



Waiatarua Community News

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Bonjour mes amis,

I'm back in the land of the long white cloud and struggling to get over jetlag which fortunately wasn't bad going the other way. What a truly memorable and wonderful trip to the vast expanse of Lavandin fields on the Valensole plateau. A dream come true to be immersed in the intoxicating uplifting scent of



lavender accompanied by the hum of thousands of happy bees. A feast for the senses indeed with its extraordinary deep purple colour. A few tears were shed on this aromatic journey. While we had some wonderful trips and botanical hikes, it was serious study everyday from 9.30 to 7.30 as we delved deeper into the chemistry of essential oils, routes of application particularly internal, dosages and formulations. Two of the students treated for colds and recurrent

sore throats with antiviral capsules and throat sprays carefully formulated for their chemical components responded so quickly to the treatments, it was nothing short of impressive. Everyday we had a shared lunch in typical French fashion with an amazing spread of fresh salads, fruits, pestos, tapenades, cheeses, breads etc. Gourmet delights. My French started to come back which proved useful in the fabulous provencal markets.

My clinic opened again on Monday 14 July, so now I'm a bit more *compos mentis*.

With kind regards -- Annie Prince

Local News...

...For Local People

A Big Thank You !

I just want to say thank you to our local voluntary firemen who were called to put out a fire at Elevation Cafe on 7 June and back again soon after. Bit of a "team talk" with staff required about safe disposal of hot ashes. These guys do a great job and provide an invaluable service to the community.

THANKS GUYS.

Wayne Edwards.

And more thanks go to all those who responded to the plea (last issue) from Mick Chester.

I hope he has a wonderful time catching up with old friends and if anybody comes across any interesting stories that we can print, then by all means contact The Editor once more.

From The President

Peter Casey

Hello Waiatarua!

As I write, the city is emerging below me in between swathes of mist. In July we certainly got our fair share of rainfall, treefall, and a few other things falling in the storms as well. The Fire Brigade was even called to assist as far away as Pt Chevalier! It's strong wind that blows a fire appliance that distance.

During July you will have seen a few more communications about the DRAFT Waitakere Ranges Local Board Plan. This dropped into your letterbox around 3-5 July and has a rip off page you can use to submit your views before 5pm Wednesday 6 August. Some of the key activities I am excited about are:

Strengthening weed and pest control in Waiatarua.

Continued revitalisation and improvement of Glen Eden as a town and transport hub for the Ranges.

We've also recently been talking to the Local Board who have given us some great information about how to engage with Auckland transport. I'm keen on better bus services and improved road corridor maintenance. If you haven't already, then make your submission now - it won't take more than a few minutes and if you've lost the form you can do it online at www.shapeauckland.co.nz.

The other initiative we've kicked off at WRRRA is revitalising our website. If you are keen to help with design or build of the website, then please get in touch!

All the best to you for your August
Peter (president@waiatarua.org.nz)

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Garden Group

Robyn O'Sullivan

Hello to all the gardeners out there.

If you want to know what's happening this month, you could give Eileen a call (814 9298) in case you're missing something out on something wonderful.

I am writing this after a night of incessant heavy rain and what flowers I did have, seem to be gasping their last breath. If I was a gardener, I might be out there doing mouth to mouth but I'm not, so it's up to them to survive.

What wild weather we've had in July. You could be out there with your chainsaws legitimately this month, clearing all the debris and fallen trees!

My Wandering Jew has come out of the bush, crept over the chip pathway and is beginning to wend his way up my house piles. Now that is something I can sort out and will do, once the gales/rain/thunder/lightning/cold subsides.

Stay warm this month whilst tending your gardens!

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Bush Tips.

1. The guitar of the noisy teenager in the neighbouring campsite makes excellent kindling for your campfire.

2. In an emergency the drawstring from your parka hood can be used to strangle your snoring tent mate.

Fire Brigade News

RFF Louisa Mullins

The brigade has been kept busy again with 8 callouts since the last newsletter.

Fire Calls

12 Jun 2014 19:09	Animal Rescue	SCENIC DR WAIATARUA
14 Jun 2014 10:02	Motor Vehicle Accident	SCENIC DR/ WEST COAST RD
27 Jun 2014 02:51	Assist Ambulance	FOREST HILL RD WAIATARUA
28 Jun 2014 09:20	MVA Car down bank	SCENIC DR WAIATARUA
28 Jun 2014 10:27	MVA Car down bank	SCENIC DR WAIATARUA
03 Jul 2014 23:55	Tree Down over House	WEST COAST RD ORATIA
06 Jul 2014 22:03	MVA Car down bank	PIHA RD PIHA
08 Jul 2014 20:14	Trees Down over road	PIHA RD WAIATARUA

Fire Safety

Fire Extinguishers: What type to use and how to use them

Fire extinguishers should only be used in the following circumstances:

- When everyone has been evacuated and accounted for at a safe meeting place.
- When the fire service has been called.
- When it is safe to do so considering the size and location of the fire.
- Access to the fire is unrestricted and a safe retreat is possible at all times.
- Remember life is more important than property; don't put yourself or others at risk.
- Only when everyone is outside and the fire service has been called, should you attempt to put the fire out, and only if it is contained and you can safely escape.

