



**Well Done, Scarlett!**



Introducing four year old Scarlett from Waiatarua, the youngest challenger in the Maui Dolphin Conservation Challenge.

She is not only baking cookies and picking up rubbish, but spreading the word about these animals with presentations to her kindergarten friends and local primary schools.

You can check out more of Scarlett's story on

<https://maui-dolphin-challenge.everydayhero.com/nz/scarlett-lilly>

# Waiatarua Community News

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**From The Editor:** Robyn O'Sullivan

Welcome to my final edition of the Waiatarua Newsletter!

Didn't the last eight years just fly by? I didn't realise how long it had been until Tony Bacon put up the past Editors and their lengths of service into the archives on the Waiatarua website. (Check them out on [www.waiatarua.org.nz](http://www.waiatarua.org.nz))

I have thoroughly enjoyed my time as Editor and have met many interesting people ...and the odd strange one ... and am ready to take a back seat and watch how things develop in the future.

I won't lie and say there was a huge queue of people beating down my door to argue for the position but from an extremely short shortlist, I think we have the makings of a fine new Editor. She's keen and looking forward to the challenge. Please be gentle with her.

I certainly won't miss working in the cold in the winter. As I write this, my fingers have turned red and I'm sure my limbs are staring to freeze, so enjoy the rest of your winter and thank you, Waiatarua!

**Dear Editor,**

In the interest of historical accuracy and not wanting to take more credit than I am due I have to correct our President's statement in the last Community News about me "creating the first newsletter on a typewriter".

The first issue that is in the archive is dated February 1988. That was created under the aegis of the then President, Tony Webber, and may indeed have been typed. The newsletter had been in existence before that date, coming out on a fairly irregular basis. I offered (silly me!) to take responsibility for the newsletter and the first one under my editorship came out in March 1988. That was created using the state-of-the-art technology of either Micropro Wordstar or Samna Ami (memory becomes vague with distance) and a dot-matrix printer.

It was also then that Longley Printing generously offered to sponsor the printing of the newsletter, an association that continues to this day and has contributed in no small part to the increasingly professional look of the Waiatarua Community News.

Tony Bacon

## The Great Waiatarua Debate of 2017...

**...has been cancelled!**

But do not despair...and keep that date free

Saturday, August 19 @ 7.30pm

Further information to be provided!

## Volunteers Needed:

Waiatarua Library

The first Saturday & Sunday of each month.  
Just 1 hour – 11am to 12 midday.

Please ring Bev Latimer : ph 8353237.

A big thank you to those who have volunteered to fill the Friday evening spots. Waiataruans please remember that we open the library on Fridays 7pm -8pm.

Thank you.

## Waitakere Forest & Bird

Election Special with candidates debating conservation and environmental issues.

Thursday 17th August 7.30 pm  
Kelston Community Centre,  
cnr Awaroa/Great North Rd.

Non members welcome, koha appreciated to cover hall hire.  
Further information ph Liz 0274 762732  
[lizanstey@hotmail.com](mailto:lizanstey@hotmail.com)

## Expressions of Interest...

... for nude yoga!

An instructor in Westmere is happy to come out west as long as we have the numbers

If anyone is interested they can e-mail me at [Nickyb@hotmail.co.nz](mailto:Nickyb@hotmail.co.nz).

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

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Tony Bacon, inaugural editor in full flight at the launch of the newsletter archive, explaining the tricks of the trade to Ruth Gregory, current WRRRA Secretary.

## From The Library:

Jeanette Ziesler

**“Resolution”** – A N Wilson. At 17 years of age, George Forster sailed on the Resolution with Captain Cook. He kept a diary of the journey as the lands, cultures, flora and fauna of the Pacific were observed and recorded. Once the ship returned to its port Forster published his account of the voyage – prior to Cook’s own publication. Wilson has based his novel on Forster’s writings and the further adventures of Forster with his involvement and ultimate death in the French Revolution

**“Beren And Luthien”** – J.R.R. Tolkien. The famous authors son has edited his father’s early diaries and published this book. Beren – a mortal- falls in love with Lucien, who is an immortal elf. Her father imposes a seemingly impossible task for Beren to complete before the marriage can take place. A new and stand alone story from Tolkien.

