



Waiatarua Community News

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"Welcome to the Waitakeres... Dumping Ground of the West"



Local News...

... For Local People

WAIATARUA QUIZ NIGHT

Saturday July 2nd....

At 7.30pm

Waiatarua Hall

911 West Coast Rd

...Pub Quiz format ...teams of around 6-8 (but we're not that strict).

You can organise your own team or just turn up on the night and we can fit you in.

Entry \$5 per person. Please BYO drinks and nibbles to share with your team (AND the quizmasters!)

For more info please call Ian or Cathie on 814 8871

Karekare Rd closed until July.

The only access to Karekare between now and early July is via Lone Kauri Rd.

Karekare Rd is currently closed for Council contractors to repair a recent slip.

This is not far below the junction with Piha Rd, so it affects every property and walking track in Karekare, as well as the beach itself.

As Waiatarua residents, you may or may not be aware of the other tasks we perform to keep our neighbourhood unique. Almost every patrol we undertake, reveals dumped rubbish – it is a real problem for our area. As part of our varied tasks, we report rubbish to the Council and request prompt removal - all in the name of our community.

If you wish to help the cause, call Les Duffield on 814 1130 021 720 100 or email at les.duffield@xtra.co.nz

The more members we have, the fewer patrols we each need to undertake.
Let's keep Waiatarua safe!



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LIBRARY HOURS: THURSDAY 10.00AM - 12.00PM; FRIDAY 7.00PM - 8.00PM; SATURDAY 11.00AM - 12.00PM; SUNDAY 11.00AM - 12.00PM

WEB SITE: WWW.WAIATARUA.ORG.NZ

Calling All Waiataruans!

I feel some of you are failing to grasp the concept of a WEED Bin?



Couchus Detritus is not/ has never been/ will never be an invasive weed. Please cease and desist immediately.

From The Library

Jeanette Ziesler

We have had a busy time at the library this month processing lots of new books and more are on order. We always look forward to supporting New Zealand authors and I have chosen new books by four of our well known writers to feature this month.

I enjoyed **“Country Calendar Home Baking”** by Allyson Gofton. This was published to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the TV programme and as well as rural families sharing their recipes and baking secrets, there are stories of their life on the land. The Lemon Brownie recipe really appeals.

In similar vein, Diana Noonan has written **“Women Of The Catlins”** In this book, 26 women living in one of the country's most isolated places, tell of not only coping but enjoying living in a remote area with lots of rain and Antarctic like weather. Lots of grit and spirit shown here. Plus, stunning black and white photos by Cris Antona.

Fans of Nicky Pellegrino will be looking forward to her new novel. **“Under Italian Skies”** transports the reader into the Italian lifestyle. A change of circumstances gives Stella the opportunity to swap her London home for a chance to experience life in an Italian town. She quickly realises that she must become part of the town's activities to actually be accepted by the locals.

Our well regarded novelist and short story writer Owen Marshall has penned a novel about a “later in life” romance. In **“Love Is A Stranger”**, we read of a blossoming relationship. He is both keen and reluctant – she has a terminally ill husband. Neither intend that the friendship should develop but it does. A story of an unexpected love and the perils of such a relationship.

All books well worth reading.

From The Fire Brigade:

Ian Ford

It does appear as though we're going to have a winter after all. And for many of us, that means using a fire to heat our homes.

After you all read this column last month you went and got your chimneys cleaned and checked - right? This winter, you can perform another simple, life-saving event.

Always dispose of ashes from your fireplace in a covered, metal container AWAY from the house. Ashes and embers take several days to cool before they are safe. We have been to house fires caused by incorrect disposal of ashes, either in a plastic bucket or a rubbish bag next to the house. People lost their homes to these fires, but fortunately not their lives.

Recent calls:

1:39 pm,	Sat 23 Apr	Scenic Drive	Incinerator fire
12:39 am,	Sat 30 Apr	Scenic Drive	Car crash - no action required
5:46 pm,	Sat 7 May	Lone Kauri Rd	Camp fire - no action required

Contacts:

Always phone 111 for any fire or emergency. Otherwise please contact Station Officer Ian Ford (814 8871) or Station Officer Kevin Healy (814 9505).

From The Editor

Robyn O'Sullivan

As a good Editor, I constantly check and re-check that everything I write is how I want it to be and that I have written nothing untoward. These days, it is all too easy for Mr. Autocorrect to sneak in and change what you've written into something that sounds hilarious to him but may get you into a great deal of trouble.

