



Community News

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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Waiatarua Ratepayers and Residents Association meeting will be held on Monday 19 February at the Community Centre 911 West Coast Road and we urge you to attend as some important issues need to be discussed.

Tea and coffee will be served at 7 pm followed at 7.30 pm by our speaker, Deputy Mayor, Dorothy Wilson who will be speaking on the District Plan followed by some question time. You need to be informed about the changes this Plan could bring to the management of your own property and the area generally.

Your Association needs your help in compiling our submission on the plan. The more information we have from you the better.

The Annual Meeting will follow this. Please come and be a part of your community and informed about the issues affecting our area.

The important issue to be discussed here is the future of the Community Centre, including the library, and it's management. A survey is being prepared to gauge community support

Some committee members are needed but you will not be bulldozed into standing. To be a good committee member you need to be available to attend the monthly meeting and have an interest in the area, especially if you have good ideas to promote the use of the Community Centre.

We also need to have representatives from the Waiatarua Fire Brigade, Play Centre, Library and Drama on the Committee.

Our treasurer will be very willing to take your subscription at this time.

DISTRICT PLAN

The closing date for submissions on this has been extended to March 8 and your Association is in the process of studying the plan which will be in force for ten years. The implications for those with a block of land in the area could be horrendous!

You may have gone, as we did, to see the plan and be told by the Council Officers what area of shading your property is in but until you read the rule book and the

policy book that go with the plan you are blissfully ignorant. If your property has two different shadings on the Natural Areas map then the complications set in

Waiatarua has three types of Natural areas, Protected, the best bushland, mainly the park areas, Managed and General. Managed is bush clad and General is cleared land and the rules for each are very different. The problem being that most properties of any size have both Managed and General, and the rule book states "that where an activity involves land in more than one Natural Area, the more restrictive Natural Area Rules shall apply". It does not matter what proportion there is in each area or how they are or could be separated and managed differently.

Vegetation clearance permitted in the Managed area –

- (a) cutting and clearing of exotic vegetation and vegetation in the Environmentally Damaging Plants Appendix.
- (b) the trimming and pruning of all vegetation.

Limited Discretionary Activity in this area –

cutting and clearing of any native vegetation for the establishment of a building platform, driveway or infrastructure or for maintaining public views provided that the cutting and clearance on any site does not increase the total cleared area (including any existing cleared area) of the net site area to more than 500 sq m.

Managed area permitted – the establishment of any vegetation **except** – any vegetation listed in the Environmentally Damaging Plants Appendix and - vegetation established for wood lots or forestry purposes.

(Wood lot - means forestry limited to not more than one hectare of forestry on any one site.)

Vegetation clearance permitted in the General Natural Area –

- (a) the cutting and clearance of native vegetation less than 3m in height and less than 300mm in girth (measured 1.4 m above the ground) and of exotic vegetation less than 6 m. in height and less than 600mm in girth (measured 1.4m above the ground and
- (b) the cutting and clearance of vegetation listed in the Removable Plants Appendix and the Environmentally Damaging Plants Appendix, and

MORE FROM THE FIRE BRIGADE

A recent Fire Brigade exercise highlighted the difficult access to many homes in the Waiatarua area, which could cause delays or other problems in an emergency arises rather than at the "critical moment".

So please contact us if

- * your home is more than 60 metres from the road
- * you have a driveway that would not take kindly to an 11 tonne fire engine that is 7 metres long, 2.5 metres wide and 3.5 metres high, and
- * you would like us to plan before the event

Phone Ian Ford on 814-9618, Lyndsay Whittle on 814-9872 or Richard Seccombe on 8148860, on this or any other matter.

RUBBISH AND NZ POST

The mail man delivering mail from the Henderson area finds difficulty reaching the letter boxes on rubbish days as he delivers early in Mountain Rd. etc. Wherever you live please consider this problem as it would be very frustrating for him or any mail deliverer.

NOISE FROM POOLS

Please consider your neighbours who may be wanting to sit outside relaxing when you are using your pool. The noise can be very irritating to neighbours with people shouting and especially, young girls screaming!

GARDEN GROUP

Our first meeting of the year will be a trip to "Roseneath", which features and sells old fashioned roses.

This will be on 28 February at 1 pm and Roseneath is 7k North of Albany on SH1. Admission is \$4 to the main garden and an extra \$2 to enter the kitchen garden.

Please ring Eileen on 814-9298 if you would like to join us so that she can give an approximate idea of numbers and fill the cars going.

