



# Waiatarua Community News

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## Exotic visitor here in Waiatarua?

Readers may have noticed unusual looking contraptions such as the one pictured here, placed on various properties in Waiatarua. Our property also has one of these. They are beetle surveillance traps, deployed by Biosecurity New Zealand and the Ministry of Primary Industries, to ascertain whether an exotic pest, the Granulate Ambrosia beetle, is in our area.



This beetle is native to tropical and subtropical East Asia and has been introduced to many areas in the world, including Africa, USA, Central America, Europe and some Pacific Islands. During routine surveillance by Biosecurity NZ, specimens of this beetle were collected from an oak tree elsewhere in Auckland and has not been recorded before in New Zealand.

### The threat

This species (pictured above) can cause two distinct types of economic damage. Firstly, it can weaken or kill living trees. Secondly, it

can cause damage to stored timber by mass colonisation of the dead wood before it is processed.

In living trees, the action of the female beetle (measuring 2.1 – 2.9mm in length) boring in wood and introducing fungus can cause a decline in tree health. An infestation can cause wilting and dieback of the tree, and may even cause death of nursery plants, saplings and trees. It has been reported as a pest of nursery stock and young trees.



Because this beetle attacks a wide variety of plant species, it can become an abundant pest in urban, agricultural or forest areas. It is known to attack a wide range of fruit and ornamental tree species. It is, however, not recorded to be a pest of conifers.

I was informed by the two men from Biosecurity NZ who installed the trap at our place that it would remain there for around a month, with regular checks by them. At the time of writing our trap was still there and it is as yet unknown whether any beetles were actually found.

For more information, visit <https://www.mpi.govt.nz/protection-and-response/responding/alerts/granulate-ambrosia-beetle/>

Erin Kingsleigh-Smith, Editor

## Hello Waiatarua!

Now that darkness stays longer in the mornings and arrives quicker in the evenings, it's important that those of us who use the roadside to walk or jog in the early morning or evening stay clearly visible to traffic, especially on the busier roads. My partner was reminded of this a few nights ago just before 6pm, as she was heading up West Coast Road and came around a blind corner to find someone wearing dark clothing, walking their dog along the edge of the road against a bank. She didn't see them until she was virtually on top of them, very narrowly avoiding what could have been a preventable accident. If you're out enjoying our beautiful scenery, a relatively cheap hi-vis vest or simply bright clothing could potentially save your life!

We're in the middle of planning a mid-winter gathering for the community at the moment. We aim to make this a great opportunity for all residents in the area to get together (both members and non-members), meet new faces and enjoy a meal at the community hall. Details and date will be published in next month's

newsletter. We also have our next quiz night coming up towards the end of June – keep an eye out in this newsletter for details. Bring along a partner or friend and put your brain to the test while enjoying an evening out!

If you haven't yet registered this year to be a member of the WRRRA and have been meaning to, it's not too late. Registering is very easy and relatively affordable at \$10 per household, each year. Details are on our website ([waiatarua.org.nz](http://waiatarua.org.nz)) or email our Treasurer, Sue Smith ([treasurer@waiatarua.org.nz](mailto:treasurer@waiatarua.org.nz)) for more info. Discounts are offered at a number of local businesses, details of which you can find further on in this newsletter.

We're still looking for someone to help out on the committee by looking out for financial grants. This would be a fairly straightforward role, more than likely a couple of hours a month keeping an eye out for grants available to non-profit organisations and looking after the paperwork that goes with it. If you might be interested in this, I'd love to hear from you!

Ryan Robertson

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Friday 7.00pm–8.00pm

Saturday and Sunday 11.00am–12.00pm

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

*Opinions expressed in this newsletter are not necessarily those of the editor or the Waiatarua Ratepayers and Residents Association*



## Waiatarua Quiz Night Saturday 22 June

7.30pm, Waiatarua Hall, 911  
West Coast Road

Pub quiz format...teams of around 6-8 (but we're not that strict).  
You can organise your own team or just turn up on the night and  
we can fit you in.

**Entry \$5 per person**

Please BYO drinks and nibbles to share with your team

(AND the quizmasters!)

For more information please call Ian or Cathie on 814 8871



## Waiatarua Community Patrol



The Waiatarua CPNZ is in a sorrowful situation. Like other volunteer organisations, we do not have managers volunteering from our patrol group, mainly due to work commitments, frequent holidays or lack of experience (confidence).

We are looking to fill the following positions:

### PATROL CO-ORDINATOR

Runs all the activities of patrol, liaison with other patrols, police and National HQ's.

### SECRETARY

Responsible for Minutes of meetings, communications (emails and letters, file storage).

### TRAINER

Responsible for Introduction, Applications and Training of potential patrol recruits (this position may be taken).

If you have time to spare (a few hours per week), do not want to patrol but would like to assist the Community Patrol maintain an activity that certainly ensures crime reduction in our area, please contact Les Duffield on 021 720 100. This would require any applicant to be security vetted.

