

Waiatarua Community News

October-November 2006

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2006 Community Breakfast

Sunday the 19th of November (9.00am onwards)

This is a great opportunity to join friends and neighbours for a café-style Sunday breakfast at the Waiatarua Community Hall, 911 West Coast Road.

Perhaps you have out-of-towners staying. What better way could there be of showing off our beautiful bush surroundings and friendly community?

Enjoy the traditional family atmosphere with a delicious cooked breakfast plus pastries, muffins and fruit all prepared by the WRRRA Committee and volunteers.

\$15-00 adults, \$8.00 children under 12
Otherwise, for WRRRA members: \$10.00 adults, \$5.00 children

Pre-book please with our Treasurer Jan Haine on 837 2318 or jan_haine@xtra.co.nz

Waiatarua Quiz Night

Back by popular demand!

11th November 2006 at 7-30pm

in the Waiatarua Community Hall, 911 West Coast Road.

Based on that favourite Pub Quiz format, and kindly facilitated by Cathie Wells & Ian Ford - *this time with a microphone.*

Create a team of 6 to 8 people, or just drop in and become part of a friendly table team. Use your imagination to create a catchy name for your dynamic crew. Fantastic prizes to be won once again. Don't miss out!

Come along and challenge the "Book-Book" library volunteers' team for the current Title.

Cover charge just \$5-00 per person.

Please BYO drinks and also BYO nibbles - this enables us to keep costs well down so that everyone can enjoy a very affordable night out.

For more info. Please call Robin or Korstiaan on 814 1850



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WAIATARUA RATEPAYERS & RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

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911 West Coast Road

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Library hours:

Thursday	10.00am - 12.00pm
Friday	7.00pm - 8.00pm
Saturday	11.00am - 12.00pm
Sunday	11.00am - 12.00pm

WEB Site:

www.waiatarua.org.nz

Keep Us Alive

EDITOR: one who prepares the work of others for publication, broadcasting etc.; one who conducts a newspaper or periodical.

Hopefully, the word is out that we are seeking a new editor for the Waiatarua Community News, to begin after the February 2007 AGM. Some might think this would be a formidable task. But wait! It does not necessarily need to be a job for just one person. There could be a small team working together e.g advertising, layout, editor, journalism, proof-reading etc.

As the Concise Oxford Dictionary states (above), an editor is merely a conductor - the leader of a synchronised orchestra, if you like.

We already have one keen expression of interest... so if others out there are prepared to play a small part in keeping this popular publication alive, please call Robin on Ph: 814 1850

Secretary Required Please

The WRRRA is seeking a new 'Secretary' for monthly meetings (2nd Wednesday each month at 7.30pm). Sadly, Michelle has had to step down. If you'd like to fill these shoes, please contact President Dave Pocock on 814 9697

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Advertising and Community Notices

Commercial advertisements are welcome and can be arranged by contacting Korstiaan Prins via Email korprins@xtra.co.nz or phone 814 1850. Community Notices are free to financial members 2006, January to December.

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Saturday	10.00-11.30 General Oratia School Hall	

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