

# Waiatarua Community News

## \* Celebrating the Ten-year Anniversary of Fire Brigade Plays. \*



On Anzac day 1996, the Waiatarua Volunteer Fire Brigade unleashed the first of its very successful plays into existence. Written by Fire Fighter Tony Holt, produced & acted by brigade members and their friends & family, "1125-J, A Short and Three Longs" was originally set to be open for three weeks as a fundraiser for the yet-to-be built and desperately needed new fire station. 1125-J was such a hit that the original season was extended to four, then five, then six weeks. The show was set in the late 50's, early 60's and was based on the starting up of a volunteer fire brigade. When the Glen Eden Fire Brigade took too long to get up to Nihotupu to save Badger Davies' house, the locals decided to start up their own fire brigade.

Isaiah Woodhead (Brigade Superintendent), Ivor Cheslenkoff (Foreman), Badger Davies, Bulldog Clipp and Arty Trembol were the founding members. Isaiah found himself involved with two women - Betty Swollocks and Mary Trembol, Arty and Nelly's daughter. Ivor confused everyone with his command of the language. Badger did things in his own way at his own pace and Arty and Bulldog were your typical kiwi blokes. Together they teamed up to form the Nihotupu Volunteer Fire Brigade.

A year later the second in the series, "1125-J, Les Pompiers", opened and was just as successful and continued on the misadventures of the Nihotupu Volunteer Fire Brigade. 1998 saw a break in the series with "Red Hat No Knickers", about a ventriloquist and his dummy. From there the team went on to make 'Isaiah's Fire' - the film version produced "on the smell of an oily rag", the efforts of which were the subject of a documentary

produced by Greenstone Productions and which can still be seen from time to time on late night telly on TV1. Two years later a third in the 1125J series was performed, "1125-J, If that's not out, I won't play"

Next year, to celebrate the 10-year anniversary of the original show, the production team and some new 'recruits' from the Waiatarua Performing Arts Society will present "1125J, Greatest Hits" - a compilation of the best scenes from the three 1125J shows. It will be performed at the United Fire Brigades Association conference and will then be open for three shows only on the 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> of March at the Waiatarua Community Hall.

- Christine Healy



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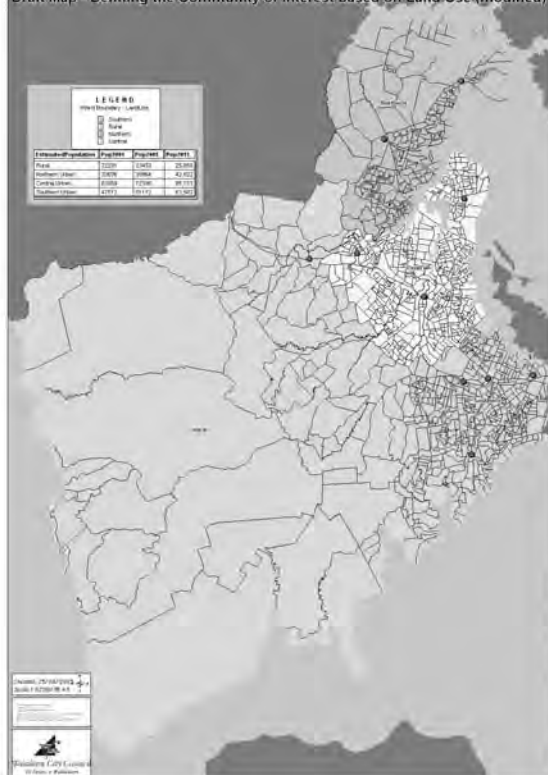
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Draft Map - Defining the Community of Interest based on Land Use (modified)



## From the Editor

Robin Essex

Shall I bore you with the usual "I can't believe it's almost Christmas again"? Well, I just have! This is the final edition of the Waiatarua Community news for 2005. The next will be delivered late January.

When Kor and I took this job on, I was a little nervous about successfully delivering what the community wanted. The first few publications under our guidance consumed many hours of phonecalls, writing, editing and debate. The WRRRA were (and are) always there with useful input, and slowly but surely we have had the pleasure of receiving much communication from individual residents and ratepayers; which has all culminated in assisting us to gauge what readers want to say and hear. Thank you.

We are more than delighted to continue in this role, if you are happy to keep us on. Anyone interested in having a go is of course welcome to make themselves known at the elections in 2006.

