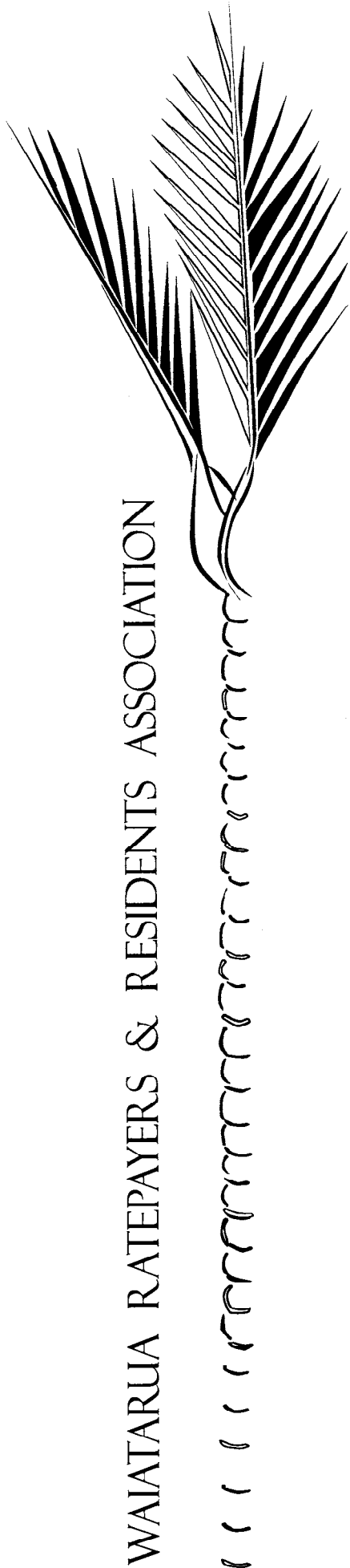


# Waiatarua Community News

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WAIATARUA RATEPAYERS & RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

## This Month at WRRRA

Have you visited the Waiatarua Residents & Ratepayers Association website, or our local Waiatarua Library, to read and be informed about the WRRRA's submissions to the Annual General Plan? The results of which could affect you.

There are now close to 100 paid up members of the Waiatarua Residents and Ratepayers Association... we're aiming for 150 by the end of July. C'mon send in your subscription today. (See the back page.)

At our June meeting of the WRRRA we welcomed local resident Kathy, who is a fairly recent Waiataruan, from Forrest Hill Road.

Thanks to Tony Bacon who recently spoke to the WRRRA submissions at Waitakere Council, and thanks to Jeanette who will be attending the ARC Pest Liason Group meeting, reporting back at July's WRRRA meeting.

We, the WRRRA, are in urgent need of a new secretary for our monthly meetings. Christine has been the secretary of the WRRRA for the past 18 months but due to work and family commitments she has had to resign from this and her work on the WRRRA committee. We would like to thank Christine for all the time and effort she has put in to the committee over this time.

If you feel you might be even slightly interested in attending monthly meetings of the WRRRA and taking on the secretary role, please, please, please phone Tony Bacon on 814-9860.

The WRRRA website is alive and kicking ... much change has taken place. Have a visit at [www.waiatarua.org.nz](http://www.waiatarua.org.nz)

It was decided at this month's meeting that for future community events organized by the WRRRA there would be a discount given to WRRRA financial members.

On this note, a future event to be held in Autumn of next year, was discussed.

Next Autumn we will be having an *Autumn Festival*.

The committee is looking for judges for The Best 'Waiatarua Sponge Cake'

The Best 'Local beer/ginger beer', The Best 'Fruit Preserve'

There will also be craft, art and photography, competitions for adults and children.

More information to follow in future newsletters. Phone Tony for further information on 814-9860.


The next meeting of the Waiatarua Residents and Ratepayers Association will be held on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> July at the Waiatarua Hall, 911 West Coast Road.

All are welcome to attend.

***This is your last chance to win...***

... a delicious *brunch for two* at *The Waitakere Park Lodge*.

Pay your 2003 subscription to the WRRRA before 31<sup>st</sup> July to  
be in the draw.



## The Waiatarua Community Breakfast

### *A review by Savannah Davenport, 8 years old*

On the 24<sup>th</sup> May 2003 lots of people came to the Waiatarua Community Hall for breakfast. Inside there was art on the stage. The things (art) were little animals and quilts.

