



Waiatarua Community News

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Ubiquitous Intersection Update

Big wheels can take time to gain momentum and Auckland Transport has pretty big wheels.

The latest information regarding the Piha intersection from the AT Senior Traffic Engineer, indicates they will be working with the Local Community Board and meeting with them sometime before mid-May, but no updates are available as yet.

Anna Shattky, who is maintaining a register of accidents and near misses at the intersection advises she is receiving a trickle of reports of accidents and incidents.

It is hoped there will be more specific information for our next newsletter.

Cones put out by a Piha resident demonstrate an option to assist drivers to enter and leave Scenic Drive.



From the Editor

Hello everyone

I think winter arrived prematurely in April! At the time of writing we had wintry blasts, with wild weather wreaking havoc in the area causing trees and branches to come down left right and centre, and major power outages. It certainly wasn't very pleasant, and we had a fair bit to clean up at our place. I think my family and I fared better than some people though, who were without power for days. A timely reminder, I suppose, to stock up on batteries, candles, bottled water and non-perishable food, and to be prepared for events such as these. It was heartening to see so many offers of help to those without power across social media. We are fortunate indeed to live in such a caring community.

While I do love living in Waiatarua, the seemingly frequent power cuts we experience are frustrating. Lots of trees near above ground power lines are not a harmonious mix. With fibre ap-

parently coming to our area in the hopefully not too distant future, it would seem to your Editor a good opportunity to put in underground power cabling at the same time.

Speaking of reminders – have you paid your 2018 subscription to the WRRRA? A bargain at only \$10 for the year and you also get to enjoy a 10% discount at three local businesses when you support them. Look out for the membership form in this issue. The WRRRA Committee meets every second Tuesday of the month at the Waiatarua hall at 7pm. If you'd like to know more about who we are, what we do and what's going on in your community, please come along. Everyone is welcome.

Next month I'll leave you once again in the capable hands of Tony Bacon, who has kindly agreed to put that issue together. I'll be taking a week's break on the Sunshine Coast with my family and some good friends, celebrating a milestone birthday (mine). See you all in July.

Cheers, Erin

Hello Waiatarua!

I feel like there should be a couple more exclamation marks this month at the end of that statement after what has been said to be Auckland's worst storm in 30 years.

As anyone from Christchurch will tell you, you certainly get to know your neighbours a bit better during times of challenges from nature. I got to know my neighbours better and heard quite a few stories of others helping others out to help us all get through. My favourite was the free WiFi and device charging at the Hall.

I think the only other good thing I could say about the storm was that it was rather helpful in building up one's firewood supplies.

Human science and observation is almost completely unequivocal

that we are facing into bigger and more frequent extreme weather events. If we consider only the next 5-10 years these challenges almost undeniably certain.

We love this place. But we also need to be prepared to survive in it without help, at least for a few days. I'm sure all of our survival kits improved a little as a result, even if only being a bit more mentally prepared.

Ping! There goes my inbox. Apparently the invasive weeds kept growing through it all. See <http://www.waiatarua.org.nz/weed-of-the-month-may> for more info.

Peter Casey
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Waiaatarua Community Patrol - AGM

7.00pm, Tuesday 1 May 2018

Waiaatarua Community Hall, 911 West Coast Road, Waiaatarua.

All welcome. Come and find out who we are and what we do.

For further details contact Les Duffield on 814 1130 or 021 720 100



Waiaatarua Weed and Pest Action Group

Weed of the Month: Bangalow Palm

This month we look at palms - in particular, the Bangalow Palm. Find out why it's a pest, and what you can do about it. Check out the Waiaatarua Facebook page, or our website www.waiaatarua.org.nz for full details.



Rita Steel

Advantages of being a WRRRA member?

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

Heritage Collection 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 Brasserie 473 Scenic Drive Ph: 814 9727

Waiaatarua Performing Arts Trust

Readings

Saturday 5 May, Waiaatarua Community Hall
911 West Coast Road
7pm for a 7.30pm start

We are pleased to present the following readings, to be read in the following order:

1. Murder at Moorstones Manor
2. Falling
3. The Christmas Tree
4. 12 Angry Pigs
5. Last Supper



As with the quiz night, please bring your own drinks and nibbles (thanks to Ian and Cathy for the concept)

Tea and coffee available. Big gold coin entry or if you want, you can give us a bank note with Sir Edmund Hillary on it.

Audience participation for 12 Angry Pigs may be required. It has a cast of 17 so you can get lost in the crowd!