Within these pages this time, as has happened on previous occasions, there is some curious and useful information unknown to many: e.g. thief-proof number plates, and credit card lock-off funds.

I would like to share another obscure snippet for the good of the community at large. So, Waiataruans... spread the word, as I have been! Did you know, if your toll calls are via Telecom, that when calling overseas you can simply replace the prefix 00 with 0161 followed by the desired phone number to receive a much cheaper rate? I recently had a lovely 70-minute phone conversation with my 'travelling son' to a hotel in China for \$2-80! The line was as clear as a bell - no problems at all. This service is not widely advertised, but is mentioned on Telecom's website. They dial through their internet connection.

Enjoy the festive season, however you choose to celebrate. Good health and happiness to everyone.

## BRICKBATS and BOUQUETS

Sponsored by the Fairy FlowerShop,  
423 Titirangi Road, Titirangi Phone 817 3780

The 'thankyou' bouquet this month goes out to John Goudge, for his generous given time to the Waiatarua Performing Arts Society. Your expertise and encouragement is much appreciated by the community.



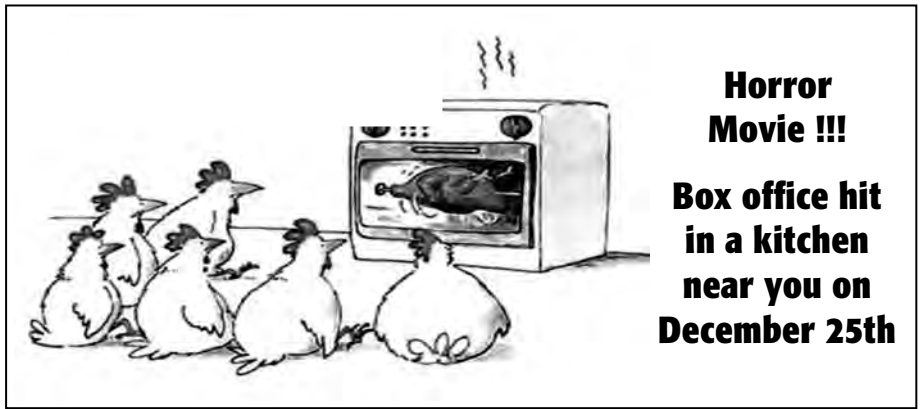
Unfortunately, we do have a **brickbat** to throw at the person who defaced our promotional sign for the Waiatarua Community Breakfast. Happy to say, this mindless act did not affect the end result - the local hall was bursting at the seams with happy diners.

**ENVIRONMENTAL OFFICER:** Is anything getting up your nose, in your eyes or ears, leaving a bad taste in your mouth or just not washing off your hands? If so it is time to call Royston on 814 9436

## Garden Group

Eileen Powell

Our end of the year get-together will be held at the home and garden of Margaret and Paddy Marshall, 19 Raroa Terrace on Wednesday 7th December. Meet at 11-30 to enjoy the lovely garden, then that will be followed by lunch and maybe a visit from Santa. Bring a plate and a \$10.00 present. I forecast a fine day and hope everyone can make it. We have had a varied programme this year with visits locally and further afield and met some enthusiastic gardeners happy to pass on their expertise. Ring Eileen on 814 9298 for further information.



## Horror Movie !!!

Box office hit  
in a kitchen  
near you on  
December 25th

## From the President

Molly Whittington

It's our last Newsletter for the year already! It was great to see so many at the recent Community Breakfast and we hope you enjoyed it. Our next big social event is the Autumn Festival on Sunday the 26th of March next year. It will run from 10-00am and we're working on lots of entertainment with rumours of a Bucking Bronco and prizes for games of skill. And don't forget the Indoor Show Competitions for all ages. It's not too late to plant pumpkins and sunflowers, thanks to those Western Ranges' showers that will get them growing over summer. And there will be categories for vegetables and flowers of your choice, so plant away. More news on this next year.

There are always changes afoot with Council and Local Government, and Central Government are ringing in the changes as well. Read the report on the Waitakere Ward Boundary changes and let us know your opinion by leaving a message on the Hall Phone or writing to the Editor. Another local issue is one that could affect your hip pocket and/or your health. It's the waste water management plan and may change septic system charges and regulations. Jeanette from our committee has been keeping up with this issue and advises us all to read her report.

