



Waiatarua Community News

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Hello Waiatarua!

Hello everyone

My name is Tom Hoey and as I write this I have been the new Association President for a grand total of 3 days.

I was born and raised in Ireland. My wife Kari is from Titirangi and we moved to New Zealand in 1985. We have lived in Waiatarua since 1993 and have a 23 year old daughter, Eimhin and 21 year old son, Patrick. I spent close to 35 years in financial services and was the Group Executive of New Zealand's largest and most successful statutory Trust Company for 12 years until pulling back from the corporate world in 2017. One of my main interests is football and I was a coach, manager, board member and chairman of Oratia United before spending 12 years on the board of Northern Football Federation, 6 years of which as chairman with the final year as president.

I am now running my own consulting business and currently working with a couple of local football clubs, in particular Waitakere City where I manage the Junior and Youth development pathways. I now also have some time to focus on other important local issues so here I am.

I believe that if you work as a focused team on the important issues with a clear understanding of the required outcomes, timelines and responsibilities you will achieve results. I hope that I can use my Governance and Management experience to assist the association in what will now be an interesting time in our history as we emerge from COVID-19 and begin to understand what the new normal will be and how that will affect our community.

I look forward to meeting you all over the coming months at the various planned events that you will see highlighted in the newsletter. One of these is the opportunity for all residents to meet with their local candidates standing for the next election. I am sure you will have some questions about what our local MP's see as the priorities for our area and the country - so seize the moment!

Tom Hoey

president@waiatarua.org.nz



ELECTION SPECIAL:

Meet the Candidates

Take this opportunity to come along and meet the candidates in our area (New Lynn electorate). Confirmed to attend are Labour (Deborah Russell), National (Lisa Whyte), the Greens (Steve Abel) and NZ First (Rob Gore).



The format will be a time limited 3 minute speech from each candidate, followed by a Q&A session. All questions for the candidates must be submitted to the WRRRA President, Tom Hoey by **5pm Friday 21 August** at president@waiatarua.org.nz. Any extra questions received after this deadline will be added, time permitting. Written questions from the floor will also be accepted, again with time permitting.

Where: Waiatarua Community Hall, 911 West Coast Rd, Waiatarua

When: 7pm, Monday 24 August (target end time 8.30pm—9pm)

Tea/coffee and a light supper will be provided.

Spring Fling update

Thank you for all your emailed suggestions for our upcoming Spring Fling event. We'd love to see some more however—so please keep them coming. Email committee@waiatarua.org.nz

When: Sunday 13 September 2020

Where: Waiatarua Community Centre, 911 West Coast Rd, Waiatarua

Time: 1pm—3.30pm



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Library hours: Thursday 10.00am—12.00pm

Friday 7.00pm—8.00pm

Saturday and Sunday 11.00am—12.00pm

website: www.waiatarua.org.nz

Library News

Here are a few of the new books we have on offer:

Nora Roberts	<i>Hideaway</i>
Hillary Mantel	<i>The Mirror and the Light</i>
Stacey Halls	<i>The Foundling</i>
Clive Cussler	<i>Wrath of Poseidon & Journey of the Pharaohs</i>
Jo Nesbo	<i>Knife</i>
Abi Dare	<i>The Girl with the Louding Voice</i>
James Patterson	<i>Texas Outlaw</i>
Shaun Bythell	<i>Confessions of a Bookseller</i>
Joanna Trollope	<i>Mum and Dad</i>

This is just a snippet of the wide range of books available. There are plenty more to choose from.

Are there any small groups that would like to use the Library for their meetings, perhaps to learn to play Mahjong etc?

Please come on a Thursday 10.00am to 12.00am so that we can discuss it with you. Why not join us for a cup of tea or coffee at the same time? The Library is also running short of volunteers to do library duties one day a month for one hour. Can you help? We'd love to see you.

In a recent issue of the NZ Herald, American librarians have asked members of the public to stop microwaving their books. Some people believe it will help protect them against Covid-19. (it won't). We hope nobody here is doing that!

Barbara Field

From the Editor

The school holidays are over at the time of writing and it's back to school for the kids. It has been quite a relief that these holidays have felt a lot more normal than the last ones. Good to see people out and about, experiencing what NZ has to offer and spending their tourist dollars locally.

The start of the school holidays was for us another very sad time with the sudden passing of my father in law in the UK, aged 91. The distance has made this especially hard to cope with. We are hopeful though that at some point in the not too distant future we will all be able to get back there for a visit, but the way things are at the moment it does not look like this will happen any time soon. Thank goodness for technology such as Skype, Zoom, WhatsApp, not to mention email and good old fashioned telephone calls to help us feel connected with our loved ones so very far away.

On a lighter note I would like to welcome our new WRRRA President to the Committee. I think he will be a great asset to the community with his wealth of experience and dynamic attitude. You can meet him at the Meet the Candidates night at the Waiatarua Hall on Monday 24 August, as advertised on page 1. Of course it is also a great opportunity to put your questions to the candidates standing for election in our area! So, as Tom says: seize the moment!

