



# Community News

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## This Month at the WRRRA

by Eileen Powell

We welcomed Kubi Witten-Hannah, our Community Board Representative, and local resident Brian Morris, to the meeting.

We were saddened to hear of the death of Gordon Sunde, who was one of our three Councillors for our Waitakere Ward.

There was an increase of 5 members to the WRRRA this month, bringing the current total membership of the Association to 139.

### GENERAL BUSINESS:

- It was noted that a pedestrian safety refuge had been installed by Parrs Park, which should also curb the speed of traffic approaching the roundabout, from Glen Eden.
- The Association has been asked to provide a representative to the Reference Group dealing with the Waitakere Hospital Upgrade. If you have an interest in health care and have some understanding of the needs of our local community, you may like to volunteer to be the representative for the residents of Waitarua. Please contact Denis Graham for further information on 814-9706.
- We received an update from "The Ark in the Park" restoration project, outlining fundraising opportunities and the progress on the siting of the Ark. As an adjunct to this project the ARC is offering assistance to residents, who together with their neighbours, wish to trap possums and rats, in their area.
- Quotes for the Community Hall renovation were received from two interior designers. Further discussion on this will take place at our next meeting.

The next meeting of the Waitarua Residents and Ratepayers Association will be held on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> November at 7.30pm at the Waitarua Community Hall, 911 West Coast Road.

All are welcome to attend.

## Fire Brigade News:

### OPEN DAY & GUY FAWKES BONFIRE:

**The doors of the new Fire Station will be open between 2 and 6 pm on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> November**

... for you to come and check out the Waitarua community's latest asset.

Then from 7pm there will be a barbecue available for you to cook your own dinner, and the bonfire will be lit around 8pm (or when it gets dark). BYO dinner and fireworks. Bar, soft drinks, tea and coffee will be available at the station.

There will also be a "Best Guy" competition for the children. Start creating your

"Guy" now and bring him/her along with you, in order to win prizes. We will have a designated area for fireworks.

**Please ensure that you look after your children during the evening.**

### More Station Development:

Yes, we know the paint's barely dry. We've successfully applied to the Waitakere Licensing Trust for a grant to put in a back door and rear access to the station - items which were removed from the original plan due to financial constraints. The trust has generously provided \$14,000 for this work, and we hope to start soon. This will remove the need for the potentially hazardous manoeuvre of backing the fire engine in from the middle of the Scenic Drive.

## Calls for September

Sun 17th, 11:29 am – False alarm, Piha Telephone Exchange.

Then while on the way back home, at 12:16 pm – Assisted Karekare Fire Brigade and First Response teams in a stretcher carry for a tramp who had slipped on Comans Track, on the cliff top between Karekare and Piha. Back at Waitarua at 3:30 pm – filled in the day quite nicely, thank you.

## Congratulations

To Steve Smith, Waitarua's newest firefighter, who successfully completed his 3 day Basic course at Mt Wellington Training Centre over two weekends in September.

## Web page

The first draft of the Brigade's home page is now there for you (and the rest of the world) to see. It's at [www.healy.co.nz/fb\\_home.htm](http://www.healy.co.nz/fb_home.htm) and is continually being developed. Thanks to Kevin and Christine Healy for developing and hosting our site – at least temporarily. If it moves, we'll let you know.

Contacts – Ian Ford ph 814 8871 or Richard Seccombe 814 8860

## Neighbourhood Watch

by Sandy McConnell

July had the lowest ever recorded amount of burglaries in the Waitakeres.

Everyone should be encouraged to report even the smallest crime, as this helps the police establish patterns and the statistics will reflect the true crime situation.

Householders should be aware that this is the time of year when outdoor furniture, BBQ's and lawnmowers become especially attractive to criminals. Lock them up.

## Concern has been mooted again –

about the unnecessary speed of traffic along the upper end of Forest Hill Road. This is a school bus route with children often waiting on the road verges or alighting from the school bus, yet vehicles continue to view this piece of road as a race track, with no thought of the danger they are putting fellow road users in, as well as pedestrians. SLOW DOWN.

## MAC Day

by Adith Stoneman

Thank you Hester, and your committee, for organising this wonderful day, that celebrated the men in the lives of our children.

