



Waiatarua Community News

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Hello Waiatarua!

Have you ever noticed how some people feel thirsty, tired or sleepy after eating certain foods? Then the same people complain about the food, saying that it makes them sleepy or nauseous...and then eat it again? Practice makes perfect and all that, I guess.

The connection between what we put into our bodies and wellbeing has been on my mind a lot. How strange it is that so many people are more picky about clothing, paint, tools, and just about anything else, over their food. It's nice to see that things have started to change and that people are paying more attention. I have too! Like many of you, I'm sure, I expected it to get expensive...

But imagine two identical cars. One is always filled with high quality 'clean' fuel, and the other with cheap, generic stuff. Would they be in the same condition in a year? Five? Their lifetime?

Humans aren't that different. We need quality fuel, but not all healthy food is made equal. I've tried different brands and places to buy veggies, supermarkets and fruit and vege shops. I thought I was being healthy, but my tummy growled and complained.

Turns out I'm sensitive to compounds commonly found in inorganic fertilisers. In the pursuit of healthy eating, I put unnecessary stress on my body.

So I've set a challenge for myself, to do healthy right by growing my own greens - organic, delicious, fresh and cut right before use. Your health is precious, today in this moment and in your future.

Have you been thinking of 'going organic'? Are you growing your own veggies? Get in touch with me at wrra.community@gmail.com and let's share our secrets.

Nina Zaporokha

WRRRA President

Waiatarua Post-Lockdown Party

The WRRRA Committee are considering what sort of celebration we could have at the Waiatarua Community Centre to come together as a community at the end of Level 2 or Level 1.

We're hoping there are some of you out there who might be interested in helping or contributing to the event.

If this sounds like you please send us an email at committee@waiatarua.org.nz Or tell us what you'd like to see happen to celebrate.

We look forward to hearing from you and seeing you soon.

From the Editor

Well here we are at Alert Level 2, and what a relief it is to get here. My younger son and I finally had much needed haircuts (my husband and older son resorting to DIY home haircuts with clippers during lockdown). It has been particularly good to reconnect with family and friends and things almost feel normal again—almost. Things aren't quite the same as they were before, as we all know. Let's hope we can progress to Alert Level 1 and not be shoved back into lockdown again.

Unfortunately the Waiatarua Bubble of the Month photo competition our President, Nina talked about in last month's newsletter, failed to yield a single entry. A little disappointing, but maybe folk had more important things to worry about!

Most residents will be aware that Auckland is in the grips of a severe drought. Stage One water restrictions are now in force with a \$20,000 fine for those on town supply flouting the rules, although Watercare has said it will opt for an education first approach.

Residential water users will not be able to use an outdoor hose or water blaster. Local dams now sit at 45.5% of maximum storage levels compared to an historical average of 76.7% for this time of year, after January to April were the driest months in city history. As you can see by the photo here of the Upper Nihotupu Dam, water levels are critically low.

For more information go to <https://www.watercare.co.nz/Water-and-wastewater/Drought-response>

Cheers, Erin



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Fibre in Waiaatarua

Having watched the internet fibre cables being buried roadside for months, I was waiting to receive some sort of communication that it was up and running, as I had (twice) registered with Spark to upgrade once fibre became available.

Out of curiosity I went on the Chorus website and discovered that the fibre is already working in most of Waiaatarua and can be installed at no charge (the Government pays for a basic install).

Check your address at this site <https://www.chorus.co.nz/tools-support/broadband-tools/broadband-checker> for availability.

And if you can't currently get it then this page will tell you if/when it is planned to be installed: <https://www.chorus.co.nz/tools-support/broadband-tools/broadband-map>. Even Turanga Road is planned for.

Currently you can book an installation and the lead time for install is 6 weeks. Book online via the above webpage.

Chorus communicated promptly via email confirming all arrangements two days after I completed their webpage online form.

Changing to the mid speed/mid-priced fibre plan from my current phone and internet plan is saving me over \$30 per month.

And I'm still waiting to hear from Spark that fibre is available, so don't wait for any notification to arrive from anyone soon, use the Chorus website.

