



Waiatarua Community News

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Merry Christmas Waiatarua!

It's hard to believe that we're now only a month away from 2020 – time really does seem to go quicker the older I get! It's been a busy year as always, and now that the summer weather is not far off, we're getting back into the swing of working outside on the house and our property – often hard but very rewarding work, especially when it's followed by a beer outside on the deck in the evenings listening to the tuis.

We've been living in Waiatarua for 18 months now. When meeting new people and they ask where we live, I always take pride in explaining the beauty of our area, combined with the fact it's so close to both the beach and the city – we have the best of both worlds here!

Seeing as this is the last newsletter for the year, I'd like to take a moment to acknowledge the volunteers that help make our community the great place it is to live. Most of all I would like to publicly acknowledge the volunteers who are behind the scenes at the WRRRA – they selflessly give up their spare time to help maintain something that provides benefit to the community. These people include our committee members who regularly meet to discuss issues and events in the area, as well as maintaining our hall. We have 12 people on the committee, including Sue Smith does a great job as Treasurer, looking after our financial records and hall admin (among many other things!), Erin who puts a lot of effort in each month to bring you this newsletter (which includes chasing people for their editorial pieces, including myself!), Marq as vice-president and Jacqui as secretary – plus many others whose time is very much appreciated. Thanks team.

Over the break, I hope you all enjoy spending time with family and if you're out travelling on the roads to various destinations, drive safe. That's it from me for this year – here's to a very Merry Christmas and a happy New Year!

Ryan Robertson

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From the Editor

Hello everyone

Well here we are again at the end of another year, Christmas and the holidays are virtually upon us. Once again I am amazed at how quickly the months seem to have passed by!

The Rugby World Cup is well and truly over with South Africa

now the reigning champions. Such a huge disappointment for NZ losing to England, but the Brits were the better team on the day and absolutely deserved to win. We watched the game with friends after having enjoyed a meal at the new Olive Kitchen & Bar on Scenic Drive (the site of the old Refreshment Room). The very friendly owner, Rahul, is really trying to make a positive impact on the community so if you're in the area, go and check them out.

The newsletter takes its annual break in January, with the first one for 2020 being the February issue. With this being the last one for the year it is timely for me to thank all those wonderful people who help to get this publication out. These include the WRRRA President, Ryan Robertson, the WRRRA Committee, Tony Bacon, Carol Hinton and the dedicated team of volunteers who distribute and deliver the newsletter. I am also grateful to all the regular newsletter contributors who provide copy for me and of course to all our advertisers. Thanks must also go to our printer, Ben Deakin at Promotion Matters, for his wholehearted support of our publication. Thanks to each and every one of you for all your support and encouragement, if it weren't for people like you there would not even be a newsletter, and it's something of which I am very proud. Lastly I must thank you, the readers! I really do love being your newsletter Editor and I hope that you enjoy reading it as much as I enjoy putting it together once a month.

A heads up that the WRRRA AGM will be taking place on Tuesday 18 February 2020, 6.30pm for a 7pm start at the Waiatarua Hall. Refreshments will be provided, and we are hoping to get a speaker for the evening. More details to follow in the February newsletter.

With that, I would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a very happy New Year. If you are going away for the Christmas break, please drive carefully, and I hope that you all have a peaceful and relaxing holiday. See you all again in February!

Cheers, Erin

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Library News—and a special Christmas event

We will be receiving a new batch of books from Auckland Library at the end of November ready for your Christmas reading. We have also just ordered some new books for the Library too, so there will be plenty for you to come and choose for your holiday reading. We have lots of children's books as well such as David Walliams, Harry Potter series etc. We look forward to seeing you all.

Librarian Molly will be providing tea and Christmas mince pies on her last shift of 2019. Come along, meet your neighbours, join the library, browse the books, and munch on a pie! All welcome.



When: Sunday 1 December

Where: Waiaatarua Library, under the
Waiaatarua Community Hall, 911 West
Coast Road, Waiaatarua

Time: 11am - 12 noon

Christmas is fast approaching. The Library closes on Thursday 19 December, and re-opens on Thursday 9 January 2020.

Happy Christmas & New Year to you all.

Barbara Field



A Bit of Festive Fun

Christmas is one of the jolliest times of the year. So what better time to roll out some amusing jokes? Here's a selection to get you in the festive mood.



What happens to elves when they're naughty? Santa gives them the sack.

What kind of music do elves listen to? Wrap.

Why didn't the skeleton go to the Christmas party? He had nobody to go with.

Who hides in the bakery at Christmas? A Mince Spy!

Which of Santa's reindeer has bad manners? Rude-olph!

What does Santa suffer from if he gets stuck in a chimney? Claustrophobia!

What do you get if you combine Santa and a duck? A Christmas Quacker!

Why are Christmas trees so bad at sewing? They always drop their needles!

What happened to the thief who stole a Christmas Advent Calendar? He got 25 days!

What never eats at Christmas dinner? The turkey – it's stuffed.

What is a librarian's favourite Christmas song? Silent Night.

What do you call an old snowman? Water.

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To find out how you can help protect your loved ones and property, or to find out how to apply for a fire permit - which you must have for most fires in summer - go to <http://checkitsalright.nz>

Recent calls

1:17 pm, Sun 20 Oct	Smoke in house	Shaw Rd
3:03 am, Thu 24 Oct	Fire under deck	Anawhata Rd
9:40 pm, Thu 24 Oct	Powerlines arcing	West Coast Rd
6:10 am, Mon 28 Oct	Garage fire	Henderson Valley
7:42 pm, Fri 1 Nov	Fire in building	Woodlands Park Rd
2:04 pm, Sun 3 Nov	Fire under house	Kauri Loop Rd
4:20 pm, Sun 3 Nov	Scrub fire	West Coast Rd
10:14pm, Tue 5 Nov	Scrub fire	Sturges Rd
10:27 pm, Sun 10 Nov	Car fire	Piha Rd

What have the team been up to?

Congratulations to Steve Smith, who successfully completed his Station Officer's training course in November. And our two newest members, Rohan Patel and Damian Woolliscroft, have started on the pre-course learning for their Recruit Firefighter course next year. If you're thinking about joining us, now would be the perfect time to get in touch - it's always good to go through your initial training with others!

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



Waiatarua Weeding Day

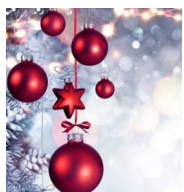
We're continuing on from the great work everyone did at the hall clean-up day a couple of months ago, by weeding out the masses of tradescantia and club moss from behind the hall. If you have a spare few hours, we'd love a hand.

When: Saturday 15th February

Time: 10am

Where: Waiatarua Hall, 911 West Coast Road, Waiatarua

Christmas quote



Christmas is not a time nor a season, but a state of mind.
To cherish peace and goodwill, to be plenteous in mercy,
is to have the real spirit of Christmas.

Calvin Coolidge

Baby News

We have some exciting news this month with the birth of a brand new Waiatarua local. Rita Steel, our Environmental representative, and her partner Will welcomed their new baby boy into the world on Sunday 3 November, weighing in at an impressive 9lbs 2oz. Mum and baby are doing well, and big brother Azra is delighted. I'm sure you will all join me in congratulating Rita and her family on their new son's safe arrival.

Erin Kingsleigh-Smith, Editor



February NEWSLETTER

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the Editor

by FRIDAY 17 January @ 5pm

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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

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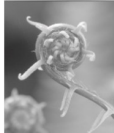
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