



# Community News

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## This Month at WRRRA

We welcomed visitors Gerry and Karen Davis, Wade Cornell, Arwen Kencalo and Councillor Denise Yates to the meeting.

A 50cm high pile of Inward correspondence awaited our attention – many of these being Council documents, minutes of council meetings and reports from varying council committees. These we divvied out to committee members to read and report back to the committee, items of interest and/or importance, at our next meeting. The documents are then stored in our Waitarua Library for your reference.

### Items of Interest:

- The Council has recently passed a by-law making 80km per hour the speed limit in the foothills of the Waitakere Ranges. The signage for 50km and 70km/hour areas still remain, but areas that were 100km/hour are now 80km/hour. Schools and kindergartens are now able to make application to the Council to have the speed limit decreased to 40km per hour around their site. For further information contact Kitch Cuthbert at WCC.
- The website of the WRRRA has been gathering information and complaints from residents about the state of our roads and road & pedestrian safety. A community meeting will be held in the near future to further discuss, present and gather residents concerns and issues of road safety in the Waitarua area.
- A subcommittee of the WRRRA has been formed to further develop our Website [www.waiatarua.org.nz](http://www.waiatarua.org.nz) and [wrra@waiatarua.org.nz](mailto:wrra@waiatarua.org.nz)
- There was discussion about the spread of the *Painted Apple Moth*. These have now established themselves in Titirangi, Glen Eden, New Lynn and Avondale. The public are being asked to help eradicate it. The MAF campaign to date has consisted of ground spraying, removing selected host plants, removing the moths, and regularly surveying the areas. TAG West are against chemical spraying of the Painted Apple Moth and are organising a public meeting regarding this. The date has yet to be announced.
- Wade Cornell spoke to the meeting expressing his disappointment at the WRRRA and their support of the Structure Plan approach to subdivision.

Re: The WRRRA's submission to the Draft Annual Budget 2001 – 2002.

He felt the Waitarua community had not been fully consulted in regard to the WRRRA's submission. Wade also outlined an alternative to the Structure Plan process. This prompted much discussion, to be continued at next month's meeting.

## Membership

The financial members of the Waitarua Residents and Ratepayers Association stands at 125 for 2001.

The next meeting of the WRRRA will be held on Monday 3rd September at 7.30pm at the Waitarua Hall, 911 West Coast Road, Waitarua.

## Information Sheet

Enclosed with this issue of the Community News is an information sheet listing contact phone numbers of "things Waitarua". Keep this in a handy place for easy reference.

## Neighbourhood Watch

*Incidents that have occurred recently:*

- On the 28<sup>th</sup> of July the Arataki Centre on the Scenic Drive was burgled. A silver coloured vehicle was observed leaving the scene with four occupants inside.
- A burglary took place in Parker Road, Oratia on 6<sup>th</sup> August.
- Stolen Mail – a resident has found a large envelope stuffed full of mail addressed to Shaw Road and Scenic Drive addresses, outside 234 Scenic Drive. Much of this mail had been opened and contents removed. This has happened before in this area. It pays to be aware of suspicious characters and vehicles especially around mail delivery time. Record registrations and phone the police if you are concerned. A lock on your letter box will deter would be thieves from choosing your letter box.
- Letter boxes again! On Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> August in the early hours, the letter boxes between 324 and 334 Forest Hill Road, were destroyed by vandals. If you have any information about this, please contact the editor.
- Keep an eye out for the registration of the car that does wheelies and burn ups near 834 West Coast Road. This happens regularly – night time and daytime. A nuisance and a danger to road users and pedestrians.
- Also keep a look out for those dumping rubbish on the sides of roads and in lay-bys, especially in the Scenic Drive area. Take their registration and report it. Keep Waitarua Beautiful.

## Update on the Waitakere Hospital Development

*by Adriana van Nes*

Adriana volunteered to be Waitarua's representative at these meetings. This is a report from her, keeping us updated with progress.

West Auckland Resident and Ratepayers Reference Group Meeting.

Waitakere Hospital Site Development includes a vision to create a health facility and service that:

- Serves a network of health and disability services.
- Integrates with primary care and community service providers.
- Interacts effectively with tertiary services.
- Delivers financially sustainable models of care.
- Reflects our community's emotional, spiritual and cultural needs.

The plan is for the site to include:

- 175 bed district hospital. (Medical and surgical, community and disability, integrated child health.)
- Mental Health on Woodford Ave site.
- Marae and cultural health centre.
- Education and Staff facility
- Childcare facility.
- Community Group centre.

Construction will begin early 2002.

A point was made about the car parking charges. There will be no subleasing to a car parking management company. The District Health Board is working through options at this stage, such as no charging patients or staff and a small fee for visitors (\$1 per hour) and allowances for visitors supporting very unwell patients.