When the magician arrived he did a few magic tricky tricks. He called up children to help him and he even used adults. But I will tell you about the tricks later.

For breakfast there was pancakes, sausages, bacon, scrambled eggs, baked beans, maple syrup, muffins, bread and butter, with a choice between Threeberry or Apricot jam. There was also tea or coffee or orange juice.

Now back to the magicians tricks. The tricks were something to do with playing-cards, silver rings and for some reason he had a trick with a fifty cent piece and boxes. There were quite a few children. The magician did not expect to see so many big kids (7 and over) all he expected were little kids. After he did his magic tricks he did a lolly scramble. What a scramble it was. Every one of the kids was on the floor.

The place was good for getting people together. It was a great time for getting to know and see each other. Everyone went home and said "That was great fun." And it was!

The breakfast ended about 10.30 – 11.00.

*Thank you to those who organized the 2003 Waiatarua Community Breakfast, namely the Waiatarua Residents and Ratepayers Exec. Committee, and a big thank you to those in the community who helped out on the day, and behind the scenes ... baking muffins, scrambling eggs, doing the dishes etc. A great morning had by all.*

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## Want to know more about your septic tank?

- What services are offered by Waitakere City Council to septic tank owners/ratepayers of homes with such?*
  - Waitakere City Council provides a pump out service once every three years.
  - Practitioner Forums - Waitakere City Council has hosted practitioner forums where engineers, drainage contractors and manufacturers can look at new products and resolve issues.
  - Pamphlets on do's and don'ts regarding septic tanks.
  - Waitakere City Council has a booklet on developments in septic tank technology and suppliers.
- If a resident were to have problems with their septic tank what avenues might they take to rectify things?*
  - Council recommends that they obtain the services of a drainlayer familiar with septic tanks. It is likely in the case of a major failure that the drainlayer will recommend engaging a registered engineer familiar with septic tanks to design an appropriate solution.
- Upon purchasing a home which has a septic tank system, are there any means by which the new home owner can research the efficiency of the system prior to purchase, or view septic system plans relevant to the address i.e. council records?*
  - It is recommended that prior to purchase of a septic tank property, that a registered engineer or drainlayer familiar with septic tanks reviews the system. Some vendors are now providing these reports.
    - If the Waitakere City Council knows of any defects, then this information will be listed as a requisition on the property. This information is available through a Land Information Memorandum (LIM) report, which new homebuyers can purchase. We may also hold a copy of the building consent for the wastewater system. This may include the type of wastewater system, the location and a copy of the Asbuilt Drainage Plan of the irrigation field.
  - I understand that every 3 years the tanks are cleaned out by a contractor.*
    - Does the contractor leave any information with the resident as to how their system is working, or make any comment about the emptying process?*
    - Is any of this information passed on to Council?*
      - Systems are scheduled for pump outs approximately every 3 years for a standard septic tank. Hi-tech systems may have a longer time frame.
      - The contractor leaves a pamphlet (I will send this to you). They also leave a calling card which advises the owner that they have been to clean the tank. If they were unable to clean the tank for any reason, they leave a note on the calling card.
      - Any defects that the contractor notes are given to the owner with a copy to council.
      - The contractor also gives council details of the scum and sludge levels.

## Oratia Fruitgrower's Ball 2003 – A Review

Saturday 7 June saw the Oratia Settler's Hall alive and kicking once again. It was the Oratia Fruitgrower's Ball of yore come to life. After an absence of 22 years, this once popular annual event was reborn with thanks to Friends of Arataki.

About 200 people turned out for the occasion (including some 20 volunteers). The tickets sold out fast simply due to word of mouth. The hall was packed with the older Oratia Valley family names, there for the nostalgia, newcomers and new acquaintances.

Early evening was 'Mix and Mingle' with welcome speeches and entertainment from Louis Dean, the Dalmatian Kola Group dancers and accompanying Tamburica Orchestra. Rudy and Pat Sunde (and banjo) sang their "Oratia Valley" and "The Apple Grower's Ball" which was, indeed, the inspiration for the evening.

Hot dinner was served from apple cases by ladies in apple aprons and dessert was, appropriately, hot Apple Crumble, cream and fruit.

The walls were decorated with hand made posters depicting local or political events of the time; resurrected from under someone's house; posters that had adorned the same walls of the annual ball some 20-30 years ago. New ones were created especially for this occasion. The foyer had

memorabilia including photographs, apple crate labels, old ball tickets and the minutes from the inaugural ball committee of 1950. All these items lent the hall an air of history, of community, of endeavour and of enjoyment.

