

Waiatarua Community News

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Spring Clean 2015.

It's time for the annual Waiatarua Spring Clean

As we now pay a mere \$1 per year for the use of the hall, we need to do our bit.

There are a few things that need tidying up around the grounds and building.

If you feel like lending a hand for an hour or two, or just want to pop in for a free cup of tea or coffee and a chat you're most welcome!

8:30 - midday

Saturday 2nd October

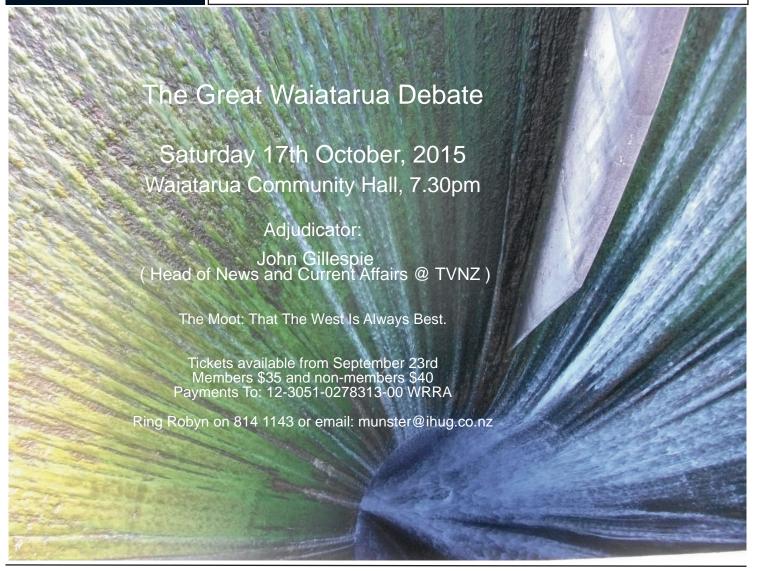
Morning tea served at 10am.

Local News...

... For Local People:

N.B. For the anxious, stressed and tired amongst us...

... The meditation group is taking a break for a couple of months! Fear not, they will resume early November.



From The Library.

Jeanette Ziesler

We have had a number of excellent books this arrive at the library in the last month. Here is a small selection.

Jamie Oliver states that this is the most personal he has written. It is called **"Every day Superfood"** and is full of recipes for food that is not only healthy but also enjoyable. I have already made the Rye Soda Bread using his recipe.

Possibly the best book written by a NZer this year is "The Party Line". Set in a farming community in the 60's & 70's, this explores rural life and the "things that are known to be going on but just aren't talked about". Two girls are very aware of what is going on but find the adults turn a blind eye to protect the status quo. Sue Orr writes of tight-knit communities, perceived gender roles, and of course the "click of the party line".

Another good novel from Sara Donati is "The Gilded Hour". This is set in a New York in the 1880's with the Brooklyn Bridge under construction, an anti-vice campaign being waged, amazing wealth and appalling poverty. The main characters are 2 women doctors – one a "free woman of colour" – who with her cousin are determined to treat the poor, the immigrants and the homeless. They have a fight on their hands with the ignorant are determined to hinder them in any way.

"The Song Collector" is penned by the author of Mr Rosenblaums List. Set in England it covers 2 periods in time. During the postwar period (1946 – 1959) 3 brothers struggle to save their broken down family home from destruction. They are prepared to try anything and do. Move to the 2000's. One brother has become a famous composer but is unable to write anything new following the death of his wife. He has withdrawn from family life and very unwillingly agrees to look after his troublesome grandson for an afternoon. This lad starts to play the piano and displays amazing talent. Not all child prodigies want to be in the limelight though and what follows is a compelling trip into family relationships, expectations and the past.

From The CPNZ:

This has been a busy two months for our CPNZ.

31 patrols 1731 k 177 hours reported 43 incidents

Highlights were a recovered stolen vechicle, reported start of a fire, assisted in a road rage incident and assisted police with special patrols in some troublesome areas at their request.

Now we're asking for some help from people in our patrol area please.

There is to be a -Boot/ Garage sale at the Waiatarua Hall (911 West Coast Rd) Sunday 11 th October 8.30am

CPNZ is having a stall to raise funds, so we are asking for items to be donated for the sale. We are happy to collect so please ring STUART 02192683

Also, always seeking new members: ring LES 021720100 - uniform and training provided!

Thanks for any help

Stuart

And they just keep coming back...

...I'm not sure of the saying but it goes something like you can take them away from the West but you cannot take the West out of them.

Last week while driving up Scenic Drive, I passed a lookout and saw two elderly ladies with a plastic bag open on the grassy area. I thought nothing of it at first, but then thought if they are picking up rubbish they should be thanked. I turned around and went back. I asked them if they were picking up rubbish but they said no, however they had lived here (to use their words) a hundred years ago and were driving Scenic Drive and reminiscing about their days in the area. They were appalled at the amount of rubbish over the bank at this particular lookout but were still in awe of the views and bush and ambience felt in the area.

