



# Waiatarua Community News

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## Hello Waiatarua!

I'm pleased to introduce myself as your new President of the WRRRA. As we are fairly new to the Waiatarua area, I thought I'd take this opportunity to give a brief introduction of myself and what has led me to take up this position.



After having grown up in the Warkworth area, I've spent the last five or so years working both in the south island and then abroad in the United States, where I met my partner Ariana. Two years ago we decided it was time to move back along with our four year old son Bryce. After having spent a year living back in Warkworth, we decided my three hour commute each day to work in Penrose was too much and the need to move closer to the city became clear.

We looked at many places in all around Auckland, but ultimately fell in love with the Waiatarua/Oratia area due to its semi-rural location, great kindergarten & school, beaches on our doorstep, all the while being a relatively short 35 minute commute to work. With that, we purchased a section on Rimu Road a year ago and have been thoroughly enjoying getting to know the community ever since.

We've read with interest the newsletters over the last year and seen the great things the WRRRA does (especially when serious issues arise within the community), so when the call came for new committee members, it seemed only right to step up. As Peter mentions in this newsletter, we still have the roles of Treasurer and Bookkeeper to fill, so if you are interested in these and would like some more info on what the roles involve, please don't hesitate to get in touch with him. Your help would be very much appreciated in helping keep the association running and achieve the powerful things we're capable of when our efforts are combined.

On behalf of the community, I would like to sincerely thank the outgoing and remaining committee members for all their hard work over the years. Although I'm new on the scene, I can already see they have put many, many hours of invaluable volunteer work into the community and the bar has been set high for us new members.

I'm looking forward to meeting you all and getting stuck in - here's to keeping up the great work of the WRRRA!

Ryan Robertson

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## From the Editor

Hello everyone

It seems my article in last month's newsletter had the desired effect. The WRRRA Committee concluded its AGM on Tuesday 12 March and I am pleased to report there was a much better turnout of residents on the night. I am also delighted to announce that we have filled the offices of President, Vice President and Secretary and so congratulations must go to Ryan Robertson, Mark Holibar and Jacqueline Hinchliffe respectively. We also welcomed three new Committee members. Unfortunately the roles of Bookkeeper and Treasurer still remain vacant and will need to be filled as soon as possible. Look out for further information about this in this issue.

Of course this news seems insignificant compared to the recent and tragic events in Christchurch. It is hard to believe that something like this could ever happen in our beautiful country and it makes me sad, angry and frustrated that there is so much hate in this world which finally, tragically, made its way here. My heart goes out to all those families affected by this horrific act. However, this is not who we are; we must stand united. If another's hate causes us to hate, then they've won. We need to stay strong and hold love in our hearts. That is what New Zealand and the families in mourning need the most from us right now.

Easter is almost here again and with that comes Easter food. It's hard to talk about that without acknowledging an historical tradition. The foods we associate with this time of year have Christian and Pagan symbolism. Why do we traditionally eat certain foods on certain days?

Hot cross buns and various breads are eaten on Good Friday and Easter eggs on Easter Sunday. Mix that in with a good measure of 21st century commercialism, all manner of cute things like chicks and Easter bunnies, and we end up with a blur of something that probably, to many, means a long weekend full of sugar-loaded treats.



Spiced buns to be eaten on Good Friday were institutionalised in Tudor England by law. They could also be eaten at Christmas or funerals. The symbolism of the cross is obvious in Christian belief but also had Greek, Roman and Saxon references.

Whatever your beliefs, Easter is often a time for family and friends to get together. If you are heading away over this period, please travel safely. Hug your loved ones tightly. I hope you make time to recharge and relax if you have the chance.

Cheers, Erin

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Friday 7.00pm–8.00pm

Saturday and Sunday 11.00am–12.00pm

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## Waitakere Forest & Bird

### AGM and Guest Speaker Christine Rose, World Animal Protection

Thursday, 18 April, 7.30pm

World Animal Protection is a global animal welfare organisation, established more than fifty years ago, working in more than fifty countries. Their work focuses on animals in farming, in the wild, in communities, in disasters, and oceans. This entails attention to animals used for entertainment, as pets, in captivity, in tourism, trying to stem the tide of exploitation for gratuitous human pursuits. There's work responding to disasters, threats to animal (and human welfare) like rabies, and intensive farming. World Animal Protection attends to areas where the scale and intensity of animal suffering is the greatest, working at both the cause of problems and their solutions.

Work in NZ includes engagement with the farming industry, against rodeo, for Maui and Hector's dolphins, and addresses NZ tourist behaviour overseas which can encourage cruel attractions like elephant riding, tiger and sloth selfies and swimming with captive dolphins.

Christine Rose is a Campaign Advisor for World Animal Protection here in NZ and will present on how the organisation localises efforts here, to help end animal cruelty around the world.

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 762 732 lizanstey@hotmail.com

#### MAY NEWSLETTER

Copy needs to be in the hands of the Editor

By FRIDAY April 12th @ 5pm

## Fire Brigade News

An amazing \$35,000 grant from The Trusts has allowed us to replace our old, outdated support vehicle with a near-new purpose-built ute. Its main role is to provide initial scene safety at incidents - mainly for traffic hazards, which are nearly always a potential risk

at all types of calls. Alongside our new appliance, which has been in service for just a few months, we're now better equipped than we have ever been to support our community.

