



This month at WRRRA

by Denis Graham

COMMUNITY HALL

A bit of a do at the Community Hall was spoiled by a group of teenage gate-crashers. Some minor damage was done to the hall and some nearby letter boxes were uprooted. The police were called, and the gate crashers were marched down West Coast Road. We believe it is the first such incident and hopefully the last.

ANNUAL PLAN SUBMISSIONS:

Minutes of a meeting received from Waitakere City Council indicate that our written and verbal submissions were well received by Council.

The Vehicle Testing Station Business is not to be sold.

Council has promised to make the Draft Budget more user friendly.

The times and dates for verbal submissions will be extended.

WESTERN LEADER ARTICLE OF 19 MAY 2000:

The Waiaatarua Residents and Ratepayers Association criticises plans to sell the Vehicle Testing Station, calling it a politically motivated attempt to keep rates artificially low. The group also opposes the council's plans to use money from the sale to offset rates, saying the council is legally required to use revenue from asset sales to reduce debts.

Spokesman, Gerald Davis, says they are also concerned about the increasing number of accidents, because of substandard roads, in the rural community.

DEFAMATION THREAT FROM GO WAITAKERE:

A number of letters and telephone calls have been received supporting your committee. Thank you.

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH:

Sandy McConnell will be writing regular articles on Neighbourhood Watch issues. She said that interest in her area was very high.

COMMUNITY BOARD:

Geoff Wood attended the May 2000 meeting. Topics that were discussed included, speed limits on Scenic Drive, the helicopter pad at Piha, and Parrs Park future developments.

MULTI MEDIA QUIZ NIGHT:

This was a huge success. A big thank you to Terry Chapman who organised, and ran the show.

COMMUNITY HALL UPGRADE AND RE-DECORATION:

Your committee has decided that the hall needs a facelift. A sub-committee has been set up. The members are Eileen Powell, Deidre Ward, Terry Chapman and Wade Cornell. They will be looking at making the hall a much friendlier and cosier place to meet, have functions etc.

MIDWINTER BREAKFAST:

This BBQ breakfast will be held at the Community Hall at 9 a.m. on Sunday 06 August 2000. See the article later in this edition.

FINANCIAL MEMBERS:

So far, this year, we have 102 financial members of the Waiaatarua Residents and Ratepayers Association. If you are not a member see the back page of this newsletter.

The WRRRA would like to thank Bernadette Fastnedge for the work she has done, as secretary, for our Association. Bernadette is unable to continue with this role so we are looking for a new secretary to take the minutes of our monthly meetings. If you would like to become involved in your local community, meet other motivated, intelligent, community-minded people ...phone Gerry Davis on 814-8833.

That's all folks. Might see some of you at our next meeting on Monday 03 July 2000, at 07-30 p.m. at the Community Hall. Could be coffee and muffins going free.

The Waitakere Community Board

by Geoff Wood

The Waitakere Community Board provides a link between the Council on the one hand and the Ratepayers and Residents' Associations, and the public at large on the other.

The Board addresses issues often at a local level, and your committee makes an effort to keep in touch with those issues, and to be ready to raise your local concerns to the Board where appropriate.

Highlighted below are some of the topics discussed at recent public Board meetings, which the writer attended. Although they do not all relate directly to the WRRRA area, they can still be of local relevance to us.

- (a) A deputation to the Board was worried about the speed limits on parts of the Scenic Drive near the Waitakere Dam where there is housing. Councillors at the meeting indicated that this was a genuine concern and raised the wider issue of whether there should be speed restrictions for the whole of the Scenic Drive. There are no footpaths, and some considered the road unsuitable for high speed driving.
- (b) The Development of Parrs Park – There were wide-ranging submissions relating to the Draft Management Plan, covering such diverse matters as sports (soccer and league) park fencing upgrading the Waikumete Stream water quality, building extensions and the Waterhole Swimming complex.
- (c) Assistance to build a skateboard park for children who had been using the local school grounds.
- (d) Shifting of a pedestrian crossing where its present siting was said to be causing danger because of speeding traffic.

If you need assistance to bring to the attention of the Board your local concern, please contact one of your Committee members so that it can be presented at a Board Open Forum Meeting.

Waiaatarua Parklands

What is it? Where is it?

Waiaatarua Parklands is a subdivision planned, and approved, for the land at 801 West Coast Road. (The land once belonging to the Warby family)

What will happen?

