



WAIATARUA RATEPAYERS & RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

Lights out in Waiatarua

by Helen Spark

Another wet, stormy winter Waiatarua evening was approaching, Aaaah ... snuggle up around the fire, pop some popcorn and enjoy a video, At 4pm such plans were put on hold...

...Who was to know for how long and why?

The 'why' soon answered by the arrival of two fire engines in Rimu Road. A thick piece of bamboo had blown over onto the power lines and caused the disturbance.

The Big Wheels came and went, other technical vehicles arrived. One engine came back.

Darkness fast approaching.

Darkness arrives.

The workers lights went on outside, but not ours inside.

A lot of good business was done at takeaway outlets that evening.

Oh how different life becomes without electricity – no remote garage door openers ... oh so necessary when it is the only point of access to one's home when you don't have the keys!

So much for the video.

The kids delighted in playing shadows and spotlight with the torches.

What a good excuse to toast bread in the fire.

Must remember to put marshmallows on the shopping list...

Fire Brigade News

Richard Secombe, our Deputy Chief Fire Officer, has recently moved to Henderson and joined the volunteer Brigade there. Henderson Fire Station has 2 appliances, one with a full-time paid crew and one volunteer. We're very grateful to Richard (stage name Isaiah Woodhead) for over 10 years service at Waiatarua, and we'll certainly miss his expertise and practical skills.

Recent Calls

It's certainly been quiet – well done Waiatarua! We attended just one call in July:

1:10 am, Sat 13th – 4 wheel drive versus pole, Scenic Drive. The driver received moderate injuries, but he was certainly in better shape than either the pole or his vehicle. The force of the impact jammed the doors shut, but it took just a few minutes to release him.

Training

Despite the temptation to stay indoors during the recent weather, our Monday night drills have concentrated on pump training. It has included familiarisation with our new 'water dragon' - an ejector pump which we can quickly get to work in any pool or water tank that's within 50 metres of the BRT*.

Contacts

Phone 111 for all emergencies. Otherwise, call Ian Ford on 814 8871 or 021 284 0757

* BRT: big red truck

Brickbats and Bouquets

You can nominate someone for a Brickbat or Bouquet by contacting the editor.

This month's **BOUQUET** is awarded to a lady in our community who involves herself fully in several community groups, especially our Waiatarua Community Library. Bev Latimer's voluntary work as librarian in charge is much appreciated. Thank you Bev.

To the **BRICKBAT** of the month... So much for the 'Slow Down Winding Roads' sign ... The driver of a black hatch back is one driver who should be off the roads for dangerous driving. Driving up into the hills towards Waiatarua on a Friday in mid June at 12.20pm the driver overtakes my vehicle just by the Oratia Plant Nursery on West Coast Road and then overtakes another vehicle not too far past the Winding Roads sign where West Coast Road dips and curves just before Kelly's Road. I wonder how the driver coming down the hill only seconds later, felt about the near miss? A **BRICKBAT** to the driver of the black hatch back reg WP... Our roads are not a race track!

Waiatarua Playcentre News

A new term and we are looking forward to some new faces at Playcentre. We welcome back to our centre two of our former families, who were temporarily in the South Island on work contracts.

We have had our first trip for the term to the Waitakere Recreation Centre, where children greatly enjoyed using the gymnastic equipment and having some fun on physical play. Another trip there is planned on a Monday session and a trip to the observatory later in the term.

Our website is still in construction stage, we are waiting on Playcentre Association to send us some electronic data for this, but will keep you informed on this.

If you have been meaning to come and visit us at 911 West Coast Road, don't hesitate to call in on our Monday, Wednesday or Friday sessions. You can make 3 visits with no obligation. Or phone Jenny on 814-9954 for more information.

Our recent E.R.O. report can be viewed on www.ero.govt.nz and will be of interest to families considering Playcentre.

Friends of Arataki: August Update

We have passed the worst of the winter with some inside pursuits – a well attended Native Plants Workshop held at the Arataki nursery with nurseryman Brendon Mackie and two excellent soup lunches with talks on Freshwater fish and fungi.

