



Waīatarua Community News

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From the President Application for grants

Hello neighbours, here's an update on what's happening in our area.

The future of our Community Hall and Library

As you know the future of our Community Hall and Library is in danger due to the proposed Auckland Council budget in which it has been recommended to charge a 6,000% increase in the annual charges that we currently pay. At present, our local MP Deborah Russell and the Local Board members are very supportive with our Chairperson Greg Presland telling me that "it will be over the local board's dead body" so this is some positive news. However the two council members who actually have a vote, Shane Henderson and Ken Turner, have been noticeably quiet on this matter. This is particularly disappointing as Ken Turner has been very vocal on his viewpoint in other recommendations with the budget yet when it comes to our Community Hall and Library, there's a lot of silence. I will keep you updated on what is happening.

2023 Waīatarua Photographer Of The Year

On a more positive note we have had a great response to our photography competition and I'm pleased to announce the winners:

Wildlife category: **Paul Hogan**

Water category: **Phillipa Beattie**

Land category: **Peter Harrison**

You will find the winning photos within this newsletter and all the entries will be on our website.

A big congratulations to the winners! I will be in touch shortly to deliver your prizes. A big thank you to all the contestants — I was overwhelmed by the quality and talent that exists within our community. Thank you also to Greg Lokes and Grant Longley for giving up their time to judge the entries.

I hope everyone has enjoyed this competition and I'm sure we will run it again next year. Until then, keep taking photos of our beautiful Waīatarua.

The WRRRA board have applied for several grants, which if accepted, will mean we will be able to purchase a generator for the Hall which can be used by the Community during any future power cuts, and a brand new range of cutlery and dinnerware which will make hiring out the Hall for special events a lot easier for people.

The future of our Newsletter

We are still looking for a low cost printing option so that we can continue this newsletter in its current format. The best way you can help us is by referring any businesses needing to advertise in the newsletter. It's only \$40 for a 62mm x 54mm insert and if we can get another 15 advertisers then that will pay for the newsletter to continue. If you know anyone who wants to advertise their business get them to contact Erin Kingsleigh-Smith on editor@waiatarua.org.nz. She would love to hear from you.

Future Community Events

We have been receiving a lot of ideas from people about what kind of community events we can put together. Here's a preview of what's coming up.

Community Dinner

We are looking at putting together a potluck dinner in which people can bring a plate and have a good chat over dinner. This will be on **Saturday 22nd July** starting at **7:00pm** at our Community Hall. Further details will be released shortly but keep the date free and it will be great to see you in person.

Classic movie festival

We are also putting together the final details for a series of classic movies to be held at the Community Hall including Charade (with Audrey Hepburn), D.O.A a classic film noir, Royal Wedding (with Fred Astaire) and House On Haunted Hill (with Vincent Price). We are just working on the final details and then we can let you know the dates.

Mark Wager, WRRRA President

Waīatarua Quiz Night – Saturday 24 June

7.30pm at the Waīatarua Hall, 91 I 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

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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

From the Editor

Hello everyone

After a few months where I've not written anything for the newsletter I had hoped to be talking about something cheerful and positive, but it is not to be.

Our newsletter is in danger of disappearing.

I've been Editor for almost 6 years now and as you know it's a role I enjoy. I take great pride in my monthly task of putting the newsletter together for your reading pleasure.

However this could soon be a thing of the past. We no longer have a printer sponsor and despite our desperate pleas nobody has come to our aid. We were fortunate that last month's issue was printed thanks to the generosity of our Vice-President, Marq Holibar. We have Tony Bacon who organises the newsletter distribution to thank for printing this month's issue on his home printer (hence the somewhat different format this time). But this is not a sensible long-term solution.

Advertising in our newsletter helps to pay for the printing costs. Sadly the number of our local advertisers has plummeted over the last few years and is now at an all-time low. The Executive Committee are making a big push to get more on board but if you know of any local businesses (or have one yourself) please encourage them to contact me on editor@waitarua.org.nz. A pricing schedule is included in this issue and we charge very reasonable rates.

If we are unable to get enough advertisers on board before the next deadline, the difficult decision has been made to reduce the frequency of the newsletter from once a month to once every two months. This way even though we will most likely have to pay market rates we will hopefully still be able to afford to keep printing it. To reduce costs even further we will have to opt for more black and white rather than colour issues and possibly even cut down the number of pages. This makes me very sad as the newsletter is quite special to me and I want to put together something with a decent

level of content. But I would rather it was produced once every two months than not at all. I hope our readers feel the same way.

