

BRING A PLATE AND A CHRISTMAS TREE DECORATION
Join your friends and neighbours for

Christmas in Waiaatarua

Sunday 8 December

3pm till 6pm

At the Waiaatarua Hall



Raffles - win a fully decorated Christmas Tree

🎁 Carols 🎵 Entertainment 🎁

🎅 The Christmas Fairy

Mulled wine, juice and soft drinks for sale

Tea and coffee provided



This Month at WRRRA

Mark Lewis and John Gould, two of the local rangers from Arataki, spoke at our November meeting about their roles as rangers.

The area they look after is from Titirangi through to Piha Road and most of the Waiaatarua area. They informed us of some of the recent developments around this area.

In the Nature Trail the 600 year old kauri tree has become ill, so the track and board walk has recently been altered to keep 'pedestrian traffic' away from it's root system.

The Upper Nihotupu Dam walk car park has been redeveloped. A parking area has been established off the main Piha Road, and a bridge and track formed from this carpark to the main track.

The Large Kauri Walk, off the Scenic Drive, has also had a major upgrade with metal being laid and decking installed.

The gardens at Rose Hellaby House are looked after by the rangers.

Pest control is ongoing. Traps and bait stations have been set around the Nature Trail and Arataki Centre to kill rats and stoats.

Ex-rangers have surveyed (weed-mapped) the Scenic Drive area. The priority weed that is being targeted is Ginger.

Four student rangers are employed in the summer. This is a busy time in the nursery, where plants are grown for re-vegetation of the three farms, riparian and swamp planting. It is also seed collection time and bagging up from seed trays occurs.

There is a wealth of **volunteer work** available for those willing. Such work can include maintaining tracks, weed control, gardening, planting, and weeding. Also Nursery work or becoming involved in the Bush Camp Education – an 1800's replica of a bush logging camp. Phone the rangers for further details.

Assistance and advice is also available from the rangers. Weed control – form a partnership with the Arataki rangers and eradicate intrusive and noxious weeds from your land. They can also give you advice about pest control and traps.

Mark or Jonathon can be contacted at the Ranger Station on 817-2607.

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The Painted Apple Moth

The following are the planned spray dates for the Painted Apple Moth: 11 November, 2nd December and 18th December.

Further updates can be given by phoning the MAF 0800 96 96 96.

Information about the Painted Apple Moth and the spraying programme, can be viewed at the following website www.maf.govt.nz/painted-apple-moth

From Councillor Carolynne Stone

The last year has been a busy time for the new Council. Many of the newer Councillors have been coming to grips with what it means to be a Councillor in the fifth largest City in New Zealand.

The hardest issue for any politician is the issue of Rates and the financial management of a large, complex organization.

This year was challenging because the Council faced up to the issue of depreciation for the first time. Your rate bill will reflect the \$6.67 million that was a legal requirement for council to collect. We have received a clear report from the Auditors and feel now that we have a firm hold on the city's finances. The Council's own increase was less than 1% and we hope to keep future increases to a minimum. By law, rates are calculated from the land value of your property. Over the past three years, property values have changed markedly – so you will notice a corresponding increase in your rates account.

If you have any queries about your rates or any other issue please contact your local councillors.

We will be finalising the Draft Strategic Review before Christmas and putting it out for consultation in the New Year. This is very much a community based plan and we welcome your submissions to this process that sets the vision and goals for the next ten years.

The Waitakere Community Board has worked very hard over the last year to represent your local needs and interests. We will be focusing on safety issues and footpaths in the upcoming Annual Plan round in the New Year. Changes to the funding formula means that our ward will receive more money for footpaths.

We would like to take the opportunity to wish the Waitakere community a very Merry Christmas and a safe, peaceful holiday season.

Cr Carolynne Stone 8188057

Cr Penny Hulse 8325358

Cr Denise Yates 8118770

Fireworks at the Fire Station

by Kieran Ford and friends

Saturday 2nd November, a cold, drizzly, wet evening.

Standing beside the three metre tall bonfire made up of sodden green tree trimmings.

Twenty litres of petrol had been added.

A match was struck.

A huge ring of fire exploded around the base. The smoke lingering, encompassing those near.

Fireworks. Loud explosions echoing. Showers of light cascading from above.

Spinners. Shooting balls of fire.

