



Community News

MAY 1994

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Matthew Sinton of Raroa Terrace has only time for three things in his life at the moment. As the county's top under 19 cyclist Matthew trains every chance he gets and also works at a Henderson cycle shop - as well, he has to raise \$10,000 by the end of June. Matthew holds the national championship sprint title and is one of only eight Kiwi cyclists and the only one from West Auckland selected to compete at the Junior World Cycling Championships in Quito, Ecuador.

He will need to spend a month in Ecuador to get used to riding at altitudes of over 2800 metres above sea level. He says "I've been told that at that altitude it is difficult to walk up stairs and talk at the same time, but they may be exaggerating!"

The cost of the trip is estimated at NZ\$8,000 as well as an estimated NZ\$2,500 the special

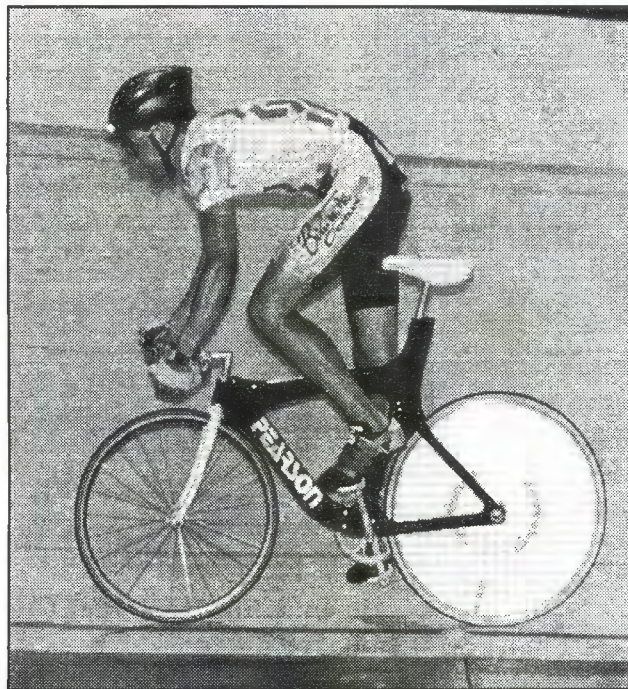
equipment, wheels and tyres to enable him to be competitive. While the NZ Cycling Association can fund a small part of the trip Matthew still needs almost \$9,000 in two months or he will lose the chance to compete with the world's best.

A fundraising champagne breakfast will be held on Sunday May 29 at the Oratia Settlers Hall. The breakfast is jointly organised through Oratia and

Waitakere City Lions Clubs and Oratia Ratepayers Association.

Please come and give our local lad lots of support and have a good social time as well.

Tickets are available from Michelle McKenzie phone 814-9212 or Pete and Jane Sinton phone 814-9352.



MATTHEW OFF TO WORLD CHAMPS



FIRST CHOICE FOR CYCLING EXCELLENCE

FIRE BRIGADE NEWS.

It looks like the Volunteer Fire Brigade Service could be going through a few changes in the near future. It has been proposed that each station be given a bulk funding allowance, a bit like "Tomorrow's Schools", in which we will be responsible for buying our own firefighting clothing, servicing costs for our fire appliance and paying for any off station training. Fundraising or even local sponsorship may be required for extra equipment outside our budget.

We will also be in need of an auditor. If anybody in the area has the required qualifications we would be interested in talking to them.

On the fire front we have been reasonably quiet since the Anawhata fire, attending only two scrub fires.

The Brigade will again be working with the St John's Life Support Unit over the next few months, several of the officers already gaining valuable experience at incidents, especially in the area of CPR

Over the next few months we are hoping to make the recreational area at the fire station into a more friendly spot. The plan is to put down a practice cricket wicket and a bowling green, we have already procured several lengths of artificial matting. We would like to encourage the community to use the facilities; it would also be great for netball or volleyball, so if you have any ideas or would be interested in getting involved we would be keen to talk to you.

We also require suitable netting to surround the area and possibly floodlights at a later stage.

We are still in the market for more volunteers; even if you are not fit or young, we have a division that looks after the safety of the fire incident, that may be suited to you.

For any queries contact —

Peter Hand, phone 814-8860,

Ian Wells phone 814-9601,

Ian Ford, phone 814-9618. or

Tony Holt, phone 814-9688



WAIATARUA THEATRE

Due to unforeseen and insurmountable technical problems, Waiatarua Theatre had to cancel its production of "Death and the Maiden" scheduled for April and early May. The cancellation was in no way due to the wonderful cast and crew, and the committee was very disappointed that the play had to be abandoned.

Thanks to all our local supporters who rang with bookings - and a special thanks to the Longleys who printed our programs and to Tony Bacon for designing it.

Watch this space! Our next production, "A sting in the Tail", is scheduled for July.

GARDEN GROUP

This month's visit is to the Bamboo Specialists Nursery of John and Pauline Isaachsen at 833 West Coast Rd., on Wednesday May 25 at 1pm.

There is a long drive into the property and so some car pooling at the gate would be a good idea.

Enquiries about the garden group to Margaret on 814-9843 but anyone is welcome to join us on our monthly visits, we have no membership and you will meet some friendly folk - they are not even all avid gardeners!

