

# Waiaatarua Community News

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In the evening shade of a Cabbage Tree, outside the gate of our

home in Waiaatarua, a blackbird swooped up into the air and settled on telephone wires over the entrance to the drive. It looked up at the sky and opened its yellow beak and began to sing. The liquid tones of the bird filled the air with phrases of exquisite eloquence. Little pauses came and went as it looked around the vista of Kauri and Rimu and other natives of evergreen, rain-forest, dusky dampness.

This British bird, this foreign settler brought such golden tones to the canopy of interlacing fronds and branches, that one



could only be glad he was still able to sing his Anglo-Saxon song and bring the English summer to the mists of Aotearoa.

Written by Clive Aucott, prompted by the thought that not all "foreign settlers" are necessarily a bad thing.

## Waiaatarua's Got Talent!

The one offer of an act that came flooding in after the hotmail announcement means that we are (just barely) on our way. For those of you not on hotmail, here is what was sent around:

### Waiaatarua's got Talent?

Well, yes, we know it has, lots of it. A small group (Lyndsay Whittle and I) would like to see it brought together so everyone else can enjoy it. We are thinking of a performance evening to showcase the performing talent of Waiaatarua. Absolutely non-competitive, just a chance for us all to have a really good time.

When will this happen? No idea, but certainly not before the spring, and maybe even next year, depending on what response we get.

So if you can sing, dance, juggle, act, play an instrument, do magic, read poetry or just stick your tongue out so far you can lick your eyebrows (geckos excluded) get in touch with either of us at the addresses below. All ages welcome.

So there it is – your chance to shine amongst your friends and neighbours. So let's hear from the singers, dancers, magicians, jugglers, mime artists, music makers and any other talent I've missed out to make this event one not to be missed.

Contact: Tony: 8149860 or [tony.bacon@sthw.co.nz](mailto:tony.bacon@sthw.co.nz) / Lyndsay: 8149872 or [lyndsay.whittle@xtra.co.nz](mailto:lyndsay.whittle@xtra.co.nz)

## Waiaatarua Performing Arts Trust ...

...is proud to present "The Cemetery Club", a play by Ivan Menchell. Director Linda Pudney returns to Waiaatarua with this delightful production about three Jewish widows who meet once a month for tea before going to visit their husbands' graves. Performances from September 25th - October 5th 2013. Further details re tickets will be released via Dave Pocock's Hotmail, and posted on the WPAT website [www.wpat.org.nz](http://www.wpat.org.nz)

## OCTOBER NEWSLETTER

Copy needs to be in the hands of the Editor  
By Friday 13th September  
2013 by 5pm  
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## VOLUNTEER WANTED – JUST 1 HOUR PER MONTH...

... to open the library on the 1st Sunday of each month from 11am to 12pm.

Contact: Bev Latimer Ph 8353237 or Jeannette Ziesler Ph 8141999



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WEB SITE: [WWW.WAIATARUA.ORG.NZ](http://WWW.WAIATARUA.ORG.NZ)

## Household Security in Waiatarua

There will be a presentation to the community with reference to how you can keep your home secure, at 7pm on the 11th October 2013, at the Community Hall Waiatarua, 911 West Coast Road.

Presentations will be made by the Police, Neighbourhood Support, Community Patrols NZ and an Alarm company. (Possibly Civil Defence and local Fire Service) This meeting is for information only and possibly recruiting to Neighbourhood Support and CPNZ.

With the increase recently in home/out buildings burglaries, during the daytime in Waiatarua and surrounding areas, it appears necessary for us to take further precautions.

Please make the effort to attend so that I can justify the attendance of the presenters.

Any questions or to confirm attendance ring Les Duffield on 8141130 or email [les.duffield@xtra.co.nz](mailto:les.duffield@xtra.co.nz).

## WAIATARUA QUIZ NIGHT

Saturday 12th Oct.... At 7.30pm  
Waiatarua Hall 911 West Coast Rd...  
Pub Quiz format ...teams of around 6-8 (but we're not that strict). You can organise your own team or just turn up on the night and we can fit you in. Entry \$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

## Oratia Spinning Group

Craft display and sale of crafts.  
Cakes and white elephant.  
Sat 5th Oct at 9.30am  
Church hall on Cnr Parker Rd

The Refreshment Room on Scenic Drive will continue its very successful musical dining event 'Soulful Sundays'. This September and early October will see top Auckland Jazz duo Maria O'Flaherty (Vocals) and Ben Fernandez (piano) perform on Sept 8th, 22nd, and Oct 6th, with an unplugged acoustic performance from BlackSandDiva planned for late October. Free of charge from 5-8pm, the evenings are very popular and bookings are advised. Ph 8178655.

## From The President

Dave Pocock.

When I received the reminder from Robyn, my first reaction was "What! I've only just done one" which means I had a good month, and I did.

It all started at the end of July with the 2013 World BMX champs in Vector Arena, I was involved in the formation of BMX in NZ during its first 10 years from 1980 and have followed it ever since. Then I had the privilege of playing Cecil the gay newspaper reporter, in the Waiatarua Fire Brigade's play Isaiah's Fire, which was a heap of fun. And to top it all off, the swimming pool fence passed inspection on the first try, which is a first, partly I am sure, thanks to modification made to the gate by Mike our Handyman Out West. This is the time for all the politicians to appear out of the woodwork, some whom we've heard very little from since last election and others, of course, who are at the coal face constantly. The same is happening already in light of next year's general election. As a committee, we neither offer nor deny support to any politicians or political party other than to encourage you all to vote, after doing research of the candidates. After all if you do not vote you cannot complain. From time to time in election years this newsletter carries promotional material for candidates and this done solely on those that approach us and ask, with a gold coin (or quite a few) in hand. We know some people may not like that, but others will and as this newsletter is for you all obviously everyone won't like everything in it.

