



Community News

SEPTEMBER 1997

EDITOR : MARGARET BLUMHARDT

NEWSLETTER DISTRIBUTION

Adith Stoneman has kindly offered to take over the bulk delivery of the newsletters. Thankyou Adith.

If you have any queries about deliveries or you will be away when you are due to deliver newsletters to your area please contact Adith on 814-9822. Also we are always looking for people who would be backups for our delivery people.

A new person is needed for delivering the route from 402 Scenic Drive to Ferns Restaurant. Many thanks to Jan King for covering this area up until now.

Remember that the delivery to the top of Opanuku Road is in jeopardy unless a number of people pay their association subscriptions.

SUPERANNUATION REFERENDUM

Marie Hasler, our Waitakere electorate MP chaired an evening of speakers to inform us on this issue. This was an excellent evening giving opposing views on this subject.

Jonathan Eriksen represented the insurance industry and was enthusiastic for the scheme and Graeme Hunt, the editor of National Business Review opposed it.

How disappointing that only ten people were there to hear them. That meant that everyone present had a good chance to ask questions and the speakers found the questions very good ones. I went with my mind made up but left with a lot to chew over.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

It was a great privilege to be asked by our Ratepayers Association to participate in the recent historical day held at the Waiatarua Hall.

Having lived in the area for nigh on half a century, I naturally thought I knew it all. As the day progressed, I found I knew next to nothing about good old Nihotupu.

What a great day! Everybody who is anybody around these hills was there, Bob Harvey was there telling tales of his youth and of stopping at Mick Chester's store for provisions on the way out to Karekare Surf Club. We were fortunate enough to be blessed with the presence of the author of 'Song of Two Waters', Jeanne Wade and her husband Keith. Tom Whyte joined the interlocution with stories of yester-year (alas and alack omitting the ones that may have required our resident censor's participation in the event).

Bill Beveridge, Jim and Dawn Forbes, John Isaachsen, all with stories that put into perspective just how soft we've all become with our television sets, waste disposal units and posh flush dunnies.

It was nice to see Phyl Vincent return to the area for the day and share excerpts of her many years in Waiatarua. However the thing that most gladdened my old heart was to see the many new residents patronising the event, it's great to see your enthusiasm for this beautiful part of the world.

Well done Ratepayers Association, please let me know when the next historical day is coming up. I'll be there!!!

Lindsay Whittle

WANTED . . .

Neighbour Watch Co-ordinators

We currently have nine co-ordinators in Waiatarua. This is not enough to cover our area!

The number of burglaries and related incidents has increased dramatically over the last few months and we need as many groups as we can to build up our strength. The Scenic Drive is a constant problem area and I strongly recommend that those who live there get together to stop the incidents before someone gets hurt.

Our Neighbourhood Watch groups are our eyes and our communication source both to and from the police and to each other. Our greatest strength in preventing burglaries is vigilant neighbours. Even in our isolated spots that we love and enjoy, we need to get to know our neighbours and share our movements with them so that we can look out for each other. We still need to do this within our main Neighbourhood Watch group - the only difference is that the co-ordinator of a larger group can gather information together and use it to help you.

The groups we now have are proving well worth-while with strange cars being reported to the Police and identified as stolen or otherwise and the Police reacting quickly.

Anyone interested in starting a group - even if you only want to be involved in a very small group - should contact me, Mary Kelly on 814-9857.

PS We welcome Gaelene and Tony Goodrick to our local co-ordinators, our tenth. They live at 17 Cascade Avenue.

We still need more!

PLAYCENTRE

The Playcentre is situated down the drive next to the Community Centre, 911 West Coast Road, and if you would like to join us our session times are Monday, Wednesday and Friday 9.30 am - 12 noon. You can phone playcentre on 814-8835, or Debbie after hours on 8149-187 if you would like any further information.

We presently have about 35 families enrolled at the centre and there is still room for more.... new faces are always welcome.

Recently we purchased a new carpentry table and train set which are great favourites with the children.

Some new baby arrivals into the Waiatarua community are : Astral Carmen Betteridge (Born 15 May), Ella Louise Kiely (born 8 July) and Paloma Isabella Aston (born 24 August). Congratulations!!

Our Annual General Meeting will be held on September 25 at 7.30 pm at the playcentre. Everyone is invited to attend and we look forward to seeing you there.

We will be having a 'sausage sizzle' on September 20 outside Henderson Mitre 10. Please come and support us and buy all your DIY goods then.

GARDEN GROUP

The next meeting will be on Wednesday 24 September.

Please phone Margaret on 814-9843 for details of venue.

