

# Waiatarua Community News

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## Changes at WRRRA

Many thanks to the six people (apart from committee members and guests) who attended the AGM. It is a bit of a worry when the cast outnumbers the audience, but we all enjoyed listening to Ian Ford and Lindsay Whittle tell us about the Fire Brigade—some history, current events and funny stories all made for a very pleasant 30 minutes.

The business part of the evening went fairly quickly, as you can imagine. As a result of the elections your WRRRA Committee now consists of:

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|---------------------------|--|
| <b>President:</b>         | Tony Bacon   |
| <b>Vice President:</b>    | Catherine Wells  |
| <b>Secretary:</b>         | Christine Healy  |
| <b>Treasurer:</b>         | Eileen Powell  |
| <b>Newsletter Editor:</b> | Jo Hall  |
| <b>Committee Members:</b> | Geoff Wood (Immediate Past President)<br>Maxine Arden<br>Denis Graham<br>Justin Walker |

As the new President, my first job is to thank Geoff Wood for the work he has put in over the last couple of years. It is not easy running a committee with barely enough members to form a quorum, and Geoff has done sterling work in keeping everything going. He can now relax (slightly!) into the role of immediate past president, where I am sure his wise counsel will keep us all on the straight and narrow.

I welcome new committee members Maxine Arden and Denis Graham.

Denis at least has some idea what he is letting himself in for, having been on the committee in the past, and I am sure that Maxine is going to be a valuable member also.

However, we could still do with a couple more committee members. It is not an arduous job—principally a monthly meeting, with occasional other functions. If you have ever enjoyed a Market Day or Social at the Hall, been to one of the election meetings, or even enjoy reading this newsletter, reflect that you wouldn't be doing that if it was not for your WRRRA committee, and maybe consider what you could do to help. Phone me on 814 9860 if you would like to be part of this.

So what of the coming year? As always, there are plenty of things to keep us occupied. Rates, Rubbish and Roads of course always feature, but we also have plans to upgrade both the outside and inside of the Hall, run some more social occasions, keep an eye on what the Trusts are doing now they have retained their monopoly, liaise with other Ratepayers Groups in the Waitakere Ward and generally try to look after the interests of the residents of Waiatarua.

If you have issues that you think the WRRRA should be considering, we are here to be your ears, eyes and mouth. Call any committee member if you have an issue of concern. Last month I put out a plea for people to various jobs for the WRRRA. I'd like to thank Mark Goody who has volunteered to do sign writing for us. Thanks Mark, for two reasons—first for volunteering, and second for proving that people do actually read the newsletter! Tony Bacon

## This Month at WRRRA

The Waiatarua Residents and Ratepayers Association meets every third Tuesday of the month at the Waiatarua Hall at 7.30pm. All are welcome to attend these meetings.

Discussions that were had at this month's meeting included the following:

### **The Annual Plan 2003-2004 :**

Submissions are due in April/May 2003.

The main thrust of the WRRRA's submissions last year was to get financial assistance in altering and renovating the hall. To progress this we need further funding. An issue to be re addressed in this year's submissions.

Other issues discussed were Road safety in Waiatarua and the proposal for Waitakere City Council to move it's offices in to Henderson.

Have you a burning issue that needs further discussion and perhaps submission to the Annual Plan? If so, call Tony Bacon on 814-9860. Have your say.

Tony is leading a subcommittee to research these, and other issues, more fully prior to the

WRRRA forming submissions for the Annual Plan.

### **The Waiatarua R & R Web page :**

The content of this and it's usefulness to the community was discussed and plans are afoot to make this bigger and better. Have you visited it lately [www.waiatarua.org.nz](http://www.waiatarua.org.nz). Do so and send in your opinion.

A member of the WRRRA will be attending a public meeting this week where Sandra Coney will be talking about ARC levies being billed and directly to ratepayers.

A report on this will be given at our next WRRRA committee meeting in April.

**Waiatarua Events:** On a lighter note, suggestions to get all in the community out and about throughout 2003 were to repeat The Annual Community breakfast this year, A Car Boot Sale, A Waiatarua History Tour, A Winter Social Event and a Harvest Festival -the highest sponge, the best home brew, the largest home grown carrot . . . ideas were coming fast and furious. Watch this space!

