

Waiatarua Community News

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WRRA A.G.M.



Thursday February 23rd 2006

7.00pm Wine and Cheese, 7.30pm AGM
after the AGM Mayor Bob Harvey will be our special guest,
presenting "Where the City is at and Where it is Going"

Waiatarua Autumn Festival - Sunday 26th March 2006 from 10.00am

The Autumn Festival will be held at the Waiatarua Hall (911 West Coast Rd.). We're hoping you will not only attend but also participate in the competitions, and there will be prizes for all categories! Anyone interested in providing sponsorship by donating prizes can contact Les Duffield on Ph: 814 1130 - your business or product will obviously receive promotional benefits. The local Spinning and Craft Group will display and sell their wonderful handcrafted items and also run a Fashion Parade of handmade garments at midday. There will be food, raffles, games and fun for all. Funds raised will go towards new Hall tables for your increased comfort at future Community Breakfasts and the like.

Competitions:

GARDENING:

3 varieties home-grown fruit and/or veg (Adult or family; child)
3 home-grown flowers all the same variety (Adult or family; child)
Largest Pumpkin by weight (Adult or family; child)
Tallest sunflower (under 5yrs; 5 - 12yrs)
Largest diameter sunflower (under 5yrs; 5 - 12yrs)

BAKING:

3 scones (open individual)
Sponge cake (open individual)
Bloke's chocolate cake (no age limit)
Kid's plate of biscuits (under 5yrs; 5 - 8yrs; 9 - 12yrs)
Home brew ginger beer (open individual or family)

CRAFTS:

Homemade card and envelope (under 5yrs; 5 - 8yrs; 8 - 12yrs; adult)
Needlework (hand or machine, up to 500mm X 500mm) (child; adult)
Decorated egg (under 9 yrs; 9 - 12yrs)



Competition rules

- 'Adult or family' means that adult and family entries will be judged together as one category.
- 'Child' is 12 years and under
- Garden produce must be grown in Waiatarua (we're lenient with boundaries but no tomatoes from Nana's in Henderson or pumpkins from Uncle Joe's in Kumeu etc.)
- Baking categories may be taste-tested by judges and afterwards will be auctioned off by silent auction (all proceeds to Hall Tables).
- Entry fee is gold coin for adult and family, silver coin for children's entries.
- Bring entries to the Waiatarua Hall between 8.00am and 10.00am on Sunday 26 March 2006. Fill in the entry form (on the back page) or make your own.

Lynda's Ginger Beer!

2 tps granulated yeast, 2 cups sugar, 1 tsp ginger, 1 tsp citric or tartaric acid, juice of a lemon, 16 cups water - 2 litre milk bottles are ideal, but allow space for expansion. Stand 24 hrs in pantry, or 48 hrs in colder weather. Then refrigerate. A good source of Vitamin B, apparently. A pleasant and sparkling drink.
- disclosed by her husband Frank

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Library hours:

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

WEB Site:

www.waiatarua.org.nz

* 1125-J Greatest Hits *

* Ten-year Anniversary of the Fire Brigade Plays. *



A compilation of the best scenes from the three 1125-J shows

Written by Fire Fighter Tony Holt, edited and directed by Kevin Healy.



The show is set in the late 1950's, early 1960's and is based on the 'starting up' of a volunteer fire brigade. When the Glen Eden Fire Brigade

took too long to get up to Nihotupu to save Badger Davies' house, the locals decided to establish their own fire brigade.

Come and see several of the original cast members bring their characters, Ivor Cheslenkoff, Bulldog Clipp, Arty Trembol and the Colonel back on stage to celebrate the 10-year anniversary of the original show.

Members of the Waiatarua Performing Arts Society have been recruited to complete the cast.