Also our first volunteer day was held in July supporting the work of the Auckland Regional Council through the management of bait stations, and weed control. These volunteer days are to be held fortnightly alternating Saturdays and Sundays in the Cascades area. If you would like to be involved on one of these days, please contact John Sumich on 818-5267.

'Friends' have just assisted the Auckland Regional Council with the financing of drinking fountains at Mill Bay which will be in place for summer, and for planting and labelling of new plants at Arataki, and for concept designs to be prepared for interpretative material for the deck canopy walks at the visitor centre. A children's trail is also planned at the centre.

It's Next Month!

On Saturday 7th September the 'Oratia Spinning and Craft Group' are holding their bi-annual Fair at the Oratia Church Hall from 9am until noon. This fair is well known for it's great home baking and lovely handcrafts. 'A taste of yester-year.'

Waiatarua Community Library

Have you heard of 'Artemus Fowl' by Eoin Colfer ... shortly to be made in to a film? Also 'Lemony Snicket' – we have them on the shelves, now.

Other books new to our shelves this month are:

'THE BURMA LEGACY' by Geoffrey Archer.

'BUDDY' by V M Jones.

'ISLE OF DOGS' by Patricia Cornwall.

'THREE FATES' by Nora Roberts.

'THE BLOOD DOCTOR' by Barbara Vine.

'THE CARPET WARS' *A very good read*, by Christopher Kremmer.

'BUFFALO SOLDIERS' by Chris Bohjalian.

We have been having a clean out of the shelves and have some books for sale. Make an offer when you visit.

A notice to all hirers of the Waiatarua Community Hall

Due to Liquor Regulations a licence must be obtained from the Waitakere City Council for any function where liquor is to be served, whether for sale or not. (This includes BYO functions.) This licence takes approximately 3 weeks to obtain and at present costs \$63. The Hall Custodian, Pauline Isaachsen, has all the details and will be pleased to explain the process, but please do keep in mind that the licence does take 21 days, and there are no shortcuts.

Septic Tanks

Are you having problems with your septic system? Have you had problems in the past? Have you spent many, many dollars in recent years on the maintenance of such?

Of late, I have heard of several 'Septic Tales' costing many dollars. These are relatively new systems that have failed, or keep having problems, and have needed a large cash input to rectify. If you have a Septic tale to tell, please contact the editor.

What's happening in Rimu Road?

Ecowater has been replacing Access culverts and upgrading the lining of the open drains at the end of Rimu Rd. Six culverts have been replaced and 200m of drains upgraded to help manage the overland flow of water. Work started in early June and will be completed by the end of August. The far end of Rimu Road remains unsealed but is under regular maintenance by the Roading Section of WCC.

Rose Hellaby House

Rose Hellaby House is a heritage property managed by the Auckland Regional Council as part of the Waitakere Ranges Regional Park. The house was designed by the noted architect Horace Massey and was built in 1939. The house was originally named "Aranui" by the owner, Rose Hellaby, who later bequeathed the property to the people of Auckland

The property comprises of the house with a lean-to garage, set in landscaped gardens. Within the grounds is an outbuilding originally used as gardener's accommodation. The house is situated in Waiatarua on a ridge in the bushclad Waitakere Ranges overlooking the city and its two harbours, the Waitemata and the Manukau. Spectacular views of the greater Auckland area can be seen from the lookout on the east side of the property.

The house was formerly used as a Museum with accommodation for a resident caretaker. The Museum was open to the public on Sundays and Public Holidays (11am to 5 pm in summer and 1pm to 4 pm in winter) and year round on Saturdays (1pm to 4 pm). The grounds are currently open to the public from 9am to 6pm seven days per week.

Applications are sought from groups or individuals seeking to make use of the house who are able to work within some constraints and conditions. Contact Jane Aickin Ph 366-2000 ext 8560 for further information.

Wanted . . .

