



Waiaatarua Community News

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From The Waiaatarua Community Patrol

You may have seen the shell of a car at Greenwoods Corner on Scenic Drive.
(See pic below)

This car was stolen from Glen Eden Saturday night and then completely stripped. The car was not insured as it was not quite ready for road use but thought to be secure.

The approximate value was \$10,000. The owner - an apprentice electrician - has lost all.

Do maintain your registration and insurance of your vehicles, especially if it has value.

Also, if you see people working on vehicles in unusual locations, report this to the police!

If you see dumped vehicles, please report to the council on 3010101.

Our own Community Patrol group is continuing to ensure our area - Waiaatarua, Oratia and Henderson Valley - are safe and secure. We are up to 30 strong; all volunteers, we have a fair number on holiday at the



moment so the need to continue to recruit more volunteers is necessary. Together with Neighbourhood Support, we really are successful in reducing crime.

Cheers All

Les Duffield

Editor's Note: Les is absolutely chuffed to find Waiaataruans are donating money to the CPNZ petrol account. It is much appreciated! So, next time you're down filling your own tank and you haven't already generously donated, then why not stick a few pennies their way as they are doing wonderful work keeping you and your's safe.

From The Editor

Robyn O'Sullivan

Brrrr! We're definitely right in the middle of winter now. It has been decidedly chilly and windy lately and as I write in my office (in the cold and lonely garage), this month's editorial will be short and sweet so I can race back upstairs to the warmth.

Had a lovely time at the community dinner at Elevation and was able to put faces to the names I already knew. What a nice and varied bunch of people Waiaataruans are and many thanks to the organisers. You did a great job!

Has anyone got anything they'd like to get off their chest? I'm looking for new contributors to the newsletter...you could write weekly or once a year...I'd be happy with anything! So, get your quills out, put your thinking caps on and send me something. I could even put your name in lights. Go on, make me proud!

Enjoy the month and drive safely in the wet weather!

Elevation Winter Opening Hours

Monday & Tuesday 6am to 3pm
Wednesday & Thursday 6am to 7pm
Friday through Sunday 6am to 9pm

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WE WILL REMEMBER THEM



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Hello Waiatarua!

It was great to see many of you and have some time out together recently at the Waiatarua neighbours dinner. We packed the place out; the fire, the music, the food and company was great. Good to share some kai and korero. The credit for organising this goes to Liz Gozling and Rochelle Gillespie. Thanks also to Vanny, Brett and Co.

I've just happened upon and been listening to Kim Hill playing favourite tracks with Leila Adu, a composer who is Orchestra Wellington's Emerging Composer-in-Residence and is producing some interesting work, informed by Ghanaian roots, a fluency in Italian,

Pinned on the question of where she'd rather be, it depends. She talked of Italy and the recent recession, the difficulty of finding work, rarely holding onto a job for too long, little choice in work, and no effective tax collection. But amongst all that, people have a passion for food, family, and friends. Community is king.

Contrast her time in the US, where she is at Princeton University, New York studying for a PhD in Composition. She's sees the US always working ethic, something I came across lately while working with a US company; people don't take their holidays owed because they're fearful of someone else taking their job! A networking conscious culture, always wondering what can this person do for me?

Her answer?

"You just have to get into where you are." I like it.

Sitting here, as usual when writing this column, in the lush centre of Waiatarua, windy and cold outside, the fire warm, the sun sneaking through a gap in the valley to the west, briefly illuminating the whole collection of natives enclosing us, with a misty backdrop to the city.

In July we're planning on saying "Hi" to as many of you as possible when we host the Waiatarua Breakfast, the first in several years, at the Community Hall at 911 West Coast Road. It will be great to share some awesome locally roasted coffee, some local produce, both cooked and continental, and some local laughs and stories. Hope you can make it; if not for breakfast then for a coffee!

Peter
President, WRRRA

The Library Report

Jeanette Ziesler

"A God In Ruins"- Kate Atkinson. This follow up to "Life After Life" focuses on Teddy. A young bomber pilot during the war, he finds the challenges of battle are nothing compared to life after war service.

"Being Mortal" – Atul Gawande. Atul looks at the realities of aging and how attitudes ,as well as medicine, and improve that part of life. "Aging with respect and dying with grace".

"Farewell Kabul" – Christina Lamb. A journalist for 27 years mostly in Pakistan and Afghanistan, Lamb looks at the human cost of political failures, ill-conceived wars, the spread of terrorism, and a failure to understand local dynamics.

"Going Up Is Easy" – Lydia Bradey. This NZer was the first woman to climb Mt Everest without supplementary oxygen. This book tells the story of that climb and her many climbing expeditions in Asia, Europe and NZ. Winter is here. Curl up and enjoy a good book.

Local News...for Local People.

Hot off the press...happening in July!

Community Breakfast AND Garage Sale!

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Broadband in Waiatarua

Wayne Edwards

Hello, a few months ago I wrote that there is an alternative broadband service available to Waiatarua residents who have line of sight from their property to Massey. This service is delivered via a fixed wireless dish or "Microwave Link using the 5Ghz band".

The dish size is about half the size of a Sky TV dish and is easy to install. The speed is significantly faster than using standard ADSL broadband over the copper phone lines which I understand is what most people in Waiatarua are using usually with disappointing results. The link is fed using fibre optic cable, so it can deliver faster speed and reliability.

The cost of the equipment is also not too expensive, a dish and cabling to receive the service costs \$160+GST, wifi modem/router \$95+GST. The monthly rates offered are also competitive, as is the data/gigabytes offered. I have been using the service myself for many months now and it has proved reliable with typical upload and download speeds consistently around 48 Mbps. The service providers plan to upgrade the system with newer equipment as time goes on, so speeds should increase even more once this is done.

This service provider has also set up a similar system at Snells Beach which delivers wireless broadband to people across on Kawau Island using a small dish, as their phone system is too old to support ADSL broadband. Currently there is no other option on Kawau Island other than fixed wireless, mobile 3g data or satellite broadband.

The service provider has recently installed a further link on my property on the Quinns Road ridge. I understand this is designed to relay the service for greater Auckland but it maybe an alternative for those in Waiatarua who do not have line of sight to Massey.

If you have a clear line of sight from your property to the Waitakere Ranges skyline across the Scenic Drive from Elevation Restaurant the service will be accessible although the speed maybe a little less than available direct from Massey.

Contact for further details:

Gareth Parker. Phone 0800633489 or email gareth41@orcon.net.nz

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