Fire Call ... Siren ... A frenzy of activity. Garage on fire out at Piha.

Lights blaring. Engine rumbling towards the Piha turn off.

Waitakere Community Library News

Thanks to Queenie and Jack for their years of service to our local library. We welcome Tony Yates to our team. Without these good people our library could not function.

New books on the shelves this month, are:

Auckland by Richard Wolfe

Auckland Before the Bridge by Graham Stewart.

Red Rabbit by Tom Clancy.

Blackberry Wine by Joanna Harris.

Till we meet again by Lesley Pearce.

Shadows in the Grass by Beverly Harper.

Fox Evil by Minette Watters.

Library Hours

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

Fire Brigade News

We congratulate Gary Ward on his appointment last month as Deputy Chief Fire Officer for the Waitakere Volunteer Fire Brigade.

In October we also had our annual dinner where presentations were made to former members Marie Brittain, Kevin Pennycook and Richard Seccombe. Ian Ford and Helen Longley also received service awards for 19 and 7 years respectively.

We must thank Christine and her staff at The Nikau Club for the excellent food, great service and friendly atmosphere we enjoyed that evening.

Recent calls – October

- 9:26 pm, Wed 9th – Power lines arcing and scrub on fire, Glen Esk Rd, Piha. Extinguished by Piha Brigade.
- 11:29 pm, Sun 20th – Car over bank, Scenic Drive. The driver received serious injuries after his Honda CRX completely missed a corner at high speed. The car knocked the top out of some smaller trees before meeting a substantial tea-tree and coming to rest on its nose about 50 metres from where it had left the road. He could not be removed from the vehicle until rescue crews lowered it to the normal horizontal plane with a winch and ropes.
- 10:51 pm, Wed 23rd – Smell of burning, Atarua Gardens. Despite a thorough search and use of the thermal imaging camera from Henderson's appliance we couldn't locate the source, but were confident that it was safe when we left.
- 4:33 am, Thurs 24th – Fuel drum on fire, Piha Rd. Out on arrival.

November

- 1:12 am, Sat 2nd – Car vs. pole and lines down, Piha Rd. The occupants departed before emergency services arrived.
- 9:44 pm, Sat 2nd – Garage fire, Marine Parade, Piha. Extinguished by Piha Brigade.

Fire Permits

You'll need a permit for all outdoor fires between 1st December and 30th April. Call the Waitakere City Council on 839 0400. You can help to protect your property from the dangers of summer bush fires by

- Removing dead and flammable plants from your section – another good reason to get rid of your gorse and pampas grass.
- Keeping the grass cut or grazed.
- Maintaining a clear zone around your home – but check with the Council before clearing anything more than 3 metres from the house.
- Keeping a garden hose connected – one long enough to reach around the house.
- Ensuring the Fire Brigade have easy access to your water tank or pool.

Care to Join Us?

Phone 111 for fires and other emergencies. For other information – including details on how to join your local Volunteer Fire Brigade – call Ian Ford on 814 8871 or Gary Ward 814 8733

What's On in Waitakere

Waitakere Residents have a new performance venue opening in their neighbourhood.

Rimu Glade Drama Studio at 4 Rimu Road, is having its first public performance in December with a whacky comedy entitled 'Trapped'.

The production showcases the talents of adult acting students who have been training at the studio all year. 'Trapped' runs from 12th – 14th December at 7.30pm.

Drama tutor, John Goudge, says 'Trapped' is a bizarre comedy devised by the students as part of their course work. Now they need an audience to complete their training.

Tickets are only \$8, but there are a limited number – so book now on 814-9744.

'Scene' or Heard in Waitakere

Rumour has it that a swimming pool, or 3, in the Waitakere area have been emptied, unbeknownst to the owners, who have arrived home to find the water gone.

'Scene' a white lite-ace van, lurking suspiciously in the Waitakere/Titirangi areas.

Be observant and aware and report anything suspicious to the police.

GARDEN GROUP

A local treat for our last visit this year which is to the Clarks garden at 7 Kelly's Road. Meet at 1 pm December 4. We also have a bonus visit to the garden of Gay and Bryan Trenwith which is next door. Both are beautiful gardens, which will inspire you.

We will have our usual Christmas Lunch and will arrange the date shortly.

Everyone is welcome to join our friendly group. Ring Eileen on 8149298 for further information.

