

Waiatarua Community News

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Our environment matters

Tradescantia fluminensis is more commonly known as: wandering Jew, wandering willie or just *Tradescantia*. It found its way to NZ from Brazil.

Tradescantia is a ground cover with succulent, soft, creeping stems that root at all nodes touching the ground. It has Dark green, shiny leaves and small white flowers but does not set seed in NZ. Unfortunately it can establish rapidly from fragments. It is very tolerant of dense shade. The stem fragments are easily spread so it is often found in gardens, waste places, and stream edges. It smothers ground in light to deep shade, preventing the seedlings of native species from establishing.

Eradication Methods:

Hand clearing: Rake and roll up. Best done in summer. Either dispose of at a refuse transfer station or the local weed bin. Take care not to drop or scatter fragments of this weed or you will have a nightmare on your hands.

One alternative is to place the *Tradescantia* into a WeedFree composting sack, a huge bag made of weed matting that is designed to be left on site. These sacks are best placed in the shade and can accommodate a large amount of *Tradescantia* which will rot down in time. Call WeedFree on 09 8264276 for more information about the bags. Follow up with spraying the cleared area.

Weedwipe (250ml triclopyr/L). Follow up within 2-3 months before plant recovers 2-3 treatments are needed for total control. Spray larger areas (60ml triclopyr + 10ml penetrant/10L or 300ml glyphosate + 30ml penetrant/10L near waterways). This should give 90+% kill. Follow up as above.

All remaining stem fragments will resprout. Do not replant until the site is clear.



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AUDITIONS

STEEL MAGNOLIAS

by Robert Harling

Definition of a Steel Magnolia:
A lady who is sweet and gentle yet strong and resilient

When: Sunday March 11th 2012

Time : 2.00pm

Where: Waiatarua Community Hall,
911 West Coast Road, Waiatarua

Season: May 16th - May 26th 2012

Rehearsals will be : Tuesday & Thursdays evenings
and Sunday Afternoon.

**For more information ring the director Kathy Lowe on :
09 814-9744 or email her at kathy.lowe17@gmail.com**



From the Editor Robyn O'Sullivan

Hello everyone and welcome back to another year in the rain forest and to date, we've had more than our fair share of rain! I hope by the time this newsletter comes out, the weather will have perked up somewhat and we can venture outside.

There is no fire report this month nor a garden report but I can surmise the gardens are lush due to the inclement weather which no doubt, has also contributed to a fair few accidents! Hopefully, next issue we'll have more details...

Now I know some of you have opinions on life, indeed - some quite strong opinions!

Don't be shy; if there is something you would like the rest of us to know then please drop me a line and whenever there is available space, you can have your say.

Have a good month!

Book Group

Several locals were wondering if there are people in our area who are interested in a book group. We do not envisage something where we all have to read and discuss the same book, but more something fairly casual where people who enjoy reading will get together and share with others. We are interested in anything -new novels, non-fiction and you favourite reads from the past. Even e-books.

Just let me know if this may be something you would like to be part of.

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To: Treasurer, WRRRA, 911 West Coast Road, Waiatarua, Waitakere City, or leave at the library

MARCH NEWSLETTER

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by FRIDAY 17th FEB 2012 - 5PM

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From the President

Dave Pocock

Hi All, Happy New year and best wishes for 2012!

We had an enjoyable two weeks experiencing the rain from within our tent, fortunately without getting flooded out.

Tent camping has been our Xmas holiday for the past 35 years and this has to be the wettest so far and I must admit does make one question one's sanity.

To all those overseas visitors that probably commented on how lovely and green everything was from the air, now you know why.

Still at least the ground stayed still, unlike those poor souls in Christchurch, who apparently can look forward to another 30 years of earthquakes.

The company I work for was Christchurch based, recently re-located to Auckland, so a number of my workmates are ex Christchurch. We all feel sorry for those people in the red zone who are losing their houses but there are others worse off like the brother of a workmate. In his early 40s, married, two young children, own home with mortgage. Lives in the earthquake zone and a few more cracks appear with each big one but not enough to make it unsound. They want out but of course are stuck as who would buy their house and the bank still want the mortgage paid.

Anyway enough of the bad news, the sun is about to shine again which means you can get to work dry and of course up here in paradise every day is a good day.

The first highlight of the year being our A.G.M for 2012 on the 7th March, when unfortunately we lose the services of Frank and Lynda Hogsden as they no longer live in Waiatarua. We need replacements for them at least. Mind you they have indicated still being involved ex officio.

If you think you may be interested but not sure what's involved feel free to contact one of the existing members: Susanne 8149346, John 8148870, Jan 8149194, Paul 8353940, Robyn 8141143, Frank & Lynda 8139879 and Louise 8149996, or me but I must warn you I am very biased, Dave 8149697.

With the exception of Frank and Lynda, all have indicated seeking re election which I think probably sets a world record, in Waiatarua, for the most stable committee.

