



# Community News

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christmas  
greetings  
to you all

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## WAIATARUA COMMUNITY HALL

In the early 1970's the Waiatarua community asked the local council (the predecessor to the Waitakere City Council ("WCC")) to build a community hall. The hall was built in about 1974 and is now owned by WCC. Under an informal agreement with council, the day to day running of the hall was left to the Waiatarua Ratepayers and Residents Association Inc ("Ratepayers Association"). However in the early 1990's the WCC sought to change and formalise the agreement, and it required the Ratepayers Association to sign a lease.

There were disagreements between the Ratepayers Association and WCC over the contents of the lease. Nonetheless to resolve the situation the Ratepayers Association agreed to a one year lease in September 1993. While that one year term came to an end in September 1994, the Ratepayers Association subsequently continued to lease the building on a month to month basis on the same terms and conditions set out in the lease.

This year the Ratepayers Association appointed a new executive committee. That committee found the lease onerous in a number of ways. There is insufficient space to go into those ways here. Suffice it to say that the lease favoured the WCC and placed unacceptable existing and potential liabilities on the Ratepayers Association, and possibly also members of the executive personally. As a result the Ratepayers Association terminated the lease. This means WCC is once again in full control of the Community Hall. It has agreed to allow the library and drama group to continue to use the hall, but has said it does not have the resources to manage the hall and so is unable to allow anyone else to use the hall in the short to medium term.

WCC does not wish to remain responsible for the daily operation of the hall. It would prefer it if the Ratepayers Association or some other organisation took over that responsibility. The executive of the Ratepayers Association is not totally adverse to assuming responsibility if a majority of members of the Association wish it to do so, and an acceptable contractual arrangement can be negotiated with WCC.

In order to learn the views of members a survey will be circulated early next year and a public meeting will be arranged. In the meanwhile if you have any queries or concerns please feel free to contact Lisa McQueen, phone 814-9345 or Gerry Davis, phone 814-8833.

Lisa McQueen, Vice President.

## CHRISTMAS

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Oratia Combined Church are having a Christmas Service of Lessons and Carols on Sunday December 17 at 7 pm followed by a cup of tea and a time of fellowship in the hall after the service.

Glen Eden Baptist Church is having a Blue Moon service (for those who attend church once in a Blue Moon) on Wednesday December 20 at 8 pm, repeated on Sunday December 24 at 10 am. Also at 11.15 pm that evening an outside service at Ceramco Park, Glen Eden.



## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Annual General Meeting of the Waiatarua Ratepayers and Residents Association Inc., will be held on Monday February 19 1996. The speaker will be Deputy Mayor Dorothy Wilson who will speak about the issue of rating in the city.

Please mark your new calendars with this date as we need you to come and be informed about this issue and those that your committee are working on. Your committee really needs your support at this difficult time.

## NEWS FROM THE FIRE BRIGADE

Yes Isaiah has done it again; his literary talent has been put to good use by writing a play about the early days of the Fire Service.

The play takes place in Waiatarua around 1958 to 1961. The name of the play "Phone 1125J" was originally the telephone number of Mr and Mrs Whittle who lived in the area for many years. In the play it's the telephone number of the Fire Superintendent (as they were known back then) who one would ring in an emergency.

The play is scheduled to start around the middle of next year and the Fire Brigade need assistance in the following areas.

- People who may be interested in getting involved either in the play or helping behind the scenes.
- Financial assistance or sponsorship.
- Clothing and props of around that time - old valve radios, crank handle telephones, writing bureau, old fire fighting clothing, pictures or posters of actors/film stars or singers of the era, ie Marilyn Munroe, Elvis, Beatles, Glen Miller etc. Music from that time, in fact anybody who may be able to help in any way

The Fire Brigade have great hopes that the play will be a success and a fundraiser. If you can help please phone the Fire Brigade on Monday evenings after 9.30 pm, phone 814-9213 or at other times, Tony, phone 814-9688 or Lyndsav, phone 814-9872.

## WAIATARUA R&R ASSOC. COMMITTEE

The next meeting of your Ratepayers committee will be on Monday 5 February at Josephine Hall's home at 757B 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.

## WAIATARUA THEATRE

The theatre has had a very successful season with a very enjoyable production. Thankyou from a lot of Waiataruans.

## GARDEN GROUP

We will be organising next year's program at the end of January. If you have any suggestions of places to visit or speakers please ring Margaret on 814-9843 or Eileen on 814-9298.

## LIBRARY NEWS

Christmas is fast approaching.