Water Quality Online

"We want to be sure that the water quality at the City's most popular beaches and recreational areas consistently meets ministry guidelines and that any changes to water quality around our coastline is Weekly water quality testing at Waitakere City's most popular beaches and swimming spots begins next month.

Results will be available on the Council's website www.waitakere.govt.nz or by phoning the Council's 24-hour Call Centre on 839 0400, allowing residents and visitors to get updated water quality data before heading out to local beaches this summer.

Conducted in accordance with the latest Ministry for the Environment microbiological water quality guidelines, weekly testing will be carried out from the beginning of November to the end of March and will return to monthly testing outside that period.

Test results will fall into one of three categories; *Safe to Swim* (meaning the water quality complies with ministry guidelines), *Elevated Level Safe to Swim* (meaning the water quality falls between the minimum and maximum desired levels, but further investigation is required to assess whether a problem exists) or *Swimming Not Recommended* (meaning a health risk exists and warning signs will be erected advising the public not to swim). identified," says Cr Penny Hulse, chair of the Council's Environmental Management Committee.

Waiatarua History

Thanks to the anonymous person who forwarded this article to us via the library slot.

Waiatarua centre rises from bush

Hidden away behind dense foliage, construction is well under way on the Waiatarua Community Centre.

The centre is situated just above the junction of West Coast Rd and Forest Hill in the Waitakere Ranges and its position is ideally suited to serve Waiatarua residents as it is near the centre of the Waitakere Riding.

Plans for the centre were instigated in 1964 when the Waiatarua Ratepayers and Residents' Association was formed. The building was financed by rates from the riding and the land was a grant from the council's subdivision reserves fund. The council also provided a loan for completion of the centre.

The ratepayers' association raised money for the centre and this is to be spent on interior furnishings.

Inadequate

Before the new hall was started the nearest hall was at Oratia, and this was found inadequate by Waiatarua residents.

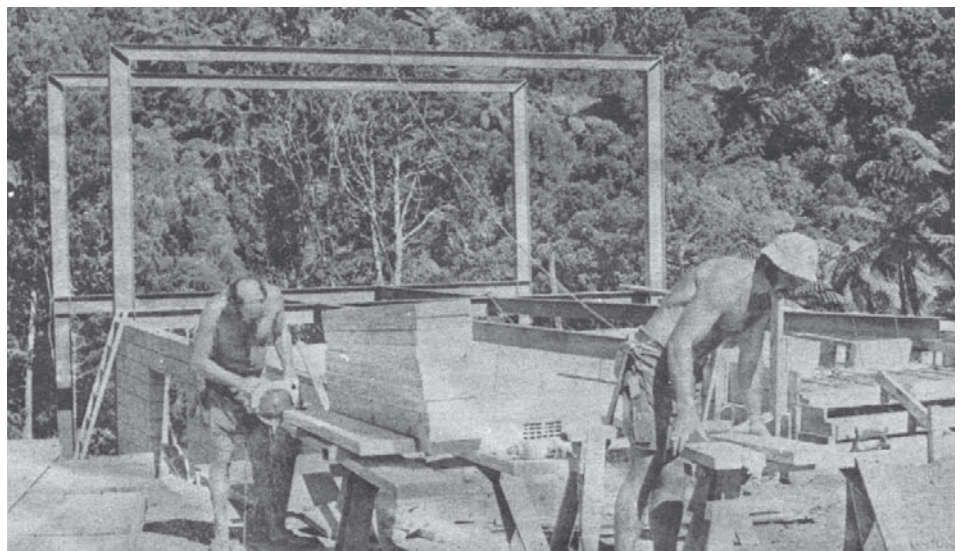
The building, of 30,000 sq.ft and costing \$63,500 is to provide a place where sporting and cultural events may take place as well as providing facilities for a library, plunket rooms and a play centre.

The designers of the building have been careful to blend it into its natural background of native bush. The building is to be two storey, the lower a library and the terrace and upper floor a hall and foyer.

The centre is to serve about 400 families the majority of whom are young.

"This centre will prove to be an invaluable asset to the community of Waiatarua," said Mr Chris Tunks, vice-president of the ratepayers association.

Progress on the building has been good so far and the basement block laying has just begun. The building is due to be completed in June.