There is a pilot shuttle service presently available from St John's Ambulance. The St John Health Shuttle provides safe, reliable transport to and from; appointments with doctors, treatment at clinics, visits to specialists, transport to and from minor day surgery. The shuttle travels between Glendene, Green Bay, Henderson, Kelston, Hobsonville, New Lynn, Ranui, Titirangi, Te Atatu, Waitakere Hospital and West Harbour. (*Didn't see Waitatarua mentioned there...Ed.*)

The service operates Monday to Friday 8.30am until 5.00pm. Bookings are essential and can be made by calling 0800-000-606. There is a minimum donation based on the distance travelled.

The plans of the Waitakere Hospital Upgrade are available to view in our local Waitatarua Library. A public meeting about the upgrade is to be held at the Kelston Community Centre on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> August 9.00am – 12.00, where hospital staff will be available to answer questions.

## Fire Brigade News

We've had more breathing apparatus (BA) training in July, including a couple of sessions outside Waitatarua – one at Glucina Smelters in Rosebank Rd (many thanks to the Trubuhovichs), and one at the Fire Service Training Centre at Mt Wellington. Steve Smith and Gareth Mullins had the first 2 days of their Fire Service BA course in July, with the third and last day to come in August.

## Housekeeping

Your smoke alarm is only effective if it has a battery. It's a good idea to keep a spare in the house, just in case you forgot to change it when daylight saving ended. To test that it still works, press the test button once a month, and carefully vacuum it a couple of times a year. They're important – your sense of smell doesn't work when you're asleep, and a smoke alarm is the most effective way to alert you to a fire in your home.

## Recent Calls

A bit of a flurry in July after a few quiet months, starting with 3 calls in 90 minutes:

**Wed 11th, 10:33 p.m.** – Car crash, Scenic Drive – occupants had left, no action required

**Wed 11th, 11:29 p.m.** – Automatic fire alarm system, false alarm, West Coast Rd

**Wed 11th, 11:59 p.m.** – Rubbish fire, Scenic Drive. Some late-night rubbish dumpers weren't happy just tipping their load of junk at the Fairy Falls carpark: they set fire to it as well

**Thu 12th, 10:18 p.m.** – Car crash, Piha Rd – again, no action required

**Tue 24th, 12:18 a.m.** – Car fire, Bethells Rd – extinguished by Waitakere Brigade

**Tue 24th, 7:58 p.m.** – Smoke-logged house, Seaview Rd, Piha. A candle had been left burning on top of the fireplace by the householders when they went out. It had burned down and the flame went out when it reached the pool of molten wax at the bottom, but then the wax just kept on smoking. There was no fire, but the house was a bit smelly until it was aired out.

**And then at the start of this month:**

**Mon 6th, 4:34 p.m.** – Bus on fire, West Coast Rd, smothered by the Stagecoach driver with the bus extinguisher. Hands up everyone who has an extinguisher in their car – in their home? Give us a call, we'll send you some info on what you should get.

## Contacts

Phone 111 for any fire or emergency. Otherwise please contact Ian Ford (8148871) or Richard Seccombe (025 915 525).

## Weed of the Month

### Jasmine

It might smell nice, but jasmine (*Jasminum polyanthum*) is doubly dangerous to our bush. As well as climbing and completely smothering fully-grown trees, it can form an impenetrable ground cover mat. A native of west and south China, it was a popular garden plant until recently with its masses of small fragrant white flowers. But now it cannot be sold, propagated or distributed within the Auckland region

There are two methods of control. One is to cut back the vines, and then spray the regrowth using a knapsack pump or similar. Suitable herbicides are Banvine (120 mls per 10 litres water), Yates Woody Weedkiller (same rate with 20 mls Pulse penetrant) or Escort (5 gms per 10 mls).

The second method is to cut the vines and then paint the stems around the cut. Rates for this method are 1 part Banvine or Yates Woody Weedkiller to 4 parts water, or 5 gms Pulse to 1 litre water. Each of these should have Pulse added at 10 gms per litre.

## Waitakere TAG OUT Trust

What is it? What does it do?

The Tag Out Trust is community based and managed. The Trust through its graffiti control manager, works closely with residential/business ratepayers, Council and other government agencies in graffiti removal.

A major concern is unpainted fences.

Unpainted fences are providing a real attraction to taggers and a challenge to remove such.

The Tag Out Trust would like to encourage residents to paint their fences in standard colours, such as green, brown or grey in order to make maintenance more efficient and effective. The Trust can supply standard paint formulas for this purpose.

Reporting Graffiti: Please ring the hotline 839-0400 to report graffiti in your area.

### **What you can do to prevent tagging:**

- Paint your fences and walls standard colours.
- Plant small trees or shrubs along the fence line.
- Remove tagging as soon as it appears.
- Keep a sample of any special paint colour on site for Trust Operators to try and match/use.
- Start a Neighbourhood Watch Group.
- Call the Council Hotline to report tagging.

