



## A Bucket List Item for all Animal Lovers

Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> March I was "Keeper for a Day" at the Auckland Zoo. On arrival at 9am I was met by Courtney, my guide/

keeper for the day. Where we went through the H & S stuff required.

Then it was off to the native bird enclosure to clean up the feed stations from the previous night and put out some fresh food, clean out some of the water ways. As you can see from my photo, one of the wood pigeons took a liking to me. She has been hand reared so this does explain her familiarity with humans. Could this day get any better than this... yes it could. There were so many amazing experiences to be had. It would be very hard to say which was the highlight of the day, as it all was fantastic.

I also wanted to experience anything and as I said to Courtney at the beginning of the day, I would even pick up monkey poo. Well I didn't pick up monkey poo but I did pick up wallaby poo before feeding the emus.

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## The Great Waiaatarua Mid-Winter Debate 2013

### Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> June - 7.30pm

at the Waiaatarua Community Hall, 911 West Coast Road

The moot:  
*that... A Good Man is Hard to Find*

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**WEB Site:** [www.waiaatarua.org.nz](http://www.waiaatarua.org.nz)

## Library Report Jeannette Ziesler

A SELECTION OF NEW BOOKS AT WAIATARUA LIBRARY.

"Threat Vector" – Tom Clancy

"6 Years" – Harlen Coben

"The Black Box" – Michael Connelly

"The Striker" – Clive Cussler

"Settling The Score" – Peter Gibbs

"The Lost Boy" – Camilla Lackberg

"The Wedding Bees" – Sarah-Kate Lynch

"The French Promise" – Fiona McIntosh

"My Brother's Keeper" – Donna Malane

"Heartbreak Hotel" – Deborah Moggach

"Instructions For A Heatwave" – Maggie O'Farrell

"The Storyteller" – Jodi Picoult

All these, plus plenty more at the library.

## Garden Group Eileen Powell

Now we have been on the receiving end of some welcome rain our gardens should be looking slightly fresher although more rain would be useful. Autumn is a good time for planting trees and shrubs plus any winter vegetables. Our May visit is to a beautiful evolving garden in Titirangi which has a variety of areas and some unusual plants. Please ring Eileen on 8149 298 for further information.

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I also helped cleaned out the Ring Tailed Lemurs den before we then went into their enclosure to arrange food for them.

My experiences included Orangutans, Eels, Seal Lions, Giraffes, Cotton Top Tamarins, and the Sumatran Tigers. I won't go into every detail as I hope that someone who reads this may actually get to have a go.

It was a full, hands on day from 9am to 3.45pm. I have some amazing photos as a reminder of this day, Courtney was fantastic making sure there were plenty of great shots.

Have a look at the Auckland Zoo website and look under - experiences.

## JUNE NEWSLETTER

Copy needs to be in the hands of the Editor

by FRIDAY 17th MAY 2013 - 5PM

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Contributions and suggestions for the newsletter are welcome; however publication will depend on available space.

# WAIATARUA QUIZ NIGHT

Saturday 18th May at 7.30pm

Waiatarua Hall, 911 West Coast Road...

**Pub Quiz format - teams of around 6-8 (but we're not that strict). You can organise your own team or just turn up and we'll fit you in.**

**Entry is just \$5 per person. Please BYO drinks, and nibbles to share with your team (AND the quizmasters!)**

**For more info please call Ian or Cathie on 814 8871.**

## From the President

Dave Pocock

Hi all,

I am writing this on Tues 9<sup>th</sup> April having just returned from my 6 weeks post op check up and I am now allowed to drive again, having been cleared a week ago by the Physiotherapist, I last drove on the 19<sup>th</sup> December so it is like getting let out of jail.

Still about a month away from being normal as my wound still has to heal and the arm still needs more work, still at least I don't need chemo or radiation treatment.

My surgeon told me that there have been 40 new cases of colon cancer since Xmas in Waitemata Health board alone, not all from the screening program but I would bet the program has inspired people to be screened anyway.

