

Christmas Greetings from WRRRA President

As we look back on the year, our lives have all been affected in so many ways internationally, nationally and locally. International "terror" has become almost part of our daily experience whether travelling overseas or through the media, but so far it has not happened in our own backyards – long may it stay that way! Waiatarua seems such a desirable and safe place to live in, in such troubled times.

On a brighter note, by the time you have read this we will have participated in our 'wind -up' Waiatarua Christmas party on the 8th December. We hope those who attended enjoyed it and we welcome your input for the functions we put on for Ratepayers and Residents, such as Quiz evenings, Community breakfasts and the like. For the future, we plan to hold a Harvest Festival. This will need much advance planning to allow enough time to plant crops!

On the business side of the Association, we made strong Annual Plan Submissions early in the year leading to us getting Council support for carrying out substantial improvements and extensions

to the Community Hall. This project is only in its infancy and we on the Committee regard the Hall as a most vital part of the functions of the Association. There is no better place for the community at Waiatarua to get together and express your views. Improvements will enable us to provide for Ratepayers and Residents, but also widen the hiring out of the hall and provide a return on the investment. Raising the funds and planning for this is a major project, and as our Annual General Meeting approaches in February, the Association needs strong input from members with expertise for all aspects of the project.

The committee encourages you to keep up your financial membership of the Association and welcomes new members.

The members of the committee wish you all the very best for Christmas and the New Year. Have a safe holiday and take care on the roads.

We look forward to meeting you all at the forthcoming Annual General Meeting.

Geoff Wood – Waiatarua Residents and Ratepayers

Annual General Meeting

25 February 2003

at the Waiatarua Community Hall – 911 West Coast Road at 7pm

There will be an entertaining guest speaker.

Please support your community by attending.

Report from the Open Forum

Waitakere Community Board Meeting 3.12.02

A major issue affecting a large area of Waitakere City is aerial spraying for the painted apple moth, which in recent months has been expanded. A very forceful plea was made by the speaker opposing aerial spraying seeking the Council to take steps to stop the spraying. She stated that in her view there was a statutory obligation under the Health Act to prevent spraying and stated that the Bio – Security Act had not overruled the Council's own By – Laws. She felt that the health of the Waitakere City citizens was being affected and, in some instances, their businesses e.g. organic growers, were under threat. She urged that the Council should

respond and seek the appropriate legal advice. She emphasized that there were other alternatives to the spraying to be considered.

Remember that these monthly Community Board meetings are a good opportunity to raise issues in a less formal manner than would be the case in Council submissions and in most cases the Community Board can assist and make their own recommendations to Council. There are always Councillors present at these meetings. If you have an issue affecting Waiatarua the WRRRA Committee can help in making submissions to the Board on your behalf.

Fire Brigade News

A busy month at your local Volunteer Fire Brigade. Congratulations to Glynis and Derek Renata on the birth of their daughter Ariel, and to Katherine and Gary Ward on the safe arrival of baby William. We also congratulate Helen Longley, who has just been promoted to the position of Station Officer.

Waitakere Licensing Trust Donation

We've just applied for, and received, a \$16,000 grant from the Waitakere Licensing Trust. This will be used to buy an Automatic Electric Defibrillator, training for the AED and some portable radios. Waiatarua's 10 – 15 minutes from the closest ambulance station is a long way when a heart stops. We believe that an AED close to home will greatly improve the chances of a successful recovery. Our initial training will be early in the new year, and if

you'd like to join the Brigade to assist in this role rather than firefighting we'd love to hear from you – especially if you are sometimes in the area during working hours.

This donation from the Trust is yet another reminder of how important both the Waitakere and Portage Licensing Trusts are, both to our local community and the whole of the West. Let's not lose it. We would urge you to support them in the upcoming poll.

Recent Calls

NOVEMBER:

Sun 10th, 4:13 p.m. – False alarm, Kauri Loop Rd.

Sat 30th, 6:11 p.m. – Car crash, Scenic Drive. 3 people hospitalised, some with serious injuries.

