



# Community News

July 1995

Editor: Tony Bacon

## GOOD NEWS ABOUT THE WEATHER

I am here to announce that it will stop raining. I know this to be true because I have just spent the morning and two near-hernias laying paving stones so that we will no longer sink up to our ankles in mud going from the house to the car. Some of you may be surprised at the confidence with which I make this announcement. Those who remember my previous sojourn as your editor will also remember that on two occasions we bought water and had it rain solidly for two days afterwards. We also installed our new water tanks after a very wet winter. So I think I am uniquely qualified to make predictions of this sort. So take comfort, Waiatarua! Those behind the move to rename Ruatawhenua Mount Ararat can rest easy, for the sun will return.

### *Odds and Ends*

The response to the dinner suggestion was distinctly underwhelming — we may try again in October. See the next issue for more details.

The local body elections are coming up on 14 October. The WRRRA will as usual be hosting meetings so the candidates can persuade us they are the only choice to run our fair city. Details will be in the newsletter.

The WRRRA membership now stands at 97 – keep those cheques rolling in!

This is my last issue as your stand-in Editor. Next month Margaret will be back, refreshed and inspired, full of European culture and British roast beef, ready to carry on the great traditions of Waiataruan journalism.

## WAIATARUA GARDEN GROUP

Our 26 July meeting is to be held at 17 Rimu Road when our speaker will be Dr. Peter Maddison on the subject of 'Bugs'. Dr. Maddison is a Waitakere City Councillor and a noted environmentalist.

On 23 August we are visiting West Lynn Gardens, 73 Parker Avenue, New Lynn. This garden is run by a trust and in August will feature Magnolias and Camellias in addition to other colourful and interesting plants. The entrance fee is a modest \$1.00 and we are welcome to take our own afternoon tea.

Our meetings start at 1pm. Everyone is welcome, and if you have any enquiries about the group please phone Eileen on 814 9298.

## LIBRARY NEWS

Winter is here at last, time to put your feet up with a good book, and we have plenty here to choose from.

### *New books this month*

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| D. Longden  | 'I'm A Stranger Here Myself' A biographical account of his life. (A good chuckle.)                         |
| R. Ludlum   | 'Apocalypse Watch'   |
| A. Quindlen | 'One True Thing' (A brave and beautifully written book about the relationship between mother and daughter) |

Three books by new mystery writer Minette Walters

- 'The Ice House'
- 'The Sculptress'
- 'The Scald Bride'

D. Koonz 'Strange Highways'

Plus – A donated book on casseroles, just right for this time of year.

### *Hours of Opening*

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

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

## EILEEN POWELL - WRRRA TREASURER

'I have lived in Waiatarua with my husband Tony for about 12 years, and love the peaceful surroundings. Many years were spent in the exporting business, specifically to the Pacific Islands. In the latter stages my job involved a number of trips to Papua New Guinea,

Solomon Islands and Vanuatu, endeavouring to improve the New Zealand balance of payments.

Since leaving full-time employment, I have worked mostly as a 'temp', but as I was spending more time at home I became more interested in gardening. I joined our local garden group and enjoy the varied programmes and meeting other Waiatarua folk.

In the last couple of years we have started to play golf, as yet not fanatics; perhaps that will come as our game improves. Waiatarua is a great place to live, close enough to the city to take advantage of an extensive range of restaurants, galleries etc., but a world away when sharing your garden with fantails, kereru and tui.'

## FIRE BRIGADE NEWS - NEW RESIDENT

You no doubt read in last month's newsletter of the induction of Isiah Woodhead to the Waiatarua Volunteer Fire Brigade.

This month we are pleased to announce that Tony Holt, better known to his brigade confederates as "Geppetto", has once again been chiselling and banging well into the small hours of the morning. The result of this has been the birth of a fully grown, 12 stone Betty Swollocks (and let me tell you, she is very hot and heavy to carry in a firefighter's lift). Betty has taken up residence at the Fire Station, although she has yet to become a member. She can be seen most days propping up the bar, glass in hand.

Unfortunately, Betty has done little to tone down Isiah's quest for self destruction. In fact, it appears that it is Isiah who is leading Betty astray. In their most recent escapade, they spent several hours in cramped and uncomfortable conditions beneath the TV transmitter building and had to call *yet again* on Waiatarua's volunteer firefighters to extricate them.

This begs the question of what it was they were doing there in the first place—could it be an action replay of Hugh Grant and Desiree Brown? Or is Isiah's reported habit of staying late after Monday night practice just an indication of a purely intellectual and platonic relationship? Watch this space...

If you want the latest on Isiah's and Betty's activities, or possibly just find out more about the Fire Brigade, you can call Ian Ford on 814 9618, Lyndsay Whittle on 814 9872 or Richard Seccombe on 814 8860.

## TITIRANGI FESTIVAL OF CRAFTS

This will be held on Thursday, Friday and Saturday 7th - 9th September, at the Titirangi War Memorial Hall, South Titirangi Road. Quoting from their letter: 'Over the years the Festival has earned an enviable reputation. There will be over 40 leading local craftspeople exhibiting a wide variety of top quality craft work. There is free admission and parking, and refreshments are available.'

*Editor's interjection: As one of those exhibitors, I must declare an interest here. However, I hope you will all come with open chequebooks!*

## Advertising

This is free to financial members for 1995, January to December. A list of financial members and receipts is available at the library. Any queries about membership can be answered by phoning the Treasurer - Eileem Powell on 814 9298

### Wanted

Geese, Peafowl, for good home. Also wanted - corrugated iron sheets in good condition. Please phone Wade on 814 9724.

### Veterinarian

For pets and farm animals. Housecalls a speciality. Phone Neil Pullan on 814 9504

### Ferns Restaurant

For a la carte dining. Open Wednesday - Sunday, 6pm till close. Saturday and Sunday Lunch 11am - 4pm. Cafe open Friday, Saturday, Sunday, 11am till close. Coffee, wine, specialist teas, snacks, light meals. Ferns Restaurant is also happy to cater for functions. Special menus available for your special requirements.

### For Sale

Computer (no, I haven't sold it yet!) 386/25DX, 8mb memory, 300mb disk. High quality 14" screen. CDROM, tape backup, fax modem. Ideal small business machine. \$1950 (reduced!!!) inc. 3 months support. Phone Tony on 814 9860.

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

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To the Treasurer, Waiatarua Ratepayers and Residents Association, 911 West Coast Road, Waiatarua

## August Newsletter

Copy needs to be in the hands of the Editor, Margaret Blumhardt, 849 West Coast Road (opposite Raroa Terrace) by Thursday, 10th August, 1995

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