We're grateful to The Trusts for their generous support.

#### Recent calls

11:18 am, Sun 10 Feb	Scenic Drive	Rubbish fire
4:33 am, Wed 13 Feb	West Coast Rd	Rubbish fire
3:43 am, Thu 14 Feb	Scenic Drive	Car fire
10:39 am, Sun 24 Feb	Scenic Drive	False alarm
2:04 am, Sun 10 Mar	Scenic Drive	Car v power poles

#### Our Team

Big congratulations to Jay Percival and Matt Walkinshaw, who have just completed their Senior Firefighter training, giving a much-needed boost to our senior ranks.

But our team overall is smaller than it should be, and if you've wondered about what's involved then we'd love to hear from you. We're just like you - ordinary people - but we have the gear and the training to be able to help our neighbours when they need it. There's no reason why you can't do the same, and no better time to give us a call!

#### Contacts

Always phone 111 for any fire or emergency. But if you'd like to find out more about joining us, please call Chief Fire Officer Kevin Healy (814 9505) or Acting Deputy Chief Officer Ian Ford (814 8871).

Ian Ford



## Vacancies for Treasurer and Financial Book-Keeper

The WRRRA have two roles that are vacant and need filling as soon as possible.

The first, for Treasurer, is a volunteer position on the Executive Committee.

The second is a paid position as Book-Keeper to attend to the financial transactions and billing of the WRRRA.

The Book-Keeper will report to the Treasurer.

The Treasurer's key responsibilities are:

1. Financial governance activities, including banking, for the WRRRA.
2. Supporting the Executive Committee in funding agreed activities; which could involve applying for funding or causing funding

applications to happen.

3. Setting priorities with Book-Keeper.
4. Monthly reporting of accounts to the Executive Committee.
5. Engaging Auditor at year end.
6. Processing and maintaining membership records.

The Book-Keeper will:

1. Have accounting experience.
2. Ideally have MYOB/Xero experience which would be helpful, but not essential.
3. Code transactions.
4. Prepare accounting reports for Treasurer.
5. Support the Treasurer.

If you are interested in either of these roles please phone Peter Casey on 0274 32 32 49 or email [peter@petercasey.co.nz](mailto:peter@petercasey.co.nz).

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Hope to see you soon.



Barbara Field

## Six Eggcellent Easter Activities for Kids

### Hold an Easter Egg Hunt

Whether it's indoors or outdoors, a treasure egg hunt or hunting by names, this will surely bring out the laughter in your house and give you a glimpse of the competitive side of your children!

This is the ultimate in classic Easter activities for kids!

### Make an Easter Wreath

Get out your glue gun and stick some painted plastic eggs to a wire or faux wreath. Then, place some stuffed bunnies so that they appear to be sitting facing each other at the bottom of the wreath. Glue them into place as well and hang the holiday decoration on your front door.

### Make Easter Biscuits

Bake some biscuits together and decorate them with Easter themes using brightly coloured icing sugar.

### Make Chocolate Nests

To make chocolate nests:

Add 100g of butter, 1 tbsp cocoa powder, 50g milk chocolate buttons and 75g of golden syrup in a bowl.

Microwave on high for 1.5mins and mix together.

Crumble 4 Shredded Wheat over the bowl and mix with rest of ingredients.

Place a generous spoonful in each of 12 muffin/cupcake cases (the nests).

Press the centre of each nest down slightly to form a dip and place 3 chocolate mini eggs in each dip.

Chill for 30 minutes before serving.

### Hold an Egg and Spoon Race

Let all the race participants decorate their own hard boiled egg with paint, glitter etc. Then hand them all a soup spoon and let them race off on the predetermined course. The winner will be the one who reaches the finish line first without dropping their egg.

### Go to the Royal Easter Show

The Royal Easter Show is taking place at the ASB Showgrounds in Greenlane, Auckland on the 18th – 22nd of April 2019. Entry to the show is FREE!

The Royal Easter Show had its beginnings 176 years ago, beginning as a purely agricultural event to help the fledgling colony develop a sound farming economy. The first A&P show was held in 1843. The aims of the event were to demonstrate excellence in agriculture and animal husbandry, and to promote the breeding of stud animals to establish and increase the farm animal gene pool in the emerging colony.

3. Heat butter in a large frying pan over a medium heat. Cook buns in two batches for 2-3 minutes each side, until golden.

4. Serve buns topped with banana and blueberries. Drizzle with maple syrup.

Tip: Any leftover hot cross buns can be put in an airtight, resealable bag and frozen.



## Easter French Toast

2 eggs

1/2 cup milk

1 tsp vanilla extract

60g butter

4 hot cross buns, halved

sliced banana, to serve

blueberries, to serve

maple syrup, to serve

### Method

1. In a large, shallow bowl, whisk together eggs, milk and vanilla.

2. Dip halved hot cross buns into egg mixture, turning to coat.

## Advertising & Community Notices

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**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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