



Waiatarua Community News

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From the President

Hello again

These months seem to be passing quickly. I hope you are all now safe and starting to get back to some semblance of normality in Level 1. As I write this we are just about at the election date, so decision time for us all. I want to thank those members and candidates that attended the "Meet the Candidates Night" held at the hall during September. It was an excellent turn out and great presentations from the candidates who also managed to answer all of the curly questions from the membership. Thanks to Marq Holibar for all his great work in getting this sorted.

This month I am focusing my message on the Executive Committee positions. We have included an article on page 2 outlining briefly what these roles are about so that you understand the requirements of each a little better. In last month's edition I outlined who currently holds these positions, so this time I have indicated which roles will need to be filled at the AGM in February 2021.

The focus is on replacing the Treasurer and the Secretary. We also require assistance with the Environment Portfolio and our Website



and Social Media positions. As I stated last month, I see this as a great opportunity for our residents who might be studying for, or working as, a company secretary, administrator or have experience in finance or technology that can assist us by bringing fresh new ideas to the table.

People volunteering for these roles do not need to be on the Executive Committee so less time is required. Also the more people we get to help the better we can spread the workload. Watch the website in the next few weeks; we will have a section including the role descriptions and estimated time required over the course of a year. **If you are interested in helping please call me on 027 585 1486 to discuss.**

We are planning a Christmas event and this will be promoted once we have set a date. I'm really looking forward to meeting more of you at this event and to hear first hand your thoughts on what issues may affect our area in the coming years. I would also like to understand how the demographic of the area has changed and understand how we can help new residents with information, like those buying houses with water and septic tanks. I have also discussed this with the local Council so I will be interested to hear from any newbies to the area on what might help them better understand what living in the Waitakere Ranges is all about.

Tom Hoey

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Great community support at Meet the Candidates Evening

The Meet the Candidates evening for the general election held at the Waiatarua Hall on Monday 21 September was a great success. A big thank you from the Committee must go to the candidates and to those residents who attended.

Two signs advertising the event for the two weeks prior had been erected at the junctions of Forest Hill/West Coast Rd and at Scenic Drive/West Coast Rd.



Confirmation of permission to hold the meeting and the applicable rules due to the Covid Alert level was received from the NZ Government Cabinet Office via the NZ Prime Minister's Office. Due to the Covid level restrictions, seating was spaced at 1 metre

apart, sanitiser was provided and all attendees had to either scan

the QR code or sign in. Candidates from Labour, National, NZ First, the Greens and ACT attended. Timed presentations were made by all candidates followed by submitted questions put by the meeting chair (WRRRA President, Tom Hoey).



Excellent attendance from locals meant that all seats in the hall were occupied. Additional seating, appropriately spaced, was also put in the hall entry foyer due to numbers attending and a small number of people were turned away due to being full house. Approximate head count of attendees was 70. Feedback from all candidates was that they were all happy with the format, chairing, duration, questions and opportunity.

As organiser I would especially like to thank Tom Hoey for presenting the questions and Ryan Robertson for his front of house work on the night.

Marq Holibar

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Executive Committee Roles

Your Association needs to have a committed team elected at the AGM in February 2021. Here is an outline of the roles.

President

Purpose: For the President to manage and lead the Executive Committee so that they achieve the Association's goals and fulfil the Association's mission. Current president is Tom Hoey who was seconded to the position in August 2020 and is standing for election again in 2021.

Vice-President

Purpose: For the Vice-President to provide advice and direction to the President and the Executive Committee so they can achieve the Association's goals and fulfil the Association's mission. Facilitate effective communication between the Executive Committee and any Sub Committees of the Association. Current vice-president is Marq Holibar who is standing for election again in 2021.

Secretary

Purpose: To ensure a true record of the proceedings of all meetings of the Association is created and kept. Ensure that the agenda and all papers to be discussed and agreed at each meeting are distributed to the Executive Committee. Ensure that the correspondence of the Association and any committees under its direction is conducted as required. Current Secretary is Peter Casey who has decided not to stand for election again in 2021.

Treasurer

Purpose: To account for the money received, spent and invested

by the organisation. Submit every year to the AGM a statement of audited accounts and balance sheet at the close of the financial year. Have custody of all funds and keep account of them in such a manner as will at any time clearly show the true financial position of the Association. Current Treasurer is Sue Smith who has decided not to stand for election again in 2021.

Newsletter Editor

Purpose: For the President to ensure that the newsletter is a publication for the exchange of news and opinion for the benefit of the members of the Waiaatarua Residents and ratepayers Association (WRRRA). Ensure that the activities of the WRRRA are properly communicated. Current Newsletter Editor is Erin Kingsleigh-Smith who is standing for election again in 2021.

General Executive Committee Member

These members have an important role on the Executive Committee and work to support the Waiaatarua Residents and Ratepayers Association (WRRRA). Current Committee members are Sue Bowers, Brett Whyte and Ryan Robertson. Ryan is currently looking after our Technology portfolio. All at this stage are standing for election for 2021.