DECEMBER:

Sun 1st, 1:52 p.m. – False alarm, Kauri Loop Rd. Our 52nd call for the year.

Traffic Hazards

Have you got used to playing 'Waiatarua Roulette' whenever you drive past the Stop signs at the top of Forest Hill Road, Piha Road or Shaw Road? What part of 'STOP' don't they understand? Unfortunately, you now seem to have a new, potentially deadly hazard to be aware of. Last month we attended our third head-on crash in 3 years where overseas tourists driving on the wrong side of road were involved. After the second one we suggested to the Community Board and Council's engineers that they paint directional arrows at strategic points on the road. We'll be following that up urgently.

Fire Permits Required

... from now until the end of April for all rural areas in Waitakere City. This includes all of Waiatarua. Permits are issued by the Council, ph 837 -0790.

Contacts

Always phone 111 for any fire or other emergency. Otherwise please call Ian Ford (814 -8871) or Gary Ward (814-8733).

Waiatarua Community Library

We are closing for the holidays on Thursday 19th December 2002 and re opening on Thursday 9th January 10am -12noon 2003. Christmas Greetings to all.

Waiatarua Playcentre News

A year of fun and play at Playcentre will end on Wednesday 18 December. The children will enjoy a Christmas party complete with Santa Claus, Christmas carols and yummy food on Wednesday 11 December.

A variety of trips throughout the term included a visit to the Observatory, Motat, Ambury Farm and a bike and kite day at Parrs Park. Here children of all ages discovered how much fun you can have on the skateboard ramp, running up and sliding down, this was a great free for all, and just reminded us how capable children are of making their own fun.

We will be starting back on Wednesday 29 January, and we warmly welcome new families to our Monday, Wednesday or Friday sessions. Discover how play in a friendly family environment has so much to offer you and your children. Phone Jenny on 814-9954 for more information.

We wish all the Waiatarua community a Merry Christmas and a safe and special holiday season with your families and friends.

Brickbats and Bouquets

The *bouquet* for this month has been awarded to Eileen Powell for the great job she does in organising the Garden Group trips throughout the year. This is appreciated by many. Thanks, Eileen.

A *brickbat* is awarded to the following drivers who frequent our Waiatarua roads.

Take your life in your hands. Go for a leisurely stroll up and down West Coast Road but be prepared to take evasive action from speeding motorists.

I am sure some of the speeds are well in excess of 100kph.

Unfortunately many of these drivers will not see our newsletter because they live out of the district. There are, however, one or two locals who hoop

along e.g. deep blue Holden Commodore "Grunter" with spoilers etc. Oh, and the speed radar detector on the dash!

Registration numbers will be noted and passed onto the police.

A big thanks to the majority of drivers who give us plenty of room, when we are on our daily constitutional, and also a friendly wave and toot of the horn.

Oratia District School Garden Ramble

A Review

It chucked it down during the night and the big black clouds building over the hills did not bode well for a good day. A hail storm at 8 -30am, southerly winds, showers et al.

The first of the volunteer gatekeepers arrived at 9 a.m. dressed like Hilary and Ten Sing. The official opening time 9.30 a.m. arrived and half of the street was full of visitors. A few more glimpses of sunshine, lots of chit chat and smiles. There was a steady stream of visitors throughout the day. Lots of locals but also a few from outside the district - Whenuapai, Mt Albert, Newmarket.

Great comments about all the gardens and yummy food. Approximately 200 visitors passed through the gardens in our street.

Huge congratulations to the organizers. It only sunk in how much work had been done when we popped up to Shaw Road, Command Centre, at 5 o'clock for a beer, chicken and salad.

A great day. Looking forward to the next one.

Portage & Waitakere Licensing Trusts

"The Trusts"

Support the Needy, not the Greedy
The big supermarket chains have forced an electoral poll so that early next year West Aucklanders will vote on whether or not beer and wine should be sold in our supermarkets.