If you have been to the hall lately you will notice some tidying up since the working bee in June and this has been coordinated by John Andersen and carried out by council, with still more to come. This has to be the flashiest hall around. We want to keep it like that don't we?

Well we seem to have a problem with some louts that don't agree with that and are doing skids on the terrace area in front of library and the ramp to the hall, possibly on a motorbike. If you see anything suspicious in this way please get rego or description and let one of the committee, neighbourhood watch or the Police know. Plenty to do coming up with The Cemetery Club (the next play) followed by a Quiz night 12th October.

Thanks.

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## Obituary for Peppy Slater

In memorial of our beloved mother who passed away this time last year. Peppy moved from Nottingham England to Waiatarua with her loving husband Stuart 47 years ago after a year of running the pub in Glenorchy (South Island) for a year. Peppy was a vibrant character in the Waiatarua community and was an active rates payer (even an activist at times), she worked at the library and ran the local Brownie and Guide troops as their Brown Owl at the hall. Peppy found her niche in Waiatarua as being an actress, seamstress, and prop maker for many productions during the heyday of the Waiatarua drama group, where she specialised in comic roles. The Family dining room table was the creative hub where Dracula capes and flying bats were created for Geoff Bradbury's rendition of Bram Stokers Dracula which received rave reviews around the district (Geoff was a flamboyant and wonderful member of this community, and is also greatly missed). Peppy was an involved mother at Oratia District school, which led her to write the pageant for its centenary celebrations. Peppy adored her patch of land on the North West slopes of rural Forest Hill Road. A wonderful beautiful person who is survived by her husband, daughters and grandchildren, she is sadly missed. Thank you (any queries please phone 8149803)

It's still been a very quiet time for callouts at the Waiatarua Brigade since my last report. But a rather busy one for those involved with a very successful and well done redo of 1125-J. Unfortunately for us, Joseph Hardie has moved out of the area to Piha where he will be transferring to their brigade. So it looks like we will be looking for some more members in the near future.

## Fire Calls

14/07/2013 05:26pm Power Meter on Fire Scenic Drive, Waiatarua  
We had to wait for the power authority to come and deal to this one.

19/07/2013 03:44pm Rubbish Fire Causing Concern West Coast Rd, Waiatarua  
This was a largish rubbish fire causing concern and was extinguished by the brigade.

23/07/2013 06:16pm MVA Piha Road, Waiatarua  
This was a serious 2 car motor vehicle accident. The serious crash unit came out to do their stuff at the scene. Piha Road was closed for some time while the scene was dealt with by the various agencies. ( Oh the joy of living in an area with a single road in! ) Waiatarua had to go back out later in the evening to do a road wash down once all was done by the serious crash unit.

Helen Longley Chief Fire Officer Waiatarua Volunteer Fire Brigade

## Library Report

Jeanette Ziesler

We have so many new books at the library this month – just come in to browse and borrow.  
 “The Road Between Us” – Nigel Farndale. In Britain, during 1939, 2 men are arrested for indecency. Charles, an RAF officer, is dishonourably discharged, and Anselm, a German, is deported. Both men are forced to make choices about their future in a world that rejects their love.  
 “The Son-In-Law” - Charity Norman. Joseph is released from prison after serving 3 years on a manslaughter charge for the death of his wife. His 3 children are in the care of their maternal grandparents whom they love. All Joseph wants on release is to be with his children again. The grandparents are totally against any contact and the fight ends up in the hands of lawyers.  
 “A Constellation of Vital Phenomena” – Anthony Marra. Set in Chechnya, the novel starts in 2004 and winds its way back to the beginning of the war between the Chechnyan rebels, fighting for independence, and the Russian army. The books explores the effect of long time unrest and war in a country where it has become a way of life for so many, but also has shaped life.  
 “The Son” – Phillip Meyer. A young boy, Eli, is captured by Comanches early in the white man’s settling of Texas. He lives with these people until he is a young man and returns to the “white world”. He soon forgets the lessons the Comanches taught him and becomes a cattle and oil baron. It is a time of bloodshed and conquest and only the tough and brutal succeed. Eli is a success in this world. Good Reading.  
 ( The Library Report in its entirety shall be on the website. )

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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

Creative Drama Workshops: The 2nd block of Creative Drama workshops has started at Titirangi Community house. Thursdays, Fridays 3.30-4.30 The prime purpose is for your child to develop creatively, intellectually and emotionally; they also develop skills that form the basis for a career in Drama.

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Local Justice of the Peace: Adrian Delaat JP, 26 Rimu Rd, phone 09 814 9038.

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.

Tiler / Stone layer, 20 years experience in the trade available for indoor and outdoor projects large or small. Phone Craig Starr 021610408.

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

WANTED: Person to take child to Rangeview school, from Turanga Road, off Scenic Drive. PAYMENT to be arranged. Please contact Belinda on 838 2093, or email liley@slingshot.co.nz

West Auckland Yoga at Oratia Settlers Hall: Tues 9.30am and 6.30pm, Fri 9.15am (cost \$15). Ph Tasha 021 0274 9136 or Steph 0272 841 178

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