



Waiatarua Community News

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Brave Zack making good recovery after bush ordeal

Remember the 9 year old Rottweiler Zack who was found two weeks after going missing, having been being spooked by thunder while his family were overseas? Devastated, they returned and searched relentlessly for their big baby.

Christmas came early for the Going household when, after 14 days, a neighbour reported a big dog barking in the gully behind their house. Zack's mum Mandy immediately began the search and located him at the bottom of a steep ravine. There ensued a 3 hour full on emergency services rescue orchestrated by our amazing local Waiatarua Volunteer Fire Brigade, which extended to a team of around 20 paid fire staff and line crew who winched Zack up to safety.



Amazingly, Zack had no broken bones but without eating and being stuck in the same position for such a long time he was weak and on the verge of starvation and dying. Zack's body was being overtaken by infection and was shutting down. The emergency vet later reported that he had extensive injuries inside and out, and it would be a long road to recovery.

With the incredible care and compassion from Tarien at our

local West Coast Veterinary Hospital, the ongoing support and love from Kim and Skater and the volunteers at Rottweiler Rescue, and Zack's loving family, he has made a remarkable recovery with the last of his stitches being removed at the beginning of January. Zack

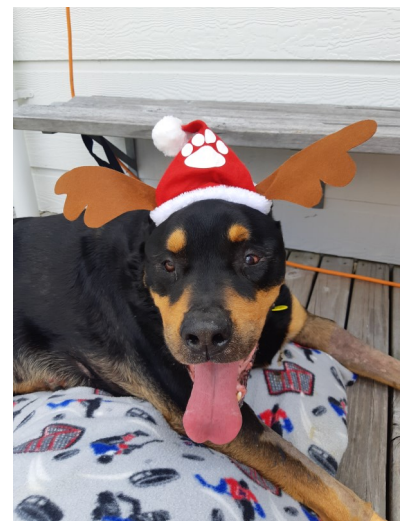
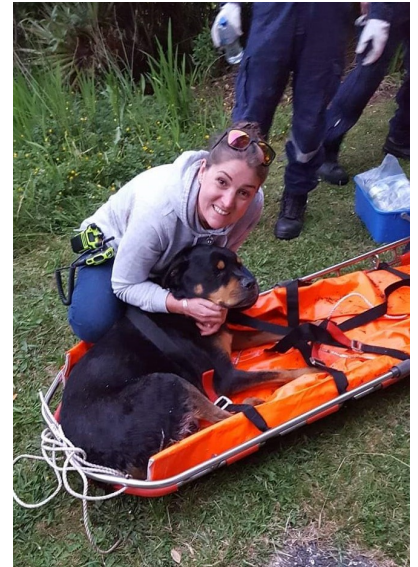
can now concentrate on getting back to his full healthy self, inside and out.

Zack is the true champion of this story - lying in a creek at the bottom of a ravine, his nails and paws raw from trying to climb the steep cliff. He was almost to the point of starving and was frozen to the core, yet still he barked for his family.

Now safe and happily back home with his loved ones, Zack's wounds are healing. Hopefully, with time, he will have the strength to run and play like the big puppy he is. His gorgeous happy nature has shone through to all the hearts he has touched over the last few months.

Zack's family wish to thank every one of you who has so generously donated, posted, shared and sent kind messages and good wishes. Without our amazing Waiatarua community and compassion, this would have been a very different ending for Zack and his family.

If we can learn anything from Zack's story it is to not give up and never lose hope. If you hear or see something out of the ordinary, don't turn your back, investigate, report and share it. The smallest acts can have profound outcomes.



Waiatarua Residents and Ratepayers Association

Notice of Annual General Meeting

Tuesday 18 February 2020, Waiatarua Community Hall, 911 West Coast Rd, Waiatarua

6.30pm for a 7pm start. All welcome.

Refreshments provided. Come and meet your neighbours—find out what's happening in your community—and join the WRRRA!



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From the Editor

Hello everyone

Happy New Year and welcome back. I hope you have all had a great Christmas and a relaxing break. Here we are again with the first newsletter of the year. Let's hope 2020 is a good one for all of us!

My family and I spent a week on holiday in Northland in early January, somewhere we have never been before and which was a departure from our usual summer holiday destination. Unfortunately the weather was against us and we had wind for the entire time which made it far too cold for swimming. A real shame as we were staying nearby a very picturesque fresh water lake, and lovely beaches in the Doubtless Bay area only half an hour away. Still, we made the most of it and did a day trip to Cape Reinga where

we saw the meeting of the oceans, and visited the giant sand dunes at Te Paki where the boys had a fabulous time hurtling down on boogie boards. If nothing else it was good to get out of Auckland and just relax for a bit.

Late one afternoon while we were away the skies turned an eerie orange colour due to smoke from the horrific and devastating Australian bushfires. It lasted well into the evening and was very sad to see. I saw reports on Facebook from Waiatarua locals reporting the very same thing earlier that afternoon before it reached us.

The WRRRA are kicking off 2020 with the AGM being held on Tuesday 18 February—details of this are on the front page of the newsletter. Hopefully this year we will get a good turnout!

Cheers, Erin

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Hello Waiatarua!

I hope everyone enjoyed their break with family, or if you worked through the holiday period like us, looking forward to your break later in the year! It's a crazy feeling that we're in another decade and 2020 is now upon us. Ariana and I are getting married in March, followed by a honeymoon overseas for a well-earned break...we're looking forward to leaving reality behind for a few weeks!

I have some bittersweet news to share. Towards the end of last year a particular role at work became available which I have had been slowly working towards (although didn't realise the opportunity would come up so soon!). I applied, and after going through the internal application and interview process I'm excited to say I was successful. It's a very demanding role that is going to take a huge amount of effort to settle into and succeed, with many challenges along the way.

The downside to this means that I will have much less time for family and life outside of work, and has left me wondering how I can balance presiding over the WRRRA with everything else that is now happening in my

life. On one hand I love the role and working with a great bunch of people, and getting stuck in with the community. On the other hand, with my focus elsewhere, I am more than likely not going to do the role of president justice, as I won't be giving it the attention it deserves and the association could suffer as result. After much deliberation, I've decided it's best I stand down as president. However, I will remain on the Committee in a reduced capacity to help out as required. It's a shame to end after only a year, however it's the right thing to do going forward under changed circumstances.

That being said, our AGM is on 18th February at 7pm, at the Waiatarua Hall. If you, or someone you know may have an interest in leading a great diverse bunch of people and contributing to our community, we would love to see you there so you can learn more and possibly put your hand up for the role. Even if you aren't interested in that particular position, we are always looking for committee members and support, so would love to see you either way!

Ryan Robertson

president@waiatarua.org.nz

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Waiatarua Community Patrol

Three new members of the Community have joined our patrol! We have one from Oratia and two from Waiatarua. They are very welcome, especially as we have had members moving away.

Why would you move when, in comparison, we are almost crime free compared to anywhere else in Waitemata. I put this down to a strong Neighbourhood Support team (are

you a member?) and our patrol group of 29 individuals, who strive to keep the community safe and crime free.

Can you give me 4 hours a month, day or night? We patrol Waiatarua, Oratia and Henderson and when tasked by the police, Piha for special operations. Most of us are pensioners but a lot of workers 'seeing the light' so...COME AND JOIN US. Contact Les Duffield on 021 720 100 for more information.

Les Duffield

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

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

Time: 10am



Library News

These are some of the latest new books we have purchased for the Library:-

John Le Carre	<i>Agent Running in the Field</i>
Tracy Chevalier	<i>The Single Thread</i>
Nelson DeMille	<i>The Deserter</i>
Michael Connelly	<i>The Night Fire</i>
Di Morrissey	<i>The Last Paradise</i>
Tess Gerritsen	<i>The Shape of Night</i>
Lynda La Plante	<i>She's Out!</i>

There are no long waiting lists for new books here, so come and join us.

Barbara Field

Oratia Crafting and Friendship Group

Are you a keen crafter? Or want to learn a craft? Or simply just looking for companionship with a friendly group of people?

The Oratia Crafting and Friendship Group meets every Monday from 10am—12 noon

in the small hall next to Parker Rd Church, commencing Monday 10 February. You can bring your own items to work on, or learn something new including spinning, crochet, tatting and knitting.

Folk are asked to bring a plate of 3-4 morning tea items to share and a small \$2 fee. Everyone is welcome. To find out more, contact Bev Latimer on 835 3237.

Environmental News

Got pests on your property? Announcing the Waiatarua Trap Library, launching on the 22nd March. Come along and borrow some traps to rid your property of unwanted pests!

How it works: You will need to attend a 30 minute training session to learn effective tools for traps placement and how to set the traps.

Bring along: One form of photo ID and proof of address (a bill or similar).

You will then be able to borrow traps for a period of 3 months (or more — see below).

You will need to record your catches either on paper or via the app (training provided). If you continue to catch pests after your initial 3 months, you can extend your borrowing period!

When: Sunday 22nd March

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

Time: 10am — midday

Please register your interest for catering purposes at sciencemademedoit@gmail.com

Thanks to Auckland City Council and the Waitakere Ranges Local Board.

Rita Steel



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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.

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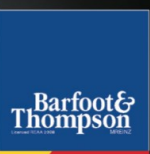
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