83% of the 35 h.a. (85 acre) lot will remain as a Scenic Reserve. There will be 16 new residential lots. These will range in size from 1560 to 7600 square metres.

Development will begin in October. (approximately)

West Coast Road will be widened, and a turning lane added, to gain access to the new road, (yet to be created), leading to these properties.

Further information, and plans, concerning 'Waiaatarua Parklands' can be viewed at Waiaatarua Library.

Waiaatarua Walkers

By the time this issue appears in your letterbox, all those that phoned expressing interest in getting out there and walking, will have done so.

We meet each Saturday morning at 8am outside the Oratia church, rain or shine, to partake in the joys of either a 6km or an 8km walk. All are welcome to join us.

Phone Jo Hall on 814-9945 for further information.

Playcentre

On these cold, wet wintry days we are still having a lot of fun at Playcentre, so instead of staying home, not knowing what to do, come and visit us at 911 West Coast Road. All children aged 0–6 are welcome with their caregivers. Phone 814-8835 or Elke on 814-8803.

My Playcentre things

*Raindrops on roses, and dough on the carpet
Wet, sandy children, with bright happy faces
Starting some music, that no one else sings
These are a few of my Playcentre things*

Chorus

*When my friends appear, in esprit gear
When I'm feeling sad
I simply remember my Playcentre things
And then I can feel so glad.
Old marmite crusts, making library books sticky
Finger paint... play-dough... all purple and yicky
PVA dripping all over the floor
You're knee deep in glitter – They still yell for more.*

Author unknown

Welcome to Waiatarua...

Greg, Willow and daughter Gaia, and Ben and Anne, who have recently moved to West Coast Road.

Our deepest sympathy

... is extended to the Vogel family of Forest Hill Road, on the tragic deaths of John, Julia and baby Kade.

Waiatarua Library News

Thanks to Belinda Caulfield and Ros Rothschild who have kindly stepped in as weekend volunteers. Welcome to you both.

New Waiatarua residents may not realise that the library under the Community Hall in West Coast Road, is a community library, independent of the Waitakere system. We stock the latest books, for which there is only a short waiting list, and no charge. New members are very welcome – come and see us.

We have two new, lovely nonfiction books – 'Lavendar' by Virginia McNaughton and 'Cottages of New Zealand' by Malcolm Somerville.

New fiction includes 'Cradle and All' by James Patterson, and 'Rainbow Days' by Josephine Cox.

WAIATARUA COMMUNITY LIBRARY

911 West Coast Road, under the Community Centre.
Phone 814-9353

Hours of Opening

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

Quiz Time at Waiatarua

by Tony Bacon

What does LASER stand for?

Which U.S. presidents are carved in to Mt Rushmore?

What name is on "Winnie the Pooh's" letterbox?

If you don't know the answers, you would have been in bad shape at the Quiz night held recently at the Community Hall.

Seven teams met to battle it out, under the expert chairmanship of Terry Chapman.

It was a hotly fought, but good humoured, contest, with Terry occasionally having to defend his refereeing against the combined attack of the teams. But no-one threatened to sue, and a great time was had by everyone.

The winning team was "Totally Trivial", brilliantly, (but modestly), led by Tony Bacon.

When asked for comment after the Prize Giving, he said, "It was a hard fought match – a game of two halves. All credit to the team. The ref. was firm but fair, and the bottom line is that trivia was the winner on the night."

Have you been up the Boohai lately?

"The Boohai" being the name of the new restaurant, bar and café at the intersection of Scenic Drive and Piha Road. (formerly 'City Lights')

The interior has been renovated with an early settler theme, with many artefacts from pioneering milling days. In one corner stands a giant shadow box of early settlers memorabilia.

The café is open 7.30am–6pm seven days. Soon to have take-aways available.

The restaurant is open Mon–Thurs 7pm until late, Friday – Sunday 8am–10pm.

Manager and chef, Michael Robinson, boasts of all mains being under \$14 and an ever-changing and extensive menu. i.e. Boohai Chowder \$6, Sticky date pudding \$5.50, Roast Pork \$10.

Phone 814-9008

This month's library book review

by Terry Chapman

THE GREAT TRAIN ROBBERY, by Michael Crichton

This is not a work of fiction. Nor is it the description of the train robbery, which took place in England in the 1960s. This is about The Great Train Robbery of 1855 that shocked Victorian England.

