



Community News

SEPTEMBER 1995

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LOCAL BODY ELECTIONS

The Waiatarua Ratepayers and Residents Association committee have arranged a meeting of the candidates for our Waitakere ward of Waitakere City to be held on Thursday September 28 at the Community Centre 911 West Coast Road.

All candidates will be invited and this will give a chance for those standing for Mayor, Community Board, Council, Auckland Regional Authority and Licensing Trust to come and have their say for about five minutes each. After they have all spoken there will be time for questions. Meetings on previous occasions have proved very worthwhile and I have often come away with a very different impression of the candidates than before the

meeting.

The meeting will start promptly at 7.30 pm but be preceded by a social half - hour with a cup of tea or coffee from 7 pm.

WAIATARUA R&R ASSOC. COMMITTEE

The next meeting of your Ratepayers committee will be on Monday October 2 at 7.30 pm at John Hendrikse home, 914 West Coast Road.

If you have some problem or idea you would like to discuss with the committee we would like to see you.

Please contact Gerry Davis on 814-8833 and arrange to attend the meeting for a short time.

A MESSAGE FROM ISAIAH

This month dear readers, we interrupt the tawdry tales of the tanalised troublemakers to bring you a message from the sponsor. Isaiah Woodhead and Betty Swollocks, being combustible themselves, recognise how important it is to have early warning of fires. They are keen to assist Waiatarua's Volunteer Fire Brigade with their smoke alarm promotion.

Why should I install smoke alarms?

They can save your life. Most house fire deaths occur at night when everyone is asleep. Smoke alarms work by detecting fires in their early stages and giving you enough time to get out. Calling the Fire Brigade early (from the neighbours!) also means less damage to your home.

Where should I install smoke alarms?

A recommended minimum is one outside each sleeping area (eg in the hallway), and one in the living area away from the kitchen. Additionally, there should be one in a basement garage about two-thirds of the way back from the door, and at least one on each level of a home. If you sleep with the bedroom door shut,



there should be one in the room.

Where can I buy them?

Choose alarms that conform to US, Canadian or Australian standards and have a minimum one year warranty. Most hardware stores and department stores sell them, as does the Waiatarua Fire Brigade. Ours will cost you \$20 each.

What do I have to do to look after them?

Check out the instruction leaflet in the box. There are simple procedures to test them, clean them occasionally and change the battery.

Where can I get more advice?

If you need more information or want to buy a smoke alarm from the Waiatarua

Volunteer Fire Brigade, call Ian Ford, phone 814-9618, Lyndsay Whittle, phone 814-9872 or Richard Seccombe, phone 814-8860. One of our local volunteer firefighters will then arrange to call and answer any questions you have. Free! And if you buy an alarm from us and can't install it yourself, we will do that too. How 's that for a deal?

LIBRARY NEWS

NEW BOOKS:

Lightning – Danielle Steel

Let me call you sweetheart – Mary Higgins Clark

Malvina – David Jillet (The story of Malvina
Majors life.) Lovely!

Come and visit, your library needs you.

PLAYCENTRE

Please note that our sessions are now as follows:

Monday, 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 driveway, or you can phone Marjan on 814-9832 for further information.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

This month we have a few lines from another of the Ratepayers Committee members, Tony Holt.

Just like John Hendrikse, we also came to New Zealand for a bit of an adventure, that was back in 1976. We originally came for three years and we have been here ever since. We bought a small house in Raroa Terrace and after spending several years modernising it we moved to the end of Bush Road and started again!

I am the Fire Service Representative on the committee, having had a long involvement with the Waiatarua Volunteer Fire Brigade, although now days I am one of the dinosaurs!

My only claim to fame is being the originator of our rescue dummies, Isaiah, Betty and new comer Mary. I must admit that I do feel a bit like Waiatarua's answer to Jim Hensen of the Muppets. They have been an asset in our training program, just recently having to be rescued, (yet again), from a chemical spillage at the Stenberg's sheep shearing shed in Forest Hill Road.

The Brigade has certainly progressed over the past years with up - grading in fire fighting standards, equipment and valuable skills being gained in first aid and more importantly, quality personnel to take the Brigade into the twenty-first century.

RUBBISH!

Just a few lines to clarify what is and is not acceptable. Firstly Wednesday is the day every week, no exceptions!

Newspaper and cardboard is one collection.

Recyclables, Plastics 1 and 2, bottles (but not broken glass or window glass etc), aluminium and tin cans.

Household rubbish but not garden rubbish other than ginger roots in small bags.

Inorganic rubbish can also be put out and if it is not possible to load it onto the organic collection the driver will note it and arrange to have it picked up at a later date, but please be reasonable or we may lose the

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

service. There are many firms hiring out bins for the big jobs. Above all do not dump rubbish over the side of the road in someone else's back yard. If you see this happening please take note of the car's number plate or other details and phone the Waitakere City Council. Dumping of weeds from your property into the bush along the roadside can also be the cause of the spread of noxious weeds.

