic, Roger Ward, telephone 836-8000 extn 8736. Information should include the number of accidents, severity, time of day and weather conditions.

Public Transport Strategy - There are four options which range from an express network to "dial a ride" type services. No one option is a clear favourite at the moment.

The Waitakere Community Board is hosting two public meetings to discuss the draft plans. They will be held at Bruce McLaren Intermediate School Hall, Thursday 17th March at 7pm and at Laingholm School on Tuesday 22nd March at 7pm.

Your committee will be preparing a submission on these proposals. We would appreciate your input by either contacting us by phone or letter or by attending one of the meetings, or by contacting Tanya Perrott, Senior Policy Analyst at Waitakere City Council .

**Please accept my subscription to the
Waiatarua Ratepayers and Residents Association
for 1994**

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

Name

Address

Phone

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

FIRE BRIGADE NEWS

If you thought that the fire siren has been working overtime lately, you're not mistaken. Between 1 January and 1 March your local Volunteer Fire Brigade has attended 20 calls. This is more than double our usual average of about one a week. They have been car fires(6), barbecue or campfires (5), bush or scrub fires (3), vehicle accidents(2) and a stove fire, incinerator fire, power pole on fire and a leaking LPG cylinder (1 each).

Half of this year's calls have been between 10pm and 6am. This often means that in order to be ready to respond to further calls we must clean equipment and refill the appliance water tank at some fairly unsociable hours. We regret any disturbance caused. Please be assured that the hours aren't of our choosing either.

In late February we received a replacement large-capacity portable Tohatsu pump, capable of pumping at a rate of over 20 litres per second. It was christened less than a week later at a large scrub fire above South Piha, being used to pump water from the sea to fill helicopter monsoon buckets. This fire was one of a number in the Waitakere Ranges lately thought to have been deliberately lit - there's some strange people out there.

Any enquiries contact - Peter Hand 814-9763, Ian Wells 814-9601, or Ian Ford 814-9618.

PS. The Firefighters keep losing the ball! Has anyone got suitable netting we could have to put around the area?

If so please contact Tony on 814-9688 or Ian on 814-9618.

PLAY CENTRE

WANTED: Offcuts of wood, (eg custom wood, plywood or pine etc) suitable for shelving or puzzle making. Phone play centre on 814-8835 or Bianca on 814-9861, thanks.

Remember that Play centre is for you as well as your child, so come for a visit and see what we have to offer. Where are we? Down the driveway at the community centre. Times : Tues, Wed, Fri 9.30am till 12 noon.

GARDEN GROUP

We have decided to change our meeting from the third Wednesday to the fourth Wednesday because the newsletter is sure to have arrived by then and this saves ringing people.

The next meeting is a visit to Kitty Sunde's garden, which has been featured by the media and is well worth visiting.

The address is 10 Atarua Gardens. On Wednesday March 23rd at 1pm and the cost is \$2

GIRL GUIDES

Dare to be different with your daughter, have her join the Girl Guides Association.

Pippins for 6-7 year olds, meet for one hour of fun and games at Oratia Hall every Wednesday from 3pm - 4.15pm. Interested? Contact Wendy Inverarity on 838-9639

Guides for 10 - 14 year olds, meet for 2 hours of fun, learning skills and enjoying outdoor activities every Tuesday from 6.30pm - 8.30pm also at Oratia Hall. Contact Annette Suter on 817-6475.

Any woman interested in the challenge of helping the Girl Guides as a District Commissioner, a liaison and management position, contact Liz Sangster on 814-9597.

LEARN ABOUT HERBS

If there is sufficient interest, Beryl Simpson will hold a class on The Basic Herb Garden and the use of Herbs in Cooking, at the Waiatarua Community Centre. The probable time would be Friday mornings from 10am - 12 noon. and would be for four weeks.

If you are interested please phone Lilian on 814-9638

ORATIA MUSEUM

Person or persons are required to take care of the garden around the Museum. If you have an hour or two to spare for this or would like to be on the Sunday afternoon museum roster please contact Barbara Harre on 818-7816

WAIATARUA COMMUNITY LIBRARY

911 West Coast Rd,
under the Community Centre.
Phone 814-9353

Hours of Opening

Tuesday	7pm — 8 pm
Thursday	10am — 12 noon
Friday	7pm — 8 pm
Saturday	11am — 12 noon
Sunday	11am — 12 noon

Books can be returned at any time through the chute by the library door.

ADVERTISING

This is free to financial members for 1994 (Jan-Dec) A list of financial members and receipts is available at the library, any queries about membership can be answered by phoning the treasurer Mary Crosbie on 814-9858.