Due to the poor weather conditions; cold, wet and windy, the turn out was not as good as expected. The event, however, was enjoyed by all that participated, especially our children.

Face painting, fire fighters, the martial art show, prizes, hotdogs and a great comedy show... Will you be again next year?

## The Ark in the Park – Update.

The Ark in the Park is an ecological restoration project within the Waitakere Ranges, so that the existing indigenous biodiversity is preserved, and species once present in this area can be re-introduced.

The analysis of a suitable siting of THE ARK has been completed. The site will be announced upon confirmation with the ARC and Iwi.

Unitech have expressed great interest in The Ark in the Park as it will allow students from many faculties to develop projects that will benefit both them and the Ark project e.g. Plant Sciences who can do scientific studies on flora and fauna.



Fundraising has been continuing through a grant from Waitakere Community Wellbeing, and weekend guided walks guided by various committee members with the fees going to The Ark in the Park. A tour of Artists at their studio is being held on Labour Day, starting at Lopdell House with an introduction then participants dispersing as they wish to the various artists, stopping at the Oratia Hall for the included lunch. Phone 817-8050 for further information about this event.

A grant is to be awarded to a local college staff member who will be able to research for a year the state of the invertebrates within the ARK region. These creepy crawlies being a vital part of the food chain and their numbers give a good indication of the health of the forest environment, and the numbers of various predators who prey on them also.

Joining 'Friends of Arataki' will keep you informed of the ARK'S progress, support the project and give you opportunities to become involved. Membership enquiries may be made to Fiona Drummond on 817-5445.

## Unique Places of Waatarua

### 'Atarua – Gardens Bed and Breakfast'

Carol and Denis Graham have recently started their own 'Bed and Breakfast' in Waatarua.

They live in a very large, five bedroom family home, and they thought instead of the two of them rattling around, albeit with their cats, they would open the house up as a Bed and Breakfast.

They have the space, the perfect surroundings, the Waitakere Ranges rainforest, with all the native flora and fauna, and as they are both gregarious people it seemed the ideal opportunity to meet and make friends with New Zealand and overseas people.

Denis says, "We have many local and overseas tourists visiting our award winning garden, so as an extension we decided to open our home and have people stay with us and enjoy the beauty and peacefulness of Waatarua. While sitting in our family room we have counted twentyone species of birds visiting our garden. These range from the Sparrow through to Californian Quail and Kaka. The dawn chorus is something else to listen to."

Who makes the breakfast? Who ever gets up first. Seriously, our breakfasts range from fresh fruit and cereals, tea, coffee and toast, to cooked full English breakfasts. If black pudding is required then Carol leaves that to me. If visitors wish to do their own cooking, a kitchen is part of the fully self contained studio suite. The suite consists of a bedroom with queen size bed, a lounge with a settee, convertible to a double bed, colour television and dining area.

There is a multitude of things to do and see in our area. These include Titirangi, with its Art Galleries and Restaurants, the Wild West Coast, taking in surfing, tramping and fishing, the Gannet colony at Muriwai or just laze on the beach.

Carol and Denis agree that their biggest excitement is to meet and make friends with people from New Zealand and also from around the world.

They can be contacted by phoning 814 9706, mobile 025 283 7544 or e-mail [carden@ihug.co.nz](mailto:carden@ihug.co.nz)

They have a web site under construction and their address is [www.atarua-bandb.co.nz](http://www.atarua-bandb.co.nz)



This month will be a treat.

We are arranging a full day to the Clevedon area, visiting three country gardens. Atarangi, Kahikatea Farm, and De Tuin Huizen, which are all different with a variety of planting and styles.

The cost will be \$19 covering a 'Save the Children' lunch, and three entry fees.

We propose beginning with De Tuin Huizen at 112 McNicol Road, Clevedon, at 10am.

Ring Eileen on 814-9298 for further information and carpooling.

## Isaiah's Five The Video

Available at only \$20 each  
from Ian 814-8871 or Helen 814-9855

## Waatarua Library News

We have four regular magazines every month. They are *NZ House and Garden*, *Next*, *Cuisine* and *NZ Gardner*. Also available in the library – *The Consumer Magazine*.