It's a busy time of year but it's best to make time to keep up with these local issues and have our say in keeping Waiatarua the way we want it. Have a wonderful break over Christmas, with warm regards from all the WRRRA committee.

## Fire Brigade

Ian Ford

The weather, and a careful community, ensured that at Waiatarua we attended our usual number of fireworks-related calls: **zero**. Although Kevin Healy did come across a small (but developing) grass and scrub fire on the side of Scenic Drive a few weeks ago. Others had already called the Fire Service but Kevin wasn't going to let the lack of a fire engine hold him back. It WAS the Scenic Drive after all, so he soon found some dumped car parts and promptly beat the fire out with a discarded plastic bumper. 10/10 Kevin!

### Summer Safety:

Yes, it's time to check the gas hoses on the barbecue and clean out the drip tray. A layer of kitty litter in the tray will help to soak up the fat. Please keep an eye on the kids while it's lit, and do leave the cooking to someone who's sober! If you have visitors staying overnight, take time to ensure they know how to get out in a hurry if required. And a smoke alarm and escape plan are just as important in the tent or caravan as they are at home. If you're staying at home, you'll need a fire permit for any outside fire - call the Council weekdays between 8:30am and 5pm on 839 0400. You'll need to give them at least three working days notice.

### Recent Calls:

7:50 pm, Sun 16 Oct - Car vs. bank, outside the Fire Station. No-one trapped, no-one injured. In fact, no-one even there by the time the Fire Brigade and Police arrived!

5:44 pm, Thu 20 Oct - Smoke inside house, Forest Hill Rd. This was first thought to be smoke from a neighbour's fire forced into the house by atmospheric conditions, but later found to be charring of framing behind a built-in wall oven

2:54 pm, Sun 23 Oct - Car crash, Bethells Rd. Sorted by Bethell's crew.

3:35 pm, Mon 24 Oct - House fire, Shaw Rd. Although smoke alarms are primarily designed to save lives, in this case a \$20 smoke alarm saved a \$200,000 house. Vigilant neighbours checked when they heard the alarm in the unoccupied house and called the Fire Brigade. By the time the first appliance (from Titirangi) arrived, the smoke level in the top floor was down to a metre above the carpet; but the fire was quickly extinguished with relatively little fire damage.

4:17 pm, Sat 29 Oct - False alarm, West Coast Rd.

8:58 pm, Sun 6 Nov - Rubbish fire, West Coast Rd.

3:52 am, Wed 19 Nov - Rubbish fire, Scenic Drive.

### A Blast From The Past:

Yes, the rumours are true. The Fire Brigade have been joined by some enthusiasts from the Waiatarua Drama Group, a script has been (re)developed and "Phone 1125J - Greatest Hits" is now in rehearsal. A performance is scheduled for the United Fire Brigades Assn. conference at the end of February, and it's more than likely that we'll also put on a few shows at a 'Community Hall Near You'.

### Contacts:

For fires and other emergencies always dial 111. Otherwise, please call Ian Ford (814 8871), Helen Longley (814 9855) or Karl Nuttall (814 8777).

## Waiatarua Autumn Festival

Sunday 26th March 2006 from 10.00am Craft displays, games, entertainment. Competitions for baking and gardening. Prizes galore! Devonshire teas and lunch. Fun for all the family.

**Reduce Vehicle Crime** – rob thieves of opportunity  
*Summer Vehicle Crime Initiative at West Coast Beaches and Waitakere Ranges*

Car thieves beware! Waitakere's Council, Police, ARC and the community have joined forces to fight vehicle crime at West Coast beaches and the Waitakere Ranges this holiday season.

"Thieves thrive on opportunity, so we are getting together to help motorists have a happy end to their day at the beach, instead of finding their car stolen or broken into," says Mayor Bob Harvey. "We are focusing on the beaches and ranges, which are badly hit by car thieves. Everyone can help, by making it harder for thieves to break into cars – by robbing them of opportunities. Make it harder for them! The West Coast Beach activity kicking in this summer period is only one aspect of the multi-agency partnership focusing on crime in Waitakere," he says.

**10 top tips to reduce vehicle crime:**

- If they see it – they will steal it!
- Remove all valuables and possessions.
- Use a steering wheel lock.
- Fit locking wheel nuts.
- Apply security marking to all equipment.
- Never leave anything on display.
- Always lock and secure your vehicle.
- Professionally install an engine immobiliser and alarm.
- Have identification numbers etched onto your vehicle.
- Thoroughly check the history of your vehicle prior to purchase.