Michael Crichton is the author of 'The Andromeda Strain', 'The Terminal Man', 'Coma', and 'Jurassic Park'. His source of information for this book is the newspapers and extensive court transcripts of the time. It is not a 'Whodunit', but a 'Howdunit'. It is fascinating. It is the gripping recounting of how a brilliant aristocratic con-man, Edward Pierce, planned a crime that destined him to become so notorious that Queen Victoria expressed a desire to meet him, and contains many revealing glimpses in to Victorian society. Before the invention of explosives any decently constructed metal safe represented a genuine barrier to theft. Combination locks had not been invented. Possession of the right keys was therefore vital to the robbery. Pierce deviously conned his way to obtaining copies of three vital keys. Here's how he eventually obtained key number 2 from the Governor of the bank, Henry Fowler: 'Sarah explained that she had come from Derbyshire and that her parents were dead. Henry realized she could be little past the age of consent of 12. He found it extraordinary, to stand in the midst of this elegant room, and have a little child who stood barely to his waist reach up with her little fingers and pluck at his buttons, undressing him. "What is this?" she asked, touching a key around his neck on a silver chain. "You'd best take it off", she said, "it may harm me." He never saw the hand that appeared from behind the curtain taking the key from the bedpost, nor did he see it returned two minutes later.' The book contains examples and translations of Victorian 'Thieves Cant', one such is: 'Agar later testified: 'Pierce asks him the questions, see but he shows no interest in the matter, he plays like a flimp or a dub buzzer, or a mutcher, no interest or importance, and this because he don't want the skipper to granny that a bone lay is a foot. Now the skipper should have done, we went a lot of trouble on his account, and he could have put down on us to the miltonians, and for a pretty penny, too, but he hasn't the sense, otherwise why'd he be a skip per eh? (This statement put the court into an uproar. When his Lordship requested an explanation, Agar said with an expression of surprise that he had just explained it as best he could.' (read the book to get the translation!)



In view of the uncertain weather at this time of year, we have arranged an *Ikebana* demonstration to be held at the Waiatarua Community Hall on Wednesday 5th July at 1pm.

Ikebana, of course, is the very artistic Japanese system of flower arranging, and we have arranged for an expert in the art to show us her secrets.

Everyone is welcome, ring Eileen on 814-9298 for any further information.

Letters to the Editor

Dear Madam

I am alarmed that the May/June issue of Waiatarua R & R Assn. Community News reports on a threat of defamation action by 'Go Waitakere' councillors.

That our elected representatives should even consider such an action is deplorable and is a threat to one of the basic elements of democracy, freedom of thought and expression.

If allowed to go unchallenged this action endangers the rights of residents to debate the actions and decisions of elected representatives in an open forum.

As the tenor of the material referred to reflects widespread concern among residents of the Waitakere Ranges concerning changes to subdivision rules, which have been promoted by "Go Waitakere", it is a perfectly legitimate subject for debate.

If there are "gross inaccuracies" then clearly the promoters of those changes have failed to communicate adequately with those they purport to represent. In the absence of clearly defined policies and intended outcomes, from "Go Waitakere Inc.", concerned citizens have no choice but to debate the issues on what scanty information is available.

PROPOSED MOTION:

That the Swanson R & R Assn. Convey it's concern over the contents of the letter from Ewan Price, acting on behalf of "Go Waitakere Inc." and it's councillors, and in particular the threat of defamation against Waiatarua R & R Assn. And the editor and publisher of the Community News, and request that the Waiatarua R & R Assn. keep this Assn. Informed of any further developments in this matter.

Yours sincerely

Gordon McCormick

The proposed motion was passed unanimously at the Swanson Residents and Ratepayers Association meeting held on Monday 5th June, 2000.....Ed.

Dear Madam

I was disappointed to open the Community News and see the mud slinging between people of our community.

Comparing political figures, whether we disagree with their views or not, with a dictator such as Mugabe is not helpful to the discussion.

Open sarcasm that defames is not healthy for community newspapers. They end up as wasted trees in the tip. Whether we like it or not, these are people with views we should respect, and of course we can publicly disagree if we choose.