Shirley was diagnosed with breast cancer 2.5 years ago, during a routine mammogram and at this point we are both cancer free so it can be beaten at least in the meantime if not forever. As our doctor said when Shirley was diagnosed, "There is nothing like the word cancer to make you realise your mortality"

You would be surprised how many people you know that have had and have beaten it, most people are not like me and don't talk about it whereas I think they should.

During the past 3 months I have had reinforced for me what a fantastic group of people I get to work with on WRRRA, they have just carried on in my absence, no fuss, no bother during what is a busy time with AGM and Debate planning as well as quiz night planning.

On top of that I give personal thanks to Frank, John and Andrea for being there when needed, but a huge thanks to Susanne who amongst cries of "I never want to be President", or "I don't know what I'm doing" has done a fantastic job and that statement is endorsed by the committee. On top of that she has provided me with transport at least once a week for most of the last 3 months. Thanks Susanne.

I am partly up to speed on what is happening and we are keeping an eye on the draft Auckland Unitary Plan will change quite a bit in the greater Auckland area especially in relation to building codes. I will be conveying information as to meetings as I get it via hotmail so if you are a financial member, you will get this.

Well that is about my lot for now, catch up at the debate and thanks for the positive emails I have received,

Dave

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## Fire Brigade Report

RFF Louisa Mullins

### Fire Safety

With winter on the way the days are distinctly truncated and the welcoming smell of fires drifts through the hills, valleys and dells of Waiatarua. I know we've said it before and we will definitely be saying it again (repeatedly), but please ensure that you have your chimneys swept before using your fire.

There is nothing like sitting in front of the fireplace on a cold winter's night, but here is a list of things to be mindful of –

- Clean chimneys and flues before your first fire
- Always use a fire guard or spark guard with open fires
- Never throw things like batteries or aerosol cans into your fireplace
- Ashes can take up to five days to cool. Always empty into a metal bin and pour water over them.

### Fire Calls

09/03/2013 07:45am MVA Piha Road, Waiatarua

The brigade provided scene protection for the police and ambulance until the vehicle was removed by the towing firm, it would appear that the driver lost control on a corner and speed again may have been a factor.

16/03/2013 02:45am Car Fire Piha Road, Waiatarua  
17/03/2013 11:30pm Tree Across Road West Coast Road, Waiatarua  
24/03/2013 01:40am Motorcycle in Ditch Scenic Drive, Waiatarua

The brigade provided scene protection for the police and ambulance.

24/03/2013 02:15am MVA Car Vs Power pole Scenic Drive, Waiatarua

While at the previous incident police asked if we would attend this one as they no units available, but on arrival police were at the scene and no action required by the brigade.

31/03/2013 01:35pm Van Off Road Piha Road, Waiatarua

On arrival the van was back on the road, so once again no action required by the brigade.

31/03/2013 02:10pm Smoke Showing Forest Hill Road, Waiatarua

A bonfire was located and found to be the source, after being advised of the total fire ban the owners extinguished the fire.

### Smoke Alarms

Need A Smoke Alarm!!!

New Photoelectric long life Smoke Alarms are available Free from the brigade; if you would like some smoke alarms or advice on where to put them or help installing them, please contact Louisa Mullins on 814 9282.

### Waiatarua Fire Brigade Contacts

Phone 111 for any Fire or Emergency.

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

## From the Editor

Robyn O'Sullivan

It has come to our attention that because we have had a few bursts of that wet stuff that used to fall from the sky, some Waiataruans think the fire ban must be off. However, this is not the case and until we have had official notice, then please — no outside fires, BBQ's (unless they're gas) or anything else that may catch fire... indeed, don't even cast a sly glance at the 'man/woman of your dreams' if you think there's any chance of a spark igniting! Yes, opposite ends of the couch please.

Quiz night is coming up this month and then in June, we have the debate which promises much hilarity. It would be a good time to become a member of the WRRRA if you're not already, because there are great savings to be made on ticket prices.

Enjoy the month !

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