I can't let Frank and Lynda's departure go without comment:

Frank was elected on the committee February 2004 and has been re-elected every year since; mind you he was a spritely 76yr old then. During that time we have shared his 80th birthday not to mention a quadruple by-pass and it is extremely difficult to realise how old he is. Always willing to help and never lets anything stop him. Lynda although a more recent committee member, has always been there especially when any baking was required, and of course keeping Frank on the straight and narrow, a great couple who I am proud to call friends.

Love to see and meet you at the AGM, would welcome you aboard, and we do actually have fun, so until the 7th,

Dave

Library Report

Jeannette Ziesler

Good New Books At Our Library.

"Beat Till Stiff" – Peta Matthias. Peta shares, with the reader, lessons learnt through her varied stages of life and many career. This book will often have you laughing as you read.

"The Pacific" – Peter Watt. A woman war correspondent is captured by the Japanese in Papua during WW2. There are plans to turn her over to the Nazis due to the activities of her German stepfather. However her own father and his family set out to rescue her from this fate.

"Rangatira" – Paula Morris. While having his portrait painted by Goldie, Ngati Wai chief Paratene reflects on his journey to Britain in 1863. This novel Morris has written is based on the story of her ancestor and weaves fact and fiction together for an interesting tale.

"Tiger Men" – Judy Nunn. This saga starts during the mid-nineteenth century in Tasmania. It tells the story of three families at the time of the economic boom, then the setting up of the Federation and on to the First World War.

"The Wine Of Solitude" – Irene Nemirovsky. Said to be one of Nemirovsky's best novels, it explores the troubled relationship between a dreamy girl and her self-absorbed mother and mother's lover over the time of WWI and the Russian revolution. The girl grows up to be a hard young woman prepared to exact revenge on her mother for her upbringing.

"Fleur" – Fleur Sullivan. This is the memoir of the woman who runs the well-known "Fleurs" at Moeraki and previously "Olivers" at Clyde. It delves back into her early life and the journey to now and also includes interesting tidbits on the history of the Oamaru and Clyde area.

See you at the library.

Advertising & Community Notices

Commercial advertisements are welcome and can be arranged by contacting Contact Robyn O'Sullivan, munster@ihug.co.nz, ph 814 1143.

Community Notices are free to financial members 2009, January to December.

Babysitter Jade Casey Waby, 16 yrs, reliable and has experience with babies and little kids. Price negotiable. Ring 814 9386 or text 021 153 8582 if you want a babysitter.

Broadband in Waiatarua - To be kept informed about developments (or lack of them), send your name, phone number and email address to Tony Bacon at tony.bacon@sthw.co.nz

Handyman Out West. Any work undertaken. House and property maintenance, renovation and decoration eg gutter cleaning, water blasting, deck building, tree felling, painting etc. Reliable and no GST charge. Phone Mike 814 9708.

Musical instruments for sale: Baldwin piano + stool, approx 20 years old but in excellent condition, beautiful tone and holds tuning well, has anti-humidity heater, \$1,800. **Saxophone**, alto Boston Atlantic, black nickel with extra mouthpiece (Meyer 6M large chamber) + reeds and hard carry case; purchased new 2004 for \$3,300, hardly used, perfect condition, \$1,100. **Acoustic Guitars** both 3/4 size and in as-new condition with nylon carry cases -Ashton CXG-34NT, \$60; Sonic Jag-7300-BB-S (blue with steel strings) \$110. Ph Molly 814 9034 or email mollymat@xtra.co.nz

Otimai: Events and training centre is available for hire (Guides Auckland) and is open to view by appointment. Phone Bruce on 814 9992 for bookings.

Plants: Bromeliads \$5 - \$6; Taros, cannas and various shrubs \$4 - \$5. All sales to Nepalese Educ Trust. Phone Margaret 814 9859.

NORMA is available to take bookings for weddings and other ceremonies. Phone 814 1868.

The Oratia Community Church: On the corner of Parker & West Coast roads. Fellowship (trips, meetings etc.): 2nd Thursday of each month.

Waiatarua Playcentre: 911 West Coast Road, Waiatarua. Phone 09 814 8835. Sessions: Monday, Wednesday & Friday 9.30am - 12.30pm.

Wanted for Feb. 2012 - Reliable person to take child to and from Rangeview school, pick up and drop off from Turanga Road, Henderson Valley. Payment to be arranged. Ph 09 838 2093 asap.

WANTED: Someone with an engineering lathe to do a very small bit of turning for me. Phone Tony Bacon, 8149860.

Work Wanted: Drainage - 40 years experience, call Ray on 814 9242.

Advertising Rates

There are three categories/sizes of advertisement, as follows:

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Commercial: \$25 per annum, regardless of number of issues published and the number of insertions required by the advertiser. Commercial is defined as any individual or organisation who is operating a business and does not fit the community category as defined above.

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