You are welcome to join us occasionally or every month, there is no membership or fees to pay.

LIBRARY NEWS

Hope you all had a very happy holiday.

We have a problem with Tuesday nights. No borrowers!

No one is using this night, 7-8 pm.

Unless there is a big increase during February and March, Tuesday night will be discontinued as from the end of March. We will let you know in the next newsletter.

Friday night is also a quiet night.



PLAYCENTRE

Please note that our sessions are:

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.



SUBSCRIPTIONS

Subscriptions are now due for 1996. Unless you paid a double sub at the end of last year this means you!

Please make out cheques to the Waiatarua Ratepayers and Residents Association.

ADVERTISING

Remember that you are entitled to free advertising in this newsletter if you are a financial member. Those who have advertised their business have had a good response. Locals particularly like to know about local electricians, plumbers, gardeners, vets odd job people, crafts persons etc.

These ads are repeated as space allows.

Other ads also welcome, for sale, work wanted, accommodation etc.

News items and letters to the Editor are very welcome whether or not you have paid your sub.

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.

(c) the trimming and pruning of vegetation

Limited Discretionary Activities

(a) the cutting and clearance of native vegetation 3 m or more in height and 300mm or more in girth (measured 1.4 metres above the ground) and of exotic vegetation 6 metres or more in height and less than 600 mm in girth (measured 1.4 metres above the ground).

Removable Vegetation Appendix –

- * Acacia species
- * Bamboo species
- * Eucalyptus cinera (silver dollar gum)
- * Pinus species
- * Any tree grown primarily for its edible fruit
- * Any native plant of NZ or a non native plant where it can be shown that it will hybridise with a native plant of Waitakere City and so cause genetic pollution.
- * Native and exotic woodlots and firewood trees that are registered with the Council.
- * All species listed in the Environmentally Damaging Plants Appendix .

A resource consent to cut down one or a hundred trees will cost \$250 and will last for two years.

Stock is not allowed in the Managed area but nothing is mentioned about it in the General area which evidently means they are allowed.

You will be able to continue using your land as you are at present and the right to continue to do so will be passed on to any new owner, ie. if you have grazing animals now you can continue to have them, and if your neighbour has a woodlot he can continue with that. If your neighbour sells and the new owners want a horse for their children they will be unable to do so.

Sensitive Ridges –

These are marked on the map down West Coast Road, Forest Hill Road etc., and buildings are not a permitted activity on these ridge areas but a Limited Discretionary Activity may allow development provided that any building is not visible above the sensitive ridge as viewed from a road or other public place.

A **home occupation** may only sell items made on your premises

Your Committee desperately needs your input into our submission or for you to make a submission on your own on this proposed plan. Please learn something of how it will affect you and your property.

You can call at the Council Offices, lower ground floor, 6 Waipareira Avenue or ring the Hotline, 836-8075 for further information. Your president, Gerry Davis, phone 814-8833 also has a copy and would be keen to hear from people who are interested in making submissions as a combined Waiaatarua one would be more effective.

PRESENTING . . .

The Cultural Event of the year!

No, it's not Dame Kiri at Opera in the Park. And it's not the opening of the Sky City Casino. It's **Phone 1125J**, a play to be presented in April/May by the Waiaatarua Volunteer Fire Brigade in association with the Waiaatarua Theatre.

Why a play?

It's certainly an unusual promotion for an organisation like ours whose primary concern is the protection of life and property, but we also wish to

- * raise the profile of both the Waiaatarua area and the Volunteer Fire Brigade
- * help make our community a more attractive and interesting place to live
- * raise money towards
 - a new Fire Station
 - a First Response Unit for medical emergencies
 - other emergency equipment

What's it about?

Phone 1125J is set in the late 1950s to early 1960s in the Waiaatarua-Nihotupu area. It's a (semi) fictional account of the early days of a Fire Brigade, and the trials and tribulations of its members. It could be described as an amalgam of *Heartbeat*, *Dad's Army* and *Melrose Place*

Want to know more?

Come and see the show! You'll have a great time and support a great cause. We also have opportunities for sponsorship and advertising, and will always welcome donations. For the show itself we also wish to beg or borrow a crown and anchor board, clothing of the era (especially women's).

When and where?

Tickets are \$15 for the show, a light supper and a glass of what you fancy. Group and pre-payment discounts available. The season will run at the Waiaatarua Community Centre on Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights – April 25, 26, 27 and May 2, 3, 4 and 9, 10, 11. Book early to avoid disappointment!