I should add that all the current managers of these tasks would be willing to stay on to mentor until the replacement is confident in the role.

Les Duffield

### JULY NEWSLETTER

Copy needs to be in the hands of the Editor

By FRIDAY June 14th @ 5pm

## Obituary of Francis Thomas Hogsden

13 May 1928 - 7 April 2019

Frank Hogsden was born in Christchurch, the youngest of four children. He was an optometrist who retired after working until he was 87 and after a quadruple bypass.

Frank and his wife Lynda lived in West Coast Road for 16 years, during which time they both participated in the Waiatarua Drama Club, Frank as an actor and also singing in many plays, with Lynda doing her part with her music. He appeared in a number of shows at the Glen Eden Playhouse, and also sang with the Te Atatu Men's Choir, and the Oratia Singers.

Frank and his wife both served on the WRRR Committee for many years and did a great deal for the community. Frank was also a keen walker and cyclist, and will be remembered by many as a gentleman and was well respected. He will be sadly missed by all who knew him.



## Library News

The Bulk Loan books from Auckland have arrived! We have them for three months, so come and have a browse. There are a variety of genres to choose from including Crime, Action, Romance, non fiction and a few western. We also have plenty of children's books available.

In addition we have been buying books for the Library, a small selection of which is listed below.

Deborah Challinor *From the Ashes*

Lisa Gardner *Never Tell*

Graeme Simion *The Rosie Result*

Greg Iles *Cemetery Rd*

Charlotte Grimshaw *The Bad Seed*

Joanne Harris *The Strawberry Thief*

With the cold winter days coming along, what is nicer than curling up on the couch with a book, in front of the fire?

Barbara Field



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...that you can view the Waiatarua Community News online, and in glorious colour?

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.

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### Meeting place

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It is best to remain in your home if it is still habitable. The next best option is to stay with family or friends. Auckland Emergency Management will assist those with no options.

### Children

Talk to your children's school or early childhood centre about their emergency plans. Provide them with contact details of at least three people who are approved to collect your children. Try to identify someone who lives within walking distance of the school or early childhood centre.

Talk with your children about what they could expect in an emergency and who might pick them up.

### Pets

Ensure your pet's essentials are easily accessible. This includes food, water, leads, ID tags, muzzles, travel boxes (labeled with your contact details) and vaccination licensing records.

### Dependents

If people rely on you for their everyday needs ensure you include them in your plan.

### If you are dependent

If you receive assistance from a home healthcare agency or in-home support provider, find out how the provider will respond in an emergency. Designate backup or alternative providers that you can contact.

### Contacts

In an emergency, those first on the scene need to know who to call. The ICE (In Case of Emergency) system encourages mobile phone users to save their next of kin's details into their phones under the contact name 'ICE.' Talk with your family and friends about how you will tell each other that you are okay and safe, especially without the usual methods of communication.

During large emergencies, local telecommunication networks can be quickly overloaded. Use text messages rather than making phone calls. Update your voice mail message and online status.

It can be easier to call outside the region than within. Establish an out-of-region contact for the members of your household to check in with.

### To be fully ready, plan for both home and away.

## Advantages of being a WRRRA member?

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

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*and other special rates for WRRRA members at:*

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Bank details: 12 3051 0278313 00 WRRRA



## Community Directory

### Waiatarua Ratepayers and Residents Association Committee 2019

President	Ryan Robertson	021 441 094	president@waiatarua.org.nz
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Secretary	Jacqueline Hinchliffe		secretary@waiatarua.org.nz
Newsletter Editor	Erin Kingsleigh-Smith	814 8856	editor@waiatarua.org.nz

**Committee meetings are held at the Waiatarua Hall, 911 West Coast Road, Waiatarua on the second Tuesday of each month at 7pm. All welcome.**

Waiatarua Hall Hire	Matt Smith	021 059 3467	hallhire@waiatarua.org.nz
Waiatarua Fire Brigade	Emergencies		Phone 111
	Chief Fire Officer Kevin Healy		814 9505
	Acting Deputy Chief Fire Officer	Ian Ford	814 8871
	Fire Station		814 9213

Police  
(non-emergency number for theft or damage to property) Phone 105

Waiatarua Playcentre 814 8835

Waiatarua Library  
911 West Coast Road, under the Community Hall 814 9353

**Hours: Thursday 10am-12noon, Friday 7pm-8pm, Saturday and Sunday 11am-12noon**

Oratia School		818 6216
Oratia Kindergarten		818 4409
Oratia Playgroup	email oratiaplaygroup@gmail.com	
Elevation Brasserie	473 Scenic Drive, Waiatarua	814 8727
Marmaris	233 Scenic Drive, Titirangi	09 281 9590
Bodega Eatery	99 Parrs Cross Rd, Oratia	835 9904
Café Oro	371 West Coast Rd, Glen Eden	09 213 0559

## Film Makers Wanted



"Waiatarua 34:34:34" is a movie being made in Waiatarua with local people as the characters. It has a little bit of skulduggery, laughter and suspense, yes, suspense, for our community.