Cheers, Erin

Waitakere Ranges Local Board Plan

The consultation on the Waitakere Ranges local board plan opened on 13 July and runs until 13 August, by which date feedback must be received. The high level themes at which the board wants to look are as follows:

The Waitakere Ranges Heritage Area is protected and enhanced and connections with surrounding communities are strengthened;

We work closely with mataawaka and mana whenua partners;

We work to respect, protect and restore the environment;

Our communities are resilient and strong;

Our communities experience wellbeing, belonging and participation;

People have a range of opportunities to experience arts, culture and heritage; and

We have infrastructure and facilities which support and enhance our neighbourhoods and town centres.

Example initiatives include:

Supporting, delivering and advocating for restoration programmes in ecological areas that will improve public places and help private landowners;

Empowering communities to prepare for disasters, particularly remote coastal and bush communities;

Supporting communities to apply for greater protection for scheduled and notable trees;

Providing access to year-round affordable or free activities in local parks and facilities;

Expanding the local arts experience into the wider Glen Eden and Swanson area;

Working with Henderson-Massey and Whau Local Boards to increase our understanding of homelessness and housing vulnerability in the area, and of our role in supporting initiatives to address these issues;

Supporting a breadth of projects and activities to ensure funding allocations reflect our wide range of communities, including Māori, Pasifika, and other social and ethnic groups.

For more information, check out www.akhaveyoursay.nz/lovelocal and scroll down to Waitakere Ranges Local Board.



Quote of the month

"I don't have to chase extraordinary moments to find happiness—it's right in front of me if I'm paying attention and practising gratitude" - Brene Brown

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Fire Brigade News

Greetings from the team at Waiatarua Volunteer Fire Brigade. We last reported that the station had been driven into, the good news is that our kitchen is nearly done, it is functioning, just waiting on a couple of finishing paint touches, but it is good to have kitchen facilities again. We also now have brand new bright yellow bollards, so fingers crossed this will be the last time we have to have the kitchen replaced due to vehicular incident.

We have a great group of new recruits who are working hard towards their recruit training course, but we still have room for new members, and we would love to hear from all people in our community who are interested regardless of gender, ethnicity or age (there are some physical requirements for operational firefighting, but there are other activities that we need help with).

"Fire and Emergency New Zealand (FENZ) are committed to increasing diversity at all levels of the organization, including having more women in operational roles." – *Fire and Emergency New Zealand website*

Research demonstrates that diverse groups are more productive and capable of reaching more creative solutions to complex problems. Having people from different backgrounds, with different life experiences, learning styles, cultures and gender enriches our work environment and may add to our situational awareness on the fire ground or emergency incidents. We can be much more effective when we reflect the community we serve. Please contact us (on the numbers or emails below) and have a chat if you would like to be involved.

Since 1 June we have attended:

3 June	Car crash	Scenic Drive
18 June	Tree & phone cable down due to storm	Forest Hill Road
27 June	Flooded residence	West Coast Road
27 June	Flooded road	West Coast Road
28 June	Car crash	West Coast Road
7 July	Rubbish fire	Bush Road
12 July	Car crash	Scenic Drive

Safety Notices:

Lately we have noticed that many of the car crashes we have attended have been West Auckland locals who appear to be under the influence. We would like to send out a plea, for your sake, for your family's sake, for other drivers' sake and for our sake, please do NOT drive while under the influence. Our hearts sink when the pager goes and we look down to see the words "car crash, persons trapped". Also, we would like to ask that you consider other options before having rubbish fires, but if you do, please do not leave them unattended!

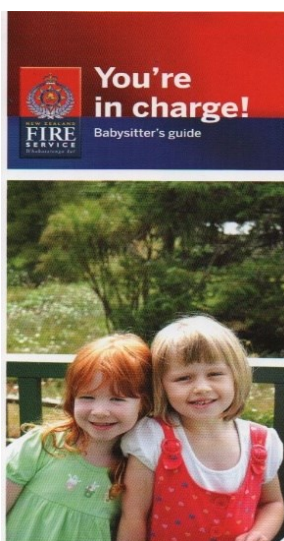
Resources:

While reorganizing the watch room, I discovered some great little wallet brochures for Babysitters (pictured right). If you are a babysitter or know someone it would be useful for, email me on Christine.healy@fireandemergency.nz, with your address (or if you would like the e-version let me know) and I will put one in the post.

Contacts:

Always phone 111 for any fire or emergency. For anything else, please call Chief Fire Officer Kevin Healy (814 9505), Deputy Chief Officer Ian Ford (814 8871) or email Volunteer Brigade Support Christine Healy (Christine.healy@fireandemergency.nz)

Christine Healy (Brigade Support)



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Doers Networks: local, fast internet providers info@doers.net.nz

Handyman Out West: Any work undertaken. House and property maintenance, renovation and decoration eg gutter cleaning, water blasting, deck building, tree felling, painting etc. Reliable and friendly. Phone Mike 814 9708.

