



Theatre News

On Sat 10th March, The Playhouse Theatre picked up the awards for Best Ensemble Cast and Best Costumes for Dad's Army. Local actor Brett Whyte

had been nominated for Best Male Actor in a Supporting Role as Sgt Wilson but unfortunately it was not turned into a trophy on the night.

Brett is now mid rehearsal for the role of Captain Peacock in *Are You Being Served?* It is shaping up to be another great show with a brilliant cast including Chris Wood and Liz Hargraves, who have both appeared recently in productions at Waiaatarua. Also Brett's partner Jacqueline Hinchliffe will make her stage debut as "difficult customer" in a scene with Mr Humphries. "We are all starting to wonder why she kept herself off the stage till now! Far be it from me to say 'difficult' seems to come easily to her.there was a good group of Waiaataruans who ventured down to Dad's Army last year, I hope even more will join us for a load of laughs at AYBS."

Are You Being Served?

From: Saturday, 14-Apr-2012 until Saturday, 28-Apr-2012

Check the Playhouse Theatre for performance times and bookings can be done through iTicket - www.iticket.co.nz or phone 361 1000

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Steel Magnolias

Sunday March 11th saw a record turnout to the Waiaatarua Performing Arts Trust's auditions for "Steel Magnolias", a play by Robert Harling. Twenty-four people attended the auditions, keeping director Kathy Lowe on her toes for over two hours. Auditioning hopefuls battled it out during the afternoon, even adding impressive Louisiana accents.

"Everyone was in high spirits, and having a good time. It was a great atmosphere. I'm sure a very strong cast will come from the talent we witnessed," said the Trust's President Korstiaan Prins.

Kathy Lowe is thrilled to be preparing for this May production at the Waiaatarua Community Hall. It is her second time directing for the Trust, after the highly successful "Stepping Out" in 2009.

Kathy has performed, directed, choreographed and produced some 30 plus theatre shows around Auckland. Originally from a musical theatre background, she now enjoys getting her teeth stuck into plays that not only have comedy but also a good story and gritty roles for the actors to encase themselves in.

Hailing from Pt. Chevalier, Kathy moved to Waiaatarua 11 years ago with partner John Goudge. Both are deeply involved in acting and music at their studio 'Rimu Glade' in Waiaatarua.

If you wish to pre-book early bird tickets to this quality production, please phone 814 1850.

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The Debate is scheduled for 23rd June.



STEEL MAGNOLIAS director Kathy Lowe.

Track Closure To Halt Kauri Die-Back

Formation of protection zones around unaffected kauri in the dense forest west of Auckland City was called for last month by Auckland Council's parks, recreation and heritage forum. This will take place from 1 July and there will be a full communication programme with local communities preceding this and a stepped up media campaign with stronger messages.

Officials have reported a higher incidence of the kauri dieback disease in areas more often visited by walkers and survey work showed the need for more extensive measures to protect healthy kauri than the present boot disinfection stations.

Forum chairman Sandra Coney said it was a precautionary approach that still allowed enjoyment of most of the Waitakere Ranges Regional Park, which had 256km of tracks.

Protection zones were proposed for the Cascade Kauri, Anawhata, Waiaatarua, Piha, Karekare, Huia and Parau areas, to be reviewed in a year while scientists learned more about the disease and whether a vaccine or cure could be found.

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From the Editor Robyn O'Sullivan

We have certainly given you variety in this month's edition of the newsletter, from what's happening in our local theatres to the condition of our kauri, new advertisers and our first book club (that we know of).

Surely, there must be something for everyone this month but if not, I've also included an up to the minute list of committee members for you to harass on whatever topic you would like to air.

Enjoy your read!

Garden Group Eileen Powell

This month we are visiting a garden in Mangere on Wednesday 4 April. The garden has colour and fragrance, with mature trees and a variety of exotic plants. Entry fee is \$14 and you can obtain further information by ringing Eileen on 8149 298.

Waiatarua Book Group

The first lively meeting of the Waiatarua Book Group was held on the 7th March. Potential members had the opportunity to get to know each other and discuss matters relating to setting up, getting active, the suitable times, days and dates in order to share their love of books together. We are looking forward to our future events!

At present, the book group plans to meet on the first Wednesday evening of each month at 7.30pm. We plan to rotate our venue around members' homes.

We would love to hear from anyone else out there who is interested in joining our local book group.

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From the President

Dave Pocock

This month I thought I would base my report on the annual report I gave at our AGM on the 14th March to a select few. A highlight of the AGM was the election of a new committee member Norma, welcome aboard.

During the meeting, which I might add lasted about 45 minutes, the question was raised about membership numbers. I compiled, as best I can, membership numbers over the last few years; with highs 1997 164/1999 191, to now 2010 99/2011 115.

So the question I have is why are less of you joining when you get far more for your bucks than ever before.

Are you aware that for a \$10 per household fee you get WRRRA Hotmail which comes straight to your inbox with press releases from Auckland Council, local information and priority notice of upcoming activities such as The Great Debate, where you get discounted tickets? If that is not enough a number of local businesses including our two restaurants offer discounts of around 10% to our members.