Children from 3 to 93 welcomed. We have three main words — FUN!! FUN!! FUN!!

Come and see around 14 members of the community give you an evening of entertainment. Fun Rating: Off the scale! Hilarity level: Side splitting, but no medical responsibility accepted.

Gary Ertel

Key lime pie

cool.

250g plain digestive biscuits
100g butter, melted
1x 395g tin condensed milk
3 medium egg yolks
finely grated zest and juice of 4 limes
300ml cream

1 tbsp icing sugar
Extra lime zest, to decorate

Method

Heat the oven to 160C fanbake. Whizz the biscuits or crumbs in a food processor (or put in a strong plastic bag and bash with a rolling pin). Mix with the melted butter and press into the base and up the sides of a 22cm loose-based tart tin. Bake in the oven for 10 minutes. Remove and

Put the egg yolks in a large bowl and whisk for a minute with electric beaters. Add the condensed milk and whisk for 3 minutes then add the zest and juice and whisk again for 3 minutes.

Pour the filling into the cooled base then put back in the oven for 15 minutes. Cool then chill for at least 3 hours or overnight if you like.

When you are ready to serve, carefully remove the pie from the tin and put on a serving plate. To decorate, softly whip together the cream and icing sugar. Dollop or pipe the cream onto the top of the pie and finish with extra lime zest.

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Fire Brigade News

This column was written 3 days after the storm. A good number of Waiataruans are still without power, internet, functioning water and/or wastewater systems.

How did you and your neighbours cope? How ready were you? While it's still fresh in your mind, now's the time to plan and prepare – something you might wish you'd done a month earlier maybe? Google "get ready get thru" for a check list.

What was great to see were the spontaneous offers of help from many who weren't as badly affected as others. And to the Fire Station's neighbours – thanks for your patience in putting up with our emergency generator running at all hours of the day and night!

Recent Calls

8:12 pm, Mon 19 Mar: Bethells Rd, False alarm

9:19 am, Sat 31 Mar: Scenic Drive, Car fire

10:31 pm, Tue 10 Apr: West Coast Rd, Lines down

11 pm onwards, 10 Apr: Waiatarua, Numerous trees cleared

11:43 pm, Tue 10 Apr: Karekare, House damaged

2:12 am, Wed 11 Apr: Scenic Drive, Lines down

Would you like to join us?

We're still keen to hear from anyone who would like to join our Brigade. If you're 16 or older, have the minimum of a restricted drivers' licence, live within 2½ kms of the Fire Station and want to volunteer, then we'd love to hear from you. We can offer you something a little bit different. You can be hands-on at an emergency, or you can provide support to those who are. And you'll learn valuable skills while you're on the job.

Contacts

Always phone 111 for any fire or emergency.

Otherwise please contact Chief Fire Officer Kevin Healy (814 9505) or Acting Deputy CFO Ian Ford (814 8871).

Ian Ford

Waitakere Forest & Bird

AGM and Translocation talk by Gillian Wadams of Ark in the Park

Thursday 17th May 7:30pm

Kelston Community Centre

Cnr Awaroa/Great North Road

Gillian Wadams is project manager of the outstanding conservation project Ark in the Park, in the Waitakere Ranges. Now in its 16th year, the project is currently 2270 hectares of unfenced, predator controlled native bush on Auckland Council land.

Gillian will talk about how the kōkako (that were first reintroduced to the ranges by Ark in the Park) are now doing, as well as update us on other translocated species – robins and whitehead. If you have ever wondered why certain species could be a candidate for translocation while others are not, come and find out.

Hosted by the Waitakere Branch of Forest & Bird, we'll start our yearly AGM with short updates on our branch projects - Matuku Reserve, Habitat te Henga, Ark in the Park and Harbourview/Motu Manawa, plus Tai Haruru Lodge and our outreach and communication work. This will be followed by Gillian's talk, then supper.

Free and all welcome. Further information contact Liz 0274 762732, li-zanstey@hotmail.com



Waiatarua Library

We are your community library. We are now in need of volunteers to come along on Thursday mornings from 10am until 12pm to help us out.

Please contact Beverley Latimer on 835 3237

Thank you.

Jeannette Ziesler

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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.

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.

Tiler / Stone layer: 21 years experience in the trade available for indoor and 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 7-8pm Oratia Settlers Hall. Ditch the workout, come join the party! Cost \$5 per class. Ph Grace 818 2046

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By FRIDAY May 11th @ 5PM

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