**Safe Plates initiative - A special offer to fit thief-proof number-plate screws:**

Here's how to beat crooks at their own game, and make sure your car's number plates are resistant to theft. For a gold coin donation, your car can be fitted with tamper-resistant screws at the following locations (please phone Waitakere City Council Call Centre on 839 0400 first to check times):

Thurs 15th Dec 2005 at Caltex Petrol Stn, Te Atatu Rd, Te Atatu; Fri 13th Jan 2006 at a West Coast Beach (location to be arranged); Thurs 26th Jan 2006 at Mitre 10 Mega, Lincoln Rd, Henderson.

**Safe Plates is sponsored by Caltex, Mitre 10 and Anzor.**

**The Gift**

"Twas a glorious Christmas, all would agree,"  
 Mum thought as she sat adoring the tree.  
 The dishes done and the hordes tucked away,  
 She viewed the gifts she'd been given that day.

The crystal pitcher was a sight to behold,  
 That brand new cologne, a bracelet of gold,  
 Her gorgeous clothing she will love to wear,  
 A fancy red comb to adorn her hair.

One object stood out, was her grandest prize.  
 She held in her hand, as tears filled her eyes.  
 Her favorite gift, from her child, age six;  
 A napkin holder of popsicle sticks.

**Recipe for 'White Christmas'**

- ½ lb kremelta,
- 1 small cup of icing sugar,
- 1 small cup of coconut,
- 1 cup of mixed dried fruit,
- 1¼ cups of skim milk powder,
- 1¼ large cups of rice bubbles.

Melt kremelta. Add all other ingredients. Spread in a greased swiss roll tin. When set, cut to desired sizes.

Optional: Chopped apricots and chrystalised ginger may be added for extra taste and texture.

**For those who don't read the small print...**

Using your credit card at locations where your funds cannot be verified such as at unattended petrol pumps, carparks, hotels and car rental companies could cause you embarrassment. In some situations like this the company takes an imprint of your card, and locks off \$100-00 on top of the cost of goods/services. This hundred dollars can be on hold and out of your reach for up to a week. At the time of 'lock off' the funds belong to the company until they release their hold. Some banks will notify customers when this occurs, but not all. Hotels may hold an amount way in excess of \$100-00 to cover costs at the end of your stay plus what you might spend on a daily basis (meals, mini bar etc.). All this means you may not be aware that your credit is considerably lower than you think, or in debit. The procedure is perfectly lawful. About all you can do is request to have the 'lock off' amount disclosed when an imprint of your card is taken.

**A Little Bit of History**

This brief summary is meant as friendly to many friends, some slightly further away. . .

I have lived in this area for a very long time and attended both Nihotupu and Oratia schools, by bus and on foot. Now most folk have cars!

Mail in the 1930s was delivered to Waiatarua for a while by Mr. McFarlane (Mac) in a long red and buff rectangular bus, with several doors along the side. It headed for Piha not only with postal bags but also meat, bread and passengers. Parcels were also sent from that "new" terminal in Commerce Street. Other years, Mr. Badham brought and took our mail in his big car – a Hudson Super Six, or similar – also rectangular, black, with a third row of folding seats (very relevant to the Farley's, later Badham's, guest house at KareKare).

We were glad to get mail three times a week. Red flags on our boxes went up when outward mail was to go... from our own gates: one penny for an ordinary letter. There used to be about one house every 350 metres when I was born. House numbers came around 1960, I believe.

In the late 1940s and 1950s, mail and bread came together; sorted in or via Oratia's little Post Office, corner of Carter Road where Mrs. Erceg (later it was Mrs. Couchman) was postmistress. And the place name "Oratia" remains with many of us although, may I suggest, now an indistinct word. Mind you, NZ Post doesn't seem to care whether we use Oratia or Waiatarua – bless them all.

The pre-1960s name Nihotupu, for the area west of Oratia, was ruled out by the official Geographic Board decision in late 1960 or early 1970. I wonder how many recall that each of us had to pay a hefty \$80-00 annual rural delivery fee for quite a few years until commonsense and much lobbying by our worthy WRRRA committee, and others, recognised our "city" mail's character – rather a surprise to old me!

