



# Community News

MARCH 1995

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## Editorial

Many thanks to those who have come forward to support a re-vitalised Waiatarua Ratepayers and Residents Association.

It was wonderful to have a number of people phone before the meeting offering to stand and even a call from Tom Baker at Kerikeri concerned at our demise.

Close to 40 people were present at the AGM and 13 people offered themselves for the committee with absolutely no arm twisting!

Names of those on the committee are printed in the 1995 directory later in the newsletter. No nominations were forthcoming for President and Vice-President and so it was decided that the new committee would appoint these.

You will no doubt hear a lot more of plans for the use of the hall and other activities of the committee in future newsletters. Please contact committee members with your concerns and ideas, and remember that you are welcome to come to the beginning of a committee meeting to put these to the members. Please ring the President or Secretary to arrange this.

Please now give us your support with your membership so that we can represent you and use the funds for better facilities promotion etc.

Sorry that I cannot print the President's report as the President did not attend the Annual Meeting or submit a report.

## DISTRICT PLAN

At the Annual Meeting Carolynne Stone told us of the process of arriving at the District Plan.

Now the time has arrived to have Public Meetings so that we can have our input into the draft scheme.

Our local meeting will be in the Oratia Settlers Hall on April 6 at 7 pm.

## GINGER OUT WEEK 95

The yellow ginger flowers are with us again - unfortunately! Waiatarua had a fantastic roadside ginger clearance in recent years but this noxious weed which we are obliged to rid our properties of is still very much in evidence.

The Waitakere City Council is to provide bins for the free tipping of bulbs (cut the stalks off and compost these) at strategic places from March 13 until April 10.

Last year we asked for more notice so that we could discuss the location of the bins and notify you of their location. This has not happened. I will ring Council and recommend the following sites but I cannot promise

you that the bins will be there. Please ring me (Margaret) or Terry on 814-9843 for further information about the locations and if more bins are needed etc.

- Top of Kauri Loop Rd.
- Bush Rd corner.
- Opposite Tui Crescent
- Outside TV mast

Technical information is available by ringing the Noxious Plant Officers at Council 836-8000 extension 8037.

## ATARUA GARDENS STREET PARTY

This was a great success, made even more memorable by the arrival and generosity of Mr Softie. Thanks Graeme and Tina.

I believe that Kauri Loop Rd had a party, perhaps someone could submit a report on that. Remember that this is your newsletter and needs your contribution of news, letters to the editor etc etc. Have you got new neighbours? Let me know and we can welcome them to the area. Thanks, Editor

## WAIATARUA DRAMA



The Waiatarua Drama Club Annual General Meeting was held on Sunday February 26 at "Badgers".

At the meeting President Gillian Nicholson and Treasurer Gay Cook were re-elected while Secretary Wayne Hall stood down due to other commitments. Thanks Wayne for your support. Kevin Healy is our new Secretary.

Because the number of active Drama members is currently so low and in order to maintain the high standard of production we are planning to put all our energy into one play later in the year.

Thanks to everyone who supported the Drama Club last year by helping with a production or by being in the audience.

If you would like to be involved in the production of a play from helping in the kitchen, making sets, performing etc (and have a good laugh!) please phone Kevin on 814-9505 or Gillian on 818-7310.

## LOCAL HISTORY WANTED

Information on the early days of Waiatarua; we would be interested in talking to people who have a knowledge of the area, for example, the schoolhouse, church, air strip, golf course, store, fire brigade etc. Also old photographs that could be reproduced.

Please ring Lindsay on 814-9872 or Tony 814-9688.

## WALLY HOME

Wally Eyre is now home and starting to walk around again. Keep it up Wally.

## PLAY CENTRE



Our sessions are as follows:

Tuesday	9.30 am - 12 noon
Wednesday	9.30 am - 12 noon

Please accept my subscription to the  
Waiatarua Ratepayers and Residents Association  
for 1995

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

Name .....

Address .....

Phone .....

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

Friday 9.30 am - 12 noon

The Playcentre is down the newly sealed driveway right next to the community centre and there is parking down there as well as at the top.

If you are interested in seeing what goes on at play-centre, come along during a session or you can phone Marjan on 814-9832 for further information.

## GARDEN GROUP

This month we have booked to go to Dale Harvey's garden at 23 Vine St., Mangere East on our usual fourth Wednesday at 1 pm, that is March 22.

Dale's main objective is to show people what can be grown on an urban quarter acre with poor soil conditions.

Importance is given to the number of varieties grown and colour of plants. A micro-climate has been achieved with surrounding trees and shelter. Container growing and drying flowers are other features.

Flowers from the garden supply the florist shop run by John, Kingsland Florist.

This visit will cost \$5 per person and Devonshire tea \$1 per item eg tea \$1, scone \$1 etc. Numbers will need to be known for tea by 19 March - please phone Lilian or Eric on 814-9638. Car pooling could also be a good idea so please also tell them if you have spare seats or need a ride.

Remember that you are welcome to join us this month only or every month, no fees or membership necessary.

## FIRE BRIGADE

In the last month most of the Volunteer Fire Brigade members have had a shift or two with New Lynn and Te Atatu ambulance crews. This ongoing training is valuable, and we hope to repeat it in the next few months.

Please don't overlook your smoke alarm batteries.