Contact Lyndsay on 814-9872 for –

- tickets and booking details
- more on sponsorship and advertising opportunities

ADVERTISING

This is free to financial members for 1996, 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

FIREWOOD FOR SALE – split dry macrocarpa, \$45 cubic metre, dry pine slabs, some need splitting, \$25. Call at 17 Rimu Road or phone 8148833.

HOUSE MINDING POSITION SOUGHT – my parents are coming to NZ. for 18 months and are seeking a house in the area to mind or maintain on the owner's behalf. They have extensive experience overseas and excellent references. If you can help please call Helen Burns on 814-9224

MORRIS LANDSCAPES – Design and construction specialists. Making the most of your outdoor space. Whether you require:- design, paving, retaining, fencing, planting, a new lawn or maintenance. Phone 814-9918 or (025) 974519

THE WATER FILTER WAREHOUSE – Mobile Service for Water Filters/Purifiers. Sales, Service, Installation, Replacement cartridges. Free quotes. Phone Robin 814-9202.

EXCAVATOR FOR HIRE – Rubber tracks for minimum damage. Drilling to 6 metres deep, Truck hire. Difficult conditions our speciality. Peninsula Contractors. Phone Len on 834-6125, mobile 021 939-740 or Ross on 814-9002, mobile 025 939-740.

FOR SALE – Stained Glass Native Bird hangings, also children's' range of window hangings, dolphins, wizards, Pooh Bear etc. All reasonable prices at Glass Studio 293 Forest Hill Road, Waiatarua 814-9293. Experienced in leadlight window design, make, repair and lampshades made to order a speciality.

BUILDER – Self employed, qualified carpenter and cabinet maker seeks work in the area. All kinds of work undertaken. Phone John on 814-9577 or (025) 741-368

VETERINARIAN – For pets and farm animals. House calls a speciality. Phone Neil Pullan on 814-9504.

FERNS RESTAURANT – For a la carte dining. Open Wednesday to Sunday, 6 pm till close. Saturday and Sunday Lunch, 11 am - 4 pm. Cafe open Friday, Saturday, Sunday, 11 am 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. Phone 814-9804.

MARRIAGE CELEBRANT – Anne Wilson JP. Bush setting for small weddings. Phone Anne on 814-9547.

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.

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

Please accept my subscription to the
Waiatarua Ratepayers and Residents Association
for 1996

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

Name

Address

Phone

To Treasurer,

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

MARCH NEWSLETTER

Copy needs to be in the hands of

Margaret Blumhardt

849 West Coast Road, Waiatarua

(opposite Raroa Terrace)

by Wednesday 6th March, 1996

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

Many thanks to Carol and Grant Longley at Longley Printing, Bruce McLaren Rd. for once again printing this newsletter.

PLEASE KEEP THIS PAGE FOR FUTURE REFERENCE

WAIATARUA RATEPAYERS AND RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION COMMITTEE 1996

President	Gerry Davis	814-8833	Treasurer	Eileen Powell	814-9298
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Committee meetings are held on the first Monday of the month 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 Wednesday of the month at 849 West Coast Road. Newsletter delivery is the third or fourth week of the month. Newsletter distribution problems phone Gay Cook on 814-9433.

WAITAKERE WARD CITY COUNCILLORS

Penny Hulse	832-5358
Paul Lowe	810-9192
Carolynne Stone	818-8057

WAITAKERE WARD COMMUNITY BOARD

Above councillors plus

Linda Cooper	416-7137
Bill Hales	817-3547
David Harré	818-7816
Elsa Garrett	833-4657
Betty Hanson	812-8681 and 629-3336
Owen Hughes	817-3231

WAITAKERE CITY COUNCIL

Office hours	836-8000 - animal welfare 836-7777
After hours	836-8045 - for noise control, animal welfare, stormwater, accident reporting etc.

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	Ian Ford 814-9763
	Lyndsay Whittle 814-9872
	Richard Seccombe 814-8860

WAIATARUA GARDEN GROUP

Meets fourth Wednesday of month, February to November, all welcome, occasionally or every month.

Enquiries Margaret or Terry Blumhardt 814-9843

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WAIATARUA PLAYCENTRE

	911 West Coast Road, down the drive
Opening hours	Monday, Wednesday and Friday 9.30am – 12noon
Phone 814 - 8835	or contact Marjan, phone 814-9832

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

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 rate \$5. Saturdays & Sundays, Full day \$35, hourly \$7
Crockery hire \$25. Bond \$250. Discount for regular users. Community Barbecue hire \$20