From the emails I receive, I can tell that some of you don't check your written words one final time before you push that 'send' button. Let this be a warning to you as I share a wee facebook message I received this morning.

My friend Mark (one of the loveliest people you could ever meet) works for Sight Concern in the UK and as part of his work, he often writes letters for his clients who can no longer see enough to do so themselves. He wrote this morning... "You know when you can read and re read something and not see a mistake? I had meant to write; "I need my husband to check I am presentable" but luckily I noticed (at the last read through) that I'd written: "I need my husband to check I am penetrable" ... oh how I laughed Gentle Reader, but please let this be a timely reminder!

Have a good month!

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Hello Waiatarua!

I'm pretty excited to announce that from 1 June our new website will be live. A huge thanks to Lisa Phillips who has done pretty much all of the layout and uploading of content. And, this may sound a bit crazy, but I'm even more excited that the website isn't finished yet.

What I mean is that I'm really looking forward to seeing how much it can become a tool for the community of Waiatarua to go to for information and dialogue. What we've tried to build is a platform with a layout and structure that reflects a vision of remaining relevant to Waiatarua for the next decade, or two; hopefully even longer.

That's a great goal, but, of course, a static website is a boring website. We need you!! If you see anything that looks wrong, or you have some content, or ideas for content that you think should be on there, please get in touch and we'll make it happen.

We are starting with a position of no advertising on the site to keep it nice and clean, but we do have a Waiatarua Business page where we are more than happy to list your business.

So, just in case you haven't already been there, check it out:

www.waiatarua.org.nz

And if that wasn't enough, we are also working on having the Community Centre and Library at 911 West Coast Road equipped with fast internet and WiFi by the end of June. Our initial goal is to provide all WRRRA members or hall hires with unlimited internet access. I can't tell you the exact details of how you can access the WiFi at the Community Centre just yet because we're still looking at the technology options, but if you're interested in being one of the first to know how to access it then drop me an email.

Peter Casey
president@waiatarua.org.nz

Go on, 'ave a laugh:

Our ice cream man was found lying on the floor of his van covered with hundreds and thousands. Police say that he topped himself.

A man goes to the doctor with a strawberry growing out of his head. Doc says 'I'll give you some cream to put on it.'

'Doc I can't stop singing 'The Green, Green Grass of Home'
'That sounds like Tom Jones syndrome.'
'Is it common?'
'It's not unusual.'

My friend drowned in a bowl of muesli. A strong currant pulled him in.

I went to a seafood disco last week and pulled a muscle.

A man came round in hospital after a serious accident. He shouted, 'Doctor, doctor, I can't feel my legs!' The doctor replied, 'I know you can't, I've cut your arms off'.

All courtesy of Tommy Cooper, ah bless!

Advertising & Community Notices

Commercial advertisements are welcome and can be arranged by contacting Contact Robyn O'Sullivan, munster@ihug.co.nz, ph 814 1143. Community Notices are free to current financial members.

Art Classes: Pathway Studio & Gallery, 786 West Coast Road Oratia. Starting February 2016

Ph Carol 814 9438/021 033 0055

Better Scrapbooking Ltd: Regular Scrapbooking workshops as well as other regular scrapbooking and cardmaking classes. Supplies available. 153 Solar Road, Glen Eden. Megan ph: 818-2045

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

Lawn mowing and section clean ups. Ph Grant at Top Grass Ltd. 8149493 mob 02102475610

Otimai: otimai@girlguidingnz.org.nz and 09 814 9992, re venue to hire. GirlGuiding NZ opportunities... www.girlguidingnz.org.nz or 0800 484 331 or 09 638 9076

Plants: Bromeliads \$5 - \$6; Taros, cannas and various shrubs \$4 - \$5. All sales to Nepalese Educ Trust. Phone Margaret 814 9859.

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.

Tiler/Stone Layer: 21 years experience in the trade, available for indoor or outdoor projects, large or small. Phone Craig Starr 021 610 408.

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

Yoga/Chi Kung/Meditation, Waiatarua Hall. Monday Evenings 7pm - 8pm No experience necessary. Enq: Kath Ph. 814 1108

Zumba with Grace... Thursday 7pm-8pm Oratia Settlers Hall. Ditch the workout, come join the party! Cost \$10 per class Grace ph: 818-2046

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By FRIDAY JUNE 10th @ 5PM

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