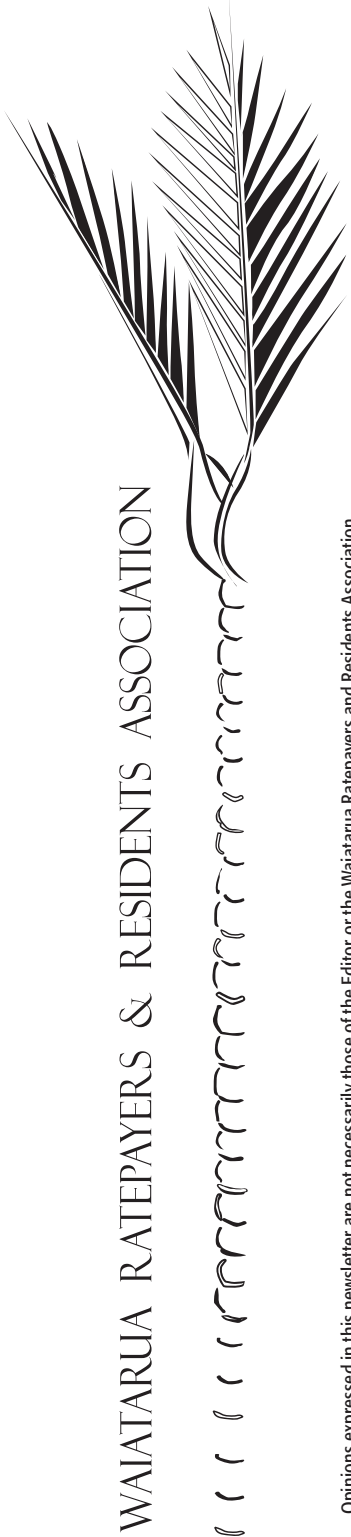


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WAIATARUA RATEPAYERS & RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

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The Great Waiaatarua Mid-Winter Xmas Dinner & Debate

Saturday 28th June - 7.00pm

A riotous night at the Waiaatarua Community Hall
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Tickets \$50.00 each - B.Y.O. Drinks

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Chaired by **Tony Bacon** - Immediate past President WRRRA

- thrashing it out against a new challenging team

- Visit website for further detail (www.waiaatarua.org.nz)

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911 West Coast Road

Hall hire (bookings)

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Thursday 10.00am - 12.00pm
Friday 7.00pm - 8.00pm
Saturday 11.00am - 12.00pm
Sunday 11.00am - 12.00pm

WEB Site:

www.waiaatarua.org.nz

WAIATARUA QUIZ NIGHT

Saturday 19th July 2008, 7:30pm

at the Waiaatarua Hall, 911 West Coast Road.

Based on that favourite Pub Quiz format, and kindly facilitated by **Cathie Wells and Ian Ford.**

Create a team of 6-8 people, or just drop in and become part of a friendly table team.

Use your imagination to create a catchy name for your dynamic crew.

FANTASTIC PRIZES TO BE WON ONCE AGAIN. DON'T MISS OUT!

Cover charge just \$5 per person. Please BYO drinks and also BYO nibbles - *this enables us to keep costs down so that everyone can enjoy a very affordable night out.*

For more info please call Ian Ford on 814 8871

Garden Group

Eileen Powell

Our 2 July get together is to be held at the home of Gladys Fasher at 642 West Coast Rd.

We will be viewing videos taken by Margaret and Paddy Marshall of gardens in China and Canada.

Meet at 1pm.

Please ring Charlene by Friday 27 June on 814 9316 for further information or to confirm attendance.

Everyone is welcome.

Library Report

Jeannette Ziesler

If you are new to the area, you might not realise that we have our own Community Library in Waiatarua, located in the lower area of the hall. This facility is completely run by volunteers and our hours of opening are listed in the newsletter.

Drop down and join us, borrow as many books as you can read in a reasonable time and then come back for more. We get all the recent books and will try to get books that have been specially requested, if we think they will appeal to our borrowers.

We have about 20 new books this month, so here are the details of some of them.

The Sum of Our Days – by Isabel Allende

Hold Tight – by Harlen Coben

Is She Still Alive? – by Tessa Duder

The Other Queen – by Phillipa Gregory

The Eye of the Leopard – by Henning Mankell

Common Ground – by Marritt & Pawsey

Under African Skies – by Jo & Gareth Morgan

Sunday at Tiffany – by James Patterson

Happy reading!