The last day for borrowing books is -  
**Friday, December 22 from 7 pm - 8 pm**  
until the library re-opens on  
**Tuesday, January 9 from 7 pm - 8 pm.**

Thank you for your custom over the past year, keep it up!

## BURGLARIES

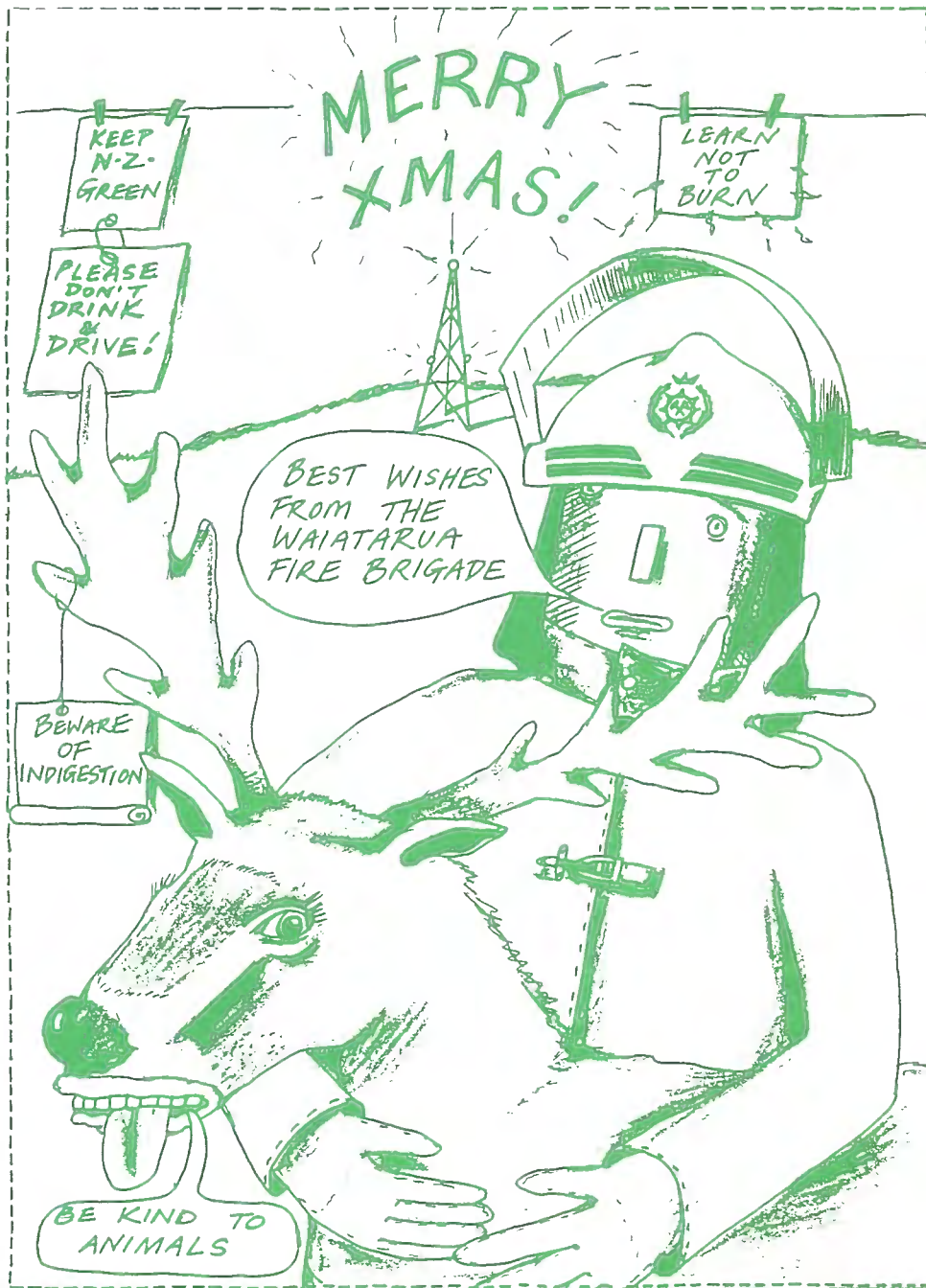
There have been reports of daytime burglaries and suspicious cars moving around the area. Over the holidays keep in touch with your neighbours and watch each others properties. Arrange for someone to empty your letter box when you are away and keep the lawns mowed.