Making a renaissance of his own was Peter Posa and his band, a blast from the past to provide the evening's dance music. From the very first chords we knew this was going to be a fine evening for partying. Dancing continued nearly non-stop until close at midnight, with one couple even swapping their ball garments with each other! Peter's music focused on the old time dancing themes of the '60's. There were spot prizes, signed copies of his new CD and the Monte Carlo.

The evening had been created with nostalgia in mind and it also built a bridge to newcomers. It was great to be thrown back in time to appreciate the workers and occupations of long ago and to share in an event that brought the community together in a fun and relaxed sought of way. All in all, it can be said that the evening was a roaring success and should it happen again I am sure the community would turn out in full colours. Thanks go the Friends of Arataki for a splendid evening.

RAD (Reporter at Dance)

## Neighbourhood Watch

Some incidents of petty crime have occurred in Waitatarua recently.

A concrete bird bath has been stolen from a property in Forest Hill Road during Queen's Birthday weekend.

There was an attempted break in at a property on West Coast Road, near Kelly's Road on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> May. A window was broken but nothing taken.

A 35-45 year old solidly built male has been seen trespassing on private property and stripping a resident's trees of Datura flowers.

Graffiti is again occurring in parts of Waitatarua. If you see any graffiti appearing in your local area, phone the Waitakere City Council Help Desk on 8390400 and report the 'where abouts' of the graffiti to them. They will in turn forward this information on to the Tag Out Trust. Remember it is best to remove graffiti as soon as possible to deter future tagging.

A house burglary took place in Cascade Avenue during the day in mid June

Mail is again going missing around the mid West Coast Road area. Please be vigilant and watch out for any one suspiciously lingering near letterboxes. If you have had mail go missing phone NZ Post on 0800-501-501 and they will log your call as a missing letter inquiry and contact the delivery branch to check with the postie. You are also advised to contact the local police. This will ensure that any patterns of mail theft can be monitored and hopefully lead to the thief being caught. Where possible it is ideal to put a lock on your letterbox.

Letterboxes are also being the target of vandals in our area. Please report any sightings or suspicious persons and registration plate numbers to the police.

## Waatarua Playcentre

In the coming months we have cold and wet weather to look forward to but you will always find sunshine at Playcentre. If you are feeling at a loose end and want some fun and stimulating play for your pre schooler why not have a visit to Playcentre. Learn and play with your child and make some great friends as well.

Finally after months of planning we are now enjoying the extra space of an extended deck. With a new playhouse in construction for part of the deck and relocation of a storage shed, we are making the most of our outdoor space.

Early in the term children and parents enjoyed a fun and educational trip to the Ports of Auckland that inspired lots of carpentry boats and water play.

Playcentre is a buzz of creative play, imagination and laughter, come and be part!

Sessions are Monday, Wednesday and Friday 9.15-12.15, you can make 3 visits without obligation.

For more information ring Jenny on 814 9954 or on Playcentre session on 814- 8835. You can find us down the drive by the Waatarua Community Hall at 911 West Coast Road.

# GARDEN GROUP

A winter visit to Arataki Visitor Centre is planned for Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> July at 1 pm. We will hear about the exciting plans for the ranges and then visit the small nursery. Please ring Eileen on 814-9298 for further information or carpooling.

## Brickbats and Bouquets

There have been several nominations for the **Brickbat** award this month. Must be the time of year... winter is here and some things really start to annoy.

The nominations are:

A **Brickbat** to the neighbour who has truckdrivers destroying Forest Hill Road, graders destroying the peace and fill destroying the environment.

Another **Brickbat** to the Waitataruan who is burning filthy rubbish in their fireplace creating toxic fumes in the valley and causing fellow Waitataruan's to wake up with sore throats.

Another **Brickbat** to the truck drivers who are tearing up newly planted natives in the centre island at the bottom of Bendall's Lane. With care this could be avoided.

Some irresponsible dog owners feature being the recipients of yet another **Brickbat** as they leave their dogs to roam freely on local streets.

On a more positive note, this month's **Bouquet** is awarded to the organisers and helpers of the fun-filled and friendly Waitatarua Community Breakfast. A great morning out.

*(Not quite sure how we can share the bouquet around, Ed.)*

Thank you to The Fairy Flower Shop of Titirangi who kindly donates the bouquet each month.

