



# Waiatarua Community News

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## The Passing of a Waiataruan Icon and Creative Genius

On 26th October Stuart Slater passed away at North Shore Hospital surrounded by family: he passed away to Valhalla where the Blacksmith's forge blows.

49 years ago Stuart and Peppy Slater bought a small cottage towards the top of Forest Hill Road, which they added on to for their 3 daughters, Tui, Shelley and Nina. Maybe

you saw his castle letterbox which was there for some years before it was damaged.

Stuart was very active in Neighbourhood Support especially when he retired from full time outside work. Not only did he keep an eye out for burglars but he actually interrupted at least 2 lots of burglars. He jumped in his van with a 4 by 2 and chased them down the road.

Drama: The whole family was totally involved in the local drama group particularly from about 1980-1988 - performing, prop building, step building, cooking sumptuous meals, raffling, costuming and more. For the school plays that Peppy wrote and directed, Stuart made top hats and replica guns and special shoes for all the children performing.

Stuart was a complete artisan with a quirky sense of humour. He had a stand at the Ellerslie Flower Shows featuring his amazing, exciting and extraordinary copper statues, with a story about each one. He won 2 gold awards 4 times. He forged a copper statue of a violinist who he had seen busking in Shortland Street who was adamant that he was blind. The statue had one foot firmly planted on a penny.

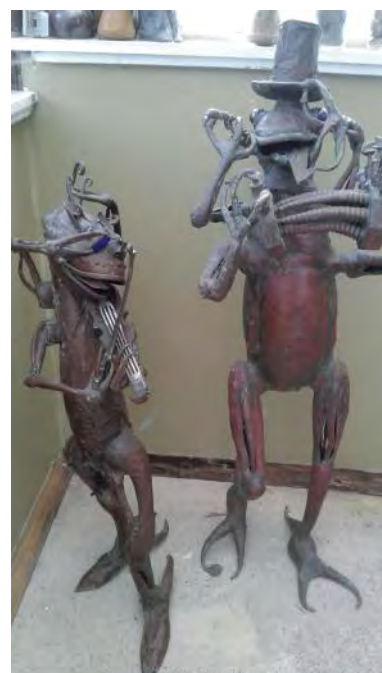
There is not enough space here to cover his extensive talents and artistry.



He was a great family man. In later years he supported his grandchildren at Playcentre, Oratia School and the Fire Brigade.

He taught and inspired many and especially his daughters who have carried on his artistic ability.

What a colourful character he was. Always good for a yarn and always ready to use his talents for the Community.



### Library closed ( Christmas break)

12pm 22nd Dec - 10am Thur 12th January.

Our best wishes to all for a great break and the best of the weather.

Our grateful thanks to all our volunteers who have kept the library operating throughout the

### Xmas function and "Thank You!" BBQ

**When:** Waiatarua Community Centre, 11am-1pm, Sunday 4 December

**Who:** All welcome, especially our volunteers. Sausages provided; bring a plate or drink to share.

### WRRRA AGM 2017

Tuesday February 21st @ 7pm.

Waiatarua Community Hall

911 West Coast Rd.

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## The Waiatarua Residents and Ratepayers Association (WRRRA) ...

...is aware that several individuals and groups contribute their time and resources to better the Waiatarua community area.

To assist these people the WRRRA committee have decided to make funds available in the form of a grant(s) in each calendar year subject to funds being made available. These funds are as a result of various fundraising events through the year.

Grant applications can only be made by financial members of the Waiatarua Residents and Ratepayers Association.

The projects must support the WRRRA constitution especially: **Section 2.5 To pursue and undertake any activity with the object of establishing, improving, or preserving social, cultural, or sporting, activities or amenities, and the unique natural environment of the area.**

In 2016 the Grant application form is available by emailing [WRRRAhotmail2015@gmail.com](mailto:WRRRAhotmail2015@gmail.com) with Grant application in the subject line.

Grant applicants will be sent a Grants Guideline document and a Grant application form for completion. The application form must be completed and received by vice-president@waiatarua.org.nz by 30th December 2016.

The applications will be reviewed and the successful applicant will be announced at the Annual General Meeting of the Waiatarua Residents and Ratepayers Association to be held in February 2017.



### From The Editor:

Robyn O'Sullivan

Hello again! I finally have some free space just in time for year's end. Hasn't it come all too quickly!

What a year it's been, both here and abroad. The WRRRA committee has been very busy with many meetings and gatherings trying to solve your weeding and transport woes (and hopefully, on the road to getting somewhere) whilst entertaining you at the same time with the debate and quiz nights. They're a small bunch so you know what's coming next...they need numbers at their monthly meetings in order to make wise and sound decisions on your behalf, so please come and join them.