Indoor Bowls: every Thursday at the Hall 7pm for 7.15 start. No experience needed. Coffee and tea provided. \$3 donation to CPNZ and WPAT. Ph Celia: 814 9660 or Liz: 814 9688.

Lawn mowing and section clean ups: Ph Grant at Top Grass Ltd. 814 9493 mob 021 024 75610

Plants: Bromeliads \$5 - \$6; Taros, cannas and various shrubs \$4 - \$5. All sales to Nepalese Educ Trust. Phone Margaret 814 9859.

Table Tennis: every Wednesday in the Hall, 7-9pm. No experience needed, all equipment supplied. \$2 per week Contact Tony 814 9860, email tony.bacon@sthw.co.nz

The Oratia Community Church: On the corner of Parker & West Coast roads. Fellowship meets on the 2nd Thursday of each month at 1pm in the church hall. Ph 813 9869 for information.

Tiler / Stone layer: 21 years experience in the trade available for indoor and outdoor projects large or small. Phone Craig Starr 021 610 408.

Waiatarua Playcentre: Come and have 3 free visits at our bush nestled Playcentre. We are child led, parent run and full of fun! Open 9:30am - 12:30pm Mon and Weds. Contact Ronni O'Brien 09 814 8835 or waiatarua@playcentre.org.nz or www.facebook.com/waiataruaplaycentre

Yovi's Topstitch: Alterations or sewing projects I can do at your budget, from cushions, squabs etc. Contact Yovi 021 084 36450 or yovistopstitch12@gmail.com

SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER

Copy needs to be in the hands of the Editor

by FRIDAY 14 AUGUST @ 5pm

New multi-purpose community venue unveiled

Exciting news for the local community. For the past year work has been taking place on the Packing Shed on Parrs Cross Rd in Oratia (formerly the Packing Shed Café) to restore it to its former glory. It has been transformed into a new, multi-purpose community space which will be known as The Oratia Collective.

They currently have superstar sourdough baker Kopiko baking fresh sourdough from the kitchen, and the aim is to get a small farmer's market up and running in the next few months (Council approval pending). Watch out for upcoming weekly yoga classes, a coffee spot on Saturdays, film nights, community get-togethers and lectures. The space will also be available for private events, and as a shared workspace during the week.

The space is open now for event hire and as a shared workspace for those interested. Yoga classes will start from the end of September. Social media should be up and running in the next few weeks.

If you're interested in any of the above, please contact Emma Stone on 021 171 2108 for further information.

This will be a wonderful asset to the community. In the meantime, here are some images of this fabulous new space to pique your interest.



*The Packing Shed, 99 Parrs Cross Rd, Oratia.
Contact Emma Stone on 021 171 2108 for
further information.*

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Environmental Corner

Got Rats? Possums? Stoats? Join the trap Library!

Waiatarua is home to New Zealand's second trap library! We have traps you can borrow to rid your property of pests, for free!

Next training session: **Sunday 23rd August at 10am** at the Waiatarua Hall, 911 West Coast Rd, Waiatarua (training will be a 30 minute demonstration and sign up on site with some ID and proof of address. You can then take your traps home with you).

All traps that are currently out on loan will be due back for drop off Friday 21st and Saturday 22nd August, unless you're still trapping pests.



For more info please contact sciencemademedoit@gmail.com

Rita Steel



Advantages of being a WRRRA member?

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Waitakere Forest & Bird

ELECTION SPECIAL – MEET THE CANDIDATES

Thursday 20 August at 7.30 pm

Our traditional pre-election opportunity to hear from the candidates in our area. They will answer a number of pre-set questions, on their own behalf or that of their party. The questions will revolve around the future of our natural environment, climate change and how their decisions are influenced by external factors in our post-Covid world. Some questions will focus specifically on hot topics for our area and electorate.

We then open it up to (written) questions from the floor, either addressed to a specific person or to the whole panel followed by light supper with opportunity for audience and candidates to mix and mingle. As this is one of the bigger "Meet the Candidates" meetings, we have a track record of a high number of candidates showing up to bid for your vote!

Venue: Kelston Community Centre, cnr Awaroa/Great North Rd. Non members welcome, join us for supper afterwards. Koha appreciated to cover hall hire. For further information ph Liz 0274 762732, email lizanstey@hotmail.com

Waiatarua Community Patrol

Hey residents,

We are always looking for new recruits to join our Community Patrol Group, this is to increase the pool of patrollers, therefore sharing the load. All we ask for is two hours, a couple of times per month. You would be trained, given a uniform and familiarised with the patrol car. You can select when and with whom to patrol and help us keep crime away.

However, if you are unable to patrol but want to help, we are looking for a SECRETARY - mainly passing of information via emails, minute taking at quarterly committee meetings, approximately 8-10 hours a month.

Or are you a TRAINER? We need someone who enjoys induction training. You can set your own timings, approximately 4 hours per recruit in a couple of sessions, but group training is preferred.

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Les Duffield



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