*John Isaachsen*

**Waiatarua Rainfall (October 2005)**

|                  | Rain Days | Wettest Day        | October Total | Year to Date |
|------------------|-----------|--------------------|---------------|--------------|
| Mountain Road    | 20        | 6th (41 mm)        | 312 mm        | 1476 mm      |
| Brabant Road     | 23        | 6th (43 mm)        | 314 mm        | 1527 mm      |
| Quinns Road      | 18        | 21st (44mm)        | 251 mm        | 1287 mm      |
| Forest Hill Road | 15        | 2nd , 20th (38 mm) | 258 mm        | 1344 mm      |
| Auckland City    |           |                    | 180 mm        | 886 mm       |

Yes, it is that time again to renew your WRRRA Membership. It is as simple as cutting out the coupon, filling in your details, writing a cheque and posting it to the address below. Check out on the back page some of the financial benefits available to you as a member. Act now and become part of a growing number of people who enjoy the benefits.

Please accept my Membership to the  
**Waiatarua Ratepayers and Residents Association Inc.**

**2006**

I enclose: \$10.00 household, \$5.00 Single Occupant

Name .....

Address .....

Phone .....

E-mail .....

**To the Treasurer**

Waiatarua Ratepayers and Residents Association Inc.  
 911 West Coast Road, Waiatarua, Waitakere City or *leave at the library*  
 WEB Site [www.waiatarua.org.nz](http://www.waiatarua.org.nz)

## Arataki Rangers

Life is busy here in the park with summer fast approaching. We have a number of projects underway around Arataki. A new septic treatment system has been installed at the Visitor Centre to replace the old one which did not meet current recommended standards.

On the 6<sup>th</sup> of November we unveiled the new interpretation project at Kitekite Falls Track, Piha. The unveiling was a great event. Many locals came to share their stories and give people a chance to discover the fascinating history of this area. The Kitekite Track is an easy 1-hour loop walk to a beautiful waterfall. The new interp. panels add another dimension to this popular walk and are well worth checking out. Well done to Stu and the Piha team for their awesome work on this project!

A group of volunteers organised by Ricoh recently spent a day with us at Rose Hellaby House - water blasting, clearing out the gardens and preparing the beds for annuals to be planted. We have also had the outside of the house cleaned professionally and everything is looking great up there. If you haven't been in to see the wonderful collection of antiques on display, you should definitely set aside some time to do so.

Our summer programme of guided walks and activities is being prepared and will be available by the beginning of December. If you have never taken the opportunity to come on a guided walk then this is the summer for it. There will be a range of walks offering a great introduction to the park, some adventurous activities and the chance to learn more about the park from people who live and work here. For a calendar of activities, please call the Arataki Visitor Centre on 817-0077 or visit [www.arc.govt.nz](http://www.arc.govt.nz). Until next month, enjoy the spring sunshine! Ka kite, *The Arataki Rangers*

## Life-Saving Minutes

West Coast beaches' near-drowning victims will be in a better position once Waitakere Hospital's new state-of-the-art helipad is up and running in front of the facility's emergency department.

The trip from sea to A & E will take just three or four minutes by air, giving patients a huge advantage in receiving specialist treatment promptly.

The hospital's transfer system will also benefit, especially as Auckland's traffic problems increase. Flying from Waitakere Hospital to Auckland Hospital will take just six minutes.

## Wastewater - Jeannette Ziesler

Yes, unfortunately we all have it; and it has to go somewhere. WCC are at present considering options on ways of ensuring that our systems are fully functioning and not polluting the environment. A draft action plan should be out by early December, with the council requiring our feedback by February. Keep an eye on the Waiatarua website for this to be posted and any feedback will be welcomed.

## Library Report

CHRISTMAS CLOSING: The library will close at 12-00pm on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> December and re-open on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> January. So come on in and get your holiday reading. Amongst the new books this month is a great trio from three of our best NZ authors: *Blindsight* by Maurice Gee, *The Captive Wife* by Fiona Kidman and Paula Morris's latest "*Hibiscus Coast*". Also, we now have "*The Pilates Handbook*", and a fascinating read on life behind the scenes in a hotel called "*Hotel Babylon*".

Remember a list of the latest books is on the website.