Some in the community will see it right to subdivide or cut down trees on driveways, or plant exotic imported trees or graze animals. We ultimately depend on the Resource Management Act just like all New Zealanders to protect our natural resources. If we do not like what is being dished up, then appeal against decisions and gain community support.

Can I recommend to you the concept of Kaitiakitanga. When you have finished reading up on this concept I think the anger will melt.

John Kennelly

Forest Hill Road

Midwinter Community Breakfast

Put the date, **Sunday 6 August**, in your diary

for

Breakfast

at the Waiatarua Community Hall

We can't guarantee Turkey for breakfast, but we can guarantee good food, good fun, good company, and face painting for any age.

There will be a small charge of \$4 for adults and \$3 for children 12 and under.

Phone Denis 814-9706

or Eileen 8149298 for tickets,
or further information.

World famous in Waiatarua (and beyond)

by Ian Ford

By now you'll have seen (or missed) "Hometown Hollywood" – the TV One programme on the Waiatarua Volunteer Fire Brigade, which screened on the 12th of June.

This Documentary NZ item followed the "ups, downs, stresses and satisfaction" of the Brigade as film-making novices, when we produced our movie "Isaiah's Fire" last year. At the time of writing, we hadn't seen the documentary, so we may all be lying low by the time you read this! If your desire to see the finished video has been stimulated, we have copies for \$20 from Helen (8149855) or Ian (8148851).

Progress!!

We're getting down to the finer points at the new Fire Station – painting, carpeting etc – and still hope to be moving in to the building before the end of June.

Lack of Progress!!

You may recall that last year we were hoping to start a Risk Management project within our community, where we would record basic information on properties which we currently don't have – things like "how far is the house from the road" and "will the fire engine fit up the drive". The basic tools required are mapping software which we have, and map data which the Waitakere City Council are willing to provide. However, we also need a licence from Land Information NZ to use the map data, as it's based on their cadastral (legal boundaries) database. The Fire Service and LINZ have been negotiating for some time, and we've heard that the asking price no longer resembles an international telephone number, but it hasn't been settled yet. So we wait ...

Calls for last month...

We attended 4 calls in May, making 24 for the year. They all had a certain similarity about them...

Mon 8th, 19:51	-	Car fire, Anawhata Rd
Sun 21st, 21:38	-	Car fire, Piha Rd
Fri 26th, 00:13	-	Car fire, Piha Rd
Sat 27th, 00:31	-	Car fire, Piha Rd

The car fire on the 21st was potentially quite serious. The car's fuel tank had ruptured. Burning fuel was running down the roadside drain, through a culvert pipe under the road and then down through the bush on the other side. So effectively we had two fires to deal with at the same time. Fortunately, the wet bush meant it was not difficult to control, and minimal damage was done. You may have noticed that many of the calls we attend are car fires – exactly 50% of them in the last 4 months. The fringes of the urban area are a popular place for "torching" stolen cars.

Contacts – Ian Ford phone 814 8851 or Richard Seccombe 814 8860

An Almost Repeat Performance –

"Last Night of the Poms"

You've seen them on TV. You've read about them in the newsletter. You can now see them on stage! If you didn't get to see "The Last Night of the Poms" performed by the Fire Brigade and friends last year, an (almost) repeat performance is on its way!

"NOT QUITE THE LAST NIGHT OF THE POMS" will be on stage at the Oratia Community Hall, on the evening of **FRIDAY 14TH JULY**. The format is a variety evening, and there will be a wide range of talent on display. Some of the talent will be genuine! And of course there's fish'n'chips at half-time, and a cash bar will be open.

Last year's event sold out, so don't miss the show a second time. Tickets are \$20, and available from Helen Longley Phone 8149855.

REMEMBER

Isaiah's Fire
The Video

Available at only \$20 each
from Ian 814-8851 or Helen 814-9855

ADVERTISING

*This is free to financial members for 2000,
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 members will only be printed
as space allows.**

JP – Mary Kelly. For personalised weddings, re-affirmation of wedding vows, ceremonies of commitment, naming ceremonies, MC, Chair for public meetings etc, Phone/Fax 814 9857.

LAWYER AND NOTARY PUBLIC : John Hendrikse, also available after hours and at weekends. Fee when buying a house : All up \$800; when selling: All up \$508, with a free will. Familiar with Afrikaans. 914 West Coast Road Ph/Fax 814-9991

WINDOW CLEANING / WATERBLASTING, Chemical & House Washing. Excellent rates, free quotes. Phone Glenn 814-9480.

