



Community News

APRIL 1995

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Editorial

Our new committee is starting off with great enthusiasm.!

At the March meeting Gerry Davis was elected President and Lisa MacQueen his Deputy.

Richard Hoyle, (phone 814-9641) will fill the position of Immediate Past President.

You will have received a pamphlet already of the social event of the year —The Waiatarua Whoopee!

Please come, even if it is for a short time. We want to see as many people as possible come and feel part of this area.

A very enthusiastic sub-committee together with the Drama group are putting a lot of effort into this day and will be very disappointed if it is not well attended, and will be discouraged from organising events in the future.

There will also be a corner where you can pay your subscription to show your support for your committee and help the funds to improve facilities.

Do I live in Waiatarua you may ask – well I will tell you where the official boundaries are.

Scenic Drive from Shaw Road to Mountain Road.

(Shaw, Parker and Carter Roads themselves are considered to be Oratia and Mountain Road, Henderson Valley.)

The middle of Kelly Road is the Eastern Boundary.

This means that if you live on West Coast Road between Kelly Road and the Scenic Drive or on a side road, Forest Hill Road between Kelly Road and West Coast Road, or Scenic Drive from Shaw road to Mountain Road you are part of this very special area.

For the Whoopee we are happy to have you come if you live nearby or associate with the area for Playcentre, Drama, Library or are staying with friends etc.

Our President's Message

My name is Gerry Davis. I was a School Principal in Ontario, Canada for thirty – three years. I retired in 1992 and moved to Rimu Road, Waiatarua with my wife, Karen who is also a committee member, my daughter Kathie and son in law Eric.

My next door neighbour, Mr Cathie told me that a life-style block would be an interesting wrestle with clay, rain, insects, fungus weeds etc. He was not wrong!! In the two years my family and I have lived here we have been building a house, establishing gardens, fruit trees, a nursery for native trees and cutting down some of the macrocarpas on the boundary which are threatening to fall on our house.

My first and present impression of Waiatarua is that it is one of the premier places to live in New Zealand. It is beautiful with views of valleys, ridges, the city, beautiful native flora and ocean harbours etc. In addition to this natural beauty the residents of the area work hard to add to this beauty with the addition of flower gardens and introducing some exotic species of trees and shrubs from around the world.

As the elected President of the Ratepayers Association, I have been joined by an enthusiastic team of residents who are interested in communicating on your behalf with Waitakere City Council staff, councillors and community board your concerns and interests in our community. We are also interested in supporting and promoting a better use of our existing facilities and services. We do have some political strength and it is our job to use it with council to support or influence their decisions and policies.

Please support us. Come to our function on April 23 and meet your neighbours and community members.

I look forward to seeing you there.

MAY NEWSLETTER

The next three newsletters ie. May, June and July will be edited by Tony Bacon.

Please submit copy to him for the usual deadline, the first Thursday of the month, (in May this will be 4 May) to The Editor, 911 West Coast Road.

NEWSLETTER DISTRIBUTION

Gay Cook has kindly taken over the bulk distribution of the newsletter from Jeff Brinton, who has done a good job for several years.

Gay would like to hear from people who would be willing to deliver a small area either every month or to fill in for somebody who is away.

If you are one of the present team please let Gay know if you will be unable to deliver your area within two or three days of receiving them and she will arrange to have someone else do it for you.

Perhaps if after some time the delivery is a problem to you – just let Gay know and a replacement will be found.

Many thanks to those of you who take a constitutional once a month at least! and deliver the news.

Gay can be phoned on 814-9433.

GARDEN GROUP

This month we are back on home ground with a visit to the nature trail at Arataki, Scenic Drive to learn more about our native trees and shrubs. Our guide will be Jim Forbes who has a wealth of knowledge on the subject.

Meet at Arataki Visitors Centre carpark which is across the road from the trail, on Wednesday April 26 at 1pm.

After our walk you can visit the centre and view the video if you wish, and admire the views of bush and dam from the decks.

If you are part of Waiatarua this is a chance to learn more of the bush around you.

Any enquiries about the garden group please ring Margaret or Terry on 814-9843.

FAREWELL TO THE WINTERS'

Eric and Lilian are leaving the area to live in Queensland. Thanks from the Garden Group for all your help in arranging the programme. We will miss your cheery enthusiasm and friendly participation.

PLAYCENTRE

Our sessions are as follows:

Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday,
9.30 am - 12 noon.