Filming is to be done on cellular/tablet devices and is open until 21 August 2019. Any film contribution will be considered. All persons involved will have their names in credit if they wish. The hall is booked for Saturday 23 November 2019 for the screening.

For more information on the types of scenes wanted email Mortel@xtra.co.nz.

Gary Ertel

## Beautiful autumn visitors

A trio of peacocks were recently spotted at the editor's property, belonging to a neighbour. Pictured here are two of them (a peacock and a peahen).



## Autumn Recipe

Love them or loathe them, feijoas are plentiful at this time of year. The feijoa is the fruit of *Acca sellowiana*, an evergreen shrub or small tree, 1-7 m in height. It comes from the highlands of southern Brazil, parts of Colombia, Uruguay, Paraguay and northern Argentina. They are also grown throughout Azerbaijan, Iran (Ramsar), Georgia, Russia (Sochi), New Zealand and Tasmania. The fruit is also called the 'pineapple guava' or 'guavasteen'.

The season is short and when it's here, it's a feijoa frenzy of baking, preserving, freezing and cooking. Why not try this easy recipe below.

### Feijoa muffins

75g softened butter  
1 cup chopped fresh feijoas  
2 eggs  
3/4 cup sugar  
2 tsp baking powder  
2 cups flour  
milk to mix



### Topping

1 tsp cinnamon  
1 tbsp sugar

### Method

Preheat oven to 200°C  
Cut feijoas in half and scoop out flesh with a spoon and overfill a cup  
Cut feijoa flesh into pieces so cup is packed  
Melt butter in a bowl  
Add feijoa and stir  
Add unbeaten eggs and combine  
Fold in dry ingredients  
Add liquid to achieve a soft consistency  
Spoon into muffin pans  
Mix cinnamon and sugar topping and sprinkle over muffins  
Bake for 10 to 15 minutes  
Enjoy!

## Waitakere Forest & Bird

**Talk by Todd Landers, Scientist at Auckland Council's Research and Evaluation Unit (RIMU)**

**Auckland Council's commitment to seabird recovery: the first regional seabird monitoring and restoration programme**

**Thursday, 20 June, 7.30pm**

Todd Landers is a scientist at Auckland Council's Research and Evaluation Unit (RIMU), where he works on a variety of animal ecology research and monitoring projects including the regional Terrestrial Biodiversity Monitoring Programme. His background is in behavioural ecology and conservation, with a focus on seabirds. He'll be discussing the long road to setting up New Zealand's first local government regional seabird and shorebird monitoring and restoration programme, which is part of Auckland Council's new Natural Environment Targeted Rate (NETR) funding. This programme aims to understand where seabirds are, their population health, what key threats exist, and what management actions



can be taken so as to improve the conservation status of Auckland's seabirds. Todd will tell this positive seabird story including a variety of examples of seabird and shorebird projects he's been involved with such as researching seabirds on a number of Hauraki Gulf Islands to monitoring the return of seabirds to Auckland's mainland in the Waitakere Ranges.

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



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**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.

**Waitakere Choir:** we are looking for men and women aged 16+ to join our fabulous new all-comers choir, Monday nights from 7.15pm-9.15pm in the Titirangi area. Phone Mel 021 677 778 or visit www.thechoir.co.nz

**Zumba With Grace:** Thursday 7-8pm Oratia Settlers Hall. Ditch the workout, come join the party! Cost \$5 per class. Ph Grace 818 2046.

## From the Editor

Hello everyone

What do you think of this month's bumper six page issue? In addition, I'm delighted to announce that every quarter you will receive your newsletter in brilliant colour, which is very exciting. Look out for those issues later this year.

I had a birthday just recently and enjoyed a lovely weekend celebrating with family and friends. I used to get quite despondent about reaching a "certain age", and the birthdays do seem to come round much more quickly, but these days I'm focusing less on that and more on staying as fit and healthy as I can, eating better and identifying one positive thing each day. There are so many things to be grateful for in life. Living where we do is certainly one of them, as it's a very special area.

As Ryan says in his article this month, winter is on the way with darker mornings and evenings. But haven't we had the most glorious autumn? It's been so warm and lovely for so long. Normally at this time of year we be well into having fires to keep us warm at night, but we only had our first one just recently. I don't know about you, but I think the autumn colours have been really vibrant this year. Our claret ash (pictured above) has put on a particularly spectacular display with its gorgeous deep red colour. My chooks have shut up shop for the season as well. They have all finished moulting, but there won't be any eggs from them until nearer the spring, which means I am forced to buy them from the supermarket!

Next month I'm leaving you in the capable hands of Tony Bacon, who will be producing that issue. My family and I are heading to the UK for a few weeks to catch up with family and friends, and most importantly to celebrate my father-in-law's 90th birthday which is quite a milestone. The boys are very excited about the trip, particularly our eldest who loves all things medieval. We will definitely be visiting a castle or two while we are there.

See you in August!

Cheers, Erin





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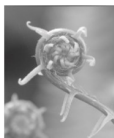
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