



Waiatarua Community News

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Hello Waiatarua!

We've recently given our website bit of a refresh, keeping it current and tidy. For those of you who haven't visited before, it's a great place to learn more about Waiatarua and the community. There is information of our fire brigade, Playcentre, community hall and library. There is a page dedicated to the history of our area containing stories from the past, and a newsletter archive that contains all our newsletters dating back to 1988! Impressive. We have a community news section which we endeavour to bring relevant news from the area to one handy location (in addition to the newsletter of course!).

At the end of the day we are a community driven association made up of local residents and ratepayers like yourself, really we all own the website and it's up to us to make the most of it. We're always looking for new content relating to our community, including photos and stories about the history of Waiatarua – if you have anything which you think might be interesting, please send me an email.

If you are yet to join the WRRRA – we've now made it easier than ever to register using our new application form on our website. Simply pay via internet banking and fill out the form electronically – done! For those that prefer to pay via cash, you can still do this at the Waiatarua Library, using the form that is often in this newsletter.

We have our hall clean-up day on Sunday 29th September. We would very much appreciate if you are able to spend a couple of hours giving us a hand to weed, clean and generally tidy up around the hall and library in order to keep our community asset presentable and functional to its users (i.e. the community). I hope to see you there!

Ryan Robertson

president@waiatarua.org.nz

Library News

Roy Good, a local abstract artist, has very kindly donated his book "The Art & Design of Roy Good" to the Library.

We have also had "Focus on New Zealand" edited by Brian Brake and donated by Grant Longley. Thank you both.

We will be buying some more new books next week for the Library.

Barbara Field

Waiatarua Quiz Night Saturday 5 October

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 quiz-masters!)

For more information please call Ian or Cathie on 814 8871



Waiatarua Hall Spring Clean

The hall (both inside and out) plus its immediate surroundings are due for another annual spring clean and tidy up. Everyone is welcome, whether you can help or not. There will be free coffee, a fire engine to keep the kids entertained, and a BBQ to finish up at lunchtime. The morning is not just a great way to tidy up our valuable community hall, but also an opportunity for members of our community to connect with each other.

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

When: Sunday 29th September at 10am

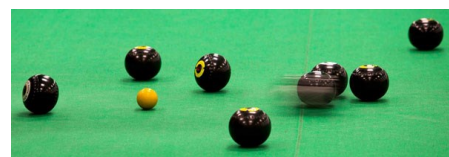


Why not have a go at...Indoor bowls?

You are never too young to try!

A fun social evening at Waiatarua Hall - it only costs \$3 and at the same time you are helping two local community organisations.

For more information check out the ad in the Community Notices section on page 3.



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Friday 7.00pm–8.00pm
Saturday and Sunday 11.00am–12.00pm
website: www.waiatarua.org.nz

Fire Brigade News

The daylight saving change is the prompt we should all use to check our smoke alarms. When you're asleep, you lose your sense of smell. That's why smoke alarms are the cheapest life insurance you can buy!

Wherever possible, Fire and Emergency NZ recommends installing hard-wired and interconnected smoke alarms. If that's not practical, we recommend long-life photoelectric smoke alarms that rely on 10-year lithium batteries.

These inbuilt batteries last as long as the smoke alarm so you don't need to worry about replacing them every year – you simply replace the entire smoke alarm unit once every 10 years. There are also specialised smoke alarms available for people who are hearing impaired.

Smoke alarms cannot detect smoke through a closed door so best practice is to install a smoke alarm in every bedroom, hallway and living area.

If you're (re)building, the Building Code requires at least a smoke alarm to be fitted in every hallway, and within three metres of every bedroom door.

Recent calls

11:48 pm, Sat 24 Aug, West Coast Rd, Car crash

8:22 pm, Mon 9 Sep, Smythe Rd, Henderson, False alarm

Contacts

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

Ian Ford

Please accept my Membership to the Waiaatarua Ratepayers & Residents Association 2019

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone No: _____

I ENCLOSE:
\$10 household.

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To: Treasurer, WRRRA, 911 West Coast Road, Waiaatarua, Auckland, or leave at the library, or email these details to:

treasurer@waiaatarua.org.nz

Bank details: 12 3051 0278313 00 WRRRA

Waitakere Forest & Bird Meeting

Thursday 17 October, 7:30pm

Big Blue Waitakere Report – Cat Davis and Damian Young

Cat Davis and Damian Young from Morphum Environmental will discuss marine reserves in the context of the Big Blue Waitākere Report. Cat Davis is an environmental scientist and has a background covering aquaculture, fish biology, freshwater and marine ecology. Damian Young is co-founder and the director of Geospatial and Environmental Services at Morphum. Damian has a wealth of experience in catchment management, environmental engineering, water sensitive design and geospatial analysis. Damian and Cat will be presenting topics from Big Blue Waitākere, a coastal and marine information report launched by the Waitākere Ranges Local Board in June 2018. It promotes the sustainable and adaptive management of the local coastal and marine environment, by collating existing information, identifying gaps and specific actions. Key topics that will be discussed are water quality, habitat diversity, sustainable fisheries and protecting threatened species.

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

Advantages of being a WRRRA member?

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Know your neighbours

The latest in our series of Civil Defence articles

When people know each other in a day-to-day setting, they are better able to work together during an emergency. When your neighbours know you, they are more likely to be concerned about you. The simple act of introducing yourself to someone on your street can have many positive effects, and help to create communities that are safe, friendly, connected and resilient.

Get to know the people who live immediately around you and keep a copy of their contact details.

If you are aware of people in your neighbourhood who may need extra assistance during an emergency, offer to be part of their support network and record their contact details.

This may include households with young children, people who do not speak English or have English as a second language, people with disabilities, older people or people who live on their own.

Hold a gathering with your neighbours

There are plenty of activities you can either organise yourself, or with which you can get involved. Consider holding a street barbecue, garage sale, community working bee, neighbourhood fundraiser or other event, or starting a community garden.

Other activities which bring people together include getting involved with a residents'

association or neighbourhood support group.

Websites such as neighbourly.co.nz and local Facebook pages can help you connect with your community.

Adopt the Connect 4 concept

Connect 4 is a simple idea. Introduce yourself to the neighbours either side of you and the one opposite.

Exchange names, email addresses and phone numbers, so in an emergency situation you can contact each other and offer or ask for support.

You could also set up a street Facebook page or email account using the street name through which neighbours can connect.

Neighbourhood Support

Neighbourhood Support aims to make our homes, streets, neighbourhoods and communities safe and more caring places in which to live. They encourage neighbours to connect. For more information visit ns.org.nz

Neighbours Day Aotearoa

Neighbours Day Aotearoa is an annual celebration of neighbourliness during the last weekends of March.

It encourages neighbourly activity 365 days of the year. We can all choose to be a good neighbour. It's simple, it's worth it and we'll all be better off for it. For more information visit neighboursday.org.nz

From the Editor

Hello everyone

What did you all think of our colour issue last month? I think it really brings the newsletter to life and makes it look very appealing. You will be pleased to learn that you will be receiving a colour copy four times a year from now on! Look out for those in your letterboxes. You can also read the newsletter online at www.waiatarua.org.nz and for those on Facebook, you can find it on the Waiatarua and Oratia Neighbourhood groups.

As Ryan mentions in his article, we are hoping that as many of you as possible can spare an hour or two at the Waiatarua Hall Spring clean, getting it spruced up and ship shape. See our notice on the front page. Many hands make light work! We are so lucky to have such a wonderful resource in our community, and the hireage fees are very reasonable. This, along with other useful and interesting information, can be found on our

recently updated website. It also contains a photo gallery displaying images of the beautiful area in which we live. I'm currently updating that with some new photographs so if anyone has any they would like put on our website, please email them to me at editor@waiatarua.org.nz.



see we have one coming up in early October. These are always well attended and a great night out. Grab a team and come along! Other activities hosted at the hall include indoor bowls and table tennis. Our annual volunteers lunch is held there, and I've attended a number of excellent stage productions there in the past. The hall is an asset that can only survive if it is used.

Cheers, Erin

editor@waiatarua.org.nz

Our hall is also home to our quiz nights, and you'll

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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.

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.

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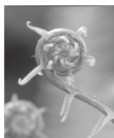
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