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Trick or Treat!

Local children out in Waiatarua having a spooktacular time on Halloween. Thank you to the participating houses who put out a balloon (or something suitably scary) to say that trick or treaters were welcome. Much fun, and much chocolate had by all!



Truck Driver Has Bad Day

Just when you thought you were having a bad day – at least you're not this guy. A truck gets itself well and truly stuck in the ditch on Forest Hill Rd a few weeks ago. Photo courtesy of Tony Bacon.

Waiatarua Actor Charlotte Chapman in new theatre show

Last Tapes Theatre Company have teamed up with this year's graduating actors from the Actors' Program, and will bring award-winning playwright Mike Bartlett's masterpiece to the Basement Theatre's stage this November. "Earthquakes in London", starring one of our incredibly talented Waiatarua residents, Charlotte Chapman, is an epic play in response to the crisis of climate change in modern life. *Earthquakes* travels from 1968 to 2525 following three sisters, each stumbling through life and love in a post baby-boom world as their father predicts global catastrophe.



The most exciting aspect for this Theatre Company is having a troupe of actors and creatives who are becoming passionately involved in the sustainability discussion. They believe it is important to have not only creative approaches to sustainability, but also sustainable approaches to creative arts.

The season runs from November 15th – November 25th. Shows start at 7.30pm. To book your tickets for this exciting show, please visit www.basementtheatre.co.nz.

'Tis the season to be jolly! Here are a few Christmas themed jokes to brighten your day.

What's the difference between the mandarin in your Christmas stocking and Donald Trump? Nothing, they're both a little orange.

An honest politician, a hard-working civil servant and Santa Claus find a 100 dollar bill. Who gets to keep it? Santa does, the other two are creatures of myth and legend.

One turkey asks another, "Do you believe in life after Christmas?"

Last Christmas I gave you my heart...well, that was the end of me...no one survives without a heart.

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Waiatarua Library

STOCK UP FOR THE SUMMER BREAK

Waiatarua Library will close at 12pm on Thursday 21st December and reopen at 10am, Thursday 11th January 2018. Come in and grab an armful of books for your summer reading!

Amongst the new books this week are:

"Bee Quest" – Dave Goulon. Fascinating and informative.

"Emergency Response" – Dave Greenberg. Rescue from the helicopter.

"I Am, I Am, I Am" – Maggie O'Farrell. Coping with a seriously ill child.

"The Clever Guts Diet" – Dr Michael Mosley. Your internal wellbeing.

"How To Eat Better" – James Wong. No fads – just choosing, storing and cooking everyday food.

A grateful thanks to all the volunteers who have kept the library running throughout the year and our readers who borrow the books.

Enjoy the festive season!

Jeannette Ziesler



FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER

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Editor

By FRIDAY JANUARY 12TH @ 5PM

From the Editor

Hello everyone

Well the year is nearly over and the festive season is almost upon us. Who has completed their Christmas shopping already? I haven't even started mine yet!

I do love Christmas though, spending time with family and friends, relaxing, drinking and eating far too much. Always fun, but not so good for the waistline!

The newsletter will take its annual break in January. The first issue of 2018, February, I am leaving in the capable hands of Tony Bacon, as I will be away when it is time to put the newsletter together. Thank you Tony! I'll see you all again in March – that sounds like a very long way off, doesn't it?

Hello Waiatarua!

It was with regret that this week I accepted Rita Steel's resignation as holder of the Environmental portfolio of the WRRRA Executive Committee. Rita has been a fantastic contributor to the monitoring of these issues in our little bit of paradise and the establishment of what is to become in 2018 a fully fledged Pest Free Waiatarua initiative.

Not to shy away from a challenge Rita has decided to join the Tree Council to try and achieve some real progress on what we are all coming to realise are vital issues for us and our environment, but which under the Unitary Plan now allows wholesale destruction of Kauri and other natives in parts of Waiatarua. What next?

Rita told me "I signed up to sit on the R&R with the sole purpose of doing everything I can to ensure the Waitakere Heritage Area within which we live is protected. My recent discovery that the Unitary plan has wiped out protection for what appears to be around 5% of the area and about 10% of the Waiatarua area has ..." appalled her and shocked me. These are decisions that were made by drawing lines on a map, not by visiting the area and understanding its significance.

This was in spite of Rita scrutinising the Unitary Plan in great detail during the public consultations and pursuing Council planners who denied this was taking place.

On behalf of WRRRA Members, I wish you well, Rita, in your endeavours and ask you keep in touch with us about anything we can do to help.

A good time to remind you that we have vacancies on our committee right now, especially if you'd like to help with threats to the natural environment. Don't wait for it to become a crisis. Get in touch with us now.

Peter Casey

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Thanks must go to all our regular contributors to the newsletter, to Peter Casey, the Committee, Longley Printing, the newsletter distributors and also to Tony, who has been extremely helpful with the layout. His support, time and patience is truly appreciated.

Until then, I'd like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a happy New Year. If you are heading away over Christmas, please travel safely. I hope you make time to recharge and relax if you have the chance. Have a fantastic break, wherever you are.

See you in 2018!

Cheers, Erin



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Christmas Kumaras

Serves 6

1 ¼ kg kumaras

1 cup drained pineapple pieces

½ tsp ground cloves

2 tbs brown sugar

30g softened butter

2 tbs pineapple juice

Preheat oven to 160C regular bake. Grease a shallow baking dish.

Peel kumara and slice into 2cm rings. Place in a pan of lightly salted water and cook until just tender. Drain well.

Arrange in the dish, alternating layers of kumara with pineapple, finishing with a layer of kumara.

In a small bowl, mix together cloves, sugar and butter to form a paste, adding pineapple juice to get to a thin spreading consistency. Spread over the top of the kumara.

Bake in the oven for half an hour. After half an hour, raise the temperature to 190 degrees C to brown the top layer.

Serve as a side dish for your Christmas table.



Glen Eden Landscape Supplies

Some WRRRA members have recently found the discount at Glen Eden Landscape Supplies has been refused after being offered for the past 10 years or so.

Simone Thomas, who owns, and is now managing the business, explains that the 10% discount had been offered for a long time, but had expanded to include so many individuals and organisations that she has made the difficult decision to eliminate the discount, except for trade customers.

The WRRRA will no longer be advertising this discount as a benefit of membership of WRRRA.

For trade customers the 10% remains as these customers purchase substantial and consistent quantities.

Simone emphasised her gratitude to all past, present and future Waiatarua and Oratia customers and the value she places in your custom.

She recommends following the business on Facebook as the weekend specials advertised there often exceed 10% discount.



A bit of good news for those worried about the future of the Ranges. A resident in Mountain Road has reported hearing and seeing a kaka in his garden. Unfortunately it disappeared before he could get his camera so this may be our version of Bigfoot, but let's be optimistic and welcome these lovely birds back to our neighbourhood, and keep those possum traps set.

Commercial advertisements are welcome and can be arranged by contacting Erin Kingsleigh-Smith, editor@waiatarua.org.nz, ph 814 8856. Community Notices are free to current financial members.

Art Classes: Pathway Studio & Gallery, West Coast Rd, Oratia. Ph Carol 814 9438/021 033 0055.

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Indoor Bowls: every Thursday at the Hall 7pm for 7.15 start. No experience needed. Coffee and tea provided, BYO nibbles and other drinks if wanted. \$3 donation to CPNZ and WPAT. Ph Celia: 814 9660

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

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