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## Waiatarua Fire Brigade

The Brigade now has its new automatic defibrillator, used to check and restart a stopped heart. We received a full training session with it in early March, and have advised the Fire and Ambulance controlrooms that we are able to respond to this type of incident. They're not cheap – nearly \$9000 – and we are indebted to the Waitakere Licensing Trust for the grant to buy it. We are one of hundreds of community groups who are grateful to all of you who recognised the value of The Trusts and supported them in the recent poll.

We welcome Maxine Arden and Cathie Wells to our ranks, and would encourage anyone else who has been mulling it over to come and check us out. We still need people to join us for either firefighting or operational support. The support role can cover medical response, administration or other non-firefighting tasks such as setting up lighting, traffic control and scene protection.

### Change your clock, check your battery

A strategy of properly installed, working smoke alarms together with an escape plan for your home remains the most cost-effective way to protect you and your family from fire. Be sure to check your smoke alarm batteries when you change your clock back from daylight saving time this month.

### Recent Calls

#### FEBRUARY

Sat 8th, 12:35 p.m. – Car crash, Piha Road. The driver had just a few scratches, but his Isuzu Bighorn was probably a write-off after it overturned on a corner.

Sat 22nd, 9:35 p.m. – Rubbish fire, North Way

Wed 26th, 9:34 p.m. – Car crash, Piha Road. This driver wasn't quite so lucky after her car hit a pole. She was extricated by the crew on Henderson's Rescue Tender and taken to hospital with a suspected broken femur. The Brigade has been to a number of crashes on this one short length of road – the Piha side of "Darkies Hill", about midway between Anawhata Road and Lone Kauri Road. We are following up this accident "black spot" with the Community Board and Council.

#### MARCH

Sat 1st, 8:44 p.m. – Car fire, Piha Rd. A Mazda coupe was extensively damaged. It had apparently hit the very same pole as Wednesday's crash some hours earlier.

Tue 4th, 11:54 p.m. – False alarm, Bendalls Lane

Mon 9th, 6:35 a.m. – False alarm, Kauri Loop Road

### Contacts

Phone 111 for any fire or emergency. For other enquiries please contact Ian Ford on 8148871

## Traffic Safety

Traffic safety is an ongoing concern for the WRRRA and the Waiatarua Volunteer Fire Brigade.

In order for us to effectively lobby for improvements we require statistics relating to accidents and near miss incidents in our area. Could anyone who witnesses or is involved in an incident or near miss please advise us either by completing the on-line form on [www.waiatarua.org.nz](http://www.waiatarua.org.nz) or if you don't have access to the internet contact Christine Healy on 814 9505.

## Waiatarua Community Library

### The New Books have arrived...

Paulina Simons – *'Bridge to Holy Cross'*,  
the sequel to *The Bronze Horseman*.

Kate Atkinson – *'Not the End of the World'*, excellent short stories.

John Grisham – *'The King of Torts'*.

Tony Parsons – *'Man & Wife'*, the sequel to *'Man & Boy'*

Norma Khouri – *'Forbidden Love'*

This had a big write up in the Herald. Life in Jordan.

Alison Pearson – *'I don't know how she does it.'*,

A very good read about working mothers.

Don't buy any Agatha Christie books, we have them all up here . . .  
Come and Look. *Library hours are on the facing page.*

## Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,

*I am sick and tired of cleaning up the area on the roadside around my letter box every Wednesday after the rubbish has been collected. Dogs continue to strew the contents of the sacks prior to collection time. Would the owners of the dogs please keep them within their own property.*

From an Angry lower West Coast Road resident

Dear Editor,

*I would like to inform you, and other residents in the area, of the petty stealing (but nevertheless upsetting), of plants from the side of West Coast Road, namely from number 783–785. On Thursday March 6, at around 8:30 pm I noticed a woman with a beret and a torch standing by the entrance of my driveway. I thought it was a bit odd, but didn't worry. It's a free road!, Of course the morning after my Naked Ladies had disappeared, flowers and bulbs! Previously some natives which we have planted to beautify the area had also disappeared, and as we are always trying to clean the area from weeds and to plant new things, we are worried that our labour (and money) is going to waste! This planting is for the benefit of all who drive and walk in West Coast Rd. Is just a little area, but it could still look pretty, and free of invasive plants. So why steal? A **brickbat** to the flower thief!*