Once again I ask if you, or anyone you know, can assist with printing 850 four to six page A4 size copies once a month in B&W and, from time to time, in colour (approximately 4 colour issues per year) In return for your support we will provide a free advertising banner for your business displayed across the bottom of page 2 (as shown in previous issues)

It will be a sad day indeed if this newsletter (which has been going since the 80's) completely disappears, particularly as I know many of you enjoy reading a paper copy (I know I do). Not only that but some residents do not have social media or use a computer which is why we do not want to have the newsletter delivered in a purely electronic form such as email.

You can help if you or someone you know has a business to promote and is looking for affordable advertising space. Please help us to keep this valuable resource going.

We also say goodbye to Brett and Vanny of Elevation who have made the difficult decision to close. This is very sad as their restaurant has been going for a long time and popular with many members of the community. The Community Dinners will be particularly missed.

Brett has been a big supporter of our newsletter over the years by advertising with us and we are truly grateful. He and Vanny have been such a big part of the community and it is sad to see them go. We wish them all the very best for the future.

I found the quote below online and felt it appropriate to include in this month's issue.

"Today I close the door to the past, open the door to the future, take a deep breath, step on through and start a new chapter in my life"

Cheers, Erin

Advantages of being a WRRRA member?

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Other special rates for WRRRA members at:

Plyman/Timberman Ph: 021 738420 70 The Concourse, Henderson www.plyman.co.nz

Quote of the Month

It is said that there's hope as long as there's life. Here's a new month to us, here's a new beginning, here's another fresh start to work harder towards the achievement of our set goals. Happy new month.

- Author unknown

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To: Treasurer, WRRRA, 911 West Coast Rd, Waitarua, Auckland, or leave at the library, or email these details to: treasurer@waitarua.org.nz

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Please note: 2023 membership renewal is now due

JULY NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

Copy needs to be with the Editor by 5pm on FRIDAY 23 JUNE

Community Dinner

BRING A PLATE AND MEET YOUR NEIGHBOURS



WAIATARUA COMMUNITY HALL & LIBRARY

Saturday 22nd July 7:00pm

AFTER THE UNFORTUNATE NEWS ABOUT ELEVATION BRASSERIE PEOPLE HAVE EXPRESSED AN INTEREST IN CONTINUING THE IDEA OF THE COMMUNITY COMING TOGETHER FOR DINNER WHICH IS WHY WE ARE PUTTING ON A POTLUCK DINNER AT OUR COMMUNITY HALL. BRING A PLATE AND SHARE A MEAL WITH FELLOW MEMBERS OF THE WAIATARUA COMMUNITY.



911 West Coast Road, Waiatarua

The Waiatarua Residents & Ratepayers Association

Advertising & Community Notices

Commercial advertisements are welcome and can be arranged by contacting Erin Kingsleigh-Smith, editor@waiatarua.org.nz, ph 021 355 009. Community Notices are free to current financial members.

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

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

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

Oratia Combined Church: Sunday services at 9.30am, Kids Klub Sunday 9.30am, Fellowship 2nd Thursday in Hall at 1pm, Scrabble/ Rummikub last Friday of month at 7pm. Hall is available for community use. Contact 818 8344.

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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Our Purpose

To reach our community and city with the Gospel message of Jesus Christ, for He holds the power to transform every heart. 2 Cor 5:17

Our Core Values

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Where **FAMILY** gather &
Where **FREEDOM** is gained by victory in Christ. 2 Cor 3:17

Our Vision Is To

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Encourage
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Nau mai haere mai!



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NEW LIFE CHURCH



AND HOW WE DO IT

United Believers

Unity is paramount to the building of a church. We place high value on working together as one, for out of this, God commands a blessing. Ps 133:1

Called To Ministry

WANL is a place to go and grow by understanding that every individual has a unique calling in God. We invite you to come on this faith journey as we discover together your life's purpose. Jeremiah 29:11

Serving Those In Need

WANL is made up of loving, caring individuals who are Christ-centred & mission-minded, by putting others first. We are inspired by Gods great love for us to share with others.

Family Church Services and WANL Kidz Church
Sundays @ 10am

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You can see previous copies of the newsletter here: <https://waiatarua.org.nz/our-monthly-newsletter/>

The newsletter makes it easy to target messages to local residents. It is perfect for advertising discounts, events and to reach people who are not on social media.

Get in quick before the limited spaces are snapped up!

Price list

1 square size: 62mm wide x 54mm high - \$40 per issue for up to 4 insertions or \$35 per issue if a year (11 issues, total \$385).

2 square size: 124mm wide x 54mm high - \$80 per issue for up to 4 insertions or \$75 per issue if a year (11 issues total \$825).

4 square size: 124mm wide x 108mm high - \$160 per issue for up to 4 insertions or \$155 per issue if a year (11 issues total \$1705).

Format

Send us your artwork in either jpeg or png format. Contact Erin Kingsleigh-Smith, Editor on editor@waiatarua.org.nz

2023 Waiatarua Photographer of the Year—Winning Entries

All of our entries were of a very high calibre but these three photographs stood out from the rest.