If you are interested in seeing what goes on at Playcentre, come along during a session to 911 West Coast Road, down the newly sealed driveway, or you can phone Marjan on 814-9832 for further information.



Remember — Come and join the fun . . .

SUNDAY 23RD APRIL '95 12 MIDDAY – 3PM

at the Waiatarua Community Centre

SAUSAGE SIZZLE, WINE AND JUICE FROM 12PM

VARIETY SHOW 1PM

LOLLIE SCRAMBLES • FACE PAINTING • GAMES

LIBRARY NEWS

New titles include:

Wilbur Smith — "The Seventh Scroll"

Sidney Sheldon — "Nothing Lasts Forever"

Gerald Seymour — "The Fighting Man"

Danielle Steel — "Wings"

Jean Sasson — "The Daughters of Arabia"

Patricia D. Cornwell — "Cruel and Unusual"

Patricia D. Cornwell — "The Body Farm"

We also have a new selection of books on loan from Waitakere Libraries. (These books are now date-stamped on the back using green ink to indicate that they should be returned to the Waiatarua Library.)

PLEASE USE YOUR LOCAL COMMUNITY LIBRARY

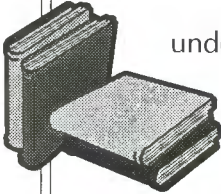
We'll be open during the Whoopee!

WAIATARUA COMMUNITY LIBRARY

911 West Coast Road,
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.

WAITAKERE CITY COUNCIL NEWS



SUSTAINABLE CITIES SEMINAR

April 1995

Mayor Bob Harvey opened our recent seminar with a moving address to 150 people from throughout New Zealand. He spoke of Waitakere's Eco City vision in taking up the challenges of the 21st century by harmonising social welfare, environmental quality and economic development in the City. Keynote speakers included Professor Peter Newman from Perth, Australia who has more than 20 years experience in revitalisation of cities by reducing dependency on motor vehicles.

Cary Reynolds from the ACT spoke on community water and energy conservation projects. British Environmentalist, Jonathon Porritt, presented international perspectives on political change necessary to meet the requirements of our rapidly changing world.

Hugh Fletcher, CEO of Fletcher Challenge Limited and Cindy Kiro, a Director of the Stitching Greenpeace Council (Amsterdam) gave a local response to the challenges facing us into the next century. Deputy Mayor Dorothy Wilson looked to the way ahead and presented five key steps for Waitakere.

Warm praise from participants and sponsors of the seminar to Councillor Carolynne Stone and her Conference Committee is indicating support for any future event of this kind.

DISTRICT PLAN UPDATE

The District Plan sets out the policies and rules for managing the physical environment of the City. Public meetings are being held throughout the City during March, April and May for presentations and discussion of the draft District Plan. March and April meetings in Waitakere Ward are:

Sturges Road Area

Wednesday, 29 March 1995

7.00 - 9.00 pm

Baha'i Centre,
180 Candia Road, Henderson

Oratia

Thursday, 6 April 1995

7.00 - 9.00 pm

Oratia Hall,
565 West Coast Road

Swanson, Candia Road, Scenic Drive North

Monday, 3 April 1995

7.00 - 9.00 pm

Ranui Community Centre,
Cnr Swanson and Ranui Station Roads

Parau, Laingholm, Huia, Whatipu

Wednesday, 19 April 1995

7.00 - 9.00 pm

Laingholm Village Hall,
Victory Road

Karekare

Sunday, 30 April 1995

Karekare Surf Club

Piha

Sunday, 30 April 1995

Barnett Hall, North Piha

We encourage you to attend to hear the plans for your area. Further meeting dates will be in the May Newsletter.

DRAFT FUNDING AND RATING POLICY

This is now available for feedback from the community. It is about who pays for Council services and how. It sets out the issues and various options ranging from full funding through rates to user pays methods. Public meetings are being held and staff and Elected Members will speak at local meetings on request.

Written submissions close on 21 April. Copies of the draft policy are available from your Residents and Ratepayers Association, Libraries and from Council. Phone Consultation Hotline 836 8075 for further information.

WATER AND WASTEWATER

Councils, local communities have big decisions to make about how we want our water and wastewater systems managed. This, from now on, includes whether we would rather have increased supplies through more dams or pipelines, whether we want to manage our use of water more wisely, or through a combination of wise use of water and new dams and other augmentation methods. Our Council intends keeping you informed about these issues and getting your opinion on them before entering negotiations and making decisions.