We also have about 15 – 20 new books, so come in and check them out.

If anyone has borrowed the book "Lavender" by Virginia McNaughton, could they please return it to the library as soon as possible. Thank you.

## This Month's Book Review

by Terry Chapman

### THE TOTORORE VOYAGE by GERRY CLARK

You have to admire the determination of someone who spent seven years building a 10 metre yacht, 'The Totorore', and with various rag-tag crew members spent almost four years sailing around the Antarctic and sub-Antarctic waters counting birds in wild and remote places where they had rarely, if ever, been counted before.

Gerry Clarke, was awarded the MBE for making this voyage, and since he died in a later exhibition in 1999 this book is his memorial.

Having made such a voyage it's naturally a must to write a book about it, but is the book a good read?

The book cover says "This remarkable adventure story based on transcripts and Totorore's log makes enthralling reading for anyone interested in blue water sailing and the bird life of the Southern oceans." I can't gainsay that verdict as I'm not very interested in either.

I have to say that I found this book hard-going. The diary format means that we get to hear very little of the voices of the various other crew members, mostly bird watchers rather than sailors, who in ones accompanied him for period from a few weeks to a few months.

As Scherzade is told by the Master Story teller in Arabian Nights, "You must make the audience want to know what happens next." There is very little suspense in this book, most difficulties are solved within the day, and therefore within a rather short paragraph. Even the potentially exciting loss of the mast is wasted since the chapter heading is "At sea – Broken mast – Back to Falklands – Mast Repaired". There are occasional paragraphs that bring a smile, like the time one of his friends had to be dragged away from a beautiful, glove-wearing, Chilean lady – he was trying to buy some gloves for his wife in response to her question "Would you like to buy gloves from a Chilean lady". What she had actually said was "Would you like to buy love . . ." However, much of the story is repetitive descriptions of arriving in some remote bay, climbing through scrub on some island and counting the number of birds and chicks.

There are some good photo's and some charming pencil sketches of birds and animals. The writing is clear, well polished, and smooth. The overall effect is being driven to the local shopping centre in a BMW, again, and again, and again. The best way to read the book, is I think to read it at the pace it was written, day by day.

Others had this to say about the book . . .

... an extraordinary adventure' *Forest and Bird Magazine*.

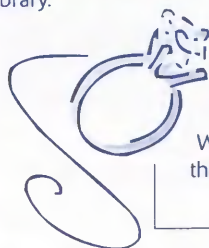
... If you read one adventure book this year, I recommend you choose 'The Totorore Voyage' *NZ Wilderness Magazine (October 2000)*

'Gerry Clark leaves behind the the image of a remarkable man'... *Sir Edmund Hillary*

... it is a remarkable tale of a most remarkable man. Few people have ever, or will ever, achieve what he managed, self funded, driven by his passion to understand more about that most fragile environment.' *Steve Edwards*.

Gerry Clark is the father of Elsa Clark, a local Waataruan and owner of 'Earth Seed Organics' in Oratia.

A copy of 'The Totorore Voyage' has been donated to our Waatarua Library.



## Congratulations

... to Murray Coyle and Rosemary Stein of West Coast Road, who have recently announced their engagement.



## WAIATARUA COMMUNITY LIBRARY

911 West Coast Road, under the Community Centre.  
Phone 814-9353

### Hours of Opening

|          |                 |
|----------|-----------------|
| Thursday | 10 am – 12 noon |
| Friday   | 7 pm – 8 pm     |
| Saturday | 11 am – 12 noon |
| Sunday   | 11 am – 12 noon |

## Brickbats and Bouquets

(This regular feature needs your input ... so if you see, or hear, of any event that is deserving of a brickbat or a bouquet, please contact the editor.)

This month a *bouquet* to the new Waiatarua Library Volunteer, Mandy, who's enthusiasm and able typing skills, are warmly welcomed by the rest of the volunteer staff at our local library.

Thank you, Mandy.

There have been no nominations this month for the *brickbat*, but perhaps this could be awarded to those inconsiderate drivers who speed along Forest Hill Road, and put others lives in danger.