Western Leader Thursday March 29, 1973

Brickbats and Bouquets

A **brickbat** to the persons who disturbed residents late at night with a loud explosion which completely annihilated their letterbox in the Scenic Drive.

Another **brickbat** to those who chose to totally trash the stove in good working order, that had been put out on the roadside, free to a good home, outside Bendall's Ridge on West Coast Road.

Nominations are welcomed for either the Brickbat or the Bouquet each month. Please contact the editor.

Thank you to The Fairy Flower Shop in Titirangi Village which kindly supplies the bouquet each month..

Hail and Farewell

This month's **bouquet** goes to Mrs Lesley Tetley of West Coast Road.

Mrs Tetley and her late husband Maurice, settled in Waiatarua more than 40 years ago. Maurice Tetley was the Oratia Bread vendor for many years in the 1950's and 60's and Lesley was a very active member of the Oratia School committee. Their daughter, Dianne has very fond memories of a wonderful childhood growing up in the bush.

Lesley is moving from West Coast Road, Waiatarua, after 43 years. We say **farewell** and wish her well in her new home.

Farewell also to Murray and Rosemary, also of West Coast Road. They leave Waiatarua to head south to the Mainland.

Welcome to Waiatarua, John and Helen Hinde and family.

Waiatarua Rainfall

	RAIN DAYS	WETTEST DAY	OCT TOTAL	YEAR TO DATE
Mountain Road	17	11th (25mm)	150 mm	1336 mm
Mountain Road	17	19th (40 mm)	136 mm	1472 mm
Brabant Road	21	18th (32 mm)	125 mm	1559 mm
Quinns Road	20	19th (29 mm)	110 mm	1196 mm
Forest Hill Road	13	18th (29 mm)	114 mm	1495 mm
Auckland City			87 mm	919 mm

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. Ph 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.

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 Waitataruan’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.

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 Road	814-9402 + Fax	
Jenny McGee	886 West Coast Road	814-9954	
Margaret/Paddy Marshall	19 Raroa Terrace	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

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.

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 & shoulder pain. Clinic at 95 Lincoln Rd, Henderson. Home visits also arranged. Ph 833 7866.

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

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

LOCAL ISSUES: Phone Kevin Healy, Waitakere Community Board on 814-9505 or email: kevin@healy.co.nz

BABYSITTER – friendly, outgoing and experienced Unitech student available most evenings/weekend work. \$7 per hour. Ph Tara on 814-8834 or 021-179-1848

FOR SALE – Toyota Camry saloon 1990, 140 k's – all electrics, service history, Fusion CD stereo, car alarm \$4500 firm. Phone 814-9662.

PLANTS – One day lilies, taros, bulbs, mondo grass and various perennials for sale. \$1 – \$3. Also some shrubs. All sales for charity. Phone Margaret 814-9859.

'SAVE THE CHILDREN' – FOR SALE: Packs of Xmas cards, gifts and occasional cards for 'Save the Children'. Overseas mail closes soon. Ph Margaret 814-9859.

ROOFING AND SPOUTING: Free advice, consultation and inspections. 28 years experience. Quality new and re roofs, repairs, spouting incl. Onduline organic & non polluting roofing, gutter leaf protection. Ph Mark 812-8337 or 025-958-058

SUMMER CLOTHING, shoes toys, old blankets, glasses etc needed for a shipment to Angola. Contact Juliette 814-8802.

LOST a pair of red secateurs, around Cascade Ave. If found please phone 814-1166.

HOUSE WANTED TO BUY in the Waitakeres, or near. Around \$160,000. Phone Christine on 814-1166.

JAYZ ORATIA BEAUTY THERAPY: Treat yourself to a fabulous mind and body experience. New sunbed, facial, waxing, electrolysis. Open every day. Late night. Ph Jaylene on 813-1199 or 025-614-6652. Located at 542B West Coast Rd, Oratia.

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

WANTED: A private 3 bedroom house with flat land and double garage, or room for. Will consider land only. Phone 846-9353 or 021-649-251.

PURE ESSENTIAL AROMATHERAPY OILS, quality french perfumes & accessories. Excellent Christmas buying. Ph Tracy 813-1121

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 Isachsen on 814-9847

CHRISTMAS NEWSLETTER

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by WEDNESDAY 4th DECEMBER, 2002

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