## 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.

The restricted rural fire season ends on April 30. Until then you will need a fire permit for all open fires except barbeques and incinerators. Contact the Waitakere City Council.

We have attended 13 calls so far this year, with the one major incident being a house fire in Opanuku Rd. The Waitatarua crew attended with appliances from Henderson, Glen Eden and others and assisted in a water shuttle from the nearest hydrant two kilometres away.

On the social side, we did break with tradition by actually winning our annual cricket match with the Piha Fire Brigade, held on a wicket of doubtful quality at the Piha Domain.

For **all** emergencies and fires **always** dial 111. For enquiries and all of you who wish to join, contact Peter Hand 814-8860 or Ian Ford 814-9618.

## ORATIA KINDERGARTEN

The kindergarten is having a Spring Bulb Promotion fundraiser with the following packs available:-

A Candy Chimes	25 Bulbs	\$5.50
B Freesia	25 bulbs	\$6.00
C Anemone	30 bulbs	\$5.50
D Ranunculus	30 bulbs	\$6.50
E Grandma's freesias	10 bulbs	\$4.50
F Arab's eye	3 bulbs	\$4.00
G Bluebells	8 bulbs	\$5.00
I Tete Tete (mini daff)	3 bulbs	\$5.00
J Tulips	5 bulbs	\$6.00
K Hyacinth	3 bulbs	\$6.50
L Erlicheer	5 bulbs	\$5.50
M Royal Velvets	10 bulbs	\$4.00
N Double Freesia	6 bulbs	\$4.00
O Harliquins	10 bulbs	\$4.00
P Dutch Iris	4 bulbs	\$4.00
Kids Kollection	38 bulbs	\$9.95
Fulham 4 in 1 favourites	45 bulbs	\$9.95
Three pots with	23 bulbs	\$12.95

To view the brochure and order bulbs (money with orders please) phone Molly 814-9034 or Margaret 814-9843 by March 24.

## APRIL NEWSLETTER

*Copy needs to be in the hands of the Editor,  
Margaret Blumhardt, 849 West Coast Road  
(opposite Raroa Terrace),  
by Thursday 6th April, 1994*

## ORATIA SCHOOL COUNTRY FAIR

This will be held on Sunday April 9 at 11 am - so keep that day free.

There will be lots of stalls, rides, games and fun, so help the school make it a great success. Come along with your families and bring your friends.

## TREES FOR BABIES a celebration of life

All Piha residents and visitors are invited to join parents, family and friends of all Waitakere Ward babies born over the past year.

Help us plant a grove of trees for future generations to enjoy at Piha Domain 1 pm., Saturday 29 April.

For more information contact Betty Hanson 812-8681 or Janet Cole 836-8000 extension 8145.



## ADVERTISING

*This is free to financial members for 1995, 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 - Eileen Powell on 814-9298*

**HOUSE AND DOG SITTER** needed for about three months from late April, phone 814-9843.

**FOR SALE** - vacuum cleaner, hoover upright convertible with attachments. Good condition, \$65 ono, phone 814-9144.

**OFFICE SERVICES** - Meet all your home/office/administration requirements with Quality Presentation: Word Processing with Laser printer, Photocopying, Binding, CV's, Overheads, Menus, Labels, to name a few! Facsimile available. Phone/fax 814-8804, Helen of Watkins & Associates Limited, 16 Kauri Loop Road, Oratia.

**STAMPS FOR SALE** - Rationalisation of collection. N.Z., G.B., Pacific etc, plate blocks, sets, singles, UHM and used. Phone Grant on 814-9855 (evenings), 837-0729 (day).

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

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



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### WAIATARUA RATEPAYERS AND RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION COMMITTEE

Secretary	Jon Hendrikse	814-9991	Treasurer	Eileen Powell	814-9298
Newsletter Editor	Margaret Blumhardt	814-9843	Caretaker	Julie Morrow	814-9065
Drama Rep	Kevin Healy	814-9505		Gerry Davis	814-8833
	Josephine Hall	814-9945		Karen Davis	814-8833
	Tony Holt	814-9688		Chuck Humphrey	814-9557
	Lisa McQueen	814-9345		Tony Piggott	817-9075
	Judith Walker	814-9619			

President and Vice-President to be appointed at the next committee meeting. Committee meetings are held on the first Thursday of the month in the library at 7.30pm. You are welcome to attend and bring your concerns, please ring the President or Secretary to arrange this.

Deadline for newsletter copy is the first Thursday 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*

	Betty Hanson	812-8681	629-3336
(Chair)	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	836-8045

for noise control, animal welfare, stormwater, accident reporting etc.  
(Person will be called out if necessary)

Daytime accidents	836-8000 ext 8736 attention Roger Ward
Information line	836-8056 details of council services & facilities

#### WAIATARUA VOLUNTEER FIRE BRIGADE

Emergencies phone 111  
Enquiries phone Peter Hand 814-9763  
Ilan Ford 814-9763

#### WAIATARUA GARDEN GROUP

Meets fourth Wednesday of month, February to November, all welcome, occasionally or every month.  
Enquiries phone Margaret Blumhardt 814-9843.

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#### 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 818-7310  
Secretary, Kevin Healy 814-9505, or Treasurer, Gay Cook 814-9433

#### WAIATARUA COMMUNITY HALL HIRE

Contact Custodian Julie Morrow on 814-9065 for bookings  
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