AUCKLAND SUN CLUB INC. The family club for clothes-free recreation invites you to visit. For further information please call 814-9973.

WOODEN FARM GATES. Tanalised timber with galvanised bolts. 10' - \$61.00 12' - \$68.00 or made to order. Phone 814-9700.

ELECTRICIAN – Phone Jim your local man Phone 814-9344.

WEST COAST VET CLINIC – Offering full veterinary service for your pets. ...
24 hour service Phone 814-9419

DRIVEWAYS, Garage floors, Pool and Patio Areas, Timber Decking, environmentally friendly chemical cleaning, waterblasting and sealing (to minimise future maintenance). Free Quotes. Phone Ian on 814-8902 or 021-433-009.

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	PH/FAX	E-MAIL
Mary Kelly, JP	3 Atarua Gardens	814-9857 + Fax	turtle@xtra.co.nz
Denis Graham	Back up - Atarua Gdns	814-9706	
Ross & Kath Mullins	330 Forest Hill Rd	814-9402 + Fax	
Jenny McGee	886 West Coast Rd	814-9954	
Chris/Liz Field	799 West Coast Rd	814-9876	crislizf@voyager.co.nz
Ngaire Mason	21 Tui Crescent	814-9036 + Fax	
Adith Stoneman	8 Kauri Loop Rd	814-9822	
Margaret/Paddy Marshall	19 Rarua Tee	814-9859	
Gaelene/Tony Goodrich	17 Cascade Ave	814-9788	

Please accept my Membership to the
Waiatarua Ratepayers and Residents Association
for 2000

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

Name

Address

Phone

To Treasurer
Waiatarua Ratepayers and Residents Association
911 West Coast Road, Waiatarua, Auckland 8
or leave at the library

MASSAGE for Relaxation, treat yourself (or a friend).
Vouchers available. Ph Irene 814-9311.

KENDRICK PAINTING AND DECORATING: for quality and service
Phone Graham on 837-1612.

PHONE "HERE FOR HAIR" MOBILE CUTS.
Phone Lesley 814-9242 or 025-203-9276.

VISIT "EARTH SEED" 100% ORGANIC SHOP
for a great selection of organic and GE-free foods.
547-549 West Coast Road. Open 7 days Phone/Fax 818-6411.

WANTED: 3 - 4 bedroom house required to rent, with fire, and garden area for two young children, in the Waiatarua/Oratia area. Phone Angela or Kenneth on 817-8121

ORATIA KEAS GROUP: Keas is a scout group for boys and girls aged 5 1/2 - 7 1/2. We meet on Mondays at the Oratia Settlers Hall 4.30-5.30pm. Join us for fun and friendship. For further information phone Debbie Brown 814-9187 or Tina Ripley 813-6151.

FIREWOOD FOR SALE: dry, split, hardwoods \$60 per cubic meter
Phone 814-9724

RELIABLE AND RESPONSIBLE BABYSITTER required
Ph. Christine on 814-9505

SOLICITOR – Are you buying and/or selling your business/house? Are you interested in setting up a Family Trust? Phone Geoff Wood for your legal needs at 623-7541 DDI or 836-8630 a/hrs weekdays. Home visits by arrangement.

WORK WANTED: Registered drainlayer, 30 years experience. 6 tonne and 2 1/2 tonne diggers for hire. Phone Ray 814-9242

FOUND: 7 bantam hens, and there was a rooster, in Cascade Ave. Phone Kevin or Christine 814-9505

BABY GEAR FOR SALE: Papoose Backpack \$85, Jolly jumper \$35, Activity Gym \$20, Bouncinette \$25, Breast Pump \$30. Phone Norny Waardengurg on 814-9777

WEB PAGE DESIGN, Desk top publishing, Graphic Design, Computer Support, Phone Petrik 8365202.

LOST between Rimu Road and Kauri Loop Road – BMX front wheel. Phone Warrick 814-9847.

TYPING OUTWORK WANTED: Secretary with general and legal background wanting work for own computer. Skilled in Microsoft Word, Excel and Publisher. Affordable Rates. Phone 814-9788

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 Pauline Isaachsen on 814-9847

JULY / AUGUST NEWSLETTER

Copy needs to be in the hands of
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by WENESDAY 5th JULY, 2000

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