If you wish to make nominations for either the '**Brickbat**' or '**Bouquet**' awards please contact the editor.

## 'People and Places in Waitatarua'

Sonja Cartwright chose to move to Waitatarua nearly 10 years ago because she always wanted to live in the bush. She grew up in GreenBay and loved Titirangi, however eventually lived in Mount Albert. She would often go to Piha, travelling back via West Coast Road.

'Waitatarua always seemed sunny, compared to the dampness of Titirangi, so when I saw an advertisement for a section on West Coast Road the time seemed right for us to move out here.'

Sonja has trained as a Naturopath, recently setting up "HealthWise" Naturopathic Clinic in Glendale Road.

'A Naturopath is the GP of natural therapies,' says Sonja. 'We use nutrition and lifestyle advice, with other treatments such as herbs, nutritional supplements, homeopathy or body work to treat almost anything from colds and flu to the chronic degenerative conditions like arthritis and auto-immune diseases.'

'Enjoying the peace and tranquillity living amongst the native bush of Waitatarua is in itself healing, but we can be unaware that many of the trees and shrubs that surround us that have medicinal qualities.'

Tarata (Lemon Wood) is ideal for colds and flus. Just pick a few leaves and steep it in a pot of boiling water. It will clear mucous and stimulate the immune system.

Kawakawa... a wonderful all round tonic. It improves the oxygenation of the blood. This can be easily made in to a lovely uplifting, slightly peppery tasting tea.

*I have invited Sonja to share with us the uses of one or two native herbs each month. Ed.*

## Waitatarua Rainfall

	RAIN DAYS	WETTEST DAY	MAY TOTAL	YEAR TO DATE
Mountain Road	16	21st (21 mm)	100 mm	541 mm
Brabant Road	19	21st (22 mm)	114 mm	702 mm
Quinns Road	20	22nd (20 mm)	111 mm	714 mm
Forest Hill Road	14	21st (19 mm)	98 mm	661 mm
Auckland City		20th (14 mm)	86 mm	447 mm

## Fire Brigade

We congratulate Karl Nuttall on his promotion to Station Officer in the Waitatarua Volunteer Fire Brigade. We're also pleased to welcome Mark Gosling to our team.

Resource Consent has been granted for tarsealing at the rear of the Fire Station, at a cost of a mere \$1900, and we hope to start work there soon.

## Training

Our recent influx of new firefighters should keep the Training Centre busy over the next few months. In June, Kerry Chislett completed his Basic Training course, and he and Alan Marychurch gained First Aid qualifications. Three people attended a Rural Firefighting training weekend at Henderson, and seven completed their First Aid Recertification.

## Recent Calls - June

SUN 8th, 3:10 p.m. – Medical assistance, Karekare. Waitatarua crew was turned back once Karekare First Response arrived and had it under control.

WED 11th, 8:40 p.m. – Chimney fire, Shaw Rd.

THURS 19th, 5:49 a.m. – House fire, Forest Hill Rd. Crews from Henderson, Glen Eden and Waitatarua arrived to find a cottage fully ablaze and beyond saving. Fortunately it was not occupied at the time.

## Contacts

Phone 111 for any fire or other emergency. Please contact Ian Ford on 814 8871 or Helen Longley 814 9855 for any other queries.

## Web Listings

If you have a business or are an artist or a craftsperson in Waitatarua and would like a free listing on the redeveloped Waitatarua Web Site. Please email your information to [Cathie@longley.co.nz](mailto:Cathie@longley.co.nz)

## Waitatarua Community Library

Welcome to any new residents to the district. Please come and visit your local library at 911 West Coast Road, underneath the Community Hall.

### NEW BOOKS THIS MONTH ARE ...

'THE PHYSICIAN' AND 'CHOICES' by Nora Gordon. The same author as 'THE LAST JEW'.

'ADVENTURES OF FLASH JACKSON' by William Kowalski, who also wrote 'EDDIES BASTARD' – a very good read.

'STORY OF SALT' by Mark Korlansky. Excellent.

'CIVILIZATIONS' by Felipe Fernandes.

'THE VANISHED MAN' by Jeffrey Dreaver.

'THAT OLD ACE IN THE HOLE' by Annie Proulx.

'PERSUADER' by Lee Child.

These are but a few of the new additions to our shelves.

*The Waitatarua Community Library – well worth a visit, followed by a coffee up at the Nikau Club? Ed.*

## 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

# Advertising

This is free to financial members  
for 2003, 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.