**Three shows only on the 2nd, 3rd and 4th of March 2006 at 8.00pm
at the Waiatarua Community Hall, 911 West Coast Road.**

Phone Lindsay on 814 9872 for tickets (\$20.00 - including Fish & Chips) - NO door sales

From the Editor

Robin Essex

I guess most of us have now had our summer holidays and we're back to the grindstone, whatever that might be. The Concise Oxford Dictionary describes a grindstone as: *a thick revolving stone disc for grinding, sharpening and polishing.*

Thick might translate to 'of great depth' which implies 'meaningful'. Revolving, as in revolving credit, can entail automatic renewal as debts are paid off. Stone does not necessarily have to be hard-hearted – it can be precious and delicate too. A disc in a person's spine is a layer of cartilage between vertebrae and, if one of these slips out of place, severe lumbar pain will be experienced caused by pressure on nerves. To grind is not necessarily to reduce to small particles, but perhaps to smooth (or soothe). Sharpening something can result in accuracy and direction. And lastly, that lovely word 'polishing' conjures up the vision of a glossy cultured commodity.

So for me... my daily grindstone does bring meaning to my life, pays my debts, has worth, gives me backbone, moderates my wild impulses, sharpens my mind, gives me direction and enlightens me.

Having known people out of work or with nothing purposeful to do, I've observed unbearable boredom and a definite decline in self-worth; which often leads down a very demoralising road.

Next time I have trouble putting my feet on the floor to get to work in the morning, I am going to remember what my grindstone really means to me!

Waitakere City Open-Studio Weekend

March 4th and 5th 2006, 10am – 4pm

Waitakere Arts Network and Waitakere City Council invite you to visit artists in their natural habitat at the 2nd Annual Open Studio weekend. This event has grown to include over 75 artists opening their home studios or participating at Gallery clusters. The variety and quality of the artists represented is a wonderful representation of the creativity that exists in Waitakere City.

Meet local artists, see live art in action, purchase local artwork and learn about the creative processes.

Brochure and map available. For information contact Julie Nash, Waitakere City Council – phone: 836 8000 extn 8934.

Firefighters asked to retrieve cell phone

I believe it's for you!



Library Report

Jeannette Ziesler

New Books:

A Crack in the Edge of the World – another good read by Simon Winchester. This one is about earthquakes.

Second Honeymoon by Joanna Trollope – do the kids ever really leave home?

The Unknown Soldier – Neil Hanson has drawn on diaries of soldiers and given a realistic picture of the life of men in the battlefields.

Teacher Man – another memoir from Frank McCourt.

Plus, we have the latest from James Patterson, Bryce Courtney, Michael Dobbs and Jeffrey Archer.

If you are new to the area, come and join your local library.



Fire Brigade

Ian Ford

The weekend of 21-22 January was a busy one for Waitakere's volunteer firefighters. Saturday morning and Sunday evening saw two separate car crashes on the Piha Rd. After the first, where a car hit a bank and then a tree, the driver was taken to hospital with injuries severe enough to warrant an investigation by the Police's Serious Crash Unit. This closed the road for three hours. In Sunday's crash a car clipped another that it was overtaking and became airborne as it left the road - this time there were only minor injuries. Excessive speed appears to have been a factor in both.

Between these two calls, a difficult scrub fire on the cliffs above Mercer Bay at Piha kept many local firefighters busy. Waitakere crews were there for five hours on Saturday evening and nine hours on Sunday, until it was completely extinguished. There were a further two hours put in on Monday evening, collecting and washing hose. Careless disposal of a cigarette butt is the most likely cause of this fire which cost around \$20,000. The call-out required over 400 hours effort of firefighters from six Brigades, employed two helicopters and threatened a delicate ecosystem of rare native plants.

Recent calls:

10:09 pm, Tue 17 Jan - Car fire, Arataki.

6:58 am, Sat 21 Jan - Car vs. tree, Piha Rd.

4:32 pm, Sat 21 Jan - Bush fire, Log Race Rd, Piha.

8:49 pm, Sun 22 Jan - Car crash, Piha Rd.

5:54 pm, Tue 24 Jan - Car fire, West Coast Rd. Out on arrival.

6:05 pm, Mon 30 Jan - Rubbish fire, Forest Hill Rd.

10:56 pm, Mon 30 