## Roadwatch Report

On the way down West Coast Road early one recent Thursday evening, a concerned resident saw a white car driving up West Coast Road (between Kauriloop and Rimu Road). The passenger was hanging half out of the car, smashing letter boxes and hurtling things at road signs. The registration number was obtained and reported to the police. If anyone wants the car registration of the seen offender please contact the police direct. The culprit could have a very large bill to pay.

The repairs to Forest Hill Road appear to have been completed but **WARNING...** the 'apron' (or road shoulder) steeply away from the road quite badly and, with no safety rail there, makes this particular bend very dangerous. Please drive carefully.

Bad karma to those who scavenged the dumped black car by the bridge at the bottom of Kellys Road, gateway to Waiatarua. Two wrongs don't make a right!

Mr Mayor:

In response to your comments on the number of signs on West Coast Road...

First of all, I hope you are not responsible for the wages at Waitakere City Council because those 126 you counted are in fact 86 and that includes bus stop signs.

Now do not get me wrong - those of us who chose to live out in "the bush" in the Waitakeres do not want an invasion of signs and other 'urban signatures'. However, we do want to live in a safe environment and on that particular stretch of road there are some of the most severe bends in this area. All the 'accidents' (we call them crashes) appear to be at these bends, where drivers lose control of their vehicles, normally due to speed.

You rightly mentioned Oratia District School and no one can argue with your comments and the council's attitude to safety but those same children come in to that school via West Coast Road, Scenic Drive, Forest Hill Road and Piha Road. A lot of them catch the bus on route down West Coast Road. There are insufficient properly placed bus stops and there is a distinct lack of 'school bus route' signs.

We must remember that a good deal of WCR is without pathways, there are next-to-no lamp posts and a number of drivers who travel to and from work at the times our children are commuting to school. We must also remember that during the summer, we have thousands of visitors travelling to Piha. Most are locals and a good deal of regular surfers who understand the driving skills required for these dangerous roads. However, there are a number of 'foreign' drivers who need that extra persuasion to drive safely.

I have no complaints of the council and have found positive responses to our (Waiatarua Ratepayers & Residents Association) requests and questions involving road safety issues.

With the very best intentions, Yours Les Duffield (vol. road safety WRRRA)

## Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor

I am writing to voice my disappointment and anger about the possible closure of New World Titirangi! This supermarket is vital in attracting people to the Titirangi shopping area, and is a great supplier of a good range of groceries, veges and organics. I am a regular shopper there. The statement from Foodstuffs Ltd. on August 31st that "the small size of Titirangi New World did not fit the image of the brand's 'new generation' of larger supermarkets" is a reflection of the appalling attitude "BIG IS BETTER". Many do not support this so-called philosophy at all... Titirangi is a village with a niche market, and should stay that way.

It is for the benefit of the community that Titirangi New World should stay open, and personally, I think there are far too many big mega-food stores now - no need for more.

- Helen Falla (Waiatarua)

*Ed: Would it be correct to say this store is the only multi-checkout "supermarket" in the Waitakere Ranges?*

Dear Editor

Further to last month's WCN with Bod Harvey's comment about the large number of road signs and John Isaachen on the confusion of our correct postal addresses, we really seem to have truly lost our identities.

Living just above the bushline on WCR we don't know whether we live in Oratia or Waiatarua and there's nothing to tell visitors or even us, as residents (of 17 years), where we live... let alone our addresses!

It has been rumoured that the boundary is at the Kelly Road intersection on WCR, but it's certainly not clear for travellers when entering Oratia or Waiatarua where they are. Perhaps the boundary should be at a more noticeable natural boundary, like the bush-line where the WCR rises into the hills rather than the bridge?

We are still "village communities" in the true sense of the word, but with the two completely different identities of cultivated orchards and native bush. We have not been completely gobbled-up by the mighty Waitakere City, only annexed (together with the name of our hills!).

For many years our postal address was Oratia R.D. until we were put on the city postal system and our local post office was closed down. We seem to have an official address which is half the time in Oratia and half the time in Waiatarua but, having said that, our visitors do seem to master the pronunciation of the name Oratia more easily than Waiatarua - and certainly more easily than Nihotupu.

As a suggestion, and somewhat in defiance to Bob, could the two communities of Oratia and Waiatarua get together and provide an attractive double-sided sign to clear the confusion? And perhaps a small sign to advise of the stream they are driving over at Kelly's Bridge... but then perhaps everyone wants to keep it a secret to confuse the non-locals and to ensure we fully understand we are merely insignificant parts of Waitakere City with no local identity.