This is an alarming prospect for schools and kindergartens and local groups like our Playcentre and Volunteer Fire Brigade. We need to be concerned, because if the supermarkets win, the West Auckland Licensing Trusts funds to donate to our community will be significantly reduced. The Trusts have not restricted their donations to groups. They have also given a number of safety items to our whole community, including smoke alarms, first aid kits, car seats and most recently, fire extinguishers.

All in all, the Trusts have donated \$5.7M in the

Waiatarua Rainfall

	RAIN DAYS	WETTEST DAY	OCT TOTAL	YEAR TO DATE
Mountain Road	19	2nd (27 mm)	149 mm	1621 mm
Brabant Road	21	1st (20 mm)	126 mm	1685 mm
Quinns Road	21	2nd (20 mm)	109 mm	1304 mm
Forest Hill Road	xx	xxth (xx mm)	xxx mm	1xxx mm
Auckland City			44 mm	963 mm

Neighbourhood Watch

On Friday 15th November a house was burgled on the lower part of West Coast Road, Waiatarua, between the hours of 3pm and 5.50pm.

During the early hours of 13th November (3am) a dark blue late model Holden Commodore or similar, drove down our drive. (Our drive is a very long one, winding it's way through bush.) Our

security lights alerted us to this and we looked out to see the car turning around. One of the 4 male occupants saw us and called out that they were just turning around. We took their registration number and watched them proceed slowly back up the drive. We were later advised by the police to phone them immediately in future, as the car could have been taking our drive to hide from a patrol car. The registration number given to the police appears to be false.

- Be aware of this suspicious scenario - a lady who might arrive down your drive in a car, with a dog leash and a story about searching for her lost dog.
- On Thursday 28th I arrived home to find that some animal had been into our recycling bin and had strewn all the empty cat food tins around. I thought this was a bit strange as our

dog, cats and the neighbours dogs, do not touch the empty cans. On Friday evening I went to get something out of my workshop, found the door open, blood and bone strewn all over the floor and the lawn mower missing. At first I thought someone had been up and borrowed the mower. On further examination I have found that there are other items missing so the police have been notified.

What I would like to know is did anyone see anything suspicious on Thursday 28th November in the upper Mountain Road area? Did anyone see someone with a dog pushing a mower along the road? As I believe the person was on foot. If you have seen anything suspicious could you please call Phil on 027-439 8239.

A Timely Reminder . . .

What do you do if your neighbour's alarm

goes off?

They're not home and you're home alone.

Interestingly my immediate reaction was to go and investigate, but being home alone, my imagination started to conjure up pictures of big burly burglars versus little me . . .

Suggestions: Have your neighbour's mobile phone number written down.

Talk to each other. What would they like you to do if this happened? Is there someone else you could phone, if they're unable to be contacted? Find out if their alarm is monitored. If so, to which company.

If you actually see someone in or around the house then phone the police immediately.

Welcome to Waiatarua

Looking forward to enjoying the beauty and peace of our area, we welcome new residents David, Abby and Jeremy.



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.

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.

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.greenwoodguides.com or Phone 03-752-0299 Fax 03-752 0298.

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.

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 2003

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

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.

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

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

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.

ELKE'S FOOD & WINE MARKET. Open Saturdays 10am – 4pm till Christmas for gourmet goodies, Xmas treats, European breads, organic cheese & beer, beautiful platters and boutiques wines. At the Seibel Winery, 113 Sturges Rd, Henderson Ph 814-8803. PS. Pop in to win a gourmet food hamper.

NEED COMPUTER HELP? I can come to you. After hours available. Also sales. Ph David 813-4399.

RESPONSIBLE ORATIA FAMILY need house to sit or rent from 17th January to 28th February 2003. Please phone David or Adrienne on 818 –7925.

CONFIDENCE & WELLBEING FOR MEN AND WOMEN. Begins Term 1 @ Green Bay High School on Mon 17th Feb 7 – 9pm for 8 weeks. Call Judy to register on 817-5376.

MARVELLOUS MOSAICS: This course embraces a beautiful and ancient art form. Begins Tues 11th February 7 – 9pm Phone Diane @ Titirangi Community House 817-7448 (8 people max)

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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