You are very welcome to join us at any time, there are no fees and you can come as often as you like or just once.

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INFORMATION RECEIVED FROM COUNCIL

(1) INNER-OUTER DIFFERENTIAL RATE REVIEW

Waitakere City Council is reassessing how rates are calculated for different parts of the city.

Currently, the Council uses an "inner-outer differential" where residents living mostly on the West Coast and in rural or bush areas pay a different rate to people living in more populated parts of the city.

The outer area includes people living mostly in Huia, Cornwallis, Parau, Karekare, Piha, Bethells Valley, Waitakere Village, Waiatarua, Oratia, Scenic Drive, Whenuapai and Hobsonville but not Herald Island.

The Council is now required as part of the Local Government Act 1996 to assess whether the different rate people pay in outer and inner parts of the city is fair.

The Act says the Council must assess exactly what economic benefits and services residents get for their rates. It says if people in some areas are charged a lower rate, the Council must justify this, and explain what services they receive at a lower level.

Over the next few months, the Council will be explaining to residents what, by law, has to be done, and the issues that need to be looked at in the way rates are set in the inner and outer areas of the city.

The chair of the Annual plan Committee, Cr Janet Clews, says that up until now, residents in outlying areas have often paid less rates because it was felt they didn't get the same services that were delivered to urban areas.

"However this is not always the case, and Council is currently assessing what services people do get in different parts of the city to make sure the way costs are allocated is more appropriate," she says.

For further information, contact Anna Percy on 836-8000 ext:8421. An information kit is being prepared

(2) TAKING WAITAKERE BEYOND 2000

Waitakere City Council is currently talking with local residents as part of preparing a twenty year Financial Strategy. The strategy is called for by law to ensure Councils plan wisely for the long term funding and operating of city services, from water supply, sewerage and stormwater, to roads, parks, libraries and other community facilities.

Council representatives and staff will be available to discuss the strategy at the following times and venues:

Henderson Library	Wed. 17 Sept.	6 pm - 8pm
Te Atatu Pen. Library	Thurs. 18 Sept.	6 pm - 8 pm
Marina View School Hall	Sat. 20 Sept.	12.30 -2.30p
Glen Eden Library	Tues. 23 Sept.	10 am - noon
Massey Library	Fri. 26 Sept.	2 pm - 4 pm
Titirangi Library	Sat. 27 Sept	10 am - noon
Oratia Settlers Hall	Thurs. 2 Oct.	9 am -12.30
Barnett Hall Piha	Sat. 4 Oct.	9am-12.30
New Lynn Library	Tues. 7 Oct	9.30am-12.30
Te Atatu Sth Library	Fri 10 Oct	10am-1pm

For further information, please contact Juanita Grant on 836-8023.

(3) LIBRARY OPTIONS

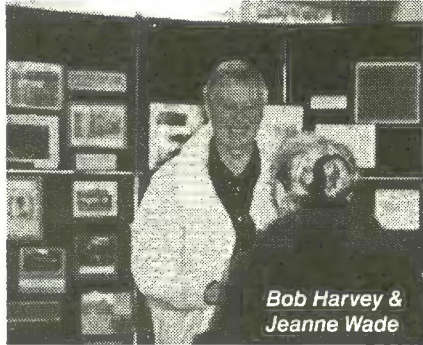
WRRRA committee has been asked to comment on the City's library review which now has three options to consider. We feel that the third option is the preferred one.

The document is at our library.

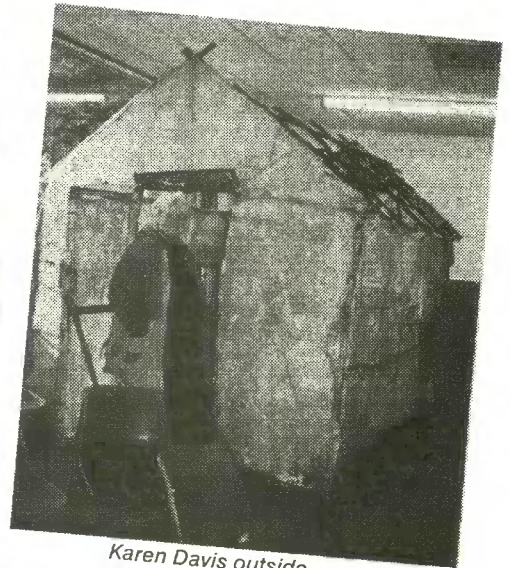
The city is holding five public workshops on the options. If you are interested in attending one please phone Rachael Trotman on 836-8023, from Friday 15 August to find out where they are. (This news may be too late)



