

URBAN EYESORE ASSULTS STREET AESTHETIC



Rautangi Street residents are presently dealing with an eyesore of culcutian proportions. What appears to have been the walls of a shanty dwelling have found their way onto the western end of our precious street. This lewd assemblage is devaluing property and attracting rodents. Rautangi resident's can only hope that it will be disposed of in the approved manner.

RAUTANGI ROAD DEATH TRAP

Watch out! Shoddy street maintenance could lead to pedestrian injury. Outside the stucco apartment block located at the mouth of Rautangi Road lies a treacherous death trap. A lethal combination of sharp edges and tetanus inducing rusted iron could lead to gangrene or even lockjaw. Street residents are strongly advised to consult their local physician in the event of encountering this rectangle of terror. Rautangi Reader stongly recommends the wearing of regulation shin guards at all times.



RAUTANGI READER ACCUSED!

The Rautangi Reader has been accused of having poor design and layout, by its editor. In an exclusive telephone interview the editor-in-chief said, "It just looks crappy. The print quality is poor, and as anyone in the business will tell you, the layout appalling." It is not known whether the next issue will show any improvement.

NEW FENCE AT NUMBER FOUR

Keep out! Keep Out! That's right readers, number four Rautangi Road has a new fence. Standing at least one metre tall, it obscures the view of the front lawn and undoubtedly dozens of dollars have been added to the property's value. Well done!

Rautangi Sunset Time: 6:14pm

NO EXIT BANNER NOTHING BUT A SLUR



As any Rautangi resident that's not permanently housebound will tell you, the scandalous use of the term 'No Exit' on our street sign is nothing but a scandalous slur. The eastern end of the street offers up several exciting exiting opportunities - the walkway up Mt Eden clearly being the most obvious. Scaling the stonewall with the proper climbing harness or trespass being two supplementary, if a little perilous options. Nevertheless, these are all options for exit. The Rautangi Reader urges all residents to contact the local council to accelerate the removal of this sign, as it is clearly untruthful and illusory.

BLOSSOM OF THE WEEK A Haiku



Gold and Glorious
Bellshaped nectar pods rejoice
Kowhai now in bloom

RAUTANGI READER

EDITION 2 VOLUME 1

JUBILANT EDITION

MIRE AND FILTH



The pictured 'hobo kit' was found by a Rautangi Reader staff journalist. This unsightly bag contained various kitchen implements and useful tools for the unsmiling vagrant. The Rautangi Reader, being more than an impartial observer took the initiative to rid Rautangi residents of this blemish. The 'hobo kit' has been removed from our precious cul-de-sac and repositioned on Mt Eden Road.

ALL HAIL GOD OF WEATHER!

That's right readers, an unseasonable cold snap has brought hail to Rautangi Road! On several occasions in the past week hail has been seen both falling and melting on Rautangi Road. It has not been established if the hail fell beyond the mouth of Rautangi Road.

DIAMONDS LIGHT UP RAUTANGI ASPHALT



Exquisite diamonds of an unknown origin have been sited on Rautangi Road. It is unknown whether the radiant rhombuses are lost booty from a diamond heist or were simply mislaid by the slap-dash owner. The sparkling swag seems to have been overlooked by many a pedestrian. The Rautangi Reader has taken it upon itself to cautiously and delicately remove one of the hundreds of diamonds for professional appraisal.

Rautangi Sunset Time: 6:09pm

MAKING A MOLEHILL OUT OF A MOUNTAIN

In a recent readers poll it was discovered that well over 70% of Rautangi Residents agreed that Rautangi Road would benefit from having the colossal Mt Eden budged a matter of metres in a easterly direction. The Readers poll established that the transferal would make for both a sunnier street and disposition.

Readers Poll Results

1. Are you happy with the current position of Mt. Eden?

YES: 18%

NO: 74%

UNSURE: 8%

2. If no, how far would you have the mountain moved and in which direction?

CENTIMETRES: 2%

METRES: 81%

MILES: 16%

WEST: 9%

EAST: 91%

BLOSSOM OF THE WEEK A Haiku

Lovely lavender
Springing upward under sun
It's a colour too



RAUTANGI READER

EDITION 3 VOLUME 1

BETTER LATE THAN NEVER EDITION

KICKING AGAINST THE THICKETS

Unruly thickets are overrunning Rautangi Road, blocking the view of our splendid retaining wall at the far end of the street. Given the season change the various budding wild plants are growing profusely. They are in desperate need taming and calming. The Rautangi Reader urges proud homeowners and renters alike, to get out there and do your bit to keep our princely cul-de-sac majestic.

Rautangi Sunset Time: 8:15pm

BLOSSOM OF THE WEEK

A Haiku

Soggy blossom
When it rains you fall
Evolve better waterproofing?

FENCE GETS A ONCE OVER

Yes readers, the new fence at number four has finally being treated to a lick of paint. After the wonderful fence construction work having been completed some weeks ago, the glorious edifice has being protected and prettied by a first-rate neutral tone. Well done!

DEPRAVED ADDICT SPOILS VERGE



Nicotine. It's a putrid and rotten drug. A filthy, smutty, lewd, stinking dirty habit and its thriving on our superior street. So high on toxic alkaloid, sullied smokers care not for keeping Rautangi Road pristine. This photo illustrates the plight of Rautangi's non-smokers: a discarded carton of cigarettes lies on one of Rautangi Road's many southern verges.

