

Waīatarua Community News

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Friday the 6th of September...

...what an absolutely glorious sunny day up in the Ranges. Spring was definitely on its way! And then the rains came again and these views from the Scenic Drive were but a memory! Oh cheer up, everyone. This too shall pass!



From The Editor

Robyn O'Sullivan

Hello Everyone! As you will read in El Presidente's report, there are changes coming to the WRRRA Committee. To be blunt, we need fresh meat...hopefully loads of enthusiastic people brimming over with good ideas willing to give one hour a month to sit and have a natter with the rest of us. We are a relatively cheery bunch and meetings are no great hardship!

But don't take just my word for it. I recently had to take my 27mth old granddaughter with me to the last meeting and she later announced to all and sundry how "Dey people at Nanny's 'mittee meeting are very nice". She told her Mum how lots of people had rallied to find a plaster for her sore finger and how one man had asked her who Bo Peep was in her little book because he didn't know. She was most amused and has asked if she can come again.

So...out of the mouths of babes...a ringing endorsement from a two year old! Please consider joining us. Don't forget the important things happening this month in our area and of course, I should mention the upcoming local elections. Get out and have your say and enjoy the month!

Library Report

Jeanette Ziesler

The Luminaries – Eleanor Catton. A murder "who dunnit" set in Hokitika at the time of the gold rush. This is also the book nominated for the Booker prize. No more needs be said.

The Reason I Jump – Naoki Higashida. The author wrote this when he was 13 to share with the readers the way his autistic mind works and why he acts in different ways.

White Lies – Witi ihimaera. A medicine woman who practises without the required licence is called on by the servant of a wealthy woman to provide help that could have fatal consequences.

The Zookeeper's Wife – Diane Ackerman. When German bombers devastated the Warsaw Zoo the Zabinski family used the empty cages, and their home to provide a refuge for Jewish people.

Missing: "The Road To Castle Hill" and "Ben and Mark" both by Christine Ferneyhough. We are unable to locate these books and have someone waiting to borrow them. We assume they were issued without the cards being removed from them. If you have the books at home can they please be returned to our library Many thanks.

Local Dates...

...For Local People

Oratia Spinning Group Saturday 5th October 9.30am Church Hall Cnr Parker and West Coast Rds...crafts,cakes, white elephants.

Quiz night! Saturday October 12th. Waiatarua Hall, 911 West Coast Rd at 7.30pm

Household Security in Waiatarua. Friday 11th October.... At the Hall, 911 West Coast Rd at 7pm

Presentations will be made by the Police, Neighbourhood Support, Community Patrols NZ and an Alarm company. (Possibly Civil Defence and local Fire Service)

Any questions or to confirm attendance ring Les Duffield on 8141130 or email les.duffield@xtra.co.nz.

From The President

Dave Pocock

Hi,

Well in the words of Bob Dylan "The Times They Are A Changing" with three vacancies occurring on WRRRA next AGM. Paul and Leonie Osborne are expecting no2 child about that time and Paul wants to spend as much time with the family as possible. Paul has been with us since 2009 and has always lent a bit of humour to our meetings as well as solving various computer problems.

Jan James and her partner Paul Mortensen are moving to Green View Retirement Village where Frank and Lynda Hogsden are. Paul joined us as Hall caretaker in 2005 and Jan as secretary in 2007, although Jan has been more than secretary being involved in various roles in that time such as handling bookings for debates and many other activities.,

Our third loss is John Stagg, as he and Andrea have bought a beautiful sunny place in Parker Road. John has been treasurer since 2008 and has been a very valuable member. Whereas Jan is taking this opportunity to make a clean break, (although still being involved socially with Waiatarua) John has indicated a willingness to continue as Treasurer in an appointed position, which would be very advantageous to us all.