Jim Forbes and Tom Whyte



Bob Harvey & Jeanne Wade



Karen Davis outside Bushman's Tent Replica



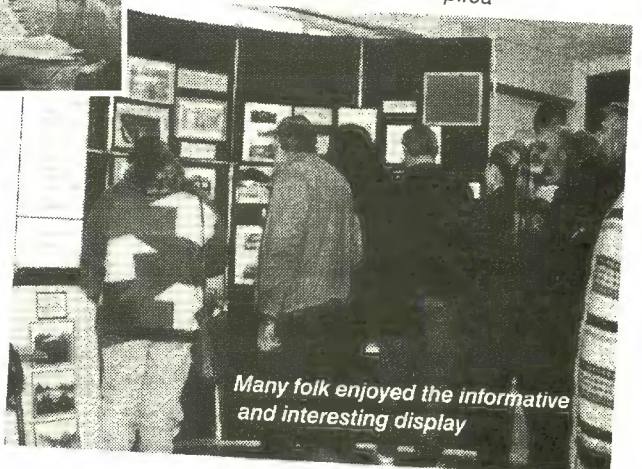
Bev Latimer, Jeanne Wade & Phil Vincent



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Many folk enjoyed the informative and interesting display

Just a few of the many pictures taken at our Historical Afternoon

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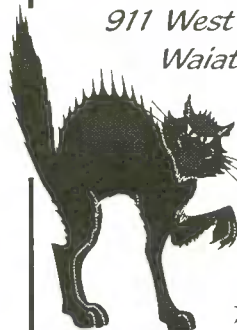
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ADVERTISING

*This is free to financial members for 1997,
January to December. A list of financial members
is available at the library,
and any queries about membership
can be answered by phoning
the Treasurer – Eileen Powell on 814-9298*

**Repeat commercial advertisements of financial members will only be printed as space allows,
for the remainder of the financial year**

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HELP !!! Henderson CMA Day Centre for the disabled urgently need a volunteer to assist on Wednesdays. For further information phone 836-7370 or 818-6056.

MATHS TUITION available. Up to and including Form 5, School C maths. Qualified teacher. Phone Jo on 814-9945.

ELECTRICIAN – phone your local man, Jim on 814-9344

WANTED – weghtlifting or other gym equipment, ie punch bags for the Fire Brigade. Phone Tony 814-9688

EXCELLENT CHEAP GLASS REPAIRS – phone 814-9786

GARDENING, PRUNING AND LANDSCAPING, – Phone Linda 833-7860

WINDOW CLEANING, WATERBLASTING & HOUSEWASHING – Give those windows a sparkle and blast off the moss on that driveway. Excellent rates, free quotes, phone Glen on 814-9480.

FIREWOOD FOR SALE – GUARANTEED DRY split macrocarpa, \$55 per cubic metre. Call at 17 Rimu Road or phone 814-8833

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

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

The names of our current co-ordinators are listed below. If you haven't been approached yet and would like to belong to one of these groups, give the co-ordinator a call.

Name	Address	Phone no.
Mary Kelly	3 Atarua Gardens	814-9857
Tony Holt	56 Bush Road	814-9688
Ross & Kath Mullins	330 Forest Hill Rd	814-9402
Jenny McGee	886 West Coast Rd	814-9954
Chris Field	799 West Coast Rd	814-9876
Ngairie Mason	21 Tui Crescent	814-9036
Bernie Oudemans	15 Quinns Road	814-9941
Margaret & Paddy Marshall	19 Raroa Tce	814-9859
Daniel Muller	550 Scenic Drive	814-8998
Gaelene & Tony Goodrich	17 Cascade Ave	814-9788

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ORATIA FOLK MUSEUM

The Annual General Meeting of the museum will be held on Thursday 2 October 1997 at the home of David and Barbara Harré, 527 West Coast Road, Oratia commencing at 7.30 pm. All welcome.

WAIATARUA COMMUNITY HALL HIRE

Remember to hire this excellent facility for your meetings, parties, dances, birthdays (children's and adults) etc. Lovely wooden floor for dancing.

Friday and Saturday evenings, (including chairs & tables) \$100.
Hourly rate, (max 3 hours) \$10 per hour

Sunday to Thursday evenings \$65, hourly rate \$7 per hour, (max 3 hrs)

Daily rates Monday – Friday, Full day \$25, hourly rate \$5

Saturdays & Sundays, Full day \$35, hourly \$7

Crockery hire \$25, Bond up to \$250.

Discount for regular users. Community Barbecue hire \$20

Phone the custodian, Terry Blumhardt, on 814-9843

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Margaret Blumhardt

PHONE 814-9843

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(opposite Raroa Terrace)

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