

Waiatarua Community News

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Meditat ...

... is a beginners meditation group that started in September 2013.

The group meets every Monday night at Waiatarua Community Hall to learn and practice meditation, and discuss spiritual and metaphysical concepts.

The meditation styles vary but include chakra meditation, breathing awareness meditations and manifestation meditation.

Each week we go through spiritual readings, followed by a series of meditation exercises and finish the class with home baking and the opportunity to connect with like-minded yogis, on a spiritual path.

The group is open to all levels of meditation and we welcome all new comers warmly.

The cost of the class is \$2.00 per person or a donation.

For more information visit <http://www.higherdimension.info/meditat/> or find us on Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/Meditatgroup>.

Garden Group

Eileen Powell

Our group hopes to be visiting a garden or two on Wednesday June 4.

As we are now well into Autumn, in fact - the start of official winter- the destination will depend on the weather at the time.

Please contact Eileen on 814 9298 for further information.

FREE BUSINESS ADVICE CLINICS

ATEED West is now offering regular free business clinics for local people wanting advice and encouragement to help their companies grow.

ATEED is Auckland's economic growth agency, and on behalf of Auckland Council, facilitates tourism, major events, business and industry growth and investment. ATEED West's programmes and services are specifically designed to build business success in West Auckland.

The ATEED West team's experienced Business Growth Specialists and Advisors can help with ideas for exploring new products and business opportunities, business strategy, productivity improvements, marketing challenges, staff management issues or how to get into exporting. They can link you with experts and relevant resources, and can advise on whether your business may be eligible to access free or part funded training programmes and research and development advice.

During each clinic, ATEED West Business Growth Specialist Julianne Gibbs is available for one hour appointments with business owners who operate in the local area. The clinics are based at Henderson, Massey and Kumeu. Alternative appointments can be made at ATEED West's Henderson office.

The next Business Clinic in Henderson will be held on Tuesday 10th June from 9am to noon.

To book an appointment email Jacquie.bull@aucklandnz.com or call (09) 354 0072

From The Library

Jeanette Ziesler

New books - All these are top rated books and only some of our new books.

The Collected Works Of A.J Firky – Gabrielle Zevin. Books and bookshops – set in New England.

A Manuscript Found In Accra- Paul Coehlo. The Copt spoke to the citizens in 1099. Are his words relevant today?

The Art Of Hearing Heartbeats – Jon-Philipp Sendker. The hunt for a father who has returned to Burma.

Mary Coin – Marisa Silver. Set in depression times in California.

The Wind Is Not A River – Brian Payton. Wartime in the Alaskan Aleutian Islands.

The Dynamite Room – Jason Hewitt. England, 1940, and is invasion a possibility?

An Unnecessary Woman – Alameddine Rabin. An aging woman in Beirut reflects on her life.

A wee correction...

...to the piece entitled *Broadband In Waiatarua in the May issue.*

Some of you commented that the speeds may have been a little askew and indeed, the man himself emailed to say it should have read "Speeds of around 9Mbps upload and 20 Mbps download". Thank you Wayne, for the correct information.

I was momentarily excited, until I remembered I have no line of sight to Massey and I am the furthest from the exchange as one can be so I will simply manage with my .74 upload and my 5.94 download until I can think of something else!

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The 1st Saturday each month.

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Please ring:

Bev Latimer ph. 8353237;
Jeannette Ziesler ph. 8141999

Hello Waiatarua!

Peter Casey

Great to meet a few more of you at the Quiz night last week (9 May). A very enjoyable evening and now I will never forget that Michael Bubl  is Canadian. Last month I mentioned I'd try and bring you an update around the progress of the Auckland Unitary Plan and how that might affect Waiatarua. You'll most likely remember the media coverage of the sub-division proposals of the plan. Here in Waiatarua we are in the so-called buffer-zone between the city and the forest and beaches. I discovered that sub-division is not permitted; or other activities that change the nature of the area. And the reason for this is the protection provided by the Waitakere Ranges Heritage Area Act 2008.

Rather than paraphrase here's what it says:

3 Purpose

(1) *The purpose of this Act is to—*

(a) *recognise the national, regional, and local significance of the Waitakere Ranges heritage area; and*

(b) *promote the protection and enhancement of its heritage features for present and future generations.*

(2) *To this end, the Act—*

(a) *establishes the Waitakere Ranges heritage area; and*

(b) *states its national significance; and*

(c) *defines its heritage features; and*

(d) *specifies the objectives of establishing and maintaining the heritage area; and*

(e) *provides additional matters for the Auckland Council and certain other persons to consider when making a decision, exercising a power, or carrying out a duty that relates to the heritage area.*

So this piece of New Zealand law recognises and protects the importance of where we live.

To carry out the intent of this Act the council is obliged to develop a Local Area Plan for each of the community areas. In 2008/2009 the council engaged with locals and the Waiatarua LAP was agreed in 2009. One of the key things this plan does is describe officially what Waiatarua is and where its boundaries are.