. . . your input **into the content of the Waiatarua Community News.**

News, Ideas, Information, Interesting places and people within Waiatarua, Events and Happenings. Please contact the editor Ph/Fax 814-9945 or via email at forwardthinking1@xtra.co.nz

GARDEN GROUP

Our September 4 visit is to Dale Harvey's Quarter Acre Paradise at 23 Vine St, Mangere East. Dale is an international garden expert who revels in colour for all seasons and you may remember him from his TV appearances a few years ago. There is also a small nursery and a Florist shop. Entry Fee is \$5. Meet at 1pm Sept. 4 and ring Margaret on 814-9859 for further information and carpooling.

August garden jobs:

- Feed roses
- Topdress lawns with Gro-Plus Lawn Food and treat damp mossy areas with Surrender
- Sow seeds of summer flowers and vegetables

'Scene' or 'Heard' in Waiatarua

'Scene' . . . the finished traffic island and STOP sign on the corner of West Coast and Forest Hill Roads. Hopefully this will slow the converging traffic down and encourage drivers to actually STOP and LOOK.

'Heard' from a Waiataruan ... Road works on the corrugations on upper West Coast Road (above #911) have been delayed. Rumour has it that Council are deliberating over whether to rename these 'rumble strips', (as installed on the Piha Road/Scenic Drive intersection), in order to save money.

Is there a piece of Waiatarua History Living Next Door?

(No, I'm not talking about your elderly neighbours)
Waiatarua has a lot of history. Jeanne Wade's book 'The Song of Two Waters' is an interesting read for any Waiataruan.

I would like to include snippets of Waiatarua History as told by present Waiataruans.

What do you know about the area in which you live?

If you know some of the history of your piece of land, your house, it's past inhabitants or some historical occurrence which you could describe in Waiatarua, please contact the editor.

(forwardthinking1@xtra.co.nz)

A paragraph or three about such would be very welcome to include in our Waiatarua Community News each month.

Remember : History can be an event in Waiatarua in the 1970's, 60's or earlier. How has Waiatarua changed?

Ed.

Weather Report

After 57 consecutive days with rain recorded at Brabant Rd, it finally stopped on July 14th. Briefly.

	RAIN DAYS	WETTEST DAY	APRIL TOTAL	YEAR TO DATE
<i>Brabant Road</i>	21	38 mm (7th)	252 mm	1116 mm
<i>Quinns Road</i>	21	21 mm (7th/11th)	171 mm	849 mm
<i>Forest Hill Road</i>	16	47 mm (11th)	233 mm	1083 mm
<i>Auckland City</i>	-	-	139 mm	664 mm

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

What's On

TITIRANGI DRAMA PRESENTS '*Laying the Ghost*'. A comedy by Simon Williams. 13th – 24th August @ 8pm. Tickets Ph 817-7658.

GOING WEST 2002 BOOKS AND WRITERS FESTIVAL: On during August and September . . . Performances, Book Market, Story telling, Literary Adventure by Steam Train, Portraits of NZ writers . . .

For a full programme of events contact Barbara Cade on 8368000 ext 8780

THE PORTAGE MUG SHOW: The annual show that exhibits interpretations of the humble mug and teapot in any media. Exhibition : 2nd August – 1st September 2002 at Lopdell House in Titirangi.

COMING UP IN WAIATARUA

Your Ratepayers & Residents Association are planning a few community events for the coming months

- a community breakfast
- a nostalgia event
- a recall contest

where teams use their collective memory to answer questions and win prizes

- a harvest festival

competitions for the best, biggest or smallest, tastiest homegrown produce
and

Christmas in the Hall

family variety show - Waiatarua Style

Sunday 8 December, 3 - 6pm

Anyone with latent or suppressed talent is welcome to audition, call - Christine 8149 505

Advertising

This is free to financial members
for 2002, 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.

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.

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.

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

MATHS TUITION, ALL LEVELS. Experienced high school teacher Ph 814-9269

LAWN MOWING: Local, reliable. Phone Eric 837-2333.

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.

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

FAYS YOGA CLASS for true fitness and relaxation Phone 817-8233.