Alessandra Zecchini

Dear Editor,

### ANTI-SOCIAL DOGS

*We welcome a number of new residents to Bendall's Lane. However, we are concerned that some of the dogs that have arrived are less than sociable. It is alarming that large dogs rush onto the street to attack dogs that are being walked by their owners. In the light of recent dog attacks on other dogs, we recommend that the owners invest in muzzles or contain their dogs on the property. Those of us who have enjoyed these hills for years would like to continue to do so. We assume that people move into the area to enjoy the same environment. Let's work to keep the area dog friendly.*

Concerned Dog Lover

## The Arataki Rangers Roundup

Well, it's been an extremely busy month for the Arataki Rangers, school's back and there has been plenty to deal with!

It's been all go in the Nursery with heaps of bagging up of plants being done. Thanks to our great volunteers Jeannette and Tamara for their help in that. There has been a good response from the local community for help in the Nursery, it's much appreciated.

We have repaired an old plant shade house in the Nursery, this will give us more space for production and specimen plants. On the Nature trail the tired old shelter has been given a revamp and is looking good.

The lookout, that is 2 minutes walk from Arataki Visitors Centre, has been upgraded. We have more new interpretation about the view on the way. Get up there and take in the view, it's worth it.

The Pest Control operation around Arataki has been booming, both with catches of the nasty old stoats and with growing volunteer numbers. A line of traps is going out on the Rangemore track early March and some keen volunteers have already put their hands up for helping with that.

We would like to welcome a new Principal Ranger to our midst, Bruce Andrell.

Dave Hayes has departed to the colder clime of the South Island after a long time behind the helm at Arataki. Bruce is sure to be a more than suitable replacement.

If you are interested in volunteering, or have any other queries, please feel welcome to call us on 817-0099.

Ka Kite

Arataki Rangers

## Welcome to Waiatarua

Welcome to Wayne and Krissie Maguire, new to the Scenic Drive area. Welcome also to Maxine, Norma and family, new to West Coast Road.

Rimu Road welcomes Craig and Bella, and their soon to be family, to Waiatarua.

# GARDEN GROUP

Our April visit is to the 2 acre Totara Waters Subtropical garden in Whenuapai. The garden is situated on the upper Waitemata Harbour with extensive planting of rare and unusual plants with many species of Palms, Cycads, Yuccas and Bromeliads. Garden Art and unusual pots are also featured.

The address is 89 Totara Rd, (off Brigham Creek Rd) Whenuapai and we will meet there on Wednesday 2 April at 1 pm. Entry fee of \$5 including tea.

Please ring Eileen on 8149 298 for any further information or for car-pooling

## War on Weeds Campaign:

15 March – 15 April

Public Bins for the free disposal of plant pests such as *Ginger, Blue Morning Glory, Japanese Honeysuckle, Climbing Asparagus, Moth Plant, Jasmine, Plectranthus, Smilax and Wandering Jew*, are now sited at Parkinson's Lookout and Kauri Loop Road in Waiatarua, and outside the Oratia Bowling Club in Oratia. These will be available until 15 April so make good use of them to rid your section and local environment of these weeds.

Weed ID days will be held during this time where you can bring along a specimen of your weed to find out what it is, if you need to remove it and how. Weed experts will be at 4 Olympic Place, New Lynn from 7.30am – 2pm every Friday during the War on Weeds campaign.

For enquiries with regard to bins or disposal contact 826-4276.

## Waiatarua Playcentre

There has been much happening at Playcentre this past month. A great day was had by all when we designated a day to 'Wheels'. The children brought with them to Playcentre their bikes, trikes and scooters and transformed the lower carpark in to a frenzy of activity and fun. We have also been on trips to the local 'Old MacDonald's Farm' and enjoyed a walk through local bush to a stream, cooking up sausages and sailing originally designed miniature rafts down stream.