Because of the Super City amalgamation and a few other things not as much has been done on the plan as was hoped. This week we had the council visit us at the WRRRA meeting to explain where there has been progress and where actions are planned. They have been visiting all the Residents and Ratepayers groups in the Waitakere Ranges Local Board. The Local Board works on our behalf to represent our specific needs to the wider council and/or other organisations.

By the time you get to read this the WRRRA expects to have asked you what you would like to see happen in regards to the plans in the LAP and we will be well on the way to submitting back to the council.

If you haven't already read it, here is a link to the Waiatarua LAP: <http://tiny.cc/4boxfx>

I highly recommend taking a look, or if you want a nice colour printed copy get one from the Local Board office Glen Eden mall.

Next month I intend to update you on our WRRRA submission to the Local Board in regards to the LAP.

Fire Brigade News

Louisa Mullins

It has been a very busy month for Waiatarua Fire Brigade, with 10 calls to date. Also we have been continuing with our hose testing .

Fire Calls:

15/04/2014	7:25pm	Car accident	Piha Road, Waiatarua
17/04/2014	05:22am	Rocks on the road	Scenic Drive, Waiatarua
17/04/2014	06:45am	Fire Alarm Activation	Scenic Drive, Waiatarua
17/04/2014	07:23am	Tree on the road	Forest Hill Road, Waiatarua
17/04/2014	07:36am	Tree on the road	Piha Road/Scenic Drive, Waiatarua
17/04/2014	08:25am	Tree on the road	Lone Kauri Road, Karekare
20/04/2014	03:08am	Car in middle of road	West Coast Road, Waiatarua
21/04/2014	07:11pm	Car accident	Piha Road, Waiatarua
03/05/2014	09:39am	Ambulance Assist	Anawhata Road, Waiatarua
04/05/2014	08:46am	Alarm Activation	Atkinson Road, Titirangi

Fire Safety:

Worn and old electric blankets can cause electric shock, fire and possibly even death.

- Have your electric blanket tested annually by a qualified electrician.
- Turn off the electric blanket power when you get into bed.
- Do not place heavy objects on the bed while the electric blanket is turned on.
- Ensure electric blanket controls are not twisted or caught between the mattress and base.
- Make sure the electric blanket is tightly secured and laid flat on the bed.
- When not in use, store your electric blanket rolled up, NOT folded.
- Electric blankets are not recommended for use by babies or young children as "bed-wetting" may occur.

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

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The weed bin is working well in its new location at Kauri Loop road and last month you were told very clearly what could go in and now, thanks to the diligence of my junior reporter Dave Pocock, we have a comprehensive list of what cannot go in. (See pic below)



And while we're talking litter, one or two of you have had occasion to see inside your neighbours' bins (no, I didn't ask why) and have reported that things are not what they should be there as well.

So...here is another little list below to help you on your recycling journey...the 'dos' and the 'don'ts' of the blue/yellow bins...

<p>YES</p> <p>paper/cardboard plastic bottles glass bottles and jars egg cartons aluminium cans shampoo bottles newspapers/ magazines steel and tin cans bottle tops envelopes with windows empty aerosols icecream containers</p>
<p>NO</p> <p>food waste polystyrene disposable nappies plastic bags meat and food trays - even if they have a number on them lightbulbs hazardous waste paint shoes, textiles and clothes pyrex and ceramics batteries window glass and mirrors</p>

...In some areas, all of these items would go directly into the bins but we in Waitakere have a separate paper collection as well, so I am sure you will all be able to work out what goes where. If you need any extra help, go to the council website for your refuse edification ... it's extremely informative and covers everything you could possibly ask for. I promise never to talk rubbish again in this column this year! Enjoy the month!

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 current financial members.

Better Scrapbooking Ltd: Scrapbooking workshops on the last Saturday night of each month. Cost \$15 Other regular scrapbooking and cardmaking classes and supplies available. 153 Solar Road, Glen Eden Phone Megan 818-2045

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dance dance dance school. Classes for kids 5-11 years at Oratia Settlers Hall. Looking for something other than jazz and ballet? Creative, contemporary and dance making Jams.Classes start May 6th for 9 weeks. Tuesday 3:20 & 4:20, Thursday 3:20 & 4:20. Ph Christina 814 9540, 02102237414 or dancencedanceschool@gmail.com

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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.

Tenants Wanted: One bedroom flat, lounge and dining lead onto very large deck. Driveway parking, plenty of storage and shared laundry facilities. \$285 per week or \$300 per couple includes reasonable power. Ph Jan 814 9938 or 027 475 8799.

The Oratia Community Church: On the corner of Parker & West Coast roads. Fellowship meets on second Thursday of the month at 1pm in the Church Hall. Ph 813 9869 for information.

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Waiaatarua Playcentre: 911 West Coast Road, Waiaatarua. Phone 09 814 8835.

Sessions: Monday, Wednesday & Friday 9.30am 12.30pm.

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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Name: _____

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Phone No: _____ I ENCLOSE: _____

Email: _____ \$10 household.

To: Treasurer, WRRRA, 911 West Coast Road, Waiaatarua, Waitakere City, or leave at the library Bank details: 12 3051 0278313 00 WRRRA

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