**“Red Sky At Noon”**- Simon Sebag Montefiore. Benya Golden is imprisoned in a gulag for a crime he did not commit. His way out is to join a penal battalion consisting of prisoners and Cossacks. They get sent on a mission behind enemy lines in Southern Russia with the idea that these suicidal attacks will earn them redemption. They are not allowed to retreat so continue the fight, attacking Russian traitors who are fighting with the Germans. As well as the fighting Benya gets involved in several love affairs.

**“Freedom At Midnight – Viceroy’s House”** - L . Collins & D. Lapiere. After 300 years of British rule the Union Jack was lowered on the flagstaff at the Viceroy’s house announcing the end of the British Raj. The country was separated into India and Pakistan on a religious divide, with adjacent Kashmir determined to be independent. This freedom has come at a high price with ongoing disputes. This book is an updated and very readable edition.

Good Reading.

## From The Fire Brigade:

Ian Ford.

### Recent Calls:

2:04 pm, Sat 10 June	West Coast Rd	Car crash
3:19 pm, Sat 10 June	Tui Cres	Rubbish fire
2:19 pm, Sat 17 June	Scenic Drive	Car v cyclist
7:45 pm, Sat 24 June	Scenic Drive	Smoke logged house
9:38 pm, Sun 25 June	Piha Rd	Car rolled
2:45 am, Sun 2 July	Scenic Drive	Car down bank
7:57 pm, Tue 4 July	Bethells Rd	Fire in ceiling
5:33 pm, Thu 12 July	Piha Rd	False alarm
8:00 pm, Thu 12 July	Piha Rd	Tree on road

### 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).



Horse-drawn coach on the road below Waiatarua, 1914.

... Sir George Grey Special Collections, Auckland Libraries.

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## From The Community Patrol:

Lynette McKinstrie

### “WE NEED YOU”

Each week we are out and about patrolling our area and surrounding neighbours keeping a lookout for any suspicious or criminal behaviour.

Ongoing patrolling is a deterrent for the criminal element visiting our area. Your patrollers also report vandalism, graffiti and illegal dumping of rubbish. This is important to keep our area tidy as this sends a message to the crims that we care about our area and we are continuously watching.

**WE NEED YOUR HELP:** Whilst we have a great bunch of patrollers we need more, especially retired people and those who work part-time.

2 hours a month is all that is required of your time, even less if necessary. We do mainly daytime patrolling, but night time is great if that is more convenient.

We have actively been involved recently in the search for the arsonist in Piha, the patrolling of Sunnyvale train station since the serious incident and actively patrol Waiatarua, Oratia and Henderson Valley.

If you think you can help please ring. Lynette on 8149357

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### From Days Gone By...

.. Linda Steen has very kindly shared this pic of her parents ( Mick and Florence Chester) which she found amongst their history treasures.

The photo is of the two of them in their home, behind the shop which they built and is now called Elevation. Mick was there from 1930-1964 approx.

Mick is still alive and is now nearly 98!

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

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### SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER

Copy needs to be in the hands of the Editor

By FRIDAY AUGUST 11TH @ 5PM

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munster@ihug.co.nz, ph 814 1143.

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**Lawn mowing and section clean ups:** Ph Grant at Top Grass Ltd. 814 9493 mob 021 024 75610 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 in the Hall, 7-9pm. No experience needed, all equipment supplied. \$2 per week Contact Tony 814 9860, email tony.bacon @sthw.co.nz

**The Oratia Community Church:** On the corner of Parker & West Coast roads. Fellowship meets on the 2nd Thursday of each month at 1pm in the church hall. Ph 813 9869 for information.

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