



# Waiaatarua Community News

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## From the President

### What's Coming Up in Waiaatarua

Hello neighbours ! I hope all is well with you. I just want to let you know about some of the events that are happening in our community over the next few months.

#### Community Dinner, Saturday 22nd July at 7:00pm Waiaatarua Community Hall & Library

We canvassed for people's opinions on the Waiaatarua Facebook page to determine what kind of events they would be interested in attending and the clear winner was a shared community dinner. I believe, after the unfortunate news of the closing of Elevation, there is a need for people to get together, share news and gossip over dinner. So prepare your favourite food and bring a plate to share with your neighbours. BYO whatever you fancy drinking. Details will be announced shortly regarding how we are going to record who is bringing what just to make sure we don't have too many similar dishes, even though personally I don't think there's any such thing as too much dessert.

#### Classic Movie Night, Saturday 26th August at 7:00pm Waiaatarua Community Hall & Library

The second most popular choice of events was a classic movie night. So in August, we are going to the movies. We are going to start by showing the Audrey Hepburn classic "Charade," the 1963

romantic comedy that also stars Cary Grant that has a 94% approval rating from critics on Rotten Tomatoes. We've decided to make the event free so come along, feel free to bring a bean bag and some cash for the popcorn and other snacks which will be available for sale on the night. If this event is well received then we will be looking at showing other classic movies for free on the last Saturday of the month.

### Other events coming up

There are also a few other events in the works. We are just in the process of finalizing the details. Firstly, we will be hosting a "Meet The Candidates" event possibly on Thursday 21st September. Feel free to pencil in the date and we will confirm this in our next newsletter. After that we will be looking to repeat the success of last year's Community Day and we will be looking at how we can make it a bigger and better event this year. If you have any other ideas of events we can put together for our community contact me on 021 354 831.

Lastly, a big thank you to you all. Last month was a record breaking month for the number of new members who signed up to be part of the Waiaatarua Ratepayers & Residents Association (WRRRA). If you haven't done so already, please join us, it's only \$20 per household and you don't need to volunteer for anything, we just need your support so we can better advocate on behalf of our community. Your \$20 helps keep the hall and library running as well as this newsletter and various community events.

Have a wonderful month!

*Mark Wager*  
WRRRA President

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

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**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

Saturday 27th August

## Charade

(Audrey Hepburn)

Saturday 30th September

## D.O.A

(Classic Film Noir)

Saturday 28th October

## Royal Wedding

(Fred Astaire Musical)

# CINEMA FREE PASS

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Movie starts at 7:00pm  
Waatarua Community Hall

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## Letter to the Editor

I have been delivering the Waatarua Newsletter along the lower part of West Coast Road for the last 30 odd years, and recently when I was just finishing my round and heading back home, for the first time in all those years, a 'real gentleman' stopped his car and offered me a lift because 'it looked as though I was walking to the superette'.

Wow, chivalry is still alive. A big thank you and bouquet to that gentleman, please!

*Geoff Waller*

## Waitakere Forest and Bird 2023 Lecture Series

### Exploring threats to seabirds from their own perspective

Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> July 7.30 pm

Ariel-Micaiah Heswall is doing her PhD at the University of Auckland researching how seabirds perceive the threats of lights and plastics. Her interest in birds in general, but specifically in seabirds, started during her undergraduate at the University of Auckland studying marine science.

An honours degree in Biological Sciences followed, studying seabird sensory ecology and how the sizes of seabird sensory features correlate with bycatch numbers. Her most recent work received quite a bit of media attention last year when a high number of seabirds were found sitting dazed and confused under street lights in Auckland city.

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

**AUGUST NEWSLETTER DEADLINE**

**Copy needs to be with the Editor**

**by 5pm on FRIDAY 22 JULY**

## Library News

We have some good news! We will be able to purchase some new books shortly for you. We did manage to get a few for you. Library volunteer Christine has kindly reviewed a couple of them.

In Catherine Chidgey's prize winning book *"The Axeman's Carnival"*, a magpie is witness to events on a failing, high country farm.

As the magpie learns to "parrot" the profanities of farm hands, he becomes the cause of irritation and humour. Yet there is a dark thread running through this story. When the carnival is over, will a bird with 100,000 followers on Twitter be hero or anti-hero?

Social media also plays a role in Eleanor Catton's *"Birnam Wood"*, a psychological thriller. When a group of guerilla gardeners meet an American billionaire, ideals and intentions are tested with devastating consequences.

And it is here at last - Lucinda Riley's *"Atlas: the story of Pa Salt"*

We look forward to seeing you all soon.

*Barbara Field*  
Waatarua Library

## Give us your ideas

Our community library is open on Thursdays from 10am-12noon, Fridays from 7pm-8pm and Saturdays and Sundays from 11am-12noon. The Committee is trying to find an activity the residents could participate in on a Friday evening when the library is open. We welcome your ideas for these. What can you come up with? Please get in touch with Mark Wager, WRRRA President on president@waatarua.org.nz or call him on 021 354 831.

## Quote of the Month

And if  
they come and go,  
and the trail grows narrow  
beneath your tired feet,  
none of that will stop you  
from getting where  
you need to be.

*Morgan Harper Nichols*

## Fire Brigade News

A big shout out to Aspect Blinds for their generous donation of new blinds to our Waiatarua Volunteer Fire Brigade.

Our previous blinds were on their last legs, and their deteriorating condition was a constant reminder of the need for an upgrade. Aspect Blinds' thoughtful donation has not only addressed a practical need but has also breathed new life into our space. The fresh, modern feel they bring is truly remarkable, and we are thrilled with the transformation.

Their act of kindness and generosity goes beyond the material value of the blinds. It is a testament to your commitment to our community and the vital services we provide.

We would like to thank everyone at Aspect Blinds for their invaluable contribution. We are truly fortunate to have the support of a wonderful team like theirs.



A heartfelt thank you must also go to BDR Security for their generous donation of time and equipment to enhance the security of our facility.

The new cutting-edge surveillance equipment recently installed ensures the safety of our firefighters, equipment, and valuable assets, providing an extra layer of security

for our brigade and the community members who rely on our services.

We are very grateful for their support which will make a lasting impact, providing a sense of security for our brigade and the community we serve.

*Gareth Wilson  
Waiatarua Volunteer Fire Brigade*

## 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

**Free Stuff:** I'm decluttering and so far there are about a dozen ring binders, 2, 3 and 4 ring. Free to a good home. Call Tony Bacon, 0274 598 226 or tony.bacon@sthw.co.nz

**Handyman Out West:** Any work undertaken. House and property maintenance, renovation and decoration eg gutter cleaning, water blasting, deck building, tree felling, painting etc. Reliable and friendly. Ph Mike 814 9708

**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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

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**Yovi's Topstitch:** Alterations or sewing projects I can do at your budget, from cushions, squabs etc. Contact Yovi 021 084 36450 or email yovistopstitch12@gmail.com

### Great opportunity to advertise directly to locals in Waiatarua

Advertise directly to locals by placing an advert in the famous Waiatarua Community News. The newsletter is hand delivered to 800 households in Waiatarua and uploaded to the website.

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!*

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## OUR MISSION

**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**

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

**Our Vision Is To**

- Serve
- Encourage
- Equip
- Disciple
- Send

**WANL - a place to call home for every family**  
**Nau mai haere mai!**

*west auckland*  
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

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