Now one visit to any of those and you have got at least your membership back.

We would love to hear from any of you that used to be members and no longer are as to why, is there something we need to change, after all you are the reason we are here!

President's Report 2012

Sitting down to write this report last weekend I thought these reports are just about becoming a cut and paste as well as the same people listening to them every year. So apart from telling you we have had another great year and it has been a pleasure having this great team to be part of and the hall has been exceptionally successful, thanks to John Goudge, as has the newsletter, thanks to Robyn O'Sullivan, Nicki Warner and the Longleys which means finances are good, but that is John Stagg's department.

And we have all survived the amalgamation to Auckland City so far!

As you all know Frank and Linda can no longer be full committee members as they no longer live in Waiatarua, but they still want to be involved so will become co-opted committee members.

With Frank leaving and something Tony Bacon wrote in last newsletter got me thinking about our volunteers. I joined the committee in August 2003 after Tony put a cry out in the newsletter for new members. 2004's AGM had this hall full partly because 90% of the committee was standing down and partly because there was wine and cheese.

That is when I was elected president and Frank on the committee. I would like now to recap those still active in the community from that committee: Myself, Tony Bacon (Past Pres and still very active), Frank still here, Jeannette Ziesler (Library), Lyndsay Whittle (Fire Brigade), Robin Essex (Drama/debate), Korstiaan Prins (drama/debate/website, having just rebuilt our website), Molly Whittington (families sports and music), Les Duffield (neighbourhood support), Ian Ford (fire brigade rep still in fire brigade), Cathie Wells (Website). Both Cathie and Ian look after our quiz nights. A few of these are also active as street coordinators.

Tony wrote about a couple who had given up delivering the newsletter after 20 years, and I started thinking of the people in this area like those just mentioned but then moved on to all those we don't really see or even know who they are. There is an army that pound the streets rain or shine delivering the newsletter, turning up for library duty every week, next time the fire siren wakes you on a wet cold windy night at 3a.m. just think of those getting out of bed to respond, and those that help behind the scenes before during and after plays, with some people involved in two or more of those activities and quite a few 20 years or more.

A year or three ago we decided to do away with the wine and cheese at AGMs and immediately the numbers dropped dramatically which got me thinking why don't people come to AGMs, when I realised my wife has never been to any of the 30-odd

AGMs I have been involved in, so I asked her and she said "it is just listening to a lot of boring old gobbledegook"

On that note I will stop gobbledegooking and sit down.

Thanks

Dave

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New Books at Waiaatarua Library

Jeannette Ziesler

"A Walk Across the Sun" – Addison Corban. This novel takes the reader into the world of the global trade in human beings. Centrepiece are two young homeless, orphaned, Indian girls who are forced to live their lives in a brothel. An American lawyer decides to spend his sabbatical doing pro-bono work in India and takes on the criminal world in his effort to raise awareness of, and secure the freedom of these and all the other girls.

"The Little Shadows" – Marina Endicott. Follow the lives of three sisters as they start performing in vaudeville at the start of the 20th Century. They have to earn a living to support their mother, as well as themselves after the death of their father and brother. As they mature and grow as artists their life in the bright lights of the stage is echoed in life off-stage.

"Extremely Loud and Incredibly Close" – Jonathan Foer. An unusual, young lad is mourning the loss of his father in the Twin Towers attack. He finds an envelope with a key amongst his father's things and written on this is the name "Black". He feels this is important and takes it upon himself to find "Black" somewhere in New York. He roams the city meeting many strange and varied people but the journey takes him back to his father's grave.

"The Snow Child" – Eowyn Ivey. Set in Alaska in the 1920s, this story is based on a fairy tale. A childless couple build a child from snow during the first snowfall of the season. The snow child disappears overnight but in its place a young blond haired girl appears in their life. Is she real or magical? Is she the answer to the couple's prayers?

"The Street Sweeper" – Elliott Perlman. What do we know about the people we pass by in the street? A tough doctor, a street sweeper, an academic and an holocaust survivor all get to know each other and all have a story to tell. This novel spans decades and tells of memory, race, the will to survive and encompasses all our frailties.

Enjoy whatever you are reading.

Fire Brigade Report

RFF Louisa Ferguson

We have had a busy last month, with quite a few calls.

Fire Calls

19 th	Feb	02:01	Car Fire	Scenic Drive
26 th	Feb	17:20	Fire Alarm(Set off by BBQ)	Arataki Visitors Centre
27 th	Feb	00:28	Person Fallen Down Bank	Scenic Drive
(Crew from Waiaatarua and Henderson assisted Ambulance staff with a patient after they fell down a bank and broke their leg)				
3 rd	Mar	10:47	Power lines down	West Coast Road
5 th	Mar	17:25	Private Fire Alarm	Scenic Drive,
11 th	Mar	19:05	Car Fire	Piha Road

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Waiaatarua Fire Brigade Contacts

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