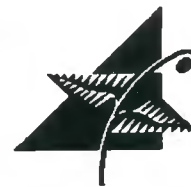
Councillors for Waitakere Ward are:

Cr Paul Lowe
Ph: 810-9192

Cr Helen Haslam
Ph: 812-8890

Cr Carolynne Stone
Ph: 818-8057

WAITAKERE COMMUNITY BOARD NEWSLETTER



ANNUAL PLAN

April 1995

Council is about to consider the initial draft at the 1995/1996 Annual Plan. This will be released for public comment in May. Our Board has completed its recommendation to Council. Interests of Waitakere Ward are represented in Council consideration of the draft plan by Board Chairperson Penny Hulse and the three Ward Councillors. The next Annual Plan (1996/97) will have submissions from the community closing later this year (date to be advised).

UNSEALED ROADS

Our City still has 52 km of unsealed roads - most of them in Waitakere Ward. Our Board has recommended a special sum be put aside from rates in this year's Annual Plan to begin the huge task of sealing roads which do not qualify for Transit NZ funding subsidy. Our Board regularly updates its priority sealing list as information on safety issues and traffic counts arise. Make sure you keep Council informed of any accidents which occur on unsealed roads.

SUSTAINABLE CITIES SEMINAR

Board members attended this stimulating seminar at the end of March. Amongst the many highlights was a presentation by Professor Peter Newman from Perth. He spoke about innovations in Australia, Europe and America to create community orientated safe and environmentally sound cities. Of special interest to our Ward were his comments on pedestrian safe streets. Our Board is constantly working to improve safety of pedestrians and cyclists in our Ward through walkways, speed restrictions and other measures. Peter Newman's address has given us new ideas and renewed vigour. Congratulations from our Board to Cr Carolynne Stone and her team for a hugely successful seminar with outstanding speakers.

COMMUNITY BOARD MEETINGS

We warmly invite you to attend our monthly meetings which are held in the Council Buildings in Waipareira Avenue. The open forum part of the meeting provides an opportunity for you to address the Board so that your issues are heard directly by your local Elected Members.

Next meeting date: Tuesday, 2 May 1995
7.00 pm

Community Board Representatives for Waitakere Ward are:

Mr Bill Hales Ph: 817-3547	Ms Linda Hibberd Ph: 416-7137(P)	Mrs Betty Hanson, MBE, JP Ph: 812-8681 Ph: 629-3336
Mr David Harré Ph: 819-7816	Ms Penny Hulse, Chairperson Ph: 832-5358	Mr Owen Hughes Ph: 817-3231

Board members are happy to receive queries on any issue connected with Ward matters.

In some cases eg: potholes, barking dogs, broken sections of footpath you can call Council's 24 hour number - 836 8045. This number guarantees a quick, efficient and direct service.



Are you angry about graffiti?
Join the Waiatarua Graffiti Guard!
We're looking for a keen group
who can spare some time to paint
it out in our area.



Call Tony Piggott on
814 9057
if you can help.

SCHOOL FUNDRAISING EVENT

A dance and music evening with "Kantuta, the Latin Sensation" will be held at the Titirangi Memorial Hall at 8 pm on Saturday 22 April with proceeds going to local schools.

Tickets are \$10 and may be obtained by phoning 826-0473 or at the Titirangi Pharmacy.



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.

MAY NEWSLETTER

*Copy needs to be in the hands of
Tony Bacon
911 West Coast Road, Waiatarua
(Community Centre Letterbox)
by Thursday
May 4th, 1995*

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

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*

FOR SALE – Many, many Plants, plants, Indoors and out, Big and small, Give me a call, Come and see all! Ferns, succulents, palms etc 814-9966. All must go before April 25.

FOR SALE – Honda Civic 1977, good little runner, \$1,000 ono. Has Warrant and registration, 814-9966

FOR SALE – Bathroom heater, exhaust fan, light. 5 year warranty. IXL Tastic Compact. Unused \$210 ono.

Inflatable air bed – double. As new \$30 ono.
Wooden storage cabinet – suitable for workshop. 1.8 m. long by 80cm high \$25 ono
Fan heater – Hanimex Hot Shot – as new. \$30.
Phone 814-9144

FOR SALE – Double Bed, orthopaedic on castors – excellent condition, little used, \$375 or offer. Also exterior door in frame, glazed \$10. Phone 837-2816 or 373-5252 evenings

FOR SALE – Nikonos V Underwater camera, c/w SB103 Strobe, 28mm lens, 35mm lens, camera case and carry bag. All in A1 condition. \$2,500 ono phone 814-9858.

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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).

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