## Ken Stacey reports . . .

A new and dangerous game is being played lately, from the Atarua Gardens vicinity. It seems that golf balls and similar missiles, are being sent in to the air to fall where they will. So far only roofs and walls of the properties below, have been hit, and fortunately no people, however a lot of personal and property damage could be caused if this continues.

(This event has no relation to the Atarua Garden's resident muffin maker, as reported in the August/September issue of the Community news . . . Ed.)

## Waiatarua Playcentre

We have had a fulfilled 3rd term. We have made Sushi together, gingerbread men, and bread.

We visited the New Lynn library by train, and explored Kelly Tarlton's. We've painted, made volcanoes in the sand, created a lake with dams and rivers, and enjoyed lots of jumping, singing, and rolling in the sand ...

Our fun never ends at Playcentre.

We would love you to come and visit us Mon/Wed/Fri 9.15 – 12.15 down the drive beside the library at 911 West Coast Road.

Contact us for more information on 814-8835 or Elke on 814-8803.

## The Oratia Spinning and Craft Group Biannual Fair

by Jo Hall

About 100 people turned out on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> September to enjoy the bi-annual fair of the Oratia Spinning and Craft Group, which was held in the Oratia Church Hall.

All kinds of crafts, knitting, sewing, home spun woolen items, soft toys, plants, baking, white elephant, raffles and morning tea were sold and raised over \$1000.

Baking and homemade jams and chutneys went out the door quickly. Free tea and coffee and a vast variety of homemade cakes, biscuits and sandwiches, enticed many to stop and socialise over morning tea, in the delightful grounds of the church.

One visitor to the event was overheard to describe the fair as... 'like something out of the Cotswolds'.

Certainly a taste of yesteryear, the fair continues to be a unique event in our local area.

Thanks go to the Craft Group for organising this.

Donations from the funds raised will be made to The West Auckland Hospice, Waitakere Maternity Premature Babies Unit and the Oratia Church.

The Spinning and Craft Group has about 20 members and has been going for about 20 years.

They meet every Monday from 10am – 12 noon at the Oratia Church Hall where crafts can be taught, ideas swapped and friendships made. New members are very welcome to join.

Phone Bev Latimer for further details on 8364420.

## What's On:

### Waiatarua's Wine and Cheese Tasting Quiz on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> October 7.30pm

at the Waiatarua Hall. Phone Terry Chapman on 814-8778 to book. BYO wine glass.

### Waiatarua Fire Station Open Day & Guy Fawkes in the evening Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> November.

Open day from 2 – 6pm. Guy Fawkes and byo bbq. dinner from 7pm. (BBQ provided)

Kids remember to make your own Guy and bring it with you for the bonfire.

A prize for the most creative 'Guy'. . . use your imagination.

### The Oratia Kindergarten Trike-a-thon Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> November 10am – 1pm

As well as sponsoring our local 3 & 4 year old children on their annual trike-a-thon, come and enjoy . . . quick-fire raffles, white elephant, bouncy castle, sausage sizzle, treasure cave, plants, cake stall, devonshire teas, book stall, candyfloss, face painting, and much more.

Something for everyone at the kindergarten, 552 West Coast Road.

If you have any articles you would like to donate to the quick-fire raffles, or the stalls, please contact – Julie Scahill on 814-8918 or the Kindergarten on 818-4409.



Anton likes his picture  
of a red fire engine  
and four firemen



# Advertising

This is free to financial members  
for 2000, January to December.

A list of financial members is available at the library, and any queries about membership can be answered by phoning the Treasurer – Eileen Powell on 814-9298

Repeat commercial advertisements  
of members will only be printed  
as space allows.

**JP** – Mary Kelly. For personalised weddings, re-affirmation of wedding vows, ceremonies of commitment, naming ceremonies, MC, Chair for public meetings etc, Phone/Fax 814 9857.