Congratulations to our winners!



Phillipa Beattie
Winner - Water Category



Paul Hogan
Winner - Wildlife Category



Peter Harrison
Winner - Land Category

Plant of the Month—Nikau

Walking around the garden in the last few weeks I noticed that the nīkau palm at the gate has two flower clusters beginning to form and I realised that I really know very little about them.

Time to find out more!

It was surprising to learn that although the clusters form throughout the year only about a third develop into the large, finger like, clusters of mauve flowers – two boys for every girl – that appear from the base of the lowest branch. Sweet and sticky with nectar, the flowers attract tuī, other birds and insects, especially bees and the bright red berries – that Kereru love – take from a year to 18 months to ripen.

The New Zealand nīkau palm, *Rhopalostylis sapida*, is the southernmost member of the palm family and our only native palm species. Nīkau occur naturally east to west from North Cape to about Christchurch, but they differ north to south. In the north they more slender and shorter, about 15 metres tall, their leaves are shorter too and more upright, while the southern nīkau grow to about 20 metres with fronds that are more arching. On the Kermadecs, *Rhopalostylis cheesemani*, have leaves are more spreading, berries that are larger and those nīkau are said to grow faster.

Nīkau palms also grow on the Chatham Islands, and because they have been separated from the mainland for so long some botanists believe that the plants there should belong to a separate species .

Nīkau have been called the feather duster palm or shaving brush palm because of the geometrical arrangement of the fronds – the shaft each one 135 degrees distant from the other around the crown, giving the palms their distinctive shape. The base of each

leaf completely circles the trunk and each one fits around the previous. The mature fronds



are shed between October and May, leaving a circular scar on the trunk. You might think that counting the rings will tell you how old a nīkau is...but somewhere between one and five fronds are shed every year, they are very slow growing taking over 20 years for the trunk to form and almost 200 years to reach ten metres

Nīkau palms had importance in Māori life and for early settlers. Leaves were used to thatch houses, to wrap food before cooking, and to weave into hats, mats, baskets, and even leg protection for travelling through dense undergrowth. The berries were made into necklaces or eaten when green.

The immature flowers are edible and can be cooked and eaten like cauliflower. “Millionaires salad” can be made from the heart of the developing leaves but harvesting the shoots kills the whole tree!

Cathie Wells

Fire Brigade News

The last few months have been more settled in Waiatarua with the brigade attending relatively minor incidents. These ranged from motor vehicle accidents, fire alarm activation and power lines across the road. Despite the relatively small scale of the events, it is satisfying to be in a position to support our community by helping those involved. This is often simply providing advice and reassurance after life has gone in a bit more of a hectic direction than expected.

Part of our role is community risk reduction and hands down, the best part of this is school visits. We recently attended Oratia School on their last day of term to join in the fun and it didn't disappoint. A swarm of tog wearing kids mobbed the truck with the intention of getting as wet as possible. Now if there is one thing a fire truck does well, it is shift water, and shift it skyward was their request. We quickly got to work and created a late summer shower to accompany their slip-n-slide and pool activities.

Engaging with the kids is one of the best things we get to do as they are enquiring and open to our safety message and we are truly stoked to hear them proudly explain smoke alarm locations, escape plans and safe meeting places to us. These messages are life saving and if we can help deliver them please reach out to us. Follow this link <https://www.escapemyhouse.co.nz/> for more information.

We are a well resourced volunteer station, but we need your help. The lifeblood of what we do is our people and numbers matter. If you have been considering volunteering, Fire and Emergency is a great way to directly support your community. Please reach out to us for a no obligation discussion.

Steve Smith (Chief Fire Officer) - 021 398425

Regular Training night - Monday 7:30pm

Gareth Wilson

Waiatarua Volunteer Fire Brigade

Waitakere Forest and Bird 2023 Lecture Series

Richard and Lesley Gardner – Te Henga Tuturiwhatu – Dotterel Minders

Thursday 15th June at 7.30 pm

Richard and Lesley have been instrumental in setting up the Te Henga Tuturiwhatu – Bethell's Dotterel Minders group, to protect their local endangered visitors, especially while breeding. This in-

cluded an active presence on social media, talking to local dog owners, erecting hand painted signs, getting locals into pest control and conversations about kelp as a bird café. Their latest addition is the “borrow a lead” campaign to help dog owners stick to the rules. Learn a bit more about dotterels and a lot more about people power in this inspiring talk.

Venue: Ranui Community Centre 474 Swanson Rd, Ranui. Non members welcome, join us for supper afterwards. Koha appreciated to cover hall hire. For further information ph Liz 0274 762732, lizanstey@hotmail.com