



# Waiatarua Community News

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## Update from the Waiatarua Ratepayers & Residents Association

**Membership:** Thank you to the residents that have already paid their \$20 membership fee for 2022 – if you haven't, and would like to, you can use the form on the website which provides full details including our bank account number, or you can email directly to our Treasurer – email: [treasurer@waiatarua.org.nz](mailto:treasurer@waiatarua.org.nz) and pay online A/c # 12-3051-0278313-00, WRRRA. Whichever method you prefer please be sure to include your address details and email so that we can send out the membership cards.

With regards to membership cards, we now have this sorted and will be sending these out very soon. You may have already received them before this newsletter! If you have any queries regarding these cards please email: [secretary@waiatarua.org.nz](mailto:secretary@waiatarua.org.nz)

**Committee Vacancies:** We are still requiring the services of two more volunteers to fill the positions of President and Treasurer – if you would like to become involved with your community then please contact us via email: [secretary@waiatarua.org.nz](mailto:secretary@waiatarua.org.nz) We would certainly appreciate your input. Details of these two positions have been outlined in the previous newsletters which are available on the website: [www.waiatarua.org.nz](http://www.waiatarua.org.nz)

**Events:** With life returning to some form of normality, the Committee is wanting to plan appropriate events for the residents of Waiatarua – if you have any suggestions then please email them to [secretary@waiatarua.org.nz](mailto:secretary@waiatarua.org.nz) and these will then be tabled at the next Committee meeting. We have asked in previous newsletters for suggestions but to date no ideas have been forthcoming. So please get your thinking caps on!

To kick things off, the first Quiz Night is planned for Saturday 23 July 2022 so dust off your general knowledge and join us – details below.

### Waiatarua Quiz Night – Saturday 23 July

7.30pm at the Waiatarua Hall, 911 West Coast Road

Pub quiz format ... teams of around 6 or 8 (but we are not that strict). You can organise your own team or just turn up on the night and we can fit you in.

**Entry \$5.00 per person**

Please BYO drinks and nibbles to share with your team (AND the quizmasters – Ian Ford and Cathie Wells)

For more information please contact - email: [secretary@waiatarua.org.nz](mailto:secretary@waiatarua.org.nz)



### In Memoriam—Sarah Turbott

21 February 1965 - 19 February 2022

Sarah, daughter of Nan and Harry Turbott, and sister of Chris, grew up in Karekare at a time when there were a lot fewer residents than there are today. The family was well known in the district.

Sarah sadly lost her mother, Nan, while Sarah was still at school. Sarah was at Oratia School and later at St Dominic's. Nan had bought ponies for herself and the children and this was the start of a lifelong love of horses for Sarah. She used to move the ponies, Kip and Yogi, around to graze anywhere suitable in the valley near the beach. Later the ponies went up the road to Lone Kauri Farm to be enjoyed by other children after Sarah went to work at a racing stable in Waimauku with the very successful trainer Davina Waddell. She was employed for several years there, further developing her knowledge and experience with horses.

Sarah was always a keen supporter of the Karekare Beach Race Days where she was a stalwart helping out in the horse entry tent. When her health deteriorated, Harry took care of her and they lived together in an apartment in Waterview. Later on, as Harry grew older, she spent several years in a rest home where Chris and Angela Turbott visited her regularly.

Sarah will be remembered for her dry and quick sense of humour, her love of animals and her delicious scones.



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## Rubbish dumpers strike again

To whomever dumped two bags of baby clothing on Kellys Road (one had split open).

It was very disappointing that these clothes seemed to be clean and in good condition before they got scattered around the road. There are a number of places where they could have been dropped off. They would have been very useful to some families. Just plain lazy, I guess.

*Les Duffield*

*Left: Les clears away the dumped clothing*



## Environmental Corner

After a few postponements the first annual wasp blitz weekend took place in mid March.

A first of its kind in our area, the weekend was an attempt to bring down numbers of German wasps.

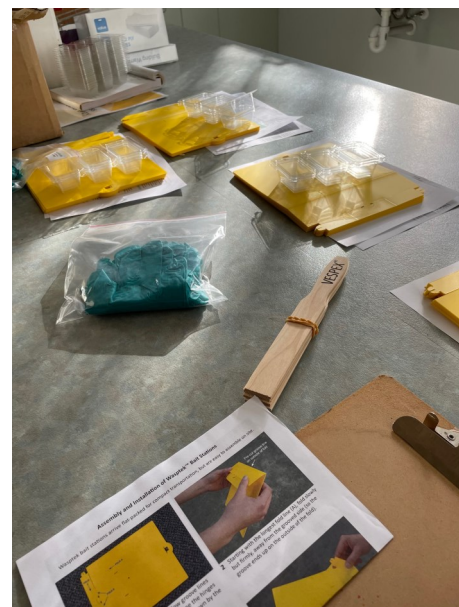
Joining forces with Oratia we managed to train up 10 volunteers who are now approved Vesplex handlers. Over three weekends we managed to place 80 bait stations and bait, on over 30 properties where owners had wasp populations.

Given it was its first year, we have plenty of things on which we can improve for next year but believe we have a great base from which to work.

If you found you had German wasps in late summer/autumn and missed out this year, please keep an eye out for the 2023 programme. We will announce dates in December.

Thanks to everyone who volunteered their time and properties. I'm confident we have taken out some colonies!!

*Rita Steel*



## Oratia Cemetery Working Bee

Saturday 11 June 2022

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## Plant of the Month— Toetoe

You may have noticed the blue/green tinge on the weeds at the side of the road, particularly on the pampas grass. It's to indicate where the council have sprayed weed killer (I have no idea what they have used).

It got me to thinking about toetoe, and how lovely the miniature versions look in gardens.

Commonly known as miniature toetoe, *Chionochloa flavicans* do best on a well drained site in full or partial sun. In Auckland they like to be sheltered from the heat of the day and don't let them dry out while they get established.

0.75m high x 1m wide with soft green weeping, slender leaves, the pale green plumes can be 1-1.5m high appearing in early summer and turning straw-coloured as the summer progresses.

Here is little about the giant toetoe tussock grasses. Its numerous large creamy flower plumes on tall stems is an iconic part of the New Zealand landscape. Most New Zealanders would be familiar with toetoe, but many may be surprised to learn that toetoe is actually five different, but similar looking, species each with marked differences in distribution.

The largest toetoe, *Austroderia splendens*, the one we see in the Auckland region, grows in lowland sand dunes, cliffs and rocky places and is confined to Northland, Bay of Plenty and Waikato. All the other varieties naturally occur further south.

The chart below from Landcare Research tells the difference between pampas, toetoe and hunangāmoho.

The pampas grasses, two introduced *Austroderia* species from South America, are similar in appearance to toetoe, but are serious weeds in northern parts of the country.

Cathie Wells



	Toetoe	Pampas
Flowering time	Spring, early summer (though retains flower heads)	Late January to late May
Flower head	Drooping	Erect, dense
Plume colour	White/cream	One species pink/purplish, drying to dirty brown, white
Leaf	Won't break when tugged firmly	Breaks
Leaf blade	Prominent veins either side of midrib	Only fine, indistinct veins either side of midrib
Midrib	Continues into leaf base	Does not continue into leaf base
Leaf base	White, waxy	Not waxy
Base of plant	Dead leaves don't form spiral	Old brown tightly curled, fractured leaf debris – like wood chip

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### Quote of the Month

Aim to get to a point of trust, and to let go of the outcome.

That's when you attract what's best for you, which is also the best thing for the universe.

Anita Moorjani

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