PLANTS: various perennials, shrubs, bulbs, bog irises, mondo grass and a few indoor plants \$1 – \$5 Phone 814-9859.

MOBILE REIKI & MASSAGE THERAPIST 7 years experience. For further information, or to arrange an appointment phone Vicky 836-8633.

MARRIAGE CELEBRANT PLUS VENUE PLUS JP for your specifically designed ceremony and garden setting (if required), talk to Peter George Ph 814-9456.

LANDSCAPER: For experienced, professional landscaping services (including paving, concrete, retainer walls, fences, decks, gardens/plants, water features) at a competitive price, contact Bevan on 837-1992 or 021-375 707 or at totaland@ihug.co.nz

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.

“HOLLY HOMESTEAD B & B FRANZ JOSEF”: Taking a break on the ‘West Coast’? How about staying with former Waitarua’s in Franz Josef? Check us out at www.bnb.co.nz/hosts/hollyhomestead/html or www.greenwood.guides.com or Phone 03-752 0299 Fax 03-752 0298.

BABY SITTER – Friendly, outgoing and experienced Unitech student available most evenings? Saturday and Sunday evening. \$6ph/\$7 two or more children. Phone Tara on 814-8834.

THE NIKAU CLUB – Bar, Café, Restaurant. Open 7 days and nights. Available for functions and parties up to 50 people (but more soon) and there’s no charge for room hire. Live entertainment Friday nights and Happy hour 6 – 8pm Thursdays. Phone 814-1919.

BABYSITTER: Mature, honest and reliable lady. Experienced. \$10 per hour. Phone Juliette on 814-8802.

OUTBACK CHUTNEYS AND SAUCES: Gorgeous sauces, jams and preserves fresh from the garden. Totally home grown and free from preservatives. \$4 each. Also gift baskets available on order and free delivery in Auckland. Phone Jill on 814-8825.

PHYSICAL THERAPIST specializing in lower back pain, headaches, neck and shoulder pain. Clinic at 95 Lincoln Road, Henderson. Home visits also arranged. Phone 833 7866.

KIM MOBILE HAIRDRESSING. Ph 626 0133 or 025-688-4166. Cuts, hair design and tying for all occasions.

FOR SALE: 4 adjoining sections/titles. Sold separately or as one. Off Scenic Drive. Conditions apply. Ph 521-6492.

ELKE'S FOOD AND WINE MARKET located at Seibel Winery, 113 Sturges Road, Henderson. Open Saturday only, 10am – 2pm. Fresh pandoro bread, gourmet goodies and boutique wines.

MAKE UP ARTIST: Prof. International makeup/hair artist available for weddings, special occasions in your own home. Phone Juliette on 814-8802

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

WANTED: Cheap or Free. A 2 or 3 seater couch in reasonable condition for children's use in a classroom's library corner. Ph Jo on 814-9945.

FOR THOSE OF YOU WANTING TO FULFIL THAT CREATIVE URGE, the Art Class at West Coast Rd has a small number of vacant places. This is a small, friendly group of local adults, who enjoy getting together and learning ways to develop new ideas and explore new materials. Classes cover painting, drawing and print methods and are held once a week (Wednesdays 7–9pm.). Classes are structured so that students develop an individual approach to their Art making, while at the same time gaining support, energy and enthusiasm from other members of the group. No experience is required, just an enthusiasm to learn and develop new skills. To find out more about your local art group contact Carol on 814 8740.

RELAX AND COME ALIVE: A relaxing and energizing 8 week course at Titirangi Community Centre beginning Monday 19/8 and Wednesday 21/8. Call 817 7448 or Helen Falla (facilitator) on 814-9963.

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	
Margaret/Paddy Marshall	19 Raroa Tce	814-9859	

Please accept my Membership to the
Waiatarua Ratepayers and Residents Association

for 2002

I enclose: \$10 Household, \$5 Single Occupant

Name

Address

Phone

Email

To Treasurer

Waiatarua Ratepayers and Residents Association
911 West Coast Road, Waiatarua, Auckland 8 or leave at the library
Web Site: www.waiatarua.org.nz

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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