



# Waiatarua Community News

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## From the Editor

### CATASTROPHIC WRRRA COMMITTEE COLLAPSE

Ah! Now that I have your attention...

The WRRRA had an AGM and committee elections on 19 February, and in this issue I had hoped to be proudly announcing the names of the principal officers elected at that meeting, namely President, Secretary and Treasurer. Instead, we have a committee in a crisis with no volunteers for any of these positions, a disappointingly small turnout of residents on the night, and only one new WRRRA membership application.

It is not too extravagant to say that this is a crisis for the WRRRA. If we don't get people to stand for election to the committee there is a real danger that the Association will have to go into recess. I think this would be a disaster for Waiatarua, because;

We would no longer have a voice with the Waitakere City Council;

We would have no means of running the Community Hall;

The newsletter would disappear;

The Community Library would probably continue, but be thrown totally on its own resources as far as administration, maintenance etc. is concerned; and

There would be no-one organising social events, such as community breakfasts, quiz nights, debates etc.

On the plus side, those remaining as committee members are Peter Casey, Rita Steel, Sue Bowers, Ross Forbes and myself.

A special word to members of the community who have been on the committee in the past— please consider whether you would like to do it again. We could certainly use your experience.

We have a great community here and we are lucky to live in such a beautiful area. If we want the WRRRA to continue we need people to work on the committee. If you care about our community and want it to stay as the beautiful place it is now, contact our immediate Past President, Peter Casey, now and offer your services. You can reach him on [president@waiatarua.org.nz](mailto:president@waiatarua.org.nz). The work really isn't too onerous. We really want to emphasise that not all monthly meetings need to be in person - some could be online, which might reduce the burden, for example, if the meetings at the hall were bi-monthly. There are many ways it can be simplified so that we can keep the hall in community hands and have a voice where needed. Please think about it.

Cheers, Erin

## Did you know...

That there is a NZ Post box, conveniently located near the Waiatarua Community Hall (911 West Coast Rd) which is cleared every day?

We've already lost a bus service here. If the post box is not used regularly, it will be yet another thing that we lose. Let's make sure we hold on to it!



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## Library News

At last we have been able to buy some new books for the Library. As I haven't been able to do much reading lately, I will just list some of them for you.

John Grisham: The Reckoning

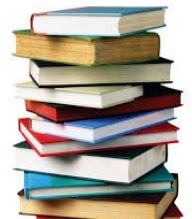
Wilbur Smith: Courtney's War

Clive Cussler: Shadow Tyrants

Stephen Hawking: Brief answers to the Big Questions

Mary Holm: Rich Enough

Come in and have a browse as there are sure to be some you would like to read. See below for Library opening times.



Barbara Field

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**Hall hire bookings:** Matt Smith. Phone: 021 059 3467 Email: [hallhire@waiatarua.org.nz](mailto:hallhire@waiatarua.org.nz)

**Library hours:** Thursday 10.00am–12.00pm

Friday 7.00pm–8.00pm

Saturday and Sunday 11.00am–12.00pm

**website:** [www.waiatarua.org.nz](http://www.waiatarua.org.nz)

Save the date .....



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great about Oratia!

## Waiatarua Playcentre

Waiatarua Playcentre are holding two open days on Monday 4th and Wednesday 6th March from 9:30am-12:30pm. If you have children under the age of 5, you are most welcome to pop along for free and see if playcentre is for you.



MONDAY & WEDNESDAY 9:30AM - 12:30PM  
911 West Coast Road, Waiatarua

Whānau tupu ngātahi - families growing together

## Rubbish dumping disgust

On the night of Saturday 9 February, Bush Rd residents Terry and Sheena Wilson discovered to their dismay, that an inconsiderate person dumped two loads of rubbish on the S-bend on their street, as can be seen here.



However, within the next 36 hours a community-minded local had removed all of it. As you can imagine it made Terry and Sheena feel very proud to know that community spirit is alive and well in Waiatarua. Well done, whoever you are! Let's continue to keep Waiatarua the special and beautiful place that it is.

## Waitakere Ranges Track Re-opening Submissions Now Open

Have your say on the Waitakere Tracks Re-opening Plan at: [kauri@aucklandcouncil.govt.nz](mailto:kauri@aucklandcouncil.govt.nz)

Submissions close mid-March. If you want the local tracks re-opened, the more people that make submissions the better, as individual submissions will carry more weight than group submissions. Make your voice heard.

## Environmental Corner

### War on weeds Month

The weed bin will be at the Waiatarua Community Hall, 911 West Coast Rd for the whole month of March.

Rita Steel



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## Waitakere Forest & Bird

Talk by Karen Baird, Forest & Seabird

Advocate

A Seaweed Event

Thursday 21 March, 7.30pm

Before Karen began her role with Forest & Bird, she worked at (among other places), the Ministry of Fisheries. She will share her knowledge of how (the absence of) fish management practices influence our seabirds: from albatrosses to penguins. At a recent North Island gathering, Karen showed the audience on what fish quota are based and why they mostly don't work. Karen's talk will not only be engaging, it will definitely open your eyes about our current practices and what needs to change to keep our seas in shape.

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 ph Liz 0274 762732 lizanstey@hotmail.com



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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. \$3 donation to CPNZ and WPAT. Ph Celia: 814 9660 or Liz: 814 9688.

**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.

## Waiatarua Community Patrol (CPNZ)

### What are CPNZ (Community Patrols NZ)?

A community based volunteer organisation helping the Police make communities a safer environment in which to live – by providing extra “eyes and ears”, patrolling local streets in a sign written vehicle, undertaking surveillance and observation.

Our aim - to be a deterrent, to stop the crimes before they happen.

**How can I help? Become a volunteer patroller for the Waiatarua CPNZ group** (covering Waiatarua, Oratia and Henderson Valley)

Volunteers needed for both daytime and evening patrols (weekdays and weekends).

A flexible commitment of around 4 hours per month (2 patrols). Full training and uniform supplied. Police Security Clearance check required.

If you want to make a difference in our local community, get in touch and find out how you can help.

For more, see the CPNZ website: [www.cpnz.org.nz](http://www.cpnz.org.nz) or find us on Facebook: [www.facebook.com/waiataruacommunitypatrol](https://www.facebook.com/waiataruacommunitypatrol) or contact Les Duffield (les.duffield@xtra.co.nz, tel 814 1130 or mob 021 720 100)



### APRIL NEWSLETTER

Copy needs to be in the hands of the Editor

By FRIDAY March 15th @ 5pm

## Did you know....

...that you can view the Waiatarua Community News online?

Well, you can! Visit either the Waiatarua website [www.waiatarua.org.nz/our-monthly-newsletter](http://www.waiatarua.org.nz/our-monthly-newsletter), or the Waiatarua and Oratia Neighbourhood Facebook pages - [www.facebook.com/groups/waiatarua/](http://www.facebook.com/groups/waiatarua/) and [www.facebook.com/groups/464778383695892/](http://www.facebook.com/groups/464778383695892/)

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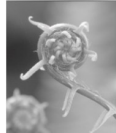
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