Where should I install the fire extinguisher?

- Fire Extinguishers should be wall mounted above the normal reach of children, and in or near the kitchen.
- If it is in the kitchen, don't put it too close to the stove or cooking surfaces.
- Ideally have another extinguisher in the garage and one in the car.
- Caravans should have one attached to the inside of the door.
- Boats should have one mounted in a protected area where it can be reached from the open deck.

Operating the extinguisher

- Always carefully read the instructions on the side of the extinguisher, and make everyone staying in the house aware of where it is and how to use it.
- Most extinguishers require a safety pin or clip to be removed before a trigger can be operated.
- Aim the extinguisher at the base of the fire, keeping yourself low, and work the extinguisher in a sweeping motion from left to right.
- Don't start too close to the fire (most extinguishers are designed to be operated from about 2 - 3 metres away).

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 (814 9282), Station Officer Ian Ford (814 8871), Station Officer Kevin Healy (814 9505)

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By Friday 15th August 5pm

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NEW BOOKS AT THE LIBRARY.

"All The Light We Cannot See" – Anthony Doerr. Set during WW2 this is the story of 2 young people – a blind French girl and a young German soldier who is into all things to do with radios. Hence the things we cannot see. Both end up in St Malo trying to be good to others despite the desperate circumstances. This is not just a war story. Very highly rated.

"A Pleasure And A Calling" – Phil Hogan. The local real estate agent loves his town and wants to protect and nurture his community. However, he has kept a set of keys for every house he has sold and uses them! Creepy. Get the locks changed and read this psychological thriller.

"Archbishop" – Michele Guinness. In 2020 the "stained glass ceiling" is shattered when a woman is appointed the Archbishop of Canterbury. She has a strong social conscience while remaining true to her traditional church values. There are battles with the government of the day, many senior male clergy and the press. Thought provoking and a good read.

"Elizabeth Is Missing " – Emma Healey. Maud is an 82 year old with progressive dementia. However, one thing she is certain of is that her friend Elizabeth is missing. It is really hard to make anyone believe her. As her grip on daily events fails she sharply recalls so much of the past, including the disappearance of her sister, Sukey, 70 years ago. Is there a link? Part mystery but also an empathetic telling of memory loss.

From The Editor

Robyn O'Sullivan

I'm hoping this month brings some good old-fashioned crisp cold wintriness and none of that storm malarkey we had in July. It's a nice time of year to be out walking the Arataki tracks where you meet only fellow walkers/runners/cyclists and the occasional falling branch; you don't have to dodge the fast cars and potholes of the Scenic Drive and wonder every time if it's your last!

Ah, but if it was your last breath, would you have thought of our local hall to be the venue for your 'celebration of life' event? No? It's a lovely wee well-stocked hall and just right for so many occasions. The WRRRA has secured the lease for another few years at a reasonably good price, but we really need to make more use of it. So have a think about what upcoming celebrations you've got going on and imagine... could I do that locally, somewhere not too far to walk or travel, somewhere clean and well-priced ... gosh yes, the local Hall!

And continuing in that vein, what would you like to see going on at hall community-wise? We have no Great Debate this year; we are bereft of any amateur theatre but fortunately we do have another quiz night lined up towards the end of the year, but that seems to be it so far. Have you any good ideas? Send them in and we'll see what we can come up with.

Have a good month!

I have been in many places, but I've never been in Cahoots. Apparently, you can't go alone. You have to be in Cahoots with someone. I've also never been in Cognito. I hear no one recognizes you there. I have, however, been in Sane. They don't have an airport; you have to be driven there. I have made several trips there, thanks to my friends, family and work.

I would like to go to Conclusions, but you have to jump, and I'm not too much on physical activity anymore. Sometimes I'm in Capable, and I go there more often as I'm getting older. But one place I don't ever want to be is in Continent.

Advantages of being a WRRRA member?

Show your membership card at the following businesses for a 10% discount (conditions may apply)

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Elevation 473 Scenic Drive Ph 814 1919

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Community Notices are free to current financial members.

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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.

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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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Waiatarua Playcentre: 911 West Coast Road, Waiatarua. 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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