## Waitakere City Annual Clean-up

It's that time of the year where once again the community comes together to clean up their city. The dates are Monday 17th of September to Saturday 13th of October, although I'm still waiting to hear the details of what's actually been planned.

There have been a couple of phone calls from people wishing to help and I would like to hear from anyone else who is interested. Please phone Helen on 814-9855.

## Rubbish Day

Most of Waitatarua has its refuse and recycling collected on Wednesday morning. Please place your rubbish bag, recycling bin and paper out for collection on Wednesday morning, by 7.30am. Placing bags out early encourages dogs, cats, pigs and pukekas to rip open the bags looking for food and thus creating a mess. Likewise, recycling placed out early can often come out of the bin, especially on windy days.

For those who have their refuse collected on Tuesdays (Scenic Drive/Mountain Road areas) the same applies for Tuesday mornings.

## Link of the Month

This Auckland Regional Council site has excellent fact sheets in downloadable PDF format.

<http://www.arc.govt.nz/about/biosec/plantpf.htm>

## Wandering Dogs

Chickens have recently gone missing from the Forest Hill Road area, having been chased and mauled by dogs during the night.

Since November 2000 there have been 4 attacks on one property. The last attack happening on the night of 25<sup>th</sup> July. The dog was dragging a chain and was captured and collected by Animal Welfare. We still have nine hens missing. If some turn up near your home, we would like them back.

If you have chickens, please lock them up at night so you don't lose them. If you own a dog, please make sure you know where it is and what it is up to at all times.

*Rowan Calder*

*253 Forest Hill Road.*

## September 'Ark in the Park' Walks.

Ark in the Park sponsored walks will take place each Saturday and Sunday during September. Remember to book early as places are limited. The cost of each walk is \$5. To register or for more information Phone Kay on 8367719.

## Waatarua Library News

We still need someone to 'man' the desk on the 5<sup>th</sup> Saturday of the month from 11.00am – 12 noon. Please think about volunteering . . . a great way of meeting the locals, or just to have time out doing something for our community.

Also, any one with time to spare on Thursdays from 10.00 am – 12 noon is very welcome to come and help tidy the shelves, repairing books and general back room jobs would be very, very welcome. (Good company too, I hear . . . Ed.)

Phone Bev on 814-9430.

### NEW BOOKS FOR THE YOUNG:

"A Series of Unfortunate Events" by *Lemony Snicket*. We have six in this series.

Also "Artemis Fowl" by *Eion Colfer*.

### FOR THE YOUNGER CHILDREN:

"The Rainbow Fish" a new series. *Virginia Miller* has written three lovely titles: "I love you.", "Be Gentle" and "On your Potty" . . . a must.

### FOR ADULTS:

"A Traitor to Memory" by *Elizabeth George*.

"Sharps Prey" by *Bernard Cornwall*, (Very good),

"No Angel" by *Penny Vincenzie*.

Coming very soon to TV on Mondays at 8.30pm *Lesley Kenton's* "Raw Energy" and three other titles to do with this programme.

## 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

## Waatarua Playcentre.

As usual, it has been a busy month up at Playcentre, with the addition of two brand new babies, and we are all eagerly awaiting a third. Congratulations to all the mums and dads.

A couple of weeks ago we were visited by members of the Titirangi Fire Brigade. The children had a fabulous time watching one of the firefighters getting kitted up in his breathing apparatus and all had a go at sitting in the cab of the fire truck. Some of the older children had a turn at using the high pressure hose, assisted by one of the fire fighters. Judging by the smiles, this was a highlight of the visit. Only one mum was brave enough to give it a go! And to top it all off, we were treated to a display of the lights and sirens when the fire engine departed.

Our Thursday session recently took a 'behind the scenes' look at the Big Fresh bakery and got to see the bread being made in all its various stages. The highlight of this visit was possibly the donuts given out to eager little hands (and some eager big hands too!). This visit was followed by an enjoyable trip to the park for a run around and morning tea with . . . you guessed it, donuts! All in all, a fabulous morning.

Playcentre is located just down the drive from the local community centre and library, at 911 West Coast Road, and our sessions are Mon, Wed, Fri 9.15-12.00. We run a supervised session for the over 3s on Thursdays, 9.15-12.00. For any enquiries please phone Elke on 814-8803.



This month we are visiting Nikana Orchids in Shaw Road to learn what is involved in growing and marketing the different varieties of orchids. Mr Nick Hlawatsch will give us the guided tour. We will then visit Furlong Nursery in Carter Road, which is an old orchard being turned in to a house garden and a native plant nursery. Meet at 122 Shaw Road at 1pm on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> September. Everyone is welcome.

Ring Eileen on 814-9298 or Margaret on 814-9859 for further information.