FANTASTIC STRATIGRAPHIC!



Deep deep deep below, in the subterranean belly of Rautangi Road they dig. In what is expected to be a six month dig, the Mt Eden Archaeological Guild (M.E.A.G.) are currently excavating what is believed to be the former site of the Mt Eden Archaeological Society (M.E.A.S.) headquarters. It is alleged that M.E.A.G. believes M.E.A.S. may have left valuable objects when they abandoned the building. M.E.A.G. are remaining tight-lipped about their discoveries thus far, however, the Rautangi Reader has ascertained that M.E.A.G. have found nothing but a rusty spanner and a fossilized chisel.

RAUTANGI READER

EDITION 4 VOLUME 1

CHRISTMAS EDITION

ALUMINUM PANDEMONIUM



It may make for great foil and hulls but aluminum has no place, nor warrantable business as a replacement for the superior wooden window frame. The Rautangi Reader is happy to report that in a recent meticulous and judicious survey of our regal roads home's, no aluminum window frames were unearthed. The Rautangi Reader demands its readers and residents to resist the temptation to cheapen our streets appearance and ruin our homes with ghastly, nasty, insipid aluminum window framing. Above is a photo of a home in Arch Hill, (an inferior neighborhood on the edge of our city), spoiled beyond repair by aluminum framing. Let this image be a warning to all homeowners.

BEAUTIFICATION NEAR COMPLETION

That's right readers, the adornment of number four Rautangi Road looks close to completion. Over several months the proud homeowners have sharpened their home's façade with the addition of a smart wooden fence, tidy paint job of the aforementioned boundary marker and now a tidy garden, pebbles and some youthful plants have spruced it to new intensity. Well done!

Rautangi Sunset Time: 8:23pm

RAUTANGI READER QUESTIONED

Rautangi Reader wishes to assert that it is indeed a newspaper. In the face of brutal allegations that the use of this term is inaccurate, Rautangi Reader wishes to remind those doubters that Rautangi Reader distributes both news, and is written on paper. End of discord.

STOLEN CAMERA BRINGS HALT

The theft of Rautangi Reader's staff photographers digital camera has resulted in not only the loss of several images that were to be used in significant, exclusive and moving stories, but has also halted its production. The Rautangi Reader has taken drastic action – employing an illustrator to recapture the stolen moments, and borrowed a digital camera in order to bring you this pre-Christmas news.



Above: Illustration of illustrator illustrating

A little pussycat was lost. Yet thanks to one kind Rautangi Reader reader and resident, the little cat had milk and food during its interim of loss. Due to the aforesaid stolen camera, the photo of the 'lost cat' poster pinned to one of Rautangi Road's curbside trees was lost. On the right is an illustration of the missing photograph of the missing cat. It is not known what befell the forlorn pussycat.

LOST CAT



BLOSSOM OF THE WEEK
A Haiku

THE NEW SPRING BLOSSOMS
ALL WEATHER THE WORLD AWAY
HERE IS JUST BROWN LEAVES

NEWSPAPER ENTERS 21st CENTURY

The Rautangi Reader now has an email address. Your correspondence might be appreciated: rautangireader@hotmail.com

RAUTANGI READER

EDITION 5 VOLUME 1

INTERESTING EDITION

CH-CH-CH-CHANGES



Wow! Changes galore on Rautangi Road over the first five months of 2004!. Below is an organized list of those changes put together by Rautangi Reader's crack team of pollsters:

1. House Painting (internal and external)
2. House Sales
3. House Purchases
4. House Building
5. House Renovations
6. Tree felling
7. Divorces

NUMBER FOUR FINDS NEW OWNER

That's right readers! No. four has brand new owners! After several months of hard slog by the entire family previously residing in the stately villa to bring number four up to Rautangi Road's exalted standards a satisfactory sale price was secured. Well done!

Rautangi Sunset Time: 5:43pm

TWO HAIKUS FOR YOU!

Rautangi Reader's haiku-ru has thankfully provided us with two haiku's for the 'Interesting Issue' of the Rautangi Reader.

#1

Parore
The Golden Rule
If you don't understand it
Don't buy it

#2

the case is hard
rigid and logical
like its crystalline structure

RAUTANGI TOLLBOOTH PROPOSED



fig1: Proposed Tollbooth

It is well known that Rautangi Road is a popular thoroughfare to Mt Eden proper. This may be of some benefit to residence of our serene street, but unfortunately opens up our asphalted paradise to any riffraff that may happen upon our mountain gateway. This will not be tolerated by this resident slash editor. I urge you all to get behind the Rautangi Reader's submission (deadline July 31) to the council to have a tollbooth installed at the western aperture of our beautiful boulevard. This will also aid in preventing drivers who fancy using our street to volte-face.

SMALL AWKWARD CORNER

Rautangi Reader has been left with a small awkward corner in the bottom left nook of this very issue.

NEWSPAPER IN DEPTHS OF 21st CENTURY

The Rautangi Reader wishes to remind readers that it has its very own email address (rautangireader@hotmail.com). The Rautangi Reader has been inundated with the most astonishing mail.