



Waiatarua Community News

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From the President

Hello again,

Wow, another month has gone by so quickly. The priority for me now is not only to understand how everything works, but to understand why and how it works the way it does. I want to thank the current Executive Committee for their help so far. I also understand there are several of you out there who have worked with the committee on previous initiatives in the past. I would like to get your input so perhaps if you email me at president@waiatarua.org.nz, we can have a conversation.

What I have managed to do is identify what skills are needed to fill roles that will either manage certain initiatives or assist in other ways so that we can deliver real results to the community. Over the next few editions we will be making you aware of at least some of these roles with a brief outline of what is required and what time you would need to set aside each month.

I see this as a great opportunity for our younger residents who might be studying for a degree in, say, finance, law or technology to gain some practical experience and also assist us by bringing fresh new ideas to the table. This could also apply to any resident who has these skills and some time available to assist. As they say, "many hands make light work".

Just to remind you that the current Executive Committee includes myself as President, Mark Holibar as Vice President, Peter Casey as Secretary, Sue Smith as Treasurer, Erin Kingsleigh-Smith as Newsletter Editor, Rita Steel who manages the Environment Portfolio, Grant Longley who manages the Library, and Ryan Robertson, Sue



Bowers and Brett Whyte who are general Committee members. There is also Matt Smith who is the Hall Custodian, and there are others who volunteer in the library, deliver newsletters and perform other chores. All of these people deserve a vote of thanks for their energy, their commitment and their time.

On to our next event where I hope to meet some of you at the meet the candidates evening happening on the Monday 21 September. I am hoping that you all have some questions for the candidates so please email them to me in plenty of time so that I am prepared and you all get some answers. Further details on this below.

Given the current uncertainty as to what levels of lockdown will be introduced over the next month we have decided that instead of hosting the "Spring Fling Event" we will move this to a date in November. At that stage we would hope to be at least level 1, and the weather will be warmer so we can make it more of a summer event. Watch out for the next edition where we will let you know the new date.

Over the next month we will continue to review the current processes and procedures as I have outlined above. We will be publishing these in the hope that we can encourage some skilled residents to assist us across a range of different roles across a range of capacities.

If we agree that no idea is a bad idea, then can I ask you all, to please email any ideas/suggestions you might wish to share? This is a team effort and you are all part of this team. Your involvement will be greatly appreciated.

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), NZ First (Rob Gore) and ACT (Shawn Blanchfield).

The format will have 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 18 September** 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 21 September (target end time 8.30pm—9pm)

Tea/coffee and a light supper will be provided.



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Mini Lemon and Blueberry Muffins

Ingredients

1 1/4 cups self raising flour
1/2 cup sugar
1/3 cup canola oil
1/3 cup sour cream
1/3 cup milk
1 egg
Grated zest of 1/2 lemon
3/4 cup blueberries (fresh or frozen)



What's on locally

Events and activities at the Oratia Combined Church Hall, next to Parker Rd Church, corner of West Coast and Parker Rds.



The Oratia Crafting and Friendship Group meets every Monday from 10am—12 noon. There is a small \$2 fee, and bring a small plate of three morning tea items to share. Everyone is welcome. To find out more, contact Bev Latimer on 835 3237.

Women's and Men's Fellowship from 1pm on the second Thursday of the month, from February to November. Interesting speakers and regular outings. A small donation is requested for afternoon tea and in support of Save the Children.



Games Night from 7pm on the last Friday of the month, from March to September. A small donation is requested for our local foodbank. Optional plate for supper. All welcome. Phone Desley 836 6572 or Lynda 813 9869.

Method

Preheat the oven to 180C (160C fan forced). Spray 2 x 12-hole mini muffin pans generously with oil.

Sift the flour into a large mixing bowl. Stir in the sugar.

In a separate bowl, mix together the oil, sour cream, milk, egg and lemon zest and pour into the dry mixture.

Fold in the blueberries.

Spoon the muffin mixture into the prepared pans. Bake for 18-20 minutes, or until a skewer inserted into the centre comes out clean.

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Library News

Isn't it good to feel the pages of a real book again after feasting on e-books during lockdown?

Are you following the USA election campaigns? *The Cult of Trump* by Steve Hassan might be unsettling. More uplifting is Michelle Obama's *Becoming*. Both are in our library. Closer to home we have *Charles Bloomfield—His life and times*, kindly donated by a descendant of the artist.

Among our recent purchases are the following items:

Becky Manawatu's *Auē*, winner of the 2020 Ockham NZ Book Award. Beautiful in parts, grim in others, life today for many.

Nicky Pellegrino's *Tiny Pieces of Us* asks, what if you were given a second chance of

life?

Karen Rose's *Watch your Back* is the fourth and concluding story of the Baltimore series.

Anne Glenconner's *Lady in Waiting*, the extraordinary biography of a close friend of Princess Margaret. There are 268 holds on this book from the main Auckland Library but Waatarua has two copies available to borrow now.

The word is that our library is due for refurbishment. Would this be a good use of Council funds? Come and have a look around and see what you think. Everyone is welcome. For library hours, please see the bottom of page 1 of the newsletter.

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.

Plant Me Instead

Get rid of a weed, plant me instead! Many of the weedy species that are invading and damaging our natural areas are ornamental plants that have 'jumped the fence' from gardens and gone wild. It costs councils, government departments and private landowners millions of dollars, and volunteers and community groups thousands of unpaid hours, to control these weeds every year. The Plant Me Instead booklet profiles the environmental weeds of greatest concern to those in your region who work and volunteer in local parks and reserves, national parks, bush remnants, wetlands and coastal areas. Suggestions are given for locally-sold non-weedy species, both native and nonnative, that can be used to replace these weeds in your garden. Free copies of the booklet are available at the Arataki Visitor Centre or by downloading a PDF version (link here). <https://www.weedbusters.org.nz/resources/plant-me-instead-booklets/>

Here's an excerpt to get you started.

Garden Escapee: *Agapanthus* (*Agapanthus praecox*, right)

Robust, evergreen, clump-forming perennial to 60 centimetres tall, with up to 20 wide leathery leaves on each shoot. Light blue or white flowers forming umbrella-shaped clusters are followed by seed spread by wind and water. Also spread by long, thick, underground stems. Forms dense mats that exclude native species, and seedlings easily outcompete young native plants in warm, dry places.



Plant Me Instead:

R e n g a r e n g a

(*Arthropodium cirratum*, left)

Also consider: Turutu (*Dianella nigra*) Mikoikoi (*Libertia ixioides*) Wharariki (*Phormium cookianum*)



Plant Me Instead: Turf lily (*Liriope muscari*, right) Also consider: Day lily (*Hemerocallis* species, except *H. fulva*) Nerine species



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

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.

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

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Quote of the month

"Hope and fear cannot occupy the same space. Invite one to stay" - Maya Angelou

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