



Waiatarua Community News

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From The Garden

Can anyone let me know if this is Clematis or Old Man's Beard? I suspect the former but don't know for sure.

I found it at eye-level whilst out lurking in the bush and haven't noticed it in that patch before. Usually it is up so high, you can only catch a glimpse when the light is in the right place.



Hello Waiatarua

At ten months in as President of the WRRRA it's time to reflect on the goals I set myself. The first was to listen and understand what Waiatarua is and who lives here. Here's what I know:

Waiatarua was only officially defined geographically in 2010. You can see the map boundaries here: www.bit.ly/1svpcOc

Some statistics:

- There's almost 2,500 of us and 44% have lived here for less than 5 years.
- 41% of us are aged between 40 and 60. Only 8% of us are over 60, and our teenagers can't wait to leave - only 5% of us are between 20 and 30 years old!
- We're pretty Pakeha - 77% of us identify as of European descent. 7% identify as Maori or Pacific Islander and there is virtually nobody identifying as Asian.
- Only 10% of dwellings are rented; Auckland average is 34%.
- We're affluent. More than 50% of us have a household income above \$100,000. To get that sort of income 27% of us are managers; 30% of us say we are Professionals.
- While 13% of us work at home we all know that the other 75% drive to work with only 3% of us using the bus.

We live in a unique environment. We are part of the Waitakere Ranges Heritage area, which is essentially a buffer zone to the National Park and so have a responsibility to help control the weeds and pests that can destroy native flora or fauna. Our roads, electricity and internet are vital but often fragile. We have to continue to fight for recognition as most people only ever drive through on their way somewhere. On top of that Auckland Council Planners often use population density as a tool to work out where to allocate budget and we don't rate highly on that score. But we have strong allies; the other 11 Residents and Ratepayers Associations of the Waitakeres and the Local Board. And besides, as of this month we all now live in the Prime Minister's electorate! Keen for a possum hunt John?

Peter Casey
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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 7th of November (or the rain day Saturday the 8th) 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 bon fire 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 7th 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...

- o A torch.
- o A bucket or two of water.
- o Eye protection and gloves.
- o A bucket of soft earth to put fireworks in.
- o 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

22/09/2014	09:51	Power Lines Across Road	West Coast Rd,	Waiatarua
22/09/2014	12:34	Tree on Roof of a house	Bush Road,	Waiatarua
05/10/2014	20:58	Fire in a bed room (out on arrival of fire brigade)	Rimu Rd,	Waiatarua
10/10/2014	15:35	Rubbish Fire (no action by Brigade)	Rayner Rd,	Piha

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 (8149282),
Station Officer Ian Ford (814 8871),

WRRRA Committee Resignations:

Lynda and Frank Hogsden have lived in and been involved with Waiatarua for a considerable time.

Frank contributed significantly to Waiatarua and many will remember Lynda's catering. After moving to Glengarry Road they remained members of the WRRRA, attending every Executive Committee meeting. This month Lynda and Frank sent their apologies with a note saying owing to Frank's health, they cannot be so involved any more.

The WRRRA thank Lynda and Frank for all their contributions and wish you the absolute best.

Their email is lfhogsdn@gmail.com

Waiatarua Community Patrol Report

Pleased to say from the article in last months newsletter we gained a new member, but still need more.

September was a quiet month with 17 patrols both day and evening.

We travelled 912 km and members spent 68 hours patrolling and in that time we reported 13 incidents.

We are looking to do more evening and weekend patrols, which would be good for people who work and cannot do day patrols during the week, which suits most of our current members.

So if you have this time we would love to hear from you.

Please contact:
Les Duffield
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Get Lost In Your Own Backyard.

Karekare's Lone Kauri community school invite everyone to come and explore the regional park at the Karekare Gladequest on Sat 1st Nov. Gladequest is a orienteering style event to use a map to find as may control points in a fixed time as you can. This event is great for families and social groups to explore the tracks, dunes and beach. Both runners and walkers are welcome but you may get wet at some of the control sites. Start and finish will be in the glade at Karekare with heaps of spot prizes at the prizegiving meaning most people go home with something as well as that fine magnetic black sand.

So get a team together with some family and friends, choose a 3hrs or 90 mins option and enter online at <http://www.lacticturkey.co.nz/Karekare.htm>

You may discover a new hidden places in Karekare you've never been to before...

From The Editor

Robyn O'Sullivan

The good weather is certainly bringing out all the regular summer cyclists, runners and walkers, so let's be extra vigilant on the roads and try not to maim or run them into ditches. If you're out walking any of the tracks through the area, please park cleverly.

This morning, whilst out walking with a friend, we came back to her car parked in the middle of the Arataki carpark. The car was slightly skewed and crossing well over into the next park. This is nothing unusual for her; she tends to park however and wherever she desires but it wasn't until I found I couldn't open the door that we realised what had happened. Both passenger doors were severely damaged and unable to be opened.

The accident had been witnessed and then photographed by the good rangers of Arataki (thanks guys) and the culprit had left his business card under the wipers so it turned out well in the end.

Apparently, he had parked his car on the higher side of the carpark, in neutral and with the hand-brake on, but it had decided to go off on a jaunt of its own and had gathered enough speed to push her car over into the next park and do some quite costly damage.

So, let this be a timely warning to the rest of you... always park correctly and where you will be least likely to encounter a runaway car. Have a wonderful month!

List of New Books At The Library.

Jeanette Ziesler

"Personal" – Lee Child

"The Eye Of Heaven" – Clive Cussler

"The Child Act" – Ian McEwan

"The Bone Clocks" – David Mitchell

"The Taxidermist's Daughter" – Kate Mosse

"The Thrill Of It All" – Joseph O'Connor

"Bones Never Lie" – Kathy Reichs

"Hunter Killer" – Chris Ryan

"A Fatal Tide" – Steve Soilah

"Red Nile" – Robert Twigger

"The Great NZ Cookbook"

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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.

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