LIBRARY NEWS.

Please! we do need helpers on the desk on the first Saturday and fifth Saturday and Sunday from 11am-noon.

There was no response to our plea of last month. See what you can do and then ring Bev 814-9679 or Phyl 814-9837

New books of interest this month are

- "Schindler's Ark" - (Book of the film Schindler's List) Thomas Keneally
- "Marvels and Mysteries of the Unexplained"
- "Sailing" - Peter Blake
- "The Complete Dog Book"
- "Outdoor Stone Work."
- "Graham Kerr's Minimax Cook Book" - put your order in for this one!
- and for juniors "The Information Book"

What about your winter reading! Come and pay us a visit, you'll be pleasantly surprised.

Please make sure that all books borrowed from the Waiatarua Library (our books and loan) are returned to this library, otherwise we the library helpers have to make special trips to retrieve these books.

Thankyou for your co-operation.

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	11 am – 12 noon
Sunday	11 am – 12 noon

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

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

I have spoken to several other residents and wish to express my concern and annoyance at dog owners allowing their animals to defecate at will. I do not allow my dog to go to the toilet other than on my section and expect the same consideration. I am tired of the front of my section and others' sections plus the reserve being used as the dogs version of a public toilet. It is an owner problem not a dog problem.

PS. The next excrement on my property has return to sender on it (letter box delivery)

Raroa Tce. resident.

CAROLYNNE STONE'S EUROPEAN TRIP

This item was submitted last year when other more pressing news did not leave room for it's inclusion.

Editor

The main reason for my trip was to attend a conference on Permaculture in Denmark, something I had planned to attend before last year's election.

Before I arrived in Copenhagen, I had driven through from Germany. I was struck by the number of power generating Windmills both in Northern Germany and all through Denmark. Denmark has over 2500 windmills with a target of building 1000 more every year. It is interesting to note that future power generation in New Zealand is still being seen in terms of non renewable energy sources and large hydros rather than increasing the utilization of wind, solar, biomass and mini hydro sources.

The theme of energy efficiency and conservation was taken up at the conference itself with many home design and building methods being explored to provide a cleaner, safer, more energy efficient lifestyle. Some designs also include total waste as well as energy self sufficiency, including solar designed living space, composting toilets and grey water systems.

Toronto in Canada is in the process of regenerating an old 1940's housing subdivision with a focus on Community design and completely autonomous houses as far as energy, waste and water supply. It is a very exciting concept that I would be happy to discuss with anyone, if interested please contact me.

While staying with a friend in Lubeck, Germany I discussed Germany's much flaunted solid waste system. I was very surprised at the reaction of a

middle aged woman who admitted she did not have a specific interest in the environment, but as a "housewife" who believed in trying to do the right thing, felt "conned" by the German Government's handling of the Green Dot (Der Grune Punkt) System, that is meant to encourage the recycling of waste materials.

After quite a discussion, I realised that Waitakere City has a lot to be proud of - not saying that we don't have a lot to learn and there are still areas for improvement - but I feel in this city we can hold our head up quite proudly when it comes to our approach to solid waste management.

The other area studied was transportation and moves to try and reduce the CO₂ levels. Most of Europe's large cities suffer from chronic vehicle congestion. Although we are told that air quality has improved slightly, I don't understand how the populace can accept 'visible' air so calmly. There are some lessons to be learnt in their utilisation of pedestrian and cycle lanes.

I was not prepared for the shock of Southern Italy, the environmental degradation is a crime. Acres and acres of denuded hillsides and barren valleys. The trees that are left are all under stress - many just dead branches. Waterways and roadways littered with years of rubbish and waste.

Although I do not hold a degree in ecology, I surmise that Europe's natural ecological balance is on the verge of collapse and that collapse is not very far away. This is something I have heard many times from global environmentalists and wondered if they were being alarmist. Now, I don't think I understood the enormity of the problems facing the world. The biggest being our tolerance to accept the ever decreasing quality of our natural environment.

I encountered many positive individuals trying to create a better environment but it is on a community level that we need the commitment to better policy and practices to ensure our children will indeed inherit a safe, clean living environment.

Many of our basic assumptions need close scrutiny when it comes to how our lives impact on the environment. We can make the difference by reducing our level of consumption, becoming energy efficient and using less and by reusing and recycling what is left.

Carolynne Stone; phone 818-8057

ADVERTISING

This is free to financial members
for 1994,
January to December.

A list of financial members and receipts are available at the library, and any queries about membership can be answered by phoning the treasurer Mary Crosbie on 814-9858.

Rawleigh Products. - The fact that this product has been "a friend of the family since 1989" speaks for itself. 100% guaranteed. Phone Nan or Roy, Independent Distributors on 814-9495.

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Firewood. - Bulk wood sold out but bags available. Teatree \$5, cedar \$4. 849 West Coast Rd, opp Raroa Terrace, phone 814-9843 or call at house.

Firewood. - Split pine \$30 per cu. m. Phone Jacob 812-8847

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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. 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

JUNE NEWSLETTER

Copy needs to be in the hands of the Editor, Margaret Blumhardt, 849 West Coast Rd., opposite Raroa Tce., by Wednesday June 1 1994.

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



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