



Waiatarua Community News

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From the Editor

Hello everyone

September marks the first anniversary of me becoming your Editor. An entire year has passed by in the blink of an eye, and how I have enjoyed putting this small publication together during that time! Of course, I wouldn't be where I am now without a little help along the way from certain people, and for that I am grateful. I hope you all enjoy reading the newsletter as much as I enjoy creating it, and I hope to continue doing so for the foreseeable future.

September also means the official beginning of Spring, and you'll notice the Spring theme throughout this month's issue. Even if the days are still wet and cold we can take some comfort in knowing that Summer will make its appearance in due course.

WRRRA membership

As our President says, we have had a recent increase in membership of the WRRRA. This is great news. Membership forms are available at the Waiatarua Library and Elevation, and the form is regularly printed in this newsletter. You can also visit <http://www.waiatarua.org.nz/about-us/wrrra-annual-membership> and join from there. At \$10 per household, I think that's a bargain.

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

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Cheers, Erin



Hello Waiatarua!

It's great to hear that there have been a flurry of memberships coming in. The best way to become a WRRRA supporter is by internet banking; see the website or elsewhere in this newsletter for details. Cash is still accepted, but no bitcoin just yet.

When I started as President of the WRRRA the relevant issues around here were fast internet, transport and roading, invasive weeds and the ever relevant rates levels. Watercare came and went.

A big and recent change is that we now have Kauri dieback in our midst. The closing of tracks by Auckland Council was influenced in no small part by the WRRRA and member action where we worked closely with the Tree Council and made submissions to council. First the rahui and then the closure of tracks.

Now I'm hearing from members that we need to act again to keep pressure on to re-open tracks where they can be repaired, or are at low risk. A petition has been called for.

If you'd like to bend my ear on this, or other issues, please come along to the Great Waiatarua Spring Clean on 9 September. I'll be warming up the BBQ from midday.



Peter Casey

president@waiatarua.org.nz

The Great Waiatarua Spring Clean

The Waiatarua Community Centre has an amazing hall upstairs. Downstairs the Waiatarua Library is being renovated.

The WRRRA lease the facility from Auckland Council for \$1 a year. We need help to do a bit of a spring clean.

Whether you can help, or not, there will be fair trade coffee, free sausages, and free smiles for all.



Where: Waiatarua Community Hall, 911 West Coast Road, Waiatarua

When: Sunday 9 September

Time: 1pm

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Friday 7.00pm–8.00pm
Saturday and Sunday 11.00am–12.00pm
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Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor

Some weeks ago we decided to go ahead and face all the usual fears that one has when engaging a tradesperson to paint our Waiatarua house. The common concerns being things like the waiting time before the job can start, the likelihood of damage or breakages, and what sort of mess would we be left with? The list of concerns went on to include disruption to the household, security of the property, and of course the cost of it all.

Amongst the advertisers on the back page of this publication we were drawn to the insert of the 'Experienced Lady House Painter', who seemed to have chosen all the reassuring words to prompt a phone call. Nola spoke freely and quickly showed her keenness to go ahead with our requests, offering advice and suggestions along the way, and could start without delay. The work is now completed and to a high standard. She was truly professional in her care for our home and contents and took the time to remove all traces of her visit. We could wish for nothing more.

Nola proved to be good humoured and we shared many laughs along the way leaving us with the feeling that we had made a new friend. The cost of this experience was very fair and reasonable and as we admire our new surroundings, we are pleased that we have been able to support a local tradesperson who well deserved our phone call.

Rex and Faye, Quinns Rd

Editor's note: A fine testimonial. Readers can find Nola's advertisement on the back page of this newsletter.

Waiatarua Library News

During late July and in August the librarians processed 30 newly published books. There is a wide selection of fiction – general, crime, historical and action, as well as non-fiction. These books are now available for borrowing at the library.

Readers of this newsletter will be aware that changes are planned for the library. It is understood that some new books will be purchased by Waiatarua Library but the majority will now be delivered in bulk a few times a year by the Auckland Council Library. The mechanics of this system (at the time of writing this), and its effect on reviews for the newsletter, is unknown to our community of volunteer librarians. Thanks to all those who have read our reviews and I encourage you to continue to support your local library.

Signing out for now.

Jeannette Ziesler



Waiatarua Community Patrol

NOTHING TO REPORT

Last week I patrolled the area of Waiatarua, Oratia and Henderson Valley. The two of us (rule of patrolling) decided we would undertake to cover every road in our patrolling area. It was a beautiful day with bright sunshine and blue skies, unlike the week before when it was raining hard. Both conditions have their hazards, sun glare from the East in the morning and setting in the West early evening. This effect can catch anyone out, especially the visitors. In the wet conditions it's those slippery roads that are lethal, a combination of water, diesel spills and the natural oils washed off our native trees. Every corner we expected to come across an accident, but thankfully not today.

Today was a great day, no accidents, no criminals active and no problems, that's the way I like it. Perhaps just being there for you is a deterrent.

Les Duffield

Obituaries

Sad news, with the recent passing of two members of the Auckland potting community who had lived in the Waiatarua area.

Wendy Lifton passed away on 26 July in Whakatane where she had lived for the past 20 years. Wendy and her husband John (also deceased, and who was a prominent veterinarian in West Auckland) lived opposite the Waiatarua Community Centre for many years before moving to Henderson, then to Cornwallis and finally Whakatane. She was an active member of the Pots of Ponsonby co-operative in Ponsonby Rd and Auckland Studio Pottery, where she exhibited and sold her beautiful majolica (white tin-glazed) earthenware with peach and fruit painted decoration, for several years.

Kitty Sunde, also a member of both the Waiatarua and Auckland pottery communities, passed away suddenly on 1 August. She had also been involved with the groups and exhibiting her work in the Auckland area.

Jan Cockell

"But I don't want to go among mad people" Alice remarked.

"Oh, you can't help that", said the Cat: "we're all mad here. I'm mad. You're mad".

"How do you know I'm mad?" said Alice.

"You must be" said the Cat, "or you wouldn't have come here".

- from *Alice in Wonderland*, by Lewis Carroll



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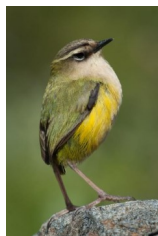
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Thursday 20 September, 7.30pm

Buried in our understanding of evolution and animal behaviour are many entrenched assumptions. Most of these assumptions have never been explicitly tested. Kristal uses birds to test some of these assumptions and along the way she has found some surprising answers. She will present some of this research, with particular focus on what makes a good female, the evolution of song and vocal learning, and the costs of bright plumage. These studies included research on sparrows in North America, fairy wrens and finches in Australia, and pukeko and titpounamu (rifleman) in New Zealand.

Venue: Kelston Community Centre, cnr Awaroa/Great North Rd.

Non members welcome, join us for supper afterwards. Koha appreciated to cover hall hire. For further information phone Liz on 0274 762732 lizanstey@hotmail.com

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Quote of the month



“Generally, by the time you are real, most of your hair has been loved off, and your eyes drop out and you get loose in the joints and very shabby. But these things don't matter at

all. Because once you are real, you can't be ugly, except to people who don't understand”

- from *The Velveteen Rabbit*, by Margery Williams



OCTOBER NEWSLETTER

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By FRIDAY September 14th @ 5pm

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Free to a good home: Fuji Xerox 255DW mono laser printer. I've moved to a colour printer so this is now superfluous. It needs a new toner cartridge. Phone Tony Bacon 8149860 or email tony.bacon@sthw.co.nz

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.

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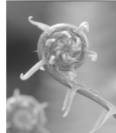
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