Paul Moon talks on

'How the Treaty Came About'

West Auckland Historical Society

17 June, 7:30pm

Opanuku Room, Corban Estate Arts Centre

(entry off Mt. Lebanon Lane)

Please contact Vivien on 833 4692 for additional information.

By 1830 colonisation was out of vogue in Britain. The colonial office was highly influenced by humanitarian ideals which considered the expansion of the empire to be immoral in its detriment to indigenous peoples (such as Maori). New Zealand was in the antipodes – as a potential colonial possession it was flung as far as it was possible to be. In addition it didn't promise the opportunities of wealth such as were offered by India, Australia and Africa. All in all it seemed to be more trouble than it was worth, yet by 1840 Lieutenant William Hobson had been despatched to New Zealand by Queen Victoria with orders to negotiate a Treaty whereby Maori would cede sovereignty to the Crown, formal government would be created and land title issues dealt with. In other words all aspirations for independence were abandoned and New Zealand was to become a fully-fledged colony of Britain. How did this about-face happen?

As the Author of 'Fatal Frontiers' and 'The Treaty and its Times' books that specifically tell the story of the years leading up to 1840 and beyond – Hobsonville historian Professor Paul Moon is qualified like few others to speak on that period. Find out some little known facts about this fascinating time in our history.

From the President

Dave Pocock

Hi! It seems quite strange writing this report when May's newsletter hasn't arrived yet, but it has been one of those years and hopefully we will be back on track with this issue. Thanks to Korstiaan Prins, Jan Haine and Cathie Wells who have each put together one of the previous three editions and ironically each of them has become extremely busy in their own business life at the time of undertaking the task. This has led to some delays but we do appreciate their help. We'd also like to offer a huge thanks to Carol Longley and the gang at Longley printing who have gone out of their way to get it out. Overall this has probably been the most hectic three months I can recall since becoming involved but all for the good I am pleased to add.

Our hall is getting a complete re-paint, including re-varnishing of the low wall panels and re-surfacing the floor with a completion date of 23rd June, this is being carried out courtesy of Waitakere City Council (our landlords).

We have a new Hall bookings co-ordinator, as notified previously, so for bookings 'phone John Goudge on 814 9744. A big thanks to John for taking on this task. Les Duffield did a sterling job in this position over the last few years and we thank him for his efforts; Les has moved on from the committee but is still Neighbourhood Support co-ordinator.

Waitakere Estate now offers 10% discount on Restaurant meals to financial members of this association, just show your membership card at the time and receive the discount on 2 persons per membership per visit. This means we now have the benefit of a discount at both of Waiatarua's fine Restaurants which is good value for an outlay of \$10 and even better when you add Glen Eden Colourplus Paints and Glen Eden Landscape Supplies. Shirley and I went to Elevations for dinner on Mothers' Day (and enjoyed a great meal) and intend to go to Waitakere Park in July for our wedding anniversary (for another great meal). The money we save will pay for our membership and the petrol to get there!

Last night 17th May was the first Quiz Night of the year and what a lot of fun it was, with spot prizes as well as winners' awards. A big thanks goes to Ian Ford and Cathie Wells, our quiz masters, also Korstiaan Prins and Robin Essex for setting up the hall and organising prizes. Mark 19th July on your calendars for the next one and if you have never been it is the best \$5 worth of entertainment in town.

Table Tennis will be starting up again on the 24th June, although the numbers seem to be falling off and the hardy few would love some more competition. We would love to hear from you if you have any suggestions. Perhaps you would come if it was a different night, or you used to come but do not now because... any ideas welcome. Send to me davepocock@xtra.co.nz or phone me on 814 9697.

One of our long serving committee members reached a memorable milestone on the 13th May, Frank Hogsden celebrated his 80th Birthday, so all together now "HAPPY BIRTHDAY FRANK!"

On that note I will leave you for another month as we reach the half way mark for this year. – Dave

Fire Brigade

Ian Ford

Well winter is well and truly on the way. The days are distinctly truncated and the welcoming smell of fires drifts through the hills, valleys and dells of Waiatarua. I know we've said it before and we will definitely be saying it again (repeatedly), but please ensure that you have your chimneys swept. With the abundance of wildlife in the hills, who knows what may have nested in your chimney over the summer months.

