



## Alert: Changing Road Rules

### Change 1: The left-turn versus right-turn rule

From 5am on 25 March 2012, this new rule will require all traffic turning right to give way to a

vehicle coming from the opposite direction and turning left. This only applies at cross roads, T-intersections and driveways where:

- a) both vehicles are facing each other with no signs or signals (neither vehicle is controlled)
- b) both vehicles are facing give way signs
- c) both vehicles are facing stop signs
- d) both vehicles are facing green traffic signals

### Change 2: At uncontrolled T-intersections ('uncontrolled' means when there are no signs or signals to tell you what to do)

At an uncontrolled T-intersection, all traffic from a **terminating road** (bottom of the T) will have to give way to all traffic on a **continuing road** (top of the T). This will bring it into line with T-intersections where there are Stop or Give Way signs on the terminating road.

This rule change will also apply to uncontrolled driveways, such as at a supermarket or hospital. From 5am on 25 March 2012 the traffic exiting the driveway will need to give way to all traffic on the road. All vehicles entering or exiting a driveway must continue to give way to pedestrians on a footpath, or cyclists and pedestrians on a cycle path or shared path. Drivers should not pull out to block the footpath in front of pedestrians and cyclists.

## Local News In Brief:

**WRRRA AGM**, Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> March 7.30p.m at the Hall.

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**Community Harvest Festival** - Come and celebrate nature's bounty. Fruit or vegetable donation for charity will be gratefully received. Everyone Welcome. Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> March 9.30am, Oratia Church - 622-624 West Coast Rd Oratia, Ph: 8188 344.

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The Western Quilters Circle's annual show - **Quilts Across the Ranges** - is on again! Friday March 16 to Sunday 18 March between 10am and 4pm at Kelston Community Centre, cnr Gt North and Awaroa Roads, Glendene. Entry fee is \$5.00.

As well as a great exhibition of our members' quilts, wall hangings and other innovative and colourful creations, we are hosting the only Auckland showing of the New Zealand Quilter Magazine travelling Suitcase Exhibition. There are merchants selling quilting and craft related goods, and a members' trading table with lots of bargains available.

We have an on site cafe with yummy goodies baked by our talented members, and also have magazines and newspapers available for those who are "just along for the ride".

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A new table tennis stadium is to be built at Parrs Park in time for the World Veterans Table Tennis Championships in 2014. The Waitemata Table Tennis Association stadium will accelerate growth in the fast developing Parrs Park area and link in with Henderson's Waitakere Trusts' Stadium, the main venue for the international competition.

Waitakere Ranges Local Board is supporting Table Tennis New Zealand's bid to host the biennial

championships, one of the world's largest table tennis events.

And Titirangi's \$19 million Lopdell project is moving to the building consent phase following agreement from Auckland Council's strategy and finance committee and the Waitakere Ranges Local Board. It is expected the two-year, four-stage project will start early this year with the construction of a new carpark deck, followed by Lopdell House seismic strengthening and heritage restoration, a new gallery, and finally the upgrade of Lopdell Hall (the Treasure House).

Waitakere Ranges Local Board is managing the partnership with Lopdell House Development Trust on behalf of the council, and working with the trust to help deliver the Lopdell House restoration and new gallery. Waitakere Ranges Local Board Chair Denise Yates says the board is delighted to be working with the trust on the project.

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**To Chop Or Not To Chop:** It has come to our attention that since the new laws came into place on Jan 1<sup>st</sup>, 2012 re the changes to tree protection rules, some of our residents and indeed some arborists working in our area, are a little confused as to what we can and cannot do.

If you do want to have your own little 'chainsaw massacre' please visit the appropriate website (see below) or maybe simply google the words-Auckland City Council tree consent- and see what comes up. Locals need to be aware that we are considered Rural under the definition provided on the website; hence we are not able to "enjoy" the same rules.

<http://www.aucklandcouncil.govt.nz/en/buildingpropertyconsents/resourceconsents/types/pages/treeconsent.aspx>

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**Weed Bin:** The wet summer has caused the weeds to grow in abundance and the bin at the Fire Station is being emptied every 1 - 2 weeks. However there has been a problem recently with someone leaving very heavy bags of weeds beside the bin. The bin people will not remove anything outside the bin and unfortunately I am not strong enough to lift your bags into the bin.

I check the bin at least once a week and it only takes 2 days for a replacement to be delivered. If you have a large amount of weeds, please check first to see if the bin can accommodate them. Take something to stand on so it is easier to empty your weeds into the bin and then take the plastic bags home with you.