We desperately need at least three new committee members, as appointed members do not count as part of the quorum. Apart from that, we have been running under staffed for a couple of years now .Give it serious thought and do not hesitate to contact a current member with any questions. We meet once a month currently at 5.30p.m on the second Wednesday and meetings usually last under an hour. We realise day and time may not suit all, so changes may be necessary. Next month (November) we will be looking for a replacement for Paul to take over Hall cleaning which is a paid position and would suit a retired or semi retired local. Until we get the committee sorted and as no one has put their hand up to organise 2014 debate, we are delaying any decisions on that until early next year.

Well that is all for now, at least the weather is getting warmer.

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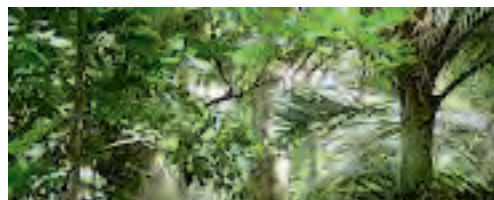
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Garden Group Eileen Powell
Spring is upon us with blossom appearing and the soil beginning to warm, ready for many vegetable and flower seeds. Next month we are visiting a local garden. For further information please ring Eileen on 814 9298.

Relay For Life is coming to the West! March 15-16, 2014, The Trusts Arena, Henderson

Relay For Life is a fun overnight fundraising event for the Cancer Society that brings communities together to celebrate and remember the lives of those who have been affected by cancer.

*Teams walk or run around the track and enjoy entertainment and activities in a carnival like atmosphere. Sign up a team together of 10 or more people at www.relay.org.nz
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Guy Fawkes:

The Waiatarua Fire Brigade will be holding the Guy Fawkes Bonfire as usual.

So come along on Friday the 8th of November (or the rain day Saturday the 9th) for a fun family night. If you have any doubt about the weather just phone the fire station on 814 9213 on the night. We will light the bonfire once it gets dark. Fire works are welcome, but children must be supervised at all times.

We will be having a sausage sizzle (gold coin donation) and drinks will be available to purchase from the bar.

Where: Waiatarua Fire station – 464a Scenic Drive, Waiatarua

When: Friday 8th of November from 6pm onwards.

Fire Safety:

If you are not planning to attend the Community Bonfire or public Displays then please remember:

Only one person should be in charge of fireworks. If that's you, then make sure you take all the necessary precautions.

Read the instructions in daylight and don't drink any alcohol until they've all been discharged.

Make your preparations in advance, and in daylight. On the night, you will need...

- A torch.
- A bucket or two of water.
- Eye protection and gloves.
- A bucket of soft earth to put fireworks in.
- Suitable supports and launchers if you're setting off Catherine wheels or rockets.
- Protect your animals.

You should take precautions to protect your pets during, before and after Guy Fawkes, make sure they are safely inside and safe when fireworks are being let off.

Fire Calls:

21/08/2013 09:48pm MVA West Coast Road, Waiatarua
A single car motor vehicle accident, that was off the road, no action by the brigade.

02/09/2013 03:44pm Fire Fighter Injured West Coast Road, Waiatarua

11/09/2013 05:50 Structure Fire West Coast Road, Oratia

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 8149282

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, Station Officer Ian Ford (814 8871), Station Officer Kevin Healy (814 9505)

Beryl Simpson Has Left The Building...

...but unlike Elvis, she is alive and kicking!

Many of you know Beryl, our grand old neighbour from 797 West Coast Rd. Beryl has moved to Maunganui in Northland to live with her son who has recently returned to NZ. She was planning to make the shift in several weeks time but circumstances unexpectedly changed (Beryl had a mild stroke two weeks ago) and it was necessary to bring the date forward - hence the rapid departure. We saw her briefly today, just before she left - she has recovered well but is naturally very disappointed that the move has needed to occur without the chance of farewells. We will be writing to Beryl in a week or 2 and if anyone would like a contact address, please let me know. We will miss her cheery face on the lane.

Kind Regards To David Vale for the update - Ed.

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Creative Drama Workshops: The 2nd block of workshops starts 29th July 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. Numbers are strictly limited. Phone Edith Shawyer 09 814941 Email edipus @ orcon.net.nz

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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 www.westaucklandyoga.kiwi.nz

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