GARDEN GROUP

On Wednesday September 27 we will be visiting Kahikatea Gardens at 43 West Lynn Road, New Lynn. West Lynn Road is an extension of Seabrook Avenue and the other end is onto Titirangi Road. This garden has a variety of trees and perennials and exotic plants. The time is 1 pm and the entrance fee is \$4. If you have spare seats in your car or if you need a ride please phone Margaret or Terry on 814-9843 or Eileen on 814-9298

Next month's visit on Wednesday October 25 will be to Chris and Suzanne Timms wonderful Rhododendrons at 26 Bush Road, Waiatarua.

WHAT ARE WE VOTING FOR?

Council:

The Waitakere City Council consists of sixteen councillors representing four wards. Four each for Henderson and Massey wards, five for New Lynn ward and three representing our Waitakere Ward.

A Mayor is elected as the seventeenth member of Council and the Deputy Mayor is appointed from the sixteen elected councillors

Auckland Regional Council:

The ARC has four principal functions:

- planning and co-ordinating the region's public transport.
- the regional parks network.
- the non-commercial functions of the former Auckland Harbour Board. (Navigation and Safety)
- the regions environmental protection agency covering such issues as:
 - water quality
 - coastal environmental protection
 - air quality

- soil conservation
- protection of natural heritage and cultural heritage
- water conservation and allocation
- waste issues - reuse etc, contaminated sites.
- plant and animal pest control.

Where these functions overlap with city councils', the ARC deals with regionally significant aspects while the local council is locally focussed. ARC has thirteen councillors of which two represent Waitakere.

Auckland Regional Services Trust:

The ARST took over the management of the assets and liabilities of the former ARA, the latter includes:

- Watercare, trunk drainage and bulk water provider.
- Northern Disposal Systems Ltd
- The Yellow Bus Company.
- Ports of Auckland Ltd.

The operation of these is not "hands on", but via a commercial company structure, the Trust being responsible for such shareholder functions as director appointments.

The trust constitutes six members, elected at large across the region.

For further information please contact Councillor Carolynne Stone, phone 818-8057.

Community Board

The Community Board for the ward consists of six

elected members as well as the elected ward councillors.

The Community Board is responsible for various day to day activities within the ward such as prioritising road repairing for tar sealing and upgrading.

We also oversee stormwater control, parks and reserves, Community Halls and houses and the development of Community Management plans. We hear the community submissions to the Annual Plan and support individuals and community groups throughout the process.

Board members also sit on various committees of council ensuring that the views of the local community are expressed at Council level, eg the hearings committee and District Plan Committee.

We organise workshops for ratepayer groups, site visits for local residents to discuss concerns with local officers and we are always available to discuss concerns or issues on the phone.

Our monthly meetings are held at the Council Building in Waipareira Avenue on the first Tuesday of every month. You are always welcome to attend these meetings and at the open forum portion of these meetings you can bring up any issues that you would like to have discussed with elected members and officers.

I look forward to seeing you at our meeting,

Penny Hulse, Chairperson, phone 832-5358.

Remember to attend the candidates meeting on September 28. Editor.

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

DAVIS PUMP - sort of working, free to good home, phone 814-9057.

GARAGE SALE - 503 Scenic Drive on Saturday 23 September at 8 am. 3 seater couch, 2 seater couch, microwave, cane furniture (coffee tables, chairs, shelving) desk, kauri sideboard, crockery, books, bits and pieces.

FOR SALE. Nikonos V Underwater Camera complete with SB103 Strobe, 28 mm lens and carry case. All in excellent condition. Priced to sell at \$2,500. Phone 814-9858.

HATHA YOGA CLASSES Be healthy, flexible and fit for the summer. Yoga classes are now available at Karekare, twice weekly. Come along for fitness of mind and fun. All welcome and bring a pillow. Cost is \$5 per session. Phone Chris 812-8711.

LAWYER AND NOTARY PUBLIC John Hendrikse will be available to attend to you at his home, 914 West Coast Rd during the evenings and week-ends. Please phone for an appointment first on 276-5217 or 814-9991

OCTOBER NEWSLETTER

*Copy needs to be in the hands of
Margaret Blumhardt
849 West Coast Road, Waiaatarua
(opposite Raroa Terrace)
by Wednesday
4th October, 1995*

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

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

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

Name

Address

Phone

To Treasurer,

Waiaatarua Ratepayers and Residents Association,
911 West Coast Road, Waiaatarua



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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
Ian Ford 814-9763

WAIATARUA GARDEN GROUP

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all welcome, occasionally or every month.
Enquiries phone Margaret Blumhardt 814-9843.

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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