Co-opted Positions

There are currently two positions, being the Environmental Portfolio held by Rita Steel and the Librarian held by Grant Longley. These positions will be confirmed by the new committee after the AGM. **We need more involvement so should you have any interest we will outline the process for nominations and some more details that you need to know in next month's issue. Or you can simply email or call the President on 027 585 1486 to discuss.**

Fire Brigade News

Greetings all. Spring is in the air, the weather is slowly getting warmer and we are at Level 1. Not long until BBQ's are dusted off.

Since the previous newsletter we have attended:

- 19 Aug – Trees and lines down, Scenic Drive
- 9 Sep – Car fire, Scenic Drive
- 30 Sep – Vegetation fire, Piha Road
- 7 Oct – Car crash, Scenic Drive
- 15 Oct – Car fire, Scenic Drive

Brigade Activity

Over the last couple of months, we have been busy getting recruits ready for their recruit fire fighter training courses. Even with re-scheduling (thanks to COVID) we can say a big congratulations to Gareth and Damian for finishing their recruit course, and as we write this Dave Anderson is attending his recruit training. We also are pleased to have Lorna made up to Station Officer and have been joined on the brigade by Jacob and Heleine. We are still looking for more volunteers so if you are interested please contact us.

We are coming into the warmer months and remind everyone to be careful about lighting fires, if you would like to find out if you

need a fire permit then go to: www.firepermit.nz

We still need your help

We are very grateful to those that have generously contributed to our Ute Fund, but we are still have a little bit more to go before it is fully paid off. If you can support us, it would mean a great deal to the whole Brigade. This Ute helps transport extra fire-fighters to calls and carries additional tools and equipment. Please support us by visiting our givealittle page to donate. <https://givealittle.co.nz/cause/waiaatarua-volunteer-fire-brigade-fundraising>. We will also have the link on our Facebook page.



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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Karekare Surf Lifesaving Club Re-Build—Project Update

Karekare Surf Club rebuild project has been over 20 years in the making. We were fortunate to finally get started despite the year of great stop start moments under level 3 on 11 May 2020.

After the accessway from the carpark to the build sites was built, demolition began with the club being broken down piece by piece and moved off site, with completion by 11 June. The club then farewelled the clubhouse with a blessing by the local Iwi, Te Kawerau Maki. The following week, once the site we proudly own (after it was gifted to the club in 1935 by Mrs Farley) was fully cleared, the land was blessed and treasures buried. This was an important part of the closing of the club's history of the past 85 years. The Watchman was also an original Pa site for the Te Kawerau Maki and as original tribal owners of the land and these proceedings were of great importance to them. Sadly we were not able to invite all our community due to the Covid level restrictions that were in place at the time, which was very disappointing as we had hoped to share this momentous occasion with everyone.

Cassidy Construction then started the rebuild with ground works and from then on progress has been rapid. The build is now classed as out of the ground. We have the basement and first floor complete and the framing on the top level quickly going up. The roof work has now started and we will hopefully be hosting a roof shout very soon. The construction team have been amazing communicating with the local community through Facebook when large deliveries have been expected and piloting vehicles down Lone Kauri Road. Anyone who knows the road knows it is no mean feat for locals and large construction trucks to navigate together. We thank the local community for their support and understanding during the build, and we look forward to



sharing the new facility with local community groups when it is completed.

The club have been thrilled by the generous donations to the rebuild from their members both past and present and others who have long associations with the club and Karekare. We have sold all our Smithy Steps which are in honour of one of our life members, Ian Smith, who sadly passed away during the first lockdown. Ian was an icon of the Titirangi Village and a legend at the Karekare Surf Club, particularly famous for his fancy work vehicles getting stuck in the sand and washed out in the tide in the 1970's. We have also had "Buy a Bunk" of which we only have a few left. Our new fundraising initiative is our Wall of Fame. If you would like your name immortalised on the Karekare wall of our Committee room please contact Teresa Harvey, Club Administrator at secretary@karekaresurfclub.org.nz for further details, or visit our website for the "donate now" button. Donations start as little as \$100 and we have other opportunities for large donations which Sir Bob Harvey, our Fundraiser, would be delighted to discuss with you. We really appreciate all our members and friends who have dug deep in this very difficult year to find the extra money to support a very worthwhile cause.

We have a newsletter of the build progress and club updates. If you would like to be added to our mailing list and receive updates on our progress please email Teresa. We look forward to sharing our wonderful new facility with you all at our grand opening in November 2021.

Come and check out the rest of the new books we have, including a good selection on loan from the Auckland Library for you to choose.

Are you interested in playing Scrabble? Celia has a group coming to the Library on a Tuesday afternoon at 2.00 pm. If you are interested phone Celia Wood-Calvert on 814 9660.

The Library is going to be refurbished soon. We will keep you posted as soon as we have a date.

Barbara Field

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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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Library News

Here are a few of the new books that we have purchased recently.

Emma Donoghue: The Pull of the Stars
Rose Carlyle: The Girl in the Mirror
Lynda La Plante: Buried and Blunt Force
James Patterson: Private Moscow, Texas
Outlaw and Criss Cross
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