



# Waiatarua Community News

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## Waitakere Forest & Bird AGM

Thursday 18th May  
7:30pm  
Kelston Community Centre, cnr  
Awaroa/Great North Rd.

Our AGM will be followed by Dale  
McConnell talking about  
SquarkSquad, a start-up social  
enterprise.

Non members welcome.

For further information:  
ph Liz 0274 762732  
lizanstey@hotmail.com

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to help out at our local library.  
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reader just a willing volunteer.  
We are looking for anyone who is  
happy to give 1 hour per month  
to the community and meet the  
locals.

We need people for Friday  
nights: 7pm – 8pm once a month;  
and for the 1st Sunday of the  
month 11am -12pm.

Please ring Bev Latimer  
Ph.8353237.

## Waiatarua Weed Action Group

If you've had a hankering to join this group of earthy, dirty people then please  
contact Ruth:  
ruth@halcyonchambers.co.nz

You may want to have your property 'blitzed' in one of their monthly weeding  
sessions or you just might like to assist your fellow weed sufferers and help  
with *their* blitz.

## Waiatarua Community Patrol

AGM

Thursday May 4th

7 pm

Waiatarua Community Hall

911 West Coast Rd

Tea and biccies, wine and beer.

Everyone welcome, particularly  
supporting partners!

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

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## Hello Waiatarua!

Wow; what a lot of water. It seemed to me this month that everyone I talked to had a story about a leak or flood at their place, even if just a small one. I can't believe I mentioned here in February that we might need to conserve water. And the irony of Auckland being short of water because of too much of it. Autumn and spring are the wettest times of year around here so hopefully a bit drier from here on.

Many of you will have been to the Oratia meetings. If you didn't attend I can say that to me it's looking likely the future for Parker Road residents will be one of stability rather than relocation. The press release you read in last month's newsletter has been submitted by WRRRA to Watercare as part of the consultation process. The WRRRA is also part of a combined group of 12 Resident and Ratepayer organisations of the Waitakeres and we also wrote directly to the Mayor & Councillors saying:

"In view of the situation that has arisen over the selection of the site for the new Huia WTP this [combined R&R] group requires Council to commission an independent review of the entire water supply strategy for Auckland, including the Huia WTP replacement, to include the objective of protecting the environment and the social impact on affected communities; and for proper and thorough consultation with the community to take place as specified in s59 of the Local Government Act."

The relevant part of s59 of the Local Government Act states:

59 Principal objective of council-controlled organisation

(1) The principal objective of a council-controlled organisation is to—

(c) exhibit a sense of social and environmental responsibility by having regard to the interests of the community in which it operates and by endeavouring to accommodate or encourage these when able to do so;

Watercare seems to have fallen short on this one.

With the change of season we've also lost one of our website and online administrators. So I'm putting the call out for anyone who'd like to help maintain our site at [www.waiatarua.org.nz](http://www.waiatarua.org.nz). It's built with Wordpress, but you don't necessarily need Wordpress experience as long as you have a reasonable ability with computer technology; training provided if you need. If you'd like to be part of the team, or know someone who might be interested please get in touch directly.

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

## Fire Brigade News

Ian Ford

Three of Waiatarua's firefighters headed to Palmerston North in early April to test themselves at the North Island Firefighter Combat Challenge. Well done to Evie Andres, Brent Duffy and Matt Smith on some pretty intense climbing, hauling, running and dragging. And if you haven't caught up with the news on our Facebook page, for the second time in a few months an errant driver has somehow completely missed the corner outside the station and hit the building. Last time it cost the driver a new appliance bay door, this time they went through the kitchen wall.

### Recent Calls

11:58 am,	Sun 12 Mar	Henderson	False alarm
12:43 pm,	Sun 12 Mar	Henderson	Flooding
8:37 pm,	Fri 17 Mar	Scenic Drive	Car crash
7:48 pm,	Sun 19 Mar	Piha	False alarm
11:21 am,	Sun 2 Apr	West Coast Rd	Car v tree
8:16 am,	Fri 14 Apr	West Coast Rd	Car crash

**Electric blankets:** It's the time of year to check your electric blankets. At the first sign of wear have them checked by a qualified electrician.

In use, don't place heavy objects on the bed while the blanket is on. And do make sure the blanket is always flat on the bed, and that controls or cords are not twisted or caught between the mattress and the base of the bed. Twisted cords are a common cause of electric blanket fires.

If your electric blanket is more than five years old, consider replacing it with a new, safer heat protected model.

**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 Library:

Jeanette Ziesler

New Non-Fiction:

**"My Father's Island"** – Adam Dudding. Robin Dudding was, perhaps, one of NZ's greatest literary editors and mentored some of our best known authors. His son has written this memoir of a father who was brilliant and at times eccentric.

**"Istanbul"** – Bettany Hughes. A great city that has had 3 names and been the capital of 4 empires. This biography explores 6,000 years of its history as a gateway between east and west.

**"Havana"** – Mark Kurlansky. An insider's view of this city. Kurlansky has known Havana for more than 30 years and writes of the history and culture of this place.

**"Empires Of The Sun"** – James Lawrence. A history of Africa – colonialism and the impact it had on the people, society, trade and politics of this vast and beautiful continent.

**"Walking The Americas"** – Levison Wood. A well-known adventurer and explorer, Wood, walked 1800 miles from Mexico through eight countries, then the Darien Gap and on into Colombia and South America.

**"Surviving 7.8"** – Phil Pennington. A RNZ reporter, Pennington has collated and told the stories of the Kaikoura earthquake. Both locals and tourists shared their immediate reactions and how they survived in the days after.

**"Ayesha's Gift"** – Martin Sixsmith. This is the story of a young Pakistani woman. Born in Pakistan but living in Britain Ayesha leaves a safe life in Britain to the country of her birth to investigate her father's violent death.

All good reads.

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## From The Editor

Robyn O'Sullivan

As I write, I have fingers and toes crossed for a drier May than April has been. I hope this issue doesn't find you still in your wellies and fighting the incessant rain. I am really over doing the school run in the wet weather, picking up the kids with all their gear - including gumboots that I end up carrying - as they prefer to be barefoot so they can dance in the puddles. Wednesdays are particularly bad. Try getting to the car with two backpacks, the library bag, the homework bag, the bag with the swimming gear, two sets of shoes they won't wear, the two year old under the arm, whilst clutching the five year old's hand in order to cross the busy street. You're right, Nannys are awesome!

One bonus of wet weather has been my finally learning to crochet, one of the few crafts I didn't learn in my youth. I put it to good use at the Round 3 Watercare/Oratia meeting, sitting there like Madame Defarge at the guillotine. I was impressed that the Watercare CEO Raveen Jaduram fronted up to the huge crowd to say his piece. I feel this whole debacle started with little thought and bad judgement from his team, but the error of their ways has been pointed out in a clear and succinct manner by the good people of Oratia and I'm fairly confident the outcome will be the right one for all concerned.



### THE CASTLE MOVIE FUNDRAISER...

...Saveoratia.org.nz

Keep Sunday 7 May free for our next community gathering and fundraiser!

Robin Kewell has kindly organised a special screening of the hilarious and highly relatable Australian movie The Castle.

( Check the Saveoratia website for when/where details closer to the time )

### JUNE NEWSLETTER

Copy needs to be in the hands of the Editor

By FRIDAY MAY 12th @ 5PM

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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.

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