Keep your eyes open and ring the police about any people cruising around and door knocking or acting suspiciously someone nearby may be very grateful

## DISTRICT PLAN

You have been notified of the release of the new District Plan which among other things contains rules regulating the erection of buildings, establishment of land use and subdivisions in the City. This plan which is open to formal submissions of support or objection until 5 February next year is available for viewing at all Council Libraries (with perhaps the exception of Waiatarua) and Council buildings. You can phone Council Officers during the day on 836-8075. This plan will then be in force for ten years.

Your Committee also has a copy which is being studied by members. President, Gerry Davis, phone 814-8833 would be interested to hear from people who are interested in making submissions or commenting on the contents. Your Ratepayers and Residents committee will have a sub committee meeting mid January to formulate their response to the lengthy document and your contributions could be helpful.



## Letter to the Editor

Welcome to the rubbish tip!

Summer is coming. At least that's what we hope, and when it does come thousands will be crowding our beaches leaving a trail of refuse on our roads.

It's now already so bad that on our West Coast Road for instance, there is hardly a metre to find without beer cans and McDonald's cartons, even ripped and dumped rubbish bags with their smelly contents spreading on the road sides.

What can be done? Police? I found a name and address on three items in a rubbish bag dumped and spread all over my drive entrance. Sorry, Police wouldn't do anything! So on my week end morning runs I take plastic bags and gloves and clean about three hundred metres of West Coast Road, yielding two full shopping bags. I must buy more clean sacks to dispose of this extra trash in the proper way though—

When everybody who has a road frontage property would keep that clean, I suggest he should be given a 10% rates discount for doing so. Even better, get the sandshoes, plastic bag and gloves and go for an early morning run collecting every scrap of paper, plastic bottle and beer cans you see. Your run won't be a long one but believe me, it's very rewarding and the only way to escape the idea of living on a rubbish tip . . . RESIDENT OF WAIATARUA.

Your Ratepayers Committee are planning a run along the Scenic drive, which is a very bad rubbish area, to do our bit. If you can find evidence of who has dropped the rubbish, a letter or a car number plate please ring the Waitakere City Council, 836-8045 after hours, 24 hours a day. They have the power to prosecute. Ring this number for noise control, animal welfare, stormwater and accident reporting after hours. EDITOR.

## GALLERY 807 (807 West Coast Road)

Gallery 807 is closing down. Final open day is Christmas Eve. All items are for sale at 10% discount or make an offer. Christmas gifts... household items?? etc. Open Saturdays and Sundays and the whole week prior to Christmas Day. Thank you to those who supported us and a Merry Christmas to all.

### Ferns Restaurant and Café

By the Fiha turn off with magnificent views, sumptuous food, a la carte dining or café' style, fully licensed or BYO wine. Here is a selection from our dinner menu

#### Entree's

Chicken, pan fried in garlic and chives served on a toasted crouton	\$7.50
Lamb's brains sauted in a fresh mint and cream sauce on straw potato	\$8.50
Venison and Salami platter with olives, dried tomatoes and pickled vegetables for wine	\$9.50
King shrimps served in a Cajun sauce	\$10.00
Smoked salmon and fish garnished with sour cream and caviar	\$11.00

#### Main Courses

Smoked baby salmon served on a bed of vegetables with a dill lemon butter	\$16.00
Pork Tenderloin, pork wrapped in bacon with an apricot liqueur glaze	\$16.50
Lamb chops served on a honey glaze garnished with broccoli and sliced almonds	\$17.00
Prime beef fillet on a herb and garlic crouton, served with a sweet mushroom sauce	\$19.50
Fresh fish, scallops and shrimps stir fried in pesto and arander served on egg noodles	\$19.50
Fresh game dish, venison and kangaroo on a mint jus garnished with berries and walnuts	\$21.50
Poussin (baby chicken) with crab meat stuffing served on a lemon sauce	\$21.50

#### Vegetarian

Vegetable roll filled with spinach, cream cheese, nuts, truant, onion and spices in filo	\$14.50
Greek salad garnished with feta cheese, olives and green salad	\$14.00

#### Deserts

Chocolate truffle cake	\$9.00
Apple, raisin and pecan pie	\$9.00
Cream maitreer moussé	\$9.00

#### A la Carte dining

Wednesday to Sunday from 9 pm

#### Lunch

Saturday and Sunday from 11 am

**Phone 814-9804**

*All of us at Ferns  
wish you all the very best  
for Christmas and the New Year.*

## 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*

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## JANUARY NEWSLETTER

*Copy needs to be in the hands of  
Margaret Blumhardt*

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(opposite Raroa Terrace)*

*by Wednesday 7th December, 1996*

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