Times move on and our area becomes more densely populated as Auckland expands, but we should try to retain some small part of our historical ties to the past and our identities. - Geoff Waller

*Ed: Committee agree with you, and are currently liaising with council re 'Welcome to Waiatarua' signs. By the way, it's been confirmed by Brian Osborne from the WCC that NO suburb has official precisely-defined boundaries.*

## Post a Letter to Santa Claus

Howdy kids! Have you been good this year? I guess you've got some gift ideas in mind. If you would like to post a letter to Santa, here's what to do: make sure you have done all your chores for Mum and Dad, then ask them nicely to take you up to the mailbox at Waiatarua's Community Hall, 911 West Coast Road. Simply deliver your letter through the slot. Don't forget to add your name and age, and remember to keep behaving well.

If there is space in the January 2006 edition of the Waiatarua Community News, we will ask Father Christmas to send us a selection of his favourites for publication.

From the font page-

The options for discussion are:

**1. Modify the current wards - population basis**

Keep the four wards and keep the number of councillors the same, but change the boundaries so that the population of the rural ward is higher - Involves modifying the current wards on a strictly population basis (Ranui moves from Massey to Waitakere Ward)

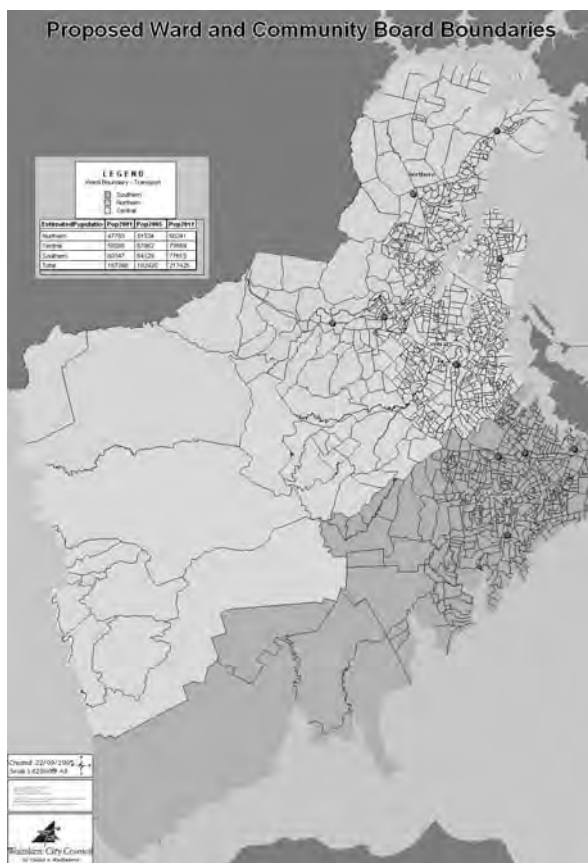
**2. Modify the current wards - land use and population basis**

Keep the four wards and the same number of councillors, but change the boundaries so that the population of the rural ward is higher - Involves modifying the current wards on a basis of population and a land use 'community of interest'

**3. Change to three wards - population, integrated land use, transport and landscapes basis**

Change to three wards - Establishes northern, central and southern wards. Creates wards with boundaries based on integrated land use, transport and landscape 'communities of interest'.

During the last round of Community Board Meetings two Community Boards, Massey and New Lynn, voted in favour of the three ward option (Option 3 above). The Henderson Community Board voted in favour of the Land use Option. (Option 2 above). Several of The WRRRA Committee Members attended the Waitakere Community Board meeting on 2<sup>nd</sup> November. During our last WRRRA Meeting the committee fully endorsed the Waitakere Community Board decision. Following are the two motions carried by the Waitakere Community Board



## Whittington's Way



Matthew and Molly Whittington purchased their rambling Forest Hill property in 1990, amidst much scepticism over the possibility of restoring the old Chisholm 'Party House' to anything resembling its former glory.

The land had not been farmed for thirty years and kikuyu grass ran rampant. The homestead itself was rather neglected, unlike the days when Joan Chisholm entertained the district upon her white shagpile carpet. Such was her pride and joy over this plush floor covering that a shower was installed at the back door, where menfolk were asked to wash before entering. Joan, a Remuera socialite, was wife to John Chisholm junior who inherited the estate from his father. John senior built the house in the early 1900's on his 380-acre sheep station.