Our family camp to Shakespeare Regional Park was a hit with all. A great weekend away.

We wish our newly turned 5 year olds, Emily, Grayson and Callaway, Happy School Days as they start at Oratia school this month.

Waiatarua Playcentre is located just down the drive from the Community Hall at 911 West Coast Road. Why not pop in for a visit and see what we have to offer your family. Session times are Monday, Wednesday and Friday 9.15am – 12 noon. You can also check us out on the ERO website.

Any queries please phone the center during session on 814-8835 or phone Jenny on 814-9954.



## Waiatarua Rainfall

|                  | RAIN<br>DAYS | WETTEST DAY  | FEB<br>TOTAL | YEAR<br>TO DATE |
|------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|-----------------|
| Mountain Road    | 10           | 19th (21 mm) | 64 mm        | 235 mm          |
| Brabant Road     | 12           | 27th (21 mm) | 83 mm        | 291 mm          |
| Quinns Road      | 9            | 20th (21 mm) | 73 mm        | 265 mm          |
| Forest Hill Road | 7            | 9th (18 mm)  | 70 mm        | 280 mm          |
| Auckland City    |              | 19th (22 mm) | 53 mm        | 62 mm           |

## Brickbats and Bouquets

Sadly there were no nominations for the *bouquet* this month.

A **brickbat** is awarded to the **owner of the dog** that rushed on to the street, in Bendall's Lane, to confront another dog being walked by its owner. When asked to call his dog off, or to grab it, the owner replied that he couldn't do that because it might bite him. Surely this is a case where the dog should be very securely maintained in his own yard.

## ☆ Coming Up in Waiatarua ☆

**The Waiatarua Community Breakfast**

**Sunday 25th May**

**– Keep this date free –**

## A Little Bit of Waiatarua History

*By John Isaachsen – (Part II of II)*

**'What Roads were like in Waiatarua'**

We walked to Carter or Parker Roads for the bus, or caught buses from Piha, or the service car from Karekare guest house, which ran most days – once only, each way.

Bicycle tyres had a hard time.

Everyone tried to avoid loose large stones which were, in 1944, collected and made smaller by a small crusher parked in the middle of the road, with little warning. Traffic was much slower then.

In about 1956 I once went over the handle bars into the fern below Otimai about 1936.

One car- rather like a Model T or Chevrolet with fabric foldable top, rolled over at least once, to rest back on its wheels among the fern on the left, about 50 meters below Bush Road.

Road design, angles and grades were not exact as now. Sealing was in 1939 to 40 between Parris Corner and Carter Road, first, then in 1951 through lower Waiatarua. Shallower base course, more primitive machines, less precise supervision and poorer bitumen, certain naturally damp spots in the road, allowed a break up of the surface, within a few years in places. Without strong machine diggers, using picks and shovels, maybe a light roller, we eventually had some 'patches on the patches on the patches' which were far too bumpy by present standards.

Now much of West Coast Road has deeper metal, with much stabilizing lime in a deep layer, but earlier tar melted more and excess tar caused slippery areas for the wet or hot tar splattered other vehicles; chips often hit cars or walkers. Safety signs were few. Windscreens suffered.

I do hope that local users of roads and the present highly qualified and comparatively excellently equipped road-makers and maintainers can, just occasionally, rest with some amusement and gratitude, to marvel at progress that has been already.

Some low slung modern cars wouldn't cope very well with old-time roads.

*Thank you John for this small piece of Waiatarua History and Happy 70th birthday for January past. 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

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## 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

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**DRAMA CLASSES:** for juniors, youth and adults – at the Theatre, Lopdell House, Titirangi and at Rimu Glade Studio, 4 Rimu Road, Waiatarua. Year courses, short courses and weekend workshops. Contact tutor John Goudge for information Ph 814-9744.

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SUNDAY TO THURSDAY EVENINGS, \$65, hourly rate \$7 per hour, (max 3 hrs)

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HALL PHONE 814-9353

Phone the Custodian Pauline Isaachsen on 814-9847

## APRIL NEWSLETTER

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