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WRRRA Vice-President

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Waiaatarua Trap Library

The Trap Library is up and running, with all traps out! Please reach out if you're keen to join however, so when traps become available we can get them to you. Email Sciencemademoit@gmail.com or like the "Pest Free Waiaatarua" page on Facebook to keep up to date.

Total traps set: 49

Total catches: 20

Rats (9), Possums (7), Hedgehogs (3), Other (1)

Rita Steel



Left: The trap library is in full swing. Pictured are just a few of the traps out on loan in the community.

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ANZAC Day 2020 in Waikatarua

ANZAC Day this year looked considerably different to previous years. At the time we were in Level 4 of the lockdown but that did not prevent local residents from decorating their letter boxes, fences, windows and gates with poppy installations. Although the Waikatarua Fire Station siren did not sound at 11am (as printed in last month's newsletter), people still marked the occasion by standing at their front gates in the dawn sunrise to remember the fallen and the sacrifices they made for us. A bugler was also heard on Bush Rd playing Last Post.

We hope you enjoy this selection of the many photos that were sent in—thank you to each and every one of you who did.



Karekare Surf Club to rebuild Clubhouse

The Karekare Surf Club is pleased to announce that after 15 years of planning and 5 years of access and consent the new building will commence demolition in Autumn 2020.

The Club is delighted that this new \$3.3m rebuild will serve future generations of lifesavers on this beautiful but often dangerous west coast beach. It has been a long process raising the funds for the building designed by local architect Richard Priest. It will be rebuilt on the site that the club owns and with the help from Auckland Council a new access way will link the clubhouse building and the Karekare public carpark.

It is a major rebuild for the club which is celebrating 85 years on the beach with over 100 young and experienced lifeguards, many who have been raised in the local community. Club President, Sir Bob Harvey said, "This is such a special event for the Karekare beach area and our local community. This wonderful new asset will last us through the century ahead, it will be a state-of-the-art lifeguarding hub and community resource centre for all to share."



Waitākere Ranges councillor Linda Cooper echoes Sir Bob's delight that the project has reached this significant stage. "I am very pleased and proud that Auckland Council funding through the Surf 10:20 project has helped Karekare Surf Club to realise their long-held goal. The journey has been long, and I would like to acknowledge everyone who has worked so hard to secure this rebuild. I am excited to see the project come to fruition."

The Karekare car park will have limited car parking for the summer of 2020-21 and

signage will be placed on Lone Kauri Road, West Coast Road, Piha Road and Scenic Drive drawing attention to the limited parking. The club apologises for any inconvenience while the new clubhouse is being built.

The club would like to thank all the local Karekare community for their support and understanding.

The rebuild will take approximately 18 months and it is intended that the clubhouse will be opened with support from the local community by the Prime Minister in November 2021.

For further information please contact Sir Bob Harvey President at movie-manbob.harvey2@gmail.com, 021986107 or email Club Secretary at secretary@karekaresurfclub.org.nz.



KAREKARE BEACH

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Due to Lifesaving Club rebuild project



Environmental Corner

Winter is almost here. You wouldn't know it, the ground is so dry! I'd normally be planting already but with the water restrictions I'm waiting for the winter rains to kick in. Winter is the best time to start planting.

You may have noticed the autumn weed growth (a great time to top any ginger flowers so it doesn't spread) and you may have even got out and done some clearing. If so, you will have some areas that unless planted out will just provided a perfect habitat for weeds. So here are a few little tips if you do decide to plant over the winter.

- Choose your plants carefully. Think about how tall the plants will get, if the area gets a lot of water, or perhaps may be exposed to the winds.
- Natives are best; they require little maintenance and are better suited to NZ conditions. I often source my plants from seedlings around my bush-clad property. Make sure you give your plants a good shot.
- Dig in good soil (ideally with a slow release fertiliser, compost or manure) in an area at twice the size of the roots both deep and wide. If the soil is clay, then dig in some lime in which will help improve drainage.