The farm has been subdivided many times over the years, and the house now stands on three acres. A little black building near the front entrance pre-dates the house. It still stands on the original totara piles, and was the shearers' quarters for the early farm hands.

Over the past decade-and-a-half Molly and Matthew have definitely proven the sceptics wrong. From the minute one enters the gate, the richness of this place is breathtaking. Large cobbled areas lead to manicured lawns displaying grand old shady trees. Terraces adorned with Molly's artful mosaics add to the dramatic representation. A unique-but-practical tiled outdoor sink makes for an interesting visual display near the elevated wooden hot-tub, which is only accessible to adults via tall pottery stepping poles.

The home itself has been renovated from top to toe and wrapped around with verandahs so authentic they surely must have always been there. Views sweep through native bush and on to the Harbour, Rangitoto and Coromandel Peninsula. Four lucky children share this paradise with their dedicated parents. Indoors... the solid wooden kitchen, featuring large freestanding chopping block, oozes activity - baking, collage, floristry and bug-collecting. The long adjoining dining room accommodates an absolutely massive kauri table, fifteen feet in length when fully extended.

Native plants and interesting sub-tropicals make for a pleasant walk around the property. Further pathways are under development, one in particular incorporating a large circular feature atop a bridge. The more mature native bush surrounding the Whittington's land belongs to QEII Trust. It boasts a quite tremendous Kauri tree, which dwarfs Molly in comparison and reminds them both of their custodial duty to protect and maintain this very special spot. The Chisholms would be proud.



### REPRESENTATION REVIEW - DRAFT INITIAL PROPOSAL ON BASIS OF ELECTION

2150/2005

MOVED by Cr Hulse, seconded KJP Witten-Hannah:

That the Waitakere Community Board strongly endorses the inclusion of an enhanced status quo option which retains the current configuration of the Waitakere Ward but has minor boundary adjustments to ensure compliance with the +/- 10% rule and that this option be included in the options that are taken out for preliminary public consultation prior to Council making its initial decision on the option to take out for formal consultation.

CARRIED

2151/2005

MOVED by CA Shepherd, seconded SF Davies:

That once the Council has made its decision relating to the basis for the 2007 Election the decision be referred back to the Waitakere Community Board to enable the Board to make a submission.

CARRIED

The timetable for the review has been established and is as follows:

#### November 2005 / 28 February 2006

Informal community information programme on three options for draft proposal

**15 March 2005** - Council Resolution to adapt Initial Proposal

**24 March 2006** - Public Notification of Council Resolution to adopt Initial Proposal

**24 April 2006** - Submissions Close

**5 - 19 May 2006** - Hearing of Submissions

**19 May 2006** - Council Resolution to adopt Final Proposal

**2 June 2006** - Public Notification of Council Resolution to adopt Final Proposal

**3 July 2006** - Appeals and Objections close

**July 2006** - Final Proposal forwarded to Local Government Commission with Appeals and Objections

**11 April 2007** - Last date for issue of Determination by Local Government Commission

The WRRRA via the Waiatarua Community News will keep you informed of progress. If you would like to read more on this subject you will find plenty of information on the Waitakere City Website. ([www.waitakere.govt.nz](http://www.waitakere.govt.nz))

As mentioned before the WRRRA fully support the Waitakere Community Board in their effort to keep the status quo with some enhancements, however if you feel you would like some input, please phone Dave Pocock 814 9697 and book your timeslot in the public forum at one of our WRRRA Meetings held every second Wednesday of each month.

Merry Christmas, *Korstiaan*

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The Scenic Drive premises previously known as the 'Nikau Club' will have new management, a new chef and revised presentation to go with a name change to **The Elevation Café Restaurant**. Any suggestions for the future format and menus are welcomed. A new website at [www.elevationcafe.co.nz](http://www.elevationcafe.co.nz) will be open soon to present revised menu, new opening hours and event news.

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|---------------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| Denis Graham<br>Atarua Gardens              | 814-9706                           |
| Ross & Kath Mullins<br>330 Forest Hill Road | 814-9402+Fax                       |
| Jenny McGee<br>886 West Coast Road          | 814-9954<br>jenny.mcgee@xtra.co.nz |
| Margaret/Paddy Marshall<br>19 Raroa Terrace | 814-9859                           |
| Sandy McConnell<br>550 Scenic Drive         | 814 9962                           |

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