Waitakere has moved onto an open fire season as of 30 April 2008. This means permits are not required for fires in the open air. City Bylaw No. 6 applies which, broken down into its basic form, is as follows:

- Only natural materials (no plastics, treated wood, polystyrene etc) are to be burnt.
- The fire is to be attended at all times.
- Means to extinguish the fire are to be available at all times.
- There must be no burning closer than 3 metres from your neighbour's boundary.
- There must be no burning closer than 10 metres from any structure or public boundary.
- There must be no burning after dark.
- There must not be a smoke nuisance.

If you need advice then a Rural Fire Officer is only a phone call away on 839 0400, or call Karl Nuttall who is a warranted Rural Fire Officer in his day job.

Members of the Brigade recently participated in the Sky City Challenge (stair climb) to raise funds for the Leukaemia and Blood Foundation. Over \$90,000 was handed over to the LBF as a result of the fundraising efforts of all of the firefighters. Well done teams.

No fire calls since last report.

Contacts

Phone 111 for any fire or emergency. Otherwise please call Ian Ford (814 8871), Helen Longley (814 9855) or Karl Nuttall (814 8777).

Please accept my Membership to the Waiatarua Ratepayers & Residents Association

Name _____ I ENCLOSE:
Address _____ \$10 household
Phone No _____ \$5 single occupant
Email _____

To: Treasurer, WRRRA, 911 West Coast Road, Waiatarua, Waitakere City or leave at the library

BANGLADESH – PART 3

As we settled into the boat that was to be our home for the next three days, we relished the thought that we did not have to travel for hours in a bus or van and had room to walk around and laze on the top deck whilst the world sailed by. With a shudder and a shake we set sail up the river, passing countless fishermen sitting and watching their cone shaped nets for hours on end. The river banks are busy places with women washing clothes and people washing themselves, plus children playing in the water, but as we travelled further up they became less and less populated. Shortly after setting sail we had to stop and get permission from The Forest Commission Department and pay fees to enter the Sundarban. We were then joined by the inevitable armed police – supposedly to protect us from rebels – a cushy number for them.

The next morning we were up early at 5.30 am with a cup of tea and some crackers, then into a small boat and off up the small side river. So peaceful and serene, this was only disturbed by the birds and maybe the odd deer rustling in the undergrowth, not an abundance of wild life. We then ventured inland, by foot, through a mangrove swamp with hundreds of mangrove shoots sticking up through the mud like sharpened bamboo shoots. Further on we came onto a meadow with lush grass and deer peacefully feeding and many different varieties of birds providing orchestral accompaniment. Lo and behold we saw fresh tiger marks (or so we were told) but no tigers. After about an hour's walk we came upon the Bay of Bengal, which was an amazing stretch of white sand and of course the sea. Shirley insisted on her compulsory photo paddling in the water, she is collecting a photo of every sea of the world with her paddling it, (I just take the photo). There were obvious tiger prints in the sand, both adult and cubs, as apparently it is a favourite walking place first thing in the morning. Now they tell us!

When we left the bay and headed back to the boat we walked through an area that had been hit by the Tsunami. It was a sobering experience to see large trees that had been uprooted and dumped many metres on and yet in the middle would be a tree totally unscathed. What had been substantial houses made of concrete and brick were reduced to rubble or left as a skeleton with all the inside ripped out; just total devastation and destruction for all concerned. We finally got back to the boat absolutely starving for a late breakfast/early lunch and then went back to the favourite occupation of resting on the top deck. On most days the middle of the day is a time to rest and avoid the heat, but actually it wasn't too bad, usually being around 28-35 degrees.

Around mid-afternoon we were off again for the serious tiger spotting, we hope (gulp), observing spotted deer and barking deer (they sound just like a dog) on the way, as well as hundreds of caterpillars eating mangrove leaves. The foliage became quite tall and thick with a single file track through and it was at about this point that our tour guide informed us that tigers attack from behind, which of course meant everybody wanted to be first. The local guides started to become wary and show concern, which was followed by whistle blowing and stick banging as signs of a tiger close by had been observed. Apparently they could smell the tiger's urine, but although we wanted to see a tiger, face to face was not the desired option, so we hurried on out of there. Mind you I am still not sure if it was for real or just done to appease us tourists, but either way I stick to the story we came within a few feet of a wild tiger.

Back to the boat for some snacks and tea and coffee – being a strictly Muslim country there is no alcohol available – followed by a late dinner at around 8.30 pm. After finally going to bed at 10.30 for our last night on board, we were woken a little later by thunder and lightning so sleep was fitful until around 2.30 am when an almighty thump and lots of shouting and yelling put an end to sleep. All sorts of things ran through our minds, the most popular possibility being that pirates that had captured us, but no, we had run aground, pushed ashore by the wind.

