



# Waiatarua Community News

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## From The Editor

Robyn O'Sullivan

Another month down and closer to Christmas...I'm looking forward to that, although one of my children is coming home with husband and two children in tow, whilst their house is being built on Mountain Rd.

I had to promise them six months as I gave the other daughter six months when she returned from Scotland and of course, we have to be seen to be fair at all times. So I've been on my benders, praying for a long hot summer, with efficient but super-fast builders and a council who just keeps saying yes to everything they want to do. Oh look, there goes a flying pig!

There are lots of social activities coming up over the next few months. I'm looking forward to watching John Goudge as Blackadder and then of course, we have the debate the following month and hopefully, another quiz night before years-end. There must be something for all of you in that lot.

Enjoy the month!

*Hear Ye all Lords & Ladies, citizens & peasants —  
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## The Great Waiatarua Debate

Saturday 17th October, 2015

Waiatarua Community Hall, 7.30pm



Our adjudicator will be one of the locals - John Gillespie - Head of News and Current Affairs @ TVNZ.

The Moot: That The West Is Best.

Tickets will be available from September 23rd  
Members \$35 and non-members \$40

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## Hello Waiatarua!!

The rain fell, the tanks filled, then overflowed, a bank or two slid off the hill, one onto West Coast Road, another off Forest Hill Road, and several cars met the bus; but the power stayed on. With the cold punctuated by sun, rain, mist, and this week, hail, it's a good time to be thinking about spring plans; hell, even better, summer plans.

Life got in the way last month and I missed the newsletter deadline; a fair bit to catch you up on.

The patches on Forest Hill Road and Scenic Drive we all knew were hastily patched a few months ago came undone, and we got a few of those repaired. This morning I see even some of these are starting to come apart. It is time we had a few more conversations with Auckland Transport.

Elevations door got smashed but maintained the would be visitors. The Community Patrol scared off a few suspicious visitors.

And our past President of WRRRA, Dave Pocock and Shirley sold their house in West Coast Road. moving to Waiuku, Dave tells me it is just like Waiatarua, except flat. Many of us will miss him, although I'm going to make sure I've still got his number when I need some Presidential advice.

Last month a few of us from the WRRRA Committee also scraped up a pretty good breakfast for you, if we do say so ourselves. I do believe one, or maybe two, of us may have learned one or two things about running a kitchen for a group meal, but thanks to all those who helped out, and also those who turned up. We put a bit of cash towards the community funds as a result.

Big events on the horizon that I urge you to support are the Community Patrol fundraising garage sale, the Waiatarua Performing Arts Trust Inc season of Blackadder, and the Great Waiatarua Debate. All of these events have had an enormous amount of thought and effort put into them. They are all endorsed by the WRRRA and a great way to meet a neighbour or two.

With the planning for these events well under way I'm starting to think about ways to make some progress on the eternal issues that exist for Waiatarua. Transport and Roads being one, invasive weed control being another and broadband speeds being the other. We are officially excluded from the ultrafast broadband rollout within the next 5-10 years, but there is new technology that could help us help ourselves. If any of you are keen to hear my thoughts, I'm keen on hearing yours - roads, weeds or slow internet - then please get in touch at [president@waiatarua.org.nz](mailto:president@waiatarua.org.nz).

My summer plans come a bit early with 3 weeks on the other hemisphere. I will be out of coverage (aaah, bliss) on an extreme survival mission for the first couple of weeks in September. I'm hoping the adventure will provide me with some life changing insights. For the curious, take a look at [www.burningman.org](http://www.burningman.org). Until October, take care!

Peter Casey  
President, WRRRA

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## From The Library

Jeanette Ziesler

This month we are profiling a selection of new books by NZ authors.

**“The Invisible Mile”** is based on the true story of NZ's first participant in the Tour de France. The race in 1928 was 5476 kilometres –far longer than it is now- and Harry Watson was part of the first ANZAC team. David Coventry has written a compelling read that has you feeling like you are riding along with the team. It was a gruelling ride and maybe Watson should be better known in our sporting history.

**“Rich Man Road”** was what Pualele thought Richmond Rd was called when she first came to live in Auckland. This is also based on a true story and tells of Olga's journey from a Dalmatian village to a new life in NZ, plus Pualele's experiences as an immigrant many years later. Ann Glamuzina draws you into the lives of immigrants struggling to be understood and to understand. The 2 women's story merge many years later in a convent when an elderly Olga leaves her writings to a young Pualele.

**“The Good Doctor”** is the memoir of Dr Lance O'Sullivan. In his earlier years Lance was showing signs of “going off the rails”, but a move to a different school brought about a change. While attending Hato Petera School he gained an insight into his Maori heritage that gave him the strength to move ahead and make something of his life. He studied medicine, worked as a GP in Public Health before starting his own practice in the Far North. He is now a high profile GP often offering free health care to the disadvantaged.

**“Wild Boy”** Brando Yelavich was another who was losing his way and in danger of becoming just that - a wild boy. At the age of 20 he decided that he needed a challenge to change his focus and do something useful. Aiming to raise money for Ronald McDonald House he set off to walk the coast of NZ. That 600 day journey took him around the 8,000 kilometres of our coast line when he was often wet, lonely and hungry. He was tried both mentally and physically but persisted to the end. Well done.

All these books are well worth reading.

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As you will see below we got a few fire calls the night of the big rains here in Auckland. We have recently been audited by the NZFS as part of their ongoing processes of operating NZ wide. Thanks to a big effort by the members we should come through with flying colours.

Please read the following advice from the NZFS Fire Safety Team.

### Electric Blankets

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- 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.
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- 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.

For more information on fire extinguishers go to the NZ Fire Service website – [www.fire.org.nz](http://www.fire.org.nz) and look under the Home Fire Safety tab.

### Fire Calls:

15/07/2015	07:05pm	Flooding	Phillip Ave, Glen Eden
15/07/2015	07:49pm	Flooding	St Leonards Road, Kelston
15/07/2015	09:07pm	Flooding	Scenic Drive, Titirangi
02/08/2015	03:38am	Car Fire	Spragg Bush, Scenic Drive
02/08/2015	01:35pm	MVA	Piha Road, Waiatarua

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## OCTOBER NEWSLETTER

Copy needs to be in the hands of the Editor

By FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 11th @ 5PM

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