For the month of March the War on Weeds will once again be in operation and there will be an extra bin at the junction of Kauri Loop Road and West Coast Road. - Susanne Timms

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Apologies for the incorrect phone number for the book group printed in last month's newsletter. If interested please contact Jeannette on 814 1999.

*Opinions expressed in this newsletter are not necessarily those of the Editor or the Waiaatarua Ratepayers and Residents Association*

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## From the Editor Robyn O'Sullivan

I think 'patience' should be the word to remember this month.

One of our committee members has produced a child – well not single-handedly as his wife will confirm, but a lot of patience will be required in the forthcoming months for them and possibly their closest neighbours. And then we have the new road rules on the 23<sup>rd</sup> March or at least the old sensible rules are making a return. So polish up on what you knew before and remember there is a whole raft of younger drivers to whom this will all be new and possibly confusing, so tread gently and have patience!

## Garden Group Eileen Powell

It has been an unusual growing season this year but hope that you have been enjoying your freshly grown vegetables and colourful flower gardens. Our 7 March get together is a full day visiting gardens in the Matakana area. Entry fees are \$18 and for further details please ring Eileen on 814 9298.

## “Neither snow nor rain nor heat nor gloom of night...”

...stays these couriers from the swift completion of their appointed rounds.”

OK we're not the US Postal Service, but our newsletter deliverers do brave the elements to get the newsletter into your mailbox every month. This month we say goodbye and thanks to Bob and Lorraine Gordon, who have looked after Tui Crescent for more years than I can remember (and they probably want to!) In their place we welcome Pat Rodger. While I was updating my records, I looked down the list and there are several deliverers who must have been doing the job for at least 20 years. People like this are really the unsung heroes of our community. They do a small task every month without fail. Of itself it is only a small thing, but when you add it to all the other small things that people do, there is a wonderful underpinning of service that helps bind our community together. Thanks to everyone.

Tony Bacon

## Thank you...

...to the Waiatarua locals who thoughtfully donated money and toys

to replace burned Christmas presents, following the Boxing Day fire at our home.

We appreciate your kindness.

From the Hansen kids and their parents.

## APRIL NEWSLETTER

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## From the President

Dave Pocock

Hi all,

I would like to start this month with a special welcome to our newest Waiataruan William Edward Nicholson Osborne born 8:52 am Monday 13<sup>th</sup> February weighing in at 3.11 kgs mum and baby fine. Mum being Leonie Osborne and dad being Paul Osborne and those that know Paul can just imagine the grin on his face.

Leonie and Paul are very active in Neighbourhood Support with Paul also a WRRR committee member so my expectation would be that around 2042 one William Osborne will stand for committee.

Congratulations to all three of you.

Well not much is going to top that news, perhaps now is a good time to remind all that membership levies (\$10 per household) are now due, if you haven't been a member one would ask why not as the benefits far outweigh the \$10 fee (see details elsewhere)

Just fill in the membership form within and post to the Treasurer, WRRR, 911 West Coast Rd, Waiatarua or internet banking 12-3051-0278313.00 mark with name and then drop an email to either Treasurer John Stagg [jstaggandagarnham@gmail.com](mailto:jstaggandagarnham@gmail.com) or myself [davepocock@xtra.co.nz](mailto:davepocock@xtra.co.nz)

Depending on when you are reading this, our AGM is about to or has just happened, Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> March 7.30p.m at the hall. I am aware we have at least one interested party to join our committee so if it is not too late, come along and meet us all over a cuppa, who knows William might be there.

Well that is me for this month, short and sweet,

Dave

## New Books at Waiatarua Library

Jeannette Ziesler

“Death Benefit” by Robin Cook. A couple of investment bankers stumble on to a money making scheme. They buy life insurance policies from elderly people needing money for a token amount. Death can't be that far off – can it? However some medical researchers are succeeding at growing replacement organs from stem cells and who better to experiment on. One of the researcher dies mysteriously – read on.

“A Train In Winter” – Caroline Moorhead. A tough read but well worth it. This is the story of 230 French women who were involved in the Resistance. They were shipped to Auschwitz from all over France, but became a tight group supporting, caring for and encouraging each other. Only 49 survived and at the time of writing only 9 were still alive.

“Traces Of Red” – Paddy Richardson. A TV journalist's Saturday night show is about to be canned. Can she save it with her latest campaign? She believes a man convicted of murdering 3 members of his family may be innocent. The prosecution's case was full of holes, but the media portrayal of him may have coloured the jury and public's perception of him and judged him guilty.