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## Neighbourhood Watch

The names of our current co-ordinators are listed below. If you haven't been approached yet and would like to belong to one of these groups, give the co-ordinator a call.

| NAME                    | ADDRESS               | PH/FAX         | E-MAIL                 |
|-------------------------|-----------------------|----------------|------------------------|
| Mary Kelly, JP          | 3 Atarua Gardens      | 814-9857 + Fax | turtle@xtra.co.nz      |
| Denis Graham            | Back up - Atarua Gdns | 814-9706       |                        |
| Ross & Kath Mullins     | 330 Forest Hill Rd    | 814-9402 + Fax |                        |
| Jenny McGee             | 886 West Coast Rd     | 814-9954       |                        |
| Chris/Liz Field         | 799 West Coast Rd     | 814-9876       | crislizf@voyager.co.nz |
| Ngairie Mason           | 21 Tui Crescent       | 814-9036 + Fax |                        |
| Adith Stoneman          | 8 Kauri Loop Rd       | 814-9822       |                        |
| Margaret/Paddy Marshall | 19 Raroa Tce          | 814-9859       |                        |
| Gaelene/Tony Goodrich   | 17 Cascade Ave        | 814-9788       |                        |

Please accept my Membership to the  
Waiatarua Ratepayers and Residents Association

for 2000

I enclose: \$7 Household, \$4 Single Occupant

Name .....

Address .....

Phone .....

To Treasurer  
Waiatarua Ratepayers and Residents Association  
911 West Coast Road, Waiatarua, Auckland 8  
or leave at the library

**WORK WANTED:** Registered drainlayer, 30 years experience. 6 tonne and 2 1/2 tonne diggers for hire. Phone Ray 814-9242

**WEB PAGE DESIGN,** Desk top publishing, Graphic Design, Computer Support, Phone Petrik 8365202.

**TYPING OUTWORK WANTED:** Secretary with general and legal background wanting work for own computer. Skilled in Microsoft Word, Excel and Publisher. Affordable Rates. Phone 814-9788.

**MUSIC TEACHER** – available to teach piano, keyboard and theory. Based in Waiatarua. Offers one to one tuition, practical and theory exams, competitions, all at reasonable prices.  
Contact NZ Modern School of Music on 0800-696874

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**ATARUA GARDENS BED AND BREAKFAST:** No room for your out of town visitors? Contact Carol and Denis. Phone 09 814-9706 or 025-283-7544

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**HAVING A SPRING CLEAN OUT?** Wanted, your unwanted books, videos, audio tapes, compact disks and records, for resale. All funds raised go to the Waitakere Life Education Trust. Donated books etc. will be on sale at 365/367 Henderson High Street on Sat and Sun 28/29<sup>th</sup> October. Phone 814-9298 and we will collect, or you may drop off at 832 West Coast Road.

**HORSE MANURE FOR SALE** \$1 per bag at 253 Forest Hill Road.

**ORGANIC FREE RANGE EGGS** \$3 per dozen at the gate of 253 Forest Hill Road.

**LAWYER AND NOTARY PUBLIC:** John Hendrikse also available after hours and at weekends. Fees excluding GST and disbursements, are \$350 for a straight forward house purchase, \$550 for a combined sale and purchase. Familiar with Afrikaans. 914 West Coast Road Ph/Fax 814-9991

**WANTED TO BUY:** Good quality childrens/babies clothes. Must be in good condition. Phone Tracy on 817-1191 or 025-518-278

**WANTED:** Washing machine, Dryer, Fridge freezer, must be in good working condition. Also a playpen in good condition. Phone Tracy on 817-1191 or 025-518-278

**HOUSEWORK:** Needed – some kind person to help out with busy adult household for a few hours each week. Please phone Carol on 837-0729 (day) 814-9855 (evening).

## Waiatarua Community Hall Hire

Remember to hire this excellent facility for your meetings, parties, dances, birthdays (children's and adults) etc.

Lovely wooden floor for dancing.

Friday and Saturday evenings, (including chairs & tables) \$100.

Hourly rate, (max 3 hours) \$10 per hour

Sunday to Thursday evenings

\$65, hourly rate \$7 per hour, (max 3 hrs)

Daily rates Monday – Friday, Full day \$25, hourly rate \$5

Saturdays & Sundays, Full day \$35, hourly \$7

Crockery hire \$25, Bond up to \$250.

Discount for regular users. Community Barbecue hire \$20

Phone the Custodian Pauline Isaachsen on 814-9847

## NOVEMBER / DECEMBER NEWSLETTER

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