While Peter our president, has been overseas, we have progressed with several projects, one of which is the Debate. We have found the trophy (with some pretty prestigious names on it), we have a date -17th Octoberwe have a moot, we have an adjudicator, we have a venue, we have a caterer, we have two confirmed debaters and are chasing three others which leaves one debatee(?) place open. Hopefully by the time you read this, we will have a full set otherwise please form an orderly queue or send an email to the committee@waiatarua.org.nz

The WRRA Hotmail is under new management, but if you have paid your dues and are not receiving it or want free subscription for the remainder of this year again email guess who – clue is above.

Robyn, our editor, is always looking for contributions therefore next month we need two recipes for scones that even a bloke like me could cook successfully. Guess where to email them to. Spring is sprung so enjoy the gardens

Gary

Two Eskimos sitting in a kayak were chilly, so they lit a fire in the craft. Unsurprisingly it sank, proving once again that you can't have your kayak and heat it too.

Advantages of being a WRRA member?

Show your membership card at the following businesses for a 10% discount (conditions may apply)

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Waiatarua Volunteer Fire Brigade

Please read the following advice from the NZFS Fire Safety Team.

Kitchen: 25% of ALL house fires start in the kitchen

- If you must leave the room, TURN OFF the stove.
- Clean your stove grill after each use to prevent the build up of spilled fats and burnt foods.
- Clean rangehood filters regularly.
- Curtains, tea towels, oven mitts and any flammable items should be kept well away from the cooking area.
- Have a fire extinguisher and/or fire blanket correctly located in your kitchen and make sure you know how to use them.• Never throw water on to a frypan that's on fire.
- Never, ever attempt to carry a burning frypan outside.
- If your frypan is on fire, wet a teatowel and place it over the pan or use a large flat object (like a chopping board) to starve the fire of oxygen.
- If you do have a fire on your stove, try (if you can) to turn the power or gas off either at the stove or at the mains.
- Alcohol is involved in 50% of all fatal fires. So don't drink and fry, get takeaways delivered instead or use the microwave.

Fire Calls:

25/08/2015	06:10am	Rubbish Fire	Scenic Drive, Waiatarua
31/08/2015	07:04pm	Bonfire	Lone Kauri Road, Karekare
01/09/2015	05:26am	Tree on Road	Piha Road, Waiatarua
01/09/2015	05:55am	MVA	Forest Hill Road, Waiatarua
01/09/2015	06:22am	Slip on Road/N	MVA Piha Road, Waiatarua
02/09/2015	08:29pm		Piha Road, Waiatarua

Helen Longley Chief Fire Officer Waiatarua Volunteer Fire Brigade

From The Editor

Robyn O'Sullivan

So, who had heard of The Legend marathon and the route it was taking before Sep 12th? Certainly not me!

So 'twas with great suprise that we left our driveway (Scenic Drive) onto the 100k stretch of road, rounded a corner and came upon a little old man wearing a suit and shuffling along the road. Where had he come from? Where was he going? Then we saw a cone...maybe roadworks again? Then more cones and people running at all speeds, wearing purple and often running two and three abreast. Not everyone scrambled to the left as cars approached.

On arriving home, I googled the run. Organised by the Achilles Foundation (they provide New Zealanders with disabilities the opportunity to participate alongside able-bodied athletes in local mainstream events) it promised 'undulating roads, with amazing scenery following the roads where Arthur Lydiard's boys used to train, so it's a course steeped in NZ running history'.

Bless his heart, I don't think Arthur would have taken his boys out in 2015, up and down these roads. His boys would have had very short careers. I do hope the organisers if, God forbid they do it again, would alert the locals and have warning signs on both sides of the road instead of just the side the runners were on, esp on the twisty bits before Titirangi. Death nearly came a-knockin'.

I hope those lucky ones who booked in time for Blackadder. I hear it was well worth it. And those who missed out, I hope you learnt your lesson and have booked tickets for the debate on the 17th of this month.

And now a plea for more articles for this newsletter...have we any budding young journalists out there who would like to hone their talents and write the occasional piece for this publication? You can anything that strikes your fancy as a young person living in Waiatarua. I am going to sit back now and wait for the stampede. Please don't disappoint.

Have a great month!

NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER

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Table Tennis every Wednesday at the Hall, 7-9pm. No experience needed, all equipment supplied. \$2 per week. Contact Tony 8149860 or email tony.bacon@sthw.co.nz

The Oratia Community Church: On the corner of Parker & West Coast roads. Fellowship meets on second Thursday of the month at 1pm in the Church Hall. Ph 813 9869 for information.

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Waiatarua Playcentre: 911 West Coast Road, Waiatarua. Phone 09 814 8835. Sessions: Monday, Wednesday & Friday 9.30am 12.30pm.

Yoga/Chi Kung/Meditation,

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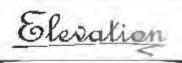
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