



Waiatarua Community News

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Coming Events

After canvassing residents in the last newsletter we have received a handful of suggestions for events for the warmer months. These include:

- A guided bush walk to learn more about the local flora and fauna. This is an excellent idea and will definitely be arranged when the weather is suitable. It will be great for new residents and those that have not ventured far into a "wonderland" in recent times! Other suggestions are a car boot sale (apparently these have been run in years gone by), an Old Time Dance at the hall and possibly (OSH permitting) a Guy Fawkes night. If there are any other events that you would like to see take place in our area, then please let us know.
- Local Body Elections will take place in October this year and once the candidates are finalised it is our intention to organise a "Meet the Candidates" evening at the hall – we will endeavour to provide as much notice as possible regarding the date.

Information received which may be of interest

Details of the following topics have been placed on the website for your interest regarding issues concerning our region.

- An introduction to local climate action plans;
- Minutes from the Combined Waitakere Ranges Ratepayers and Residents Group;
- A letter to Auckland Council from Dr. Mels Barton regarding the Consultation Process for the Draft Regional Parks Management Plan;
- A letter is being sent to all Councillors and Community Board

News from the WRRRA Executive Committee

members regarding the unacceptable state of our main roads, e.g. Scenic Drive, West Coast Road, Forest Hill Road (and many others) with the amount of forest debris currently building up on the sides of the road rendering them even more narrow than they already are. Not to mention the overhanging frees, kiekie vines, ferns, etc. which fall across the road on regular occasions. It would seem that no roadside maintenance is now carried out;

- A letter will also be sent to AT regarding the ongoing lack of signage for road closures – it seems these are mostly a thing of the past.

Membership

We are continuing to receive renewals – if you haven't renewed your annual membership please do so either from the website or use the form below which is regularly included in the newsletter. **Please be sure to include your address so that we can send you your membership card.** We do have three paid up residents but have no address or email to which to send the membership card. If the following people would like to email the secretary@waiatarua.org.nz then we will arrange to send out the cards. J.M. Dill, J. Layman, L. Roberts.

Committee Vacancies

HELP!! 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. 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.

Please accept my Membership to the Waiatarua Ratepayers & Residents Association 2022

Name: _____

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To: Treasurer, WRRRA, 911 West Coast Road, Waiatarua, Auckland, or leave at the library, or email these details to: treasurer@waiatarua.org.nz

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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



Contact Us

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Community Hall and Library: 911 West Coast Road. Phone: 814 9353

Hall hire bookings: Matt Smith Phone: 021 059 3467 Email: hallhire@waiatarua.org.nz

Library hours: Thursday 10.00am–12.00pm

Friday 7.00pm–8.00pm

Saturday and Sunday 11.00am–12.00pm

website: www.waiatarua.org.nz

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Hold your next event at Waiatarua Community Hall

These beautiful photos taken by Hall Hire Manager Matt Smith are of the setup for a wedding that was recently held at our local hall. I think you will agree that the hall looks absolutely wonderful. These images can also be viewed in colour on our website www.waiatarua.org.nz where they look even better than as seen here. The hirer said "it was an awesome location and the perfect size".

We are lucky to have a well-appointed local venue available to hire, so why not consider the hall for your next special event? Hireage rates are very reasonable and can be found on our website <https://waiatarua.org.nz/community/community-hall/> or contact Matt on either 021 059 3467 or hallhire@waiatarua.org.nz. He will be delighted to assist.



AUGUST NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

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Quote of the Month: *Mahatma Gandhi*

Many people, especially ignorant people, want to punish you for speaking the truth, for being correct, for being you. Never apologise for being correct, or for being years ahead of your time. If you're right and you know it, speak your mind. Speak your mind even if you are a minority of one. The truth is still the truth.

From the Editor

Who else is absolutely sick to the back teeth with the dreary and relentless rain? It feels like it has not stopped for at least a couple of weeks. I am totally over it, especially as half our house is a building site due to a renovation and the ground outside is a sea of mud. Progress is slow with a "12 week" job now becoming more like 6 months. I keep getting told that it will all be worth it when it's done, but at the moment it's very difficult when I'm living in it to see an end. Trying to keep my cool but patience is now wearing very thin. Time will tell, I suppose!

Hopefully we will get some more settled weather in the coming weeks. It will give the ground a chance to dry out a bit. My vege gardens aren't looking the best right now and they really need an overhaul. In fact all my gardens are looking a bit worse for wear and the constant rain doesn't help. It must still be quite mild though because I already have jonquil bulbs coming up and even flowering which seems very early. Nice to see them appearing, they have such a delicious scent as well.

Have a great month.

Cheers, Erin

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Library News

We have recently received an assortment of books from the Auckland Writers Festival. These are not the usual "favourites" of our regular readers, but an exciting array of NZ authors. They include novels, essays, poetry, history, memoirs and biographies, a few examples of which are outlined below.

Ralph Hotere: The Dark is Light - a biography of the artist by Vincent O'Sullivan

Letters to Young People - poems by GP, poet and children's writer Dr Glenn Colquhoun

This Pakeha Life - an unsettled memoir by Alison Jones, whose work focuses on sociology of education

An Exquisite Legacy - the life, work and paintings of British born NZ entomologist G.V Hudson 1867-1946

Specimen - personal essays that read like short stories by Madison Hammill

Wild Honey - a survey of 150 years of poetry written by NZ women by Paula Green

With the weather getting colder, it's lovely to sit down by the fire with a good book to read.

Barbara Field

Waitakere Forest & Bird Lecture series

Thursday 16th June, 7.30pm via Zoom

Bianca Ransom – Helping the Hauraki Gulf

Bianca Ransom (Ngapuhi, Ngati Kahu ki Whaingaroa) has joined the Forest & Bird team in a specific and important role as advocate for the Hauraki Gulf. Based on Waiheke Island, she has been working most recently on the campaign to protect the penguin colony from the work on the new Waiheke Marina. She also runs Potiki – tours on Waiheke sharing Maori art and cultural practice.

Bianca will be sharing some of the work she's done and what she is planning to do to save our precious Hauraki Gulf – and what we can do to help. To access the link go to the Forest & Bird website, Waitakere Branch "events programme" or email lizanstey@hotmail.com and we will email you the link.

Plant of the Month

Tauhinu, Cottonwood (*Ozothamnus leptophyllus*)

We lost a little bit of ground earlier this year – it slipped down the hill! We wanted to plant something that is native, not too tall, attractive for birds and bees and is recognised as an erosion prevention plant.

The decision has not been made but one that is close to the top is Tauhinu, or Cottonwood. This fast-growing bushy shrub is good for soil erosion reaching its maximum height of two metres in 10–15 years. It looks a little like manuka with small silver-green leaves that have fine silver hair underneath. The stems are silver/white giving the plant an attractive silver-grey appearance. From July to August it flowers in profusion, with clusters of tiny cream daisy shape flowers that are followed by down-covered seed heads. It prefers a sunny location, is frost hardy and can be kept trimmed

Tauhinu can colonise bare hillsides and pasture, its seeds readily dispersed by the wind, and its rapid growth acts as a nursery plant for other species.

Cathie Wells



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Lawn mowing, ride on work only: Ph Grant at Top Grass Ltd. 814 9493 mob 021 024 75610

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

Plants, crafts etc: Various plants, shrubs and bromeliads. Assorted crafts, scarves, net fruit bags \$2, occasional cards, knitting, sewing, second hand books. All proceeds to Nepalese Educ Trust for Tertiary Scholarships. Phone Margaret 814 9859.

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

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