**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.  
www.atarua-bandb.co.nz

**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.

**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.

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

**LOCAL ISSUES:** Phone Kevin Healy, Waitakere Community Board on 814-9505 or email: [kevin@healy.co.nz](mailto:kevin@healy.co.nz)

**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.

**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 Road, Oratia.

**FOR SALE: 2 pairs wooden french doors,** almost new, 1.5m x 2.35m, high quality hardware, no frames. \$450/pair. Phone Tony or Jean on 814 9860.

**FOR SALE:** Stainless steel pipe, 200mm diameter , 2.3m long, 1mm thick. Spiral crimped construction. Ex. pottery kiln flue. \$150. Phone Tony or Jean 814 9860.

## 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 Rarua 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](http://www.waiatarua.org.nz)

**FAYS YOGA CLASS:** Classes to suit busy schedules plus Antenatal – Glen Eden Ph 817-8233.

**ELKE'S FOOD & WINE MARKET** is now open for cake and coffee, or a proscuitto open sandwich and a glass of wine. Fresh Pandoro bread, a large selection of wine and gourmet goodies to tempt your taste buds. Open 10 – 2pm Saturdays at the Seibel Winery, 113 Sturges Road, Henderson. Ph 814-8803 or 836-6113.

**BABYSITTER:** Mature, honest and reliable lady. Experienced. \$10 per hour. Phone Juliette on 025-875-805.

**WATER SERVICES LTD.** Pump sales and service. Tank repairs, cleaning and new tanks installed. Filtration and water treatment. Phone Phillip on 812-8537 or 025-279-6036.

**WEST COAST WATER.** For all water deliveries phone Patrick on 812-8079 or 027-288-9111.

**WANTED;** Your input in to the Waiatarua Community News. Have your say. Congratulate others, welcome and farewell residents, nominate someone for a brickbat or bouquet, tell a story, write a book review, share the local gossip...Contact the editor now. All input eagerly received. Ph/Fax Jo on 814-9945 or email me at [forwardthinking1@xtra.co.nz](mailto:forwardthinking1@xtra.co.nz) <<mailto:forwardthinking1@xtra.co.nz>>.

**AUCKLAND'S WAITAKERE PARK LODGE:** Open Thurs to Sun for lunch & dinner. Now open for Sunday brunch from 10am. Enjoy the log fires in our luxury lounge bar, magnificent views & dining on the deck. Ph 814-9622.

**FOR SALE:** One white dishwasher – excellent condition. Only used for a year from brand new. Surplus to needs. Offers? Ph 814-1850.

**FOR SALE:** One full size girls mountain bike. Only used half a dozen times. Great gift. \$100 Ph 814-1850.

**FOR ALL BREASTFEEDING SUPPORT AND INFORMATION** please call your local La Leche League leader, Adith on 818-7728.

**"HEALTHWISE" YOUR LOCAL NATUROPATHIC CLINIC @ 123 Glendale Road** Ph 813-3615. For menstrual, digestive problems, low energy, freq. colds and flu etc.

**THE NIKAU CLUB BAR, CAFÉ, RESTAURANT.** New hours. Open from 5pm till finish Tues – Friday. 10am – finish Sat and Sun. Closed Mondays. We will be putting on some music over winter so phone and check if you are interested. Don't forget we have the open fire going most of the time. Ph 814-1919.

**'RELAX & REJUVINATE'** A Sunday workshop for women to unwind and boost winter spirits. August 3<sup>rd</sup>, 9.30am – 4.30pm @ Titirangi Community House. \$60 Call Helen on 814-9963.

**MARVELLOUS MOSAICS.** Welcome to a creative course embracing an ancient art form. 8 weeks begins Tuesday 22 July 7.30 - 9.30pm \$60 Call Diane to register on 817-7448 or phone Helen (tutor) for a list of materials on 814-9963.

**SIX WEEKS OF CEILIDH DANCE CLASSES** with local Celtic Band, TWISTY WILLOW. Monday evenings 7 – 9pm starting 28<sup>th</sup> July in the Henderson High School Hall. Cost \$25 for 6 weeks or \$5 per night. Ph Fraser to enroll 810-8651. Fun and exercise for all ages – family groups welcome.

**LIFESTYLES MESSAGE THERAPY:** Providing therapeutic, sports and relaxation massage in a safe, professional environment. Ph Doug Maynard on 814-8981 or 021-543-302.

## 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

## AUGUST NEWSLETTER

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