And so to overseas; what with Brexit in June and the rise of Mr Trump in November, there's been, if not exciting, then certainly interesting times!

I wish you all a very merry Christmas and a happy New Year.

Stay safe and we'll see you in 2017.

## Hello Waiatarua!

I feel like so much has happened this year in Waiatarua and all through the ranges. The unitary plan made it possible, but difficult, for sub-division and high rise in these parts and I met even more fabulous Waiataruans; the #1 reason I put my hand up for this President malarkey.

We reinstated the debate Great Waiatarua Debate after a 3 year hiatus, cleaned up Waiatarua, represented you, represented Waiatarua and had some fun together.

There's a lot to fit in this last 2016 issue, so I will simply wish you a fantastic holiday break and leave a much more detailed message for you and this year's events at [www.waiatarua.org.nz/hello-waiatarua/](http://www.waiatarua.org.nz/hello-waiatarua/). And if you don't have internet (yes, some of us do not) then call me on 814 9386 and I'll personally put a copy in your letterbox. See you at the AGM in February!

Peter Casey  
[president@waiatarua.org.nz](mailto:president@waiatarua.org.nz)

### Internet Here Is Unhappy And Slow: Part 2

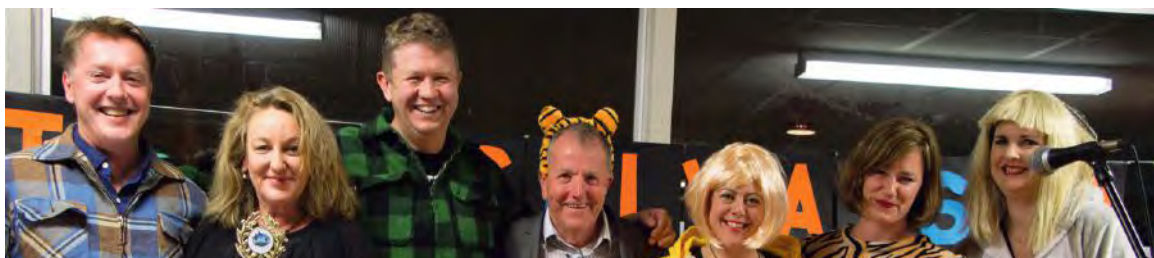
We're pleased with the interest expressed following our last month's message!

Fast internet is not a priority for everyone, but we're in a good position to assist those who are local, frustrated and in need better service.

It's clear that certain areas are struggling – especially the bottom of West Coast Road, Kauri Loop Road and most of Scenic Drive north of the tower. Please do let us know if you need help!

Feel free to pass our email address on to others you know who may be interested - [info@doers.net.nz](mailto:info@doers.net.nz).

The more support we have from the community the stronger our internet service will become!



**The Great Waiatarua Debate 2016:**

Left to right: Our winning trio - Phil Prendeville, Melanie Reid, David Cunliffe with Lyndsay Whittle, our esteemed adjudicator, Estelle Clifford, Ruth Gregory and Michelle Clayton.

*Pic courtesy of Peter Casey.*

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From The CPNZ:

### Increasing criminal activity as temperatures rise:



As the weather heats up to summer, it seems so do the criminals. There have been a number of recent accounts of strange and suspect people in our area. Some families have reported burglaries to the Police in recent weeks, with these break-ins happening both in the day and at night.

So - if you have an alarm please USE IT! Lock every door and access point when you're not around and leave no valuables on show. This goes for parking in the Waitakere Ranges as well, with many car break-ins are occurring along Scenic Drive.

Spread the word to your good neighbours, as with more awareness we could stop these criminals from doing more damage.



### Advantages of being a WRRRA member?

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

Glen Eden Landscape Supplies 293 West Coast Rd Ph:818 6129

Auckland's Waitakere Estate 573 Scenic Drive Ph: 814 9622

Blow Moulders Ltd 8 Waikaukau Rd Glen Eden Ph 818 7709  
(cash and cheque sales only)

Elevation 473 Scenic Drive Ph 814 8727

### Please accept my Membership to the Waitarua Ratepayers & Residents Association 2017

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone No: \_\_\_\_\_ \$10 household.

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

To: Treasurer, WRRRA, 911 West Coast Road, Waitarua, Waitakere City, or leave at the library Bank details: 12 3051 0278313 00 WRRRA

### FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER

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By FRIDAY JANUARY 13th @ 5PM

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Community Notices are free to current financial members.

**Art Classes:** Pathway Studio & Gallery, 786 West Coast Road Oratia. 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 and decoration 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

**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](mailto: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.

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

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