House wanted to buy. I have to sell my beautiful home. We want to stay in the area and I am looking for a new home for myself and 3 children. If you are thinking of selling your place please phone Debbie on 814-8892.

Work Wanted. Local solo mother urgently seeks part-time work. Experienced caregiver of elderly folk. Would consider child minding, cleaning and gardening. Hard worker, honest and reliable. Please phone Debbie on 814-8892.

Firewood for sale. Cedar \$20cm unsplit blocks, \$35cm split. Burns hotter than pine, easy to split. 849 West Coast Rd, opp Raroa Tce 814-9843.

R.J. Water blasting. Softwashes paving, roofs, boats and houses. Free quotes, no job too small. Phone Rob Pronk on 817-9944 or mobile (025) 999-622

Veterinarian. For pets and farm animals. Housecalls a specialty. Phone Neil Pullan 814-9504

Hairdresser requires work. Have your and your family's hair attended to at home. I specialise in cuts and perms, 25 years experience, very reasonable rates, please phone Lesley on 814-9242.

John Hendrikse. Lawyer and Notary Public, available at nights or weekends at his home, 914 West Coast Road.
For an appointment : Phone 276-5217 or 814-9991

Mobile Office Services. Word - processing and Secretarial work. Phone Margaret Allan on 814-9996

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

APRIL NEWSLETTER

Copy needs to be in the hands of the Editor, Margaret Blumhardt, 849 West Coast Rd., opposite Raroa Tce., by Wednesday 6th April 1994.

Opinions expressed in this newsletter are not necessarily those of the Editor or the Waiatarua Ratepayers and Residents Association.

Many thanks to the Longley family for once again printing this newsletter.

PLEASE KEEP THIS PAGE FOR FUTURE REFERENCE

WAIATARUA RATEPAYERS AND RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION COMMITTEE

Ian Wells	814-9601	President			
Richard Hoyle	814-9641	Immediate Past President			
Jeff Brinton	812-8885	Vice - President and Newsletter distribution			
Margaret Allan	814-9996	Secretary			
Mary Crosbie	814-9858	Treasurer and Hall Custodian			
Margaret Blumhardt	814-9843	Newsletter Editor			
Bianca Vasey	814-9861	Playcentre Rep			
Gillian Nicholson	814-9 599	Drama Rep			
Mark Stone	814-9711	Chris Timms	814-9346	Michel Zwerink	814-9535

Committee meetings are held on the first Wednesday of the month in the library at 7.30pm.
You are welcome to attend and bring your concerns, please ring the President to arrange this.
Deadline for newsletter copy is the first Wednesday of the month at 849 West Coast Rd.
Newsletter delivery is the third or fourth week of the month

WAITAKERE WARD CITY COUNCILLORS

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

WAITAKERE WARD COMMUNITY BOARD *Above councillors plus*

(Chair) Betty Hanson	812-8681	629-3336
(Deputy) Penny Hulse	832-5358	
Bill Hales	817-3547	
David Harre	818-7816	
Linda Hibberd	828-6735	
Owen Hughes	817-3231	

WAITAKERE CITY COUNCIL

Office hours	836-8000
After hours	522-4046 for noise control, animal welfare etc.
Information line	836-8056 details of council services & facilities

WAIATARUA VOLUNTEER FIRE BRIGADE Emergencies phone 111
Enquiries phone Peter Hand 814-9763

WAIATARUA GARDEN GROUP Meets fourth Wednesday of month.
Enquiries phone Margaret Blumhardt 814-9843.

WAIATARUA LIBRARY 911 West Coast Rd., under the Community Centre.

Opening hours	Tuesday 7pm - 8pm	Thursday 10am - 12noon.
Phone 814 -9353	Friday 7pm - 8pm	Saturday & Sunday 11am - 12noon.

WAIATARUA PLAYCENTRE 911 West Coast Rd, down the drive

Opening hours	Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday	9.30am - 12noon
Phone 814 - 8835	or contact Bianca Vasey, phone 814-9861.	

WAIATARUA THEATRE For information phone President, Gillian Nicholson 8149-599
Secretary, Wayne Hall 818-9995, or Treasurer, Gay Cook 814-9433

WAIATARUA COMMUNITY HALL HIRE Contact Custodian Mary Crosbie 814-9858

Friday and Saturday evenings (including chairs & tables) \$100. Hourly rate (max 3 hours) \$10 per hour
Sunday to Thursday evenings \$65. Hourly rate (max 3 hours) \$7 per hour
Daily rates Monday - Friday, Full day \$25. Hourly \$5. Saturdays & Sundays, Full day \$35, hourly \$7
Crockery hire \$25. Bond \$250. Discount for regular users. Community Barbecue hire \$20