## Hail and Farewell to . . .

**Farewell** . . . to the Walker family of West Coast Road, who move to Waimauku.

**Welcome** . . . to the Hall-Smith's of Scenic Drive.

**Welcome** . . . to any new residents of Waatarua. (There have been a few 'Sold' stickers on those real estate signs lately.)

## What's On

- **THE PORTAGE MUG SHOW 10 AUGUST**  
16<sup>th</sup> September. Over 70 works crafted by Waitakere artists.  
Lopdell House, Titirangi.
- **THE WAITAKERE WORLD MUSIC FESTIVAL**  
Live music, singing, dancing and ethnic café. 7pm Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> September at Titirangi War Memorial Hall. \$15 per ticket. Phone 811-8696
- **GOING WEST BOOKS AND WRITERS FESTIVAL**  
The 2nd hand and rare books market Sat 15<sup>th</sup> September at the Titirangi War Memorial Hall. The Writers Festival 14<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> September. The Steam Train ride; City – Helensville on Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> September. Phone Naomi 8368000 ext. 8507

## Oratia Spinning and Craft Group

We meet every Monday 10am – 12 noon in the church hall in Parker Road. Good company. Learn new crafts. Teach spinning, knitting etc. Recently a stamping expert has joined us.

All welcome. Phone Bev on 814-9430.

# Advertising

This is free to financial members  
for 2001, 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.

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

**WEST COAST VET CLINIC** – Offering full veterinary service for your pets.  
**24 hour service** Phone 818-4104.

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

**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 2½ tonne diggers for hire. Phone Ray 814-9242.

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

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

**ATARUA GARDENS BED AND BREAKFAST:** No room for your out of town visitors? Contact Carol and Denis. Phone 09 814-9706 or 025-283-7544.

**FOUND:** Long haired tabby male cat. He is neutered and has a blue/white flea collar. Very friendly and is currently resident in Forest Hill Road. Phone 814-9771.

**LAWYER AND NOTARY PUBLIC:** John Hendrikse, available 24 hours by appointment. Are you buying and/or selling your house? Competitive fees. Home visits by arrangement. Overseas documents can only be witnessed by a notary public. Familiar with Afrikaans. 914 West Coast Road. Ph/Fax 814-9991.

**ELECTRICIAN:** Phone Jim your local man Phone 814-9344.

**OUTBACK COUNTRY COLLECTION:** Gorgeous Preserves. Chutneys and relishes. Available in three sizes. Large bottles \$5. Medium bottles \$4. Small bottles \$2. Gift baskets available at various prices on application. Free delivery in the Auckland area. To order Phone Jill 814-8825.

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**LAWN MOWING:** Local, reliable. Phone Eric 8372333.

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for quality and service Phone Graham on 837-1612.

**TREE WORK:** Fully insured and qualified arborists.  
Phone Guy Thomas 813-1481 or 021-244-8733.

**VICKY'S BEAUTY THERAPY:** 10 years experience. Facials, waxing, massage, manicures etc. Available 7 days Phone 814-9317.

**FIREWOOD FOR SALE:** shed stored, pine and macrocarpa \$50-\$65.  
Phone 814-8833.

**BABYSITTER:** Friendly, mature and responsible 15 year old girl. \$6 per hour. Phone Danielle on 814-9131 or 021-268 4401.

**WAIATARUA COTTAGE TO RENT:** 2 bdrm, very private on 2½ acres. Carport, semi furnished, burglar alarm. On Piha Road. No dogs. \$170 per week Phone 814-9899.

**HORSE MANURE:** \$1 per bag at 253 Forest Hill Road. Phone 814-9771.

**WOODEN FARM GATES AND ENTRANCE GATES** made to order.  
Phone 814-9700.

**HOUSE FOR SALE, PLUS 1.3539 HECTARES:** Occupation Dec/Jan. Privacy, sunshine, views, regenerating bush. Phone 837-4642.

**WANTED: HOLIDAY ACCOMMODATION** . . . family bach / beach house, walking distance to beach, 2-2 ½ hours from Auckland. Suitable children. January 2002 holidays. Phone Geoff or Jo on 814-9945.

## 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
Adith Stoneman	8 Kauri Loop Rd	814-9822	
Margaret/Paddy Marshall	19 Raroa Tce	814-9859	
Gaelene/Tony Goodrick	17 Cascade Ave	814-9788	

Please accept my Membership to the  
Waiatarua Ratepayers and Residents Association  
for 2001

I enclose: \$10 Household, \$7 Single Occupant

Name .....

Address .....

Phone .....

To Treasurer

Waiatarua Ratepayers and Residents Association

911 West Coast Road, Waiatarua, Auckland 8 or leave at the library

## 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

Hall phone 814-9353

Phone the Custodian Pauline Isaachsen on 814-9847

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