



Waiatarua Community News

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Hello Waiatarua!

There have been a few reports lately of theft around the area, with the intruders switching the power off and even going as far as stealing frozen food and kids' money tins. It can sometimes be easy to become complacent with locking doors and security in general when we live in a more remote part of Auckland surrounded by beautiful bush, peace and quiet. However, reality is break-ins do occasionally happen, so it pays to be vigilant. Basics such as ensuring all doors and windows are locked when leaving for the day, installing (and using!) an alarm system, or a going a step further by installing security cameras with battery backup.

On a more positive note, we are privileged that we have a few local businesses supporting WRRRA members by offering a 10% discount when a membership card is produced. In return, members are more inclined to support local business, and the business is listed in our newsletter and website. We're eager to hear from any other businesses in the wider area (including Oratia, Glen Eden or Henderson) who might be interested in offering the same discount to our members in return for their support. This will encourage more members to join the WRRRA, which in turn increases support for our community!

For those that are unaware, there is a 'Waiatarua' group on Facebook which is a great way of keeping up with local news and the community in general (plus there seems to be a theme of fantastic local winter photos at the moment). It's great to see the community spirit in action there, with everything from lost family pets being reunited with their owners, to offers of hot showers and dinner from people who still have power when others have outages. I highly recommend joining (after all, it's free!).

Ryan Robertson

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Moa weird wildlife

Alert DOC! This creature has been spotted in Kelly Road. It appears harmless, but should be approached with caution as it looks like it could give a nasty kick if provoked.

Waitakere Forest & Bird

Talk Thursday 18th July

Introducing the new Auckland Regional Pest Management Plan 2019-2029. Dr Imogen Bassett

Dr Imogen Bassett is Principal Advisor in the Biosecurity team at Auckland Council, and has led the development of the council's new Regional Pest Management Plan (RPMS).

In March 2019, Auckland Council adopted a new Regional Pest Management Plan 2019-2029. The plan covers over 400 pest species, including plants, animals and pathogens. The plan represents a 189% increase in investment in protection of Tāmaki Makaurau-Auckland's natural environment, compared with what was available under the legacy RPMS.

Imogen has a research background in invasion ecology and is still an Honorary Research Associate at the University of Auckland. She was also a member of the Prime Minister's Chief Science Advisor's two year Science-Policy Exchange. She will discuss highlights of the new plan, key changes from the proposed plan arising through the public submissions process, and what the plan will mean for Waitākere in particular.

Venue: Kelston Community Centre, cnr Awaroa/Great North Rd. Non members welcome, join us for supper afterwards. Koha appreciated to cover hall hire.

Proposed Freedom Camping in Vehicles Consultation

You may have heard about it in the news.

You can see the whole report here (604 pages!!):

<https://www.aucklandcouncil.govt.nz/HearingDocuments/freedom-camping-deliberations-report-2019-05-24.pdf>

The tl;dr is:

There is nothing in the Waitakere Ranges proposed for freedom camping.

Swanson Scenic Reserve is classified as Restricted

- Certified self-contained only
- Maximum of 3 vehicles
- Maximum of 2 nights

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Advantages of being a WRRRA member?

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(cash and cheque sales only)

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and other special rates for WRRRA members at:

Plyman/Timberman 70 The Concourse, Henderson Ph: 021 738 420

Correction

In last month's obituary for Frank Hogsden it was stated that he worked until he was 87. He actually retired at 78, which is still pretty good going.

Our apologies for the error.

From the Editor

I've had a bit of a problem filling the newsletter this month. I'm sure it is nothing to do with Erin being away and people ignoring me, but I have certainly had to stretch a bit to make sure there are no gaps. It got me wondering why we have a newsletter at all in this age of all-pervasive social media and instant news. I've come to the conclusion that the Waiatarua Community News does fill a gap. For a start, there are some people who don't do social media - me for instance. I have no wish to be glued to a screen all day trying to separate the dross from the gold in the constant deluge of questionable content, and don't want all my viewing habits used to target advertising at me. It does mean I might have a problem getting a visa for the USA these days as I'm not sure they would accept a response of "none" to the question of what social media accounts I have, but I can live with that. There is also the question of coverage. This newsletter goes to every household in Waiatarua, so if information needs to be got out, this is the way to make sure we have reached everybody. We have a website, www.waiatarua.org.nz which is a good source for information, but once again, not everybody is able or wants to use that sort of technology.

What I'm leading up to is that I believe this newsletter is a way to provide some of the glue that helps make a community what it is. Here you can get local news, a bit of humour, notices about upcoming events, and yes a bit of advertising, but of strictly local stuff. Where else would you have notices ranging from table tennis and indoor bowls to Playcentre and Zumba all in one place?

Tony Bacon

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Quotes for the month:

When I was a boy of fourteen, my father was so ignorant I could hardly stand to have him around. But when I got to twenty-one I was astonished at how much he had learned in seven years.

Mark Twain

I always pass on good advice. It is the only thing to do with it. It is never any use to oneself.

Oscar Wilde, *An Ideal Husband*, 1895

Did you know....

...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, or the Waiatarua and Oratia Neighbourhood Facebook pages.

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Here's a warming winter dessert, courtesy of BBC Good Food. I considered supplying a nice stew recipe, but those who know my sweet tooth would have guessed that was never going to happen.

Squidgy chocolate pear pudding

Ingredients

200g butter, plus extra for greasing
300g golden caster sugar
4 large eggs
75g plain flour
50g cocoa powder
410g can pear halves in juice, drained
100g plain dark chocolate (70% cocoa solids)
25g flaked almonds (optional) cream or ice cream, to serve



Method

Heat oven to 190°C/170°C fan. Lightly grease a roughly 20 x 30cm shallow ovenproof dish. Put the butter in a large saucepan and place over a low heat until just melted. Remove the butter from the heat and stir in the sugar until well combined.

Whisk the eggs together in a large bowl. Gradually add the eggs to the butter and sugar, beating well with a wooden spoon in between each addition. Sift the flour and cocoa powder on top of the egg mixture, then beat hard with a wooden spoon until thoroughly combined.

Pour into the prepared tin or dish and nestle the pears into the chocolate batter. Put the chocolate on a board and cut into chunky pieces roughly 1.5cm with a large knife. Scatter the chocolate pieces over the batter and sprinkle with almonds, if you like. Can be frozen at this stage.

Bake in the centre of the oven for 30 mins or until the mixture is crusty on the surface and lightly cooked inside. Do not allow to overcook, as the cake will become spongy rather than gooey in the centre. Serve warm with cream or ice cream.



Auckland from Waiatarua, 8:50 am.

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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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Waiatarua Playcentre: 911 West Coast Road, Waiatarua. Phone 09 814 8835. Sessions: Monday, Wednesday & Friday 9.30am 12.30pm.

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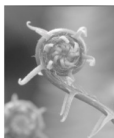
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