West Auckland Historical Society Inc.

The West Auckland Historical Society celebrated its 30th birthday last year, and is continuing to plan for many more years to come. It was heartening for the group who worked on the plan to realise that the original purposes of the Society are still as they were in 1977. All that has changed is opportunity to take advantage of the new delivery models now available.

The Society has a total commitment to historical research and study of the West Auckland region along with a strong role to play in the preservation and conservation of historical buildings and artifacts as appropriate, whether as an advocate or as a leader in suitable activities. We also see the facilitation and dissemination of learning and writing about historical subjects and issues in the region and also participating in and developing strong community alliances as important parts of its work. The Society's relationship with the Waitakere Library Service; as a partner in the Jack Diamond Essay Competition; has a key role in this work. The Society provides a judge for the competition as well as organisational and marketing support.

Mill Cottage in Sel Peacock Drive is the research centre and administrative 'home' of the Society's activities, which are administered and organised by volunteers. The core focus of the organisation internally is to increase membership, and externally is to present itself and the facilities available to as wide a section of the community as possible. To this end we offer guided historical walks to the public and interested groups. There are also general meetings at 7.30 pm every 3rd Tuesday of the month which include very interesting invited speakers on a broad range of fascinating subjects. These general meetings are held at the Corban Estate Arts Centre in the Opanuku Room and are open to the public for a very modest \$2 fee and include a light supper. Subjects as diverse as Passchendale, local and national photographers'

West Auckland Historical Society cont.

collections, tales of a Titirangi past and the history of the water supply to Avondale and Mt Albert have all kept the audiences enthralled.

Past fundraising, promotional and public events have included a Victorian Garden Party in early 2007 which was a grand success and the formal opening of the Model Room which is a new extension to Mill Cottage and houses Charles Fuller's model of the early days of the Henderson's Mill settlement, as well as a working model of a kauri trip dam. We have cooperated extensively with Project Twin Streams which has seen vast improvement to the landscaped surroundings of the cottage including the reinstatement of the water wheel at the stream's edge and safe walking paths in the vicinity of the cottage and the bridge.

The Society is close to completing a fully computerised database of the books, photographs and other materials in its custody and is about to launch an internet presence and the production of a quarterly journal to a high quality professional standard.

The President of the West Auckland Historical Society is Trevor Pollard QSM, and the editor of the monthly newsletter is Grant Cole.

They are both available by email at westaucklandhistorical@xtra.co.nz as is the Secretary for general enquiries.

Upstairs Gallery

Nga Puawaitanga – until 22nd June

A 'New Beginnings' theme for The Auckland Festival of Photography and Upstairs Gallery. A range of photographic interpretations of the different and colourful aspects of our society.

Art From The Heart – Friday 27 (at 10am) until Sunday 13 July

An exciting opportunity to see children's artwork from 3 local Primary Schools and a Preschool. Take a look at how our children are portraying the world around them.

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PLANTS: - taros, bulbs, cannas and various perennials for sale. \$1 - \$3. Also some shrubs. All sales for charity. Phone Margaret 814-9859.

LA LECHE LEAGUE: - Meetings held every 2nd Tuesday of the month at Kelston Community Centre. For more info call Adith: phone 818 7728.

ARK IN THE PARK: - will be holding their fundraising 'Concert for the Birds' at the Glen Eden Playhouse Theatre on Friday 27th June at 7:30pm. Proceeds from this event will be used to return threatened native bird species, including Kokako, to the Ark in the Park, Cascade Reserve.

TOASTMASTER: - meetings held on every other Thursday morning from 7-8:20am - for more information call Adith Stoneman 818 7728.

GARDENER: Trained and experienced. For regular garden maintenance. Phone Hugh 838 3594.

THE ORATIA COMMUNITY CHURCH: On the corner of Parker & West Coast Roads. Activities - Bible Study and Prayer Group: Tuesdays 1.00pm. - Fellowship (trips, meetings etc.): 2nd Thursdays of each month.

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Waiatarua Hall, 911 West Coast Road.

Advantages of being a WRRRA member?

Show your membership card at the following businesses for a 10% discount (does not apply to already discounted or sale items).

Glen Eden Landscape Supplies
293 West Coast Rd. Ph: 818 6129

Elevation Licenced Café & Restaurant
12.00pm till late - 471 Scenic Drive
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