“77 Shadow Street” – Dean Koontz. A building has a tragic past. The past occupants have a history of madness, murder, suicide and there are whispers of even worse. These incidents happen every 38 years. Altered to an apartment building in the 70's all has been peaceful, it's past forgotten. However things start to happen once more. There are phantom voices, strange shadows, even plunging lifts. Koontz at his best.

These and more on the shelves this month.

## The Woes of Recycling

While recycling is good, the number of bins that are still on the kerb a couple of days later amazes me. You may as well leave a sign on the gate saying you are not home.

If I see any of my neighbours bins are still out the next day, I bring it in off the kerb onto their property so at least it looks like they are home.

Just a thought.

All the best, Gary

*Thank you Gary for being a good neighbour. I know some offenders have long driveways and it takes a few days for them to drive the right car so they can tow/whatever their bin back to its rightful place. My neighbours and I have our bins within a few metres of the road hidden in the bush. It's much easier to bring a bag of bottles to the bin when you have some, rather than dragging a bin back and forth.*

*And can we all remember that now we are under the auspices of the Auckland Council, our rubbish pickups will now be a day later than normal if there is a public holiday preceding said rubbish day. There were loads of rubbish bags out on their usual day after Anniversary Day/Waitangi and many were picked over by the dogs before they were picked up by the council. Just another thought! (Ed.)*

## Fire Brigade Report

RFF Louisa Ferguson

Last Year the Fire Brigade Attend over 40 callouts, with a busy start to 2012, we are looking forward to a dynamic year ahead.

### Fire Safety

Responsible use of fireworks

Please remember the last two years over summer the irresponsible use of fireworks caused major fires in our bush. The 5<sup>th</sup> of November is the approved day for fireworks.

### Family BBQ Safety Tips

With daylight saving giving us more evening sun, many of us will be using the extra hours to fire up the barbecue and get family and friends together.

- Supervise children around grills. If using a public grill, close the barbecue fence if there is one.
- Keep matches and lighters away from children. Teach children to report any loose matches or lighters to an adult immediately.
- Before using a grill, check the connection between the gas tank and the fuel line. Test for leaks using soapy water. Do not overfill the gas tank.
- Dispose of hot coals properly – douse them with plenty of water, and stir them to ensure that the fire is out. Never place them in plastic, paper or wooden containers – they can take up to five days to cool.
- Never grill/barbecue in enclosed areas – carbon monoxide could be produced and can be fatal.
- Make sure your barbecue is completely extinguished when finished.
- Alcohol and fire don't mix – Know your limits and drink responsibly.

### Fire Calls

23rd Nov 2011 20:13	Car crash	West Coast Rd, Waiaatarua
23rd Dec 2011 22:08	Rubbish Fire	Scenic Dr, Titirangi
26th Dec 2011 15:07	House Fire	Forest Hill Rd, Waiaatarua
1st Jan 2012 20:53	Tree On Rd	Scenic Dr, Waiaatarua
7th Jan 2012 18:09	(Assist Public Flooding)	Scenic Dr, Waiaatarua
9th Jan 2012 00:51	Car Crash	Scenic Dr, Titirangi
11th Jan 2012 00:09	Fire Alarm Activation	Scenic Dr, Waiaatarua
14th Jan 2012 00:08	MVA Car Flipped	Scenic Dr, Waiaatarua
5th Feb 2012 16:45	Overheated Car	West Coast Rd, Waiaatarua

### Need A Smoke Alarm!!!

Standard Smoke Alarms are available Free from the brigade; Please Contact DCFO Karl Nuttall Details Below

### Waiaatarua Fire Brigade Contacts

Phone 111 for any Fire or Emergency.

Otherwise please call Chief Fire Officer Helen Longley (814 9855), Deputy Chief Fire Officer Karl Nuttall (814 8777), Station Officer Ian Ford (814 8871), Station Officer Kevin Healy (814 9505), Station Officer Gareth Mullins (814 9282)

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Community Notices are free to current financial members.

**AUDITIONS**, Waiaatarua Performing Arts Trust. Come along and audition for "Steel Magnolias", a play by Robert Harling. Sunday March 11th 2012 at 2.00pm. Waiaatarua Community Hall, 911 West Coast Road, Waiaatarua. For more information please phone the director Kathy Lowe on (09) 814 9744 or email [kathy.lowe17@gmail.com](mailto:kathy.lowe17@gmail.com)

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

**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.

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

**Waiaatarua Playcentre:** 911 West Coast Road, Waiaatarua. 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.

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