



Waiatarua Community News

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No Water Treatment Plant in Oratia says WRRRA

The people of Waiatarua are demonstrating full support of their close neighbours and friends of Oratia in the face of the Watercare threat. The proposal to force an industrial scale water treatment plant on the border between Waiatarua and Oratia has shocked both communities.

"The anxiety, confusion and panic that Watercare has brought to this place demonstrates incompetence of some degree," said Peter Casey, President of the Waiatarua Ratepayers and Residents Association.

Waiatarua and Oratia understand and respect the special nature of the land they have chosen to live on and the heritage value it holds for Aucklanders, visitors to Auckland, and indeed all New Zealanders.

People are proud to call Oratia and Waiatarua their home, particularly those with parents, grandparents and great-grandparents who have settled in and maintained this area as their home.

"Ratepayers and residents have expressed to me a deep worry and concern that they will lose family and friends from the neighbourhood. And that's before we even start talking about the impact of the lengthy destruction and construction phases of the Watercare proposal for Parker Road."

"That Watercare might be trying to fund this development by selling off the Exhibition Drive land donated by some of the key visionary founders who conceived and created the Auckland water system adds insult to ratepayer injury. I call on all Aucklanders to make some noise and call out this duplicity."

The WRRRA as one of ten resident and ratepayer associations within the Waitakere Ranges Heritage Area questions why Watercare has not called for smarter and more efficient water use for all of Auckland rather than proposing to rip apart a community. "In Waiatarua many of us collect 100% of the water we use." Peter asks "How much water could Auckland save if even half of homes and businesses caught the rain that falls on their roofs?"

Contact - Peter Casey, President, WRRRA - 0274 32 32 49 - www.waiatarua.org.nz

NB: *The Waitakere Ranges Heritage Area Act 2008*
Exhibition Drive; 100 years of making the grade, Fiona Drummond, 2016.
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Local News...

...for Local People

Waiatarua Performing Arts Trust

Just to remind you that the Waiatarua Performing Arts group are looking for people to restore the vibrancy of the drama group.

We plan a get-together with some of the wonderful people who ran it in the past. This will be your opportunity to find out how it has worked before and meet up with other interested folk.

I expect a very worthwhile, inspiring and fun evening. Send contact details to Celia at celiaawoodcalvert@gmail.com so we can build up a list of interested people.

Waitakere Forest & Bird Talk

Environmental consultant, Sandra Murray will talk about the problem of waste in NZ, the effect on our environment and possible solutions.

Kelston Community Centre,
 cnr Awaroa/Great North Rd.
 April 20th 7.30pm
 Non members welcome.
 Further info
lizanstey@hotmail.com 0274 762732

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Don't just chase them outside!

Every one you eliminate with the Mortein, a slipper or a rolled-up newspaper means one fewer nest to terrorise your neighbourhood next summer!

Opinions expressed in this newsletter are not necessarily those of the Editor or the Waiatarua Ratepayers and Residents Association

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ORATIA BUOYED BY WAIATARUA'S SUPPORT

The Oratia community is grateful for the support of its neighbours in Waiatarua, who have expressed shock and dismay at Watercare's proposal to locate an industrial-scale water treatment plant in Oratia.

"We are heartened by the support we have received from our neighbours in the Waitakere Ranges, who stand shoulder-to-shoulder with us in demanding that no families are displaced in the choice of a location for this water treatment plant," says Save Oratia spokesperson Chris Stone. "This is not just an Oratia issue – it's a real challenge to the Waitakere Ranges Heritage Area, which has been identified by central government as such a unique and valuable taonga for the people of New Zealand that it is protected by its own act of parliament.

"The Waiatarua Ratepayers & Residents Association issued a statement in March expressing full support of Oratia in opposing Watercare's proposal to build in Parker Road, which would force up to 30 families from their homes and devastate the tight-knit foothills community.

Watercare, an Auckland Council-controlled company, recently unveiled four proposed sites for the replacement of its ageing Huia Water Treatment Plant – two of which are in Parker Road. The other two options are rebuilding on the existing site in Woodlands Park, or building on an adjacent site on Manuka Rd.

The Parker Road North option would involve about 17ha on and around 130 Parker Road, meaning 13 homes housing 45 people would be bulldozed. The Parker Rd South option would involve about 15ha on and around 152 Parker Road, where there are 17 homes housing 71 people. Using both Parker Road sites has also been put forward as an option, meaning 30 homes would be levelled and 107 people forced from their homes.

The proposed Parker Road sites also have unique ecological value, with several rare species of fauna making their homes there. The foothills and their orcharding heritage are specifically cited as worthy of preservation in the Waitakere Ranges Heritage Area Act.

Watercare has been working on the plans for about two years but only unveiled them to the Oratia community in February. The water company met vocal opposition from about 700 concerned West Auckland residents at its first consultation meeting on February 21, then backed out of a follow-up consultation meeting that it had promised to residents. Despite Watercare's no-show, about 1000 people from Oratia and the wider Waitakere Ranges area turned out to the second meeting on March 1 to voice their concerns.

Instead of the promised consultation, Watercare decided to offer groups of up to 10 people guided tours of its ageing Huia Water Treatment Plant on March 25-26. Children, disabled and the elderly were excluded from these tours.

"Clearly Watercare realises there is widespread opposition to the Oratia option from throughout the Waitakere Ranges community and is trying to stifle debate," says Chris Stone. "We're not interested in a show-and-tell about their existing plant – we are interested in the devastating social impact on our interconnected, multi-generational heritage community if the Watercare Board chooses to locate their new plant in Oratia.

"The Titirangi Residents & Ratepayers Association has also come out in support of the Oratia community, backing the Manuka Rd option, which would see no houses lost or families displaced. Watercare's Board is expected to make a decision on the final site in June.

How you can help:

Make a sign and put it out at your front gate or workplace

- Like the Save Oratia Facebook page and follow save.oratia on Instagram
- Sign the petition and get all your friends to – download your copy at saveoratia.org.nz
- Write a submission to the Watercare Board and Auckland Council – see details at saveoratia.org.nz

Waiatarua's Very Own Magical Mystery Tours...

... With the Inimitable Lyndsay Whittle

Even though the weather was looking pretty threatening we still had nine hardy souls come out to listen to me rabbiting on about days gone by.

We walked from the hall to the corner of Forest Hill and West Coast Roads and saw where the original Dutch Kiwi restaurant once stood and later drove to the bottom of Old Forest Hill Road for more rabbiting from me before heading up to Cascade Ave.

On a recce to try to find the water hole at the end of Cascade Ave earlier in the day I failed miserably, even though it's only about a ten minute walk from the road. That meant we had to be happy with looking at where the old tennis court and entrance to the path were.

From there it was a quick drive to the fire station with yet more rabbiting from yours truly and we wound up the night with a coffee and a pleasant chat at Elevation.

By the time you read this, Lyndsay will have had his second tour with eager Waiataruans who couldn't make the first one. Word has it everyone enjoyed themselves! Lyndsay is a very entertaining tour leader...no surprises there!

The WRRRA would like to welcome their new Executive Committee members:

Ruth Gregory as Secretary and Grant Longley.

The full committee is listed on our website.

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From The Community Patrol:

"Goodbye Sweet Summer..."

So we have now officially passed into Autumn, after what feels like a brief summer. Last month, Waiatarua CPNZ were busy raising funds again, with the wonderful team putting on a sausage sizzle at Mitre 10, Lincoln Rd (see picture).

We raised enough money to keep us on the road for a couple of months, performing patrols to keep our area safe. But as always, donations to our volunteer group are very welcome.

Even a small amount paid into the CPNZ petrol account at Mobil Oratia helps the cause.



CPNZ Waiatarua wishes to show solidarity with 'Save Oratia' and are AGAINST the building of the Watercare facility on Parker Rd.

From The Fire Brigade:

Ian Ford

Waiatarua's firefighters were kept busy in the early hours of Saturday 4th March with a scrub fire at Piha. They joined with crews from Piha, Karekare, Glen Eden and a tanker called from Silverdale to contain a sizeable scrub fire at the end of Log Race Rd at the top of the Piha hill. Several hundred square metres of regenerating bush were destroyed before it was extinguished. A discarded cigarette but or fireworks were the early suspects in the cause.

And later in March we bid adieu to Lee Budd as he and family moved to the winterless north. Thanks for the time and enthusiasm you contributed while you were with us Lee!

Recent Calls:

7:31 pm, Mon 13 Feb	West Coast Rd	Car crash
8:53 pm, Tue 14 Feb	West Coast Rd	Car crash
11:34 am, Sat 25 Feb	West Coast Rd	Car v motorcycle
1:56 am, Sat 4 Mar	Piha	Scrub fire
6:27 pm, Wed 8 Mar	West Coast Rd	Bonfire
8:04 pm, Fri 10 Mar	Forest Hill Rd	Flooding

Daylight Saving ends 2nd April

Get in the habit of changing the batteries in your smoke detectors every autumn and spring when changing the clocks for Daylight Savings Time.

Not where or how to install an alarm? Go to YouTube and search for "TheNZFS" (one word). Contacts: Always phone 111 for any fire or emergency. Otherwise please contact Station Officer Kevin Healy (814 9505) or Station Officer Ian Ford (814 8871).

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Community Notices are free to current financial members.

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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.

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.

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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