



## This Month at WRRR

by Jo Hall

Thanks were extended to the organisers of the WRRR Midwinter Community Breakfast. A morning enjoyed by all.

Thanks also to Wade Cornell and Gerry Davis for the construction and installation of the new library book chute.

There was much correspondence in from Waitakere City Council and other Resident and Ratepayers Associations.

We welcomed Owen Hughes of the Waitakere Community Board to the meeting. He reported that the community Board had elected to retain the status quo re: the triennial review of boundary changes.

Septic Tanks and Sewerage: There is a need for Council to monitor the pollution levels in local streams. Also the concern that some septic tank systems, in Waitakere, may no longer be efficient, and to provide information to residents about this. This matter is to be fully discussed and actioned at the next meeting of the WRRR.

Weed Spraying : There was concern mooted about the overspraying of weeds on roadside banks in our area, killing the vegetation up to some metres above the drain, and ultimately causing slips.

Membership of the WRRR stands at 118 to date. (See the back page to become a financial member).

The next meeting of the WRRR is on Monday 4th September at 7.30pm at the Waitakere Community Hall, 911 West Coast Road. All are welcome to attend.

## An Interview with Carolynne Stone

by Jo Hall

Carolynne is a Waitakere City Councillor (independent), and has been for the past eight years. She is also a Waitakere Community Board member.

Carolynne sees her role of councillor as representing the ideas and differences of the community, around the decision making table.

She attends a full council meeting each month, as well as being on the following committees and attending their meetings, which can be monthly, weekly or quarterly:

Works and Services, Community Facilities, Hearings Committee (involving resource management consents), and Te Taumata Rununga.

Carolynne is the Waitakere Council Representative (and Deputy Chair) for the Regional Land Transport Committee and the Regional Growth Forum.

In order to find out the views of the local community, Carolynne listens to Resident and Ratepayer groups, community organisations, lobby groups and the Community Board, Annual Plan Submissions, and talking with members of the public.

Carolynne sees the major issues for Waitakere is the "threats of subdivision" issue, which encompasses roading, lack of footpaths, stormwater problems, visitor impact and lack of public infrastructure in our area. She says the council services are barely coping with the population here now.

When asked, "Do you think it fair that Waitakereans have had the Rates 'Inner/Outer differential removed, when services such as sewerage or footpaths are not provided?" She replies No, the whole analysis of this was done quickly without analysing the true costs to the outer area residents.

Carolynne is in favour of keeping the status quo in regard to the 'Review of Representation'. (i.e. not to reduce one council member from our Ward), particularly because the Waitakere Ward has major issues to deal with.

As a councillor, Carolynne finds some days can be from 8.30am – 10pm, others vary, but there are at least 40 formal hours of work each week, with phone calls, reading and research, and answering letters on top of that.

If you have any questions or inquiries regarding council policy, you may contact Carolynne on 818-8057 or 021 871057 and she will be able to answer your queries, or point you in the right direction.

## Flat Charge for Waste Water

Council has indicated that it will probably introduce a uniform annual charge for waste water in 2000/2001 of \$100 per property.

This charge will be levied against all residential property in the inner area (those on sewerage) and all commercial and industrial property.

To put this in place, council must first advertise its intention to do so. Submissions can be made for or against this proposal before 30th August 2000. This charge does not cover the full cost of providing waste water services. The remaining costs are met by the general rate take.

A rally has been organised by 'Citizens against Privatisation' on Tuesday 5th September at 5.30pm. This being the same time that council will be voting on the proposal.

## Impact of User-pays on Rubbish

The table below highlights the impact of user pays after one year, in Waitakere City.

	1998/1999 (tonnes)	1999/2000 (tonnes)	Variance against 1998/1999 %
Household Bags	27,147.7	20,424.9	-24.8
Waitakere City Commercial	3,221.6	995.2	-69.1
Total Bag Collection	30,369.3	21,420.1	-29.5
Paper, including Commercial	4,467.9	4,560.1	+2.1
Inorganic	5,578.5	5,486.3	-1.7

The actual dollar savings in collection/processing costs are upwards of \$700,000. The actual quantity of paper diverted away from the landfill is approximately 6,400 tonnes, an additional minimum estimated at 150 tonne/month collected by Paper Chase.

Reference : Works and Services Committee Meeting, Waitakere City Council, 7 August 2000.

## The Midwinter Breakfast

by Terry Chapman

Almost 70 people attended the Midwinter Breakfast at the Community Hall on Sunday 6th August. Bacon and Sausages sizzled on the barbecues outside, while eggs were scrambled and pikelets piked in the kitchen.

Entertainment was provided by the 'Pirate King' who you may have seen at the recent 'Not Quite the Last Night of the Poms'. This rather maniacal pirate (also sometimes known as Sasha Witten-Hannah) entertained us with pirate songs, magic and some beautiful classical guitar music. The children enjoyed playing with his two rats which featured largely in the act, as when the children held hands the two rats ran along them from end to end, in opposite directions, under the command of a digeridoo!

Also on show was a 19th century drawing mechanism called a harmonograph. Both adult and child observed the varied geometric drawings created by swinging the pendulums, lowering the arm and

adjusting the weights. The craftsman being Tony Bacon who spent more than 100 hours building the harmonograph.

Very good value on a Sunday morning for a mere \$4. Thanks to the large turnout, the event broke even, and the raffle in aid of the Playcentre raised \$84.

Don't miss our next event, which will be a wine and cheese tasting quiz.



# Letters to the Editor

To the Editor

Waiaatarua Community News.

Hello, my name is Ashleigh, and I am 9 years old. On Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> August my Dad and Mum took my younger sister, brother and I to the Community Midwinter breakfast at the Waiaatarua Community Hall. I would like to say thank you to the people who organised this breakfast. I had such a good time that I am hoping this will be on again next year. My sister and brother also had a great time and really enjoyed the pirate from Aunties, and the rats that he had brought with him.

Thank you again

Ashleigh Radford

## Scene or Heard in Waiaatarua . . .

. . . Rumour has it, that while preparing for the Waiaatarua Midwinter Breakfast, a resident, (who likens himself to the 'Naked Chef'), was trialling a highly recommended muffin recipe. Alas, having read table-spoon as teaspoon, in regard to the quantities of baking soda and baking powder, this particular garden of Atarua wore the resulting muffins for a day or two . . . the birds were not interested, and even the local Jack Russell returned home, tummy empty, as he turned his nose up at the offerings.

## Fire Brigade News:

### Waiaatarua on the Net

The Waiaatarua Volunteer Fire Brigade featured in July's "Star" – the NZ Fire Service's internal magazine – with a feature article on the making of the movie "Isaiah's Fire". The surfers amongst you can download a copy from <http://www.fire.org.nz/news/star.htm> or you can read a copy at the Waiaatarua Library.

While you're logged on, the rest of the Fire Service website at [www.fire.org.nz](http://www.fire.org.nz) is also well worth a visit. There's current news, fire safety and education advice, careers information and lots more. Waiaatarua Fire Station's home page is currently in production. We'll let you know when it's up.

### A Quiet Month:

The Brigade only attended one call in July. It was a scrub fire at Piha on the 17<sup>th</sup> – a Monday morning. It's certainly an unusual event for the middle of winter. But the unseasonable dry weather and strong winds, combined with embers blown from an incinerator, were enough to make half a dozen householders very nervous indeed. We were fortunate that an easterly wind slowed the fire's advance up the hill, but there was still an area of about half a hectare burnt before it was brought under control by firefighters from Piha, Karekare, Glen Eden, Henderson and Waiaatarua.

### At Last:

We're no longer in a third world Fire Station. By the time you read this we will be settling into a new building with everything under one roof – and even an inside toilet! We'll be making finishing touches over the next few months, and hope to be able to show it off soon. Watch this space!! Our thanks go to Playcentre for the use of their carpark for several weeks, and to the Ratepayers Association for the use of the back room at the Hall while we were homeless.

Contacts – Ian Ford ph 8148851 or Richard Seccombe 8148860  
Waiaatarua on the Net



## Neighbourhood Watch

\*Forty eight items of stolen mail were found on Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> July near the car park at the beginning of the Fairy Falls Track. This mail has since been handed in to NZ Post. The mail had various addresses including 11 from Oratia, 3 from Waiaatarua and 15 with Titirangi addresses. The post date being 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> July.

NZ Post believe that this mail has been stolen after delivery and have referred this on to their NZ Post Security Team. The stolen mail has since been re-delivered to those concerned, with a covering letter from NZ Post. They advise locks on letterboxes.

\*On the weekend of 23 July some residents on the Scenic Drive, near the top of Shaw Road, had their letterboxes vandalised, and some stolen. Days later these were found further along the Scenic Drive, near the TV Mast, and residents were asked to claim these from the police station.

## Road Signs

by Jo Hall

Of late, residents have commented to me, and I have started to notice the number of road signs that are appearing on the side of our roads in Waiaatarua. These signs are usually advertising businesses or services.

Have you noticed the increasing occurrence of these brightly painted eyesores, at odds with our beautiful environment?

This prompted me to research in to what is, and what is not, permitted in our 'Bush Living Environment'. This information is from the Waitakere City Council.

- The sign must be on the person's own land – not on the verge or roadside.
- The maximum area of the sign must not exceed 0.1 square metres.
- The sign must not be flashing, illuminated or moving.
- Signs should be 'visually appropriate' to the natural character of the area.
- They should not create a hazard to safe traffic movement.
- The sign should not dominate the neighbourhood by way of height.

Temporary signs, advertising a temporary activity, can be erected if they are no more than 2.88 square metres and displayed for less than 21 days before the date of the event, and taken down 3 days after the event.

Remember, you can always advertise your services in the Community News, rather than litter the verges with advertising.

## Not Quite the Last Night of the Poms

by Betty Leaming

### FIRE FIGHTING THESPIANS OR THESPIAN FIREFIGHTERS.

Opening to the strains of "We are the firefighters, we are sensational", the Master of Ceremonies, Brian Clark, and chorus line members of the Waiaatarua Volunteer Fire Brigade, introduced us to a show in the Oratia Settlers Hall on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> July, which captured a capacity audience, to raise funds towards furnishing the new Fire Brigade building.

Brian Clark, MC, had a story for every spare moment, to keep us chuckling or blushing!

Raylee Clark and Brenda Thorn, accompanied on the keyboard by Marilyn Cameron, put us in a musical mood with songs from the shows.

Phil Ross, Chris Heelam and Lindsay Whittle sang and played guitar and had us joining in the chorus.

Sasha Witten-Hannah, the blond pirate, who must have abandoned ship, because the rats came too, treated us to some classical guitar and songs with audience participation (including the oi! oi! arm actions).

Then, a previous favourite, Gary Pearce as the ventriloquist and Lindsay Whittle as the absolutely realistic, perfect dummy.

Finally, Michael (Lindsay Whittle) Parkinson interviewing long legged Nikita Cheslenkoff (Ian Ford) in mini skirt and ker-nickers, Constance McKenzie-Wells (Evan Taylor) and Archibald Piggot-Smith (Kevin Healy). Artfully attired, subtle they were not, hilarious they were!

It was an evening of song, entertainment and good fun, in the tradition of "Isaiah's Fire", with tributes to the writer, the late Tony Holt.

An evening to catch up with the neighbours as you ate your hot fish and chips during the interval, all inclusive in the price of the ticket. Where else do you get such treatment other than at a performance by our own unique, and 'Sensational' Waiaatarua Volunteer Fire Brigade.

## What's On

**TAG – WEST: Toxins Awareness Group** – West Auckland is holding a meeting at the Wadcross Community Service Centre at 8 Ratanui Street, Henderson, on Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> August. The meeting starts at 12.00 and will run until 2.00pm. TAG has been set up to persuade Waitakere City Council to move to non-toxic weed management. If you are interested in helping us achieve our aims, please attend our meeting.

**THE ORATIA SPINNING AND CRAFT GROUP BIENNIAL FAIR** is on at the Oratia Church Hall, cnr. Parker and West Coast Roads on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> September 10am – 1pm.

Crafts of all kinds, cakes, jams and plants. Tea and Coffee available. Come and meet us all.

**JUNK ART EXHIBITION** – 15 September – 8 October in the Upstairs Gallery of Lopdell House, Titirangi.

**WAIATARUA WALKERS:** Meeting every Saturday 8am outside the Oratia Church, rain or shine, Phone 814-9945 for further information.

**THE 10<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL WAITAKERE SECONDARY SCHOOLS ART EXHIBITION** – 18 August-10 September, Level 1, Lopdell House, Titirangi.

### MAC DAY – MEN AND CHILDREN DAY:

A day of celebrations. Fun for the whole family. Bring your dads, uncles, brothers, grandads etc.

On September 9<sup>th</sup> from 1pm - 4pm at the Old Montana site, 233 Scenic Drive. Gold coin donation.

Hester Smith and a group of dads from Oratia Primary have design a day of celebrations, known as M.A.C Day to celebrate the important role of men in children and young people's lives. There will be fair-like activities for the children, comedy storytellers, guest speakers, face painting, food and much more. Limited places are available. Phone 817-8882 for further information.

## Waiatarua Playcentre

'Fire! Fire!'

Said Mrs Dyer

'Where? Where?'

Said Mrs Dare

'Up the town'

Said Mrs Brown

'Any Damage?'

Said Mrs Gamage

'None at all'

Said Mrs Hall.

A big thank you to two of our local firemen, Ian and Kevin, for visiting us at Playcentre, showing the children the fire engine and how the equipment works.

The children thoroughly enjoyed this, and we had several little fire men and women on session that day, especially when we lit a fire in the sandpit. After convincing the children not to keep pouring water on it, we roasted marshmallows and sausages. This was followed by our fire drill for the term.

A very educational and fun session.

For more details about Playcentre, come and visit us at 911 West Coast Road, Mon/Wed/Fri 9.15–12.15 or Phone 814-8835 or Elke on 814-8803



Our next meeting is on Wednesday 6 September at 1pm at 24 Tui Crescent, the home of Pat Stephens. We will be holding a workshop afternoon with informative videos, plant identification etc.

*Everyone is welcome.*

Phone Eileen on 814-9296 for further information.

To receive Garden Group meeting information by e-mail contact Eileen on [etpove@clear.net.nz](mailto:etpove@clear.net.nz)

## Waiatarua Library News

Received from Waitakere City Council,

### "Submissions to the 2000/2001 DRAFT Annual Plan, Stage 2"

1. Green Network
2. Sustainable Business
3. Well being Support
4. Urban Village
5. Investing
6. Water
7. Democracy Monitoring Operations
8. Passenger Transport

These are all in the library for you to browse through.

We also have a really good selection of new books.

Maria Puzo – *Omesta* (Mafia)

Stefen Lewis – *Waikamukau Conspiracy* (A good NZ story)

Mary Higgins Clark – *Before I say goodbye*

Belva Plains – *After the Fire*

Anita Burgh – *Clare's War*

Peta Mathias – *Burnt Barley* (TV Presenter)

Helga Liscanko – *Strawberries with the Fuhrer*

Micheal Palmer – *The Patient*

And many more... Did we mention "Harry Potter"? We have all four of the series.

## 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 – 12noon



More photos from the Community Breakfast



# 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, if no complications \$800. When selling, if no complications \$510. Familiar with Afrikaans. 914 West Coast Road Phone/Fax 814-9991

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Phone Graham on 837-1612.

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

## 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
Ngairie Mason	21 Tui Crescent	814-9036 + Fax	
Adith Stoneman	8 Kauri Loop Rd	814-9822	
Margaret/Paddy Morshall	19 Raroa Tce	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

VISIT “EARTH SEED” 100% ORGANIC SHOP  
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547-549 West Coast Road. Open 7 days Phone/Fax 818-6411.

ORATIA KEAS GROUP: Keas is a scout group for boys and girls aged 5 ½ - 7 ½. 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.

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 ½ tonne diggers for hire. Phone Ray 814-9242

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

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.

MUSIC TEACHER – available to teach piano, keyboard and theory. Based in Waiatarua. Offers one to one tuition, practical and theory exams, competitions, all at reasonable prices.  
Contact NZ Modern School of Music on 0800-696874

RELAXING, REFRESHING AND REJUVENATING – for a therapeutic massage ring Rowan on 833-7860

SKI GEAR FOR SALE: Ladies Size 14 black salapet (bibbed trousers) and brand new Size 14 snug ski jacket, Cerise colour. \$150 both.  
Phone Tracy 817-1191

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## Waiatarua Community Hall Hire

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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

## SEPTEMBER / OCTOBER NEWSLETTER

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