Some recommended natives for planting that do well in our area:

- Wet areas: flax, cabbage trees, ferns
- Dry areas: Coprosma, Carex, flax, corokia
- Ground covers: Coprosma repens, Coprosma Taiko
- Dry Shaded areas: renga renga lily
- Good all rounders: Mapou and pittosporums are great for hedging/shaping, pseudopanax and puka both give a tropical feel to a garden but watch for frost, Nikau Palm and Puriri are great for feeding the Kereru.

Lastly you want to give these plants a good shot without competing with weeds - mulch is very important. Mulch in late winter to keep the weeds at bay and improve soil structure. Mulch needs to be a min. of 5cm thick (ideally up to 10cm) and if you can't do the whole area, just do a circle around the plants.

Make sure you do keep the new plants watered - fingers crossed we get some of that by the time this comes out! Happy planting!!

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Rita Steel

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Fire Brigade News

The last couple of months have been interesting, to say the very least. While lockdown meant no training, we still attended calls as per normal with the added challenge of endeavouring to keep physical distancing. Less people out and about, of course equated to less calls for the Region, but not necessarily for Waiatarua. We still attended:

Sun 22 March	Car vs Building	Scenic Drive (see below for more information)
Tue 7 April	Bush Hut Fire	Parker Road
Wed 15 April	House Fire	Glen Eden
Mon 20 April	Fire Under House	Scenic Drive
Sat 2 May	Car Incident	West Coast Road
Sun 3 May	Fire Alarm Activation	Scenic Drive
Mon 4 May	Car Crash	West Coast Road
Fri 8 May	Car Crash	Forest Hill Road
Mon 11 May	Rubbish Fire	Anawhata Road

If you have driven past the Fire Station recently, you may have wondered at our interesting "renovation", this is courtesy of the person who felt that there were too many corners in Waiatarua and tried to drive in a straight line from Piha Road to Titirangi, but who was drastically halted in this endeavour by the Fire Station Kitchen. Now you may be thinking, hasn't this happened before, well yes, you are correct, this is not the first time, it is not the second time, it is not even the third time someone has found themselves parked IN our beloved Fire Station! The good news is we will be getting our third kitchen since this station was built and work should be underway very soon. FENZ and our Chief are very keenly investigating traffic "calming" solutions to reduce the likelihood of anymore adventurous drivers damaging the Station.

We, like everyone, were unable to observe ANZAC in our usual way, but thanks to Tracey (partner of one of our newer members), we were able to put a wonderful poppy on the fire station door.

Fire Alerts:

It is currently an open fire season, you must still comply with local and regional council requirements. We still ask that, while we are at COVID Alert Level 2, you consider not lighting fires, even with a permit as an incident may strain resources.

Contacts:

Always phone 111 for any fire or emergency. For anything else, please call Chief Fire Officer Kevin Healy (814 9505) or Deputy Chief Officer Ian Ford (814 8871)

Christine Healy (Brigade Support)

Auckland Council Update of CCO Review

The independent review of the Auckland City Council, Council Controlled Organisations (CCO's) is continuing and has had 2250 submissions as of 6th May along with

100 interviews of CCO chairs and Chief Executives. The next step is that the review panel are considering all the submissions and documents and are due to report back to the Auckland Council later in May on the key issues and community feedback received.

Council Contract Negotiations on hold indefinitely

Auckland Council has updated their Potential Regional Sector Enhancement Projects 2020-2023 in light of budget changes brought about from Covid19. Council estimates the financial impact runs to several hundred million dollars forcing substantial cutbacks to expenditure this year and into next year. This document includes works across the wider region as well as the Waitakere Ranges.

The document Potential Regional Sector

Enhancement Projects 2020-2023 will be put on the WRRRA website for those interested along with the council letter regarding Non-Essential Services and Community Contracts for Services.

Areas of specific Waitakere Ranges interest include;

Kauri Rescue contract is expected to be concluded in the coming weeks

Ark in the Park – Council will continue with their annual grant of \$ 47,000 and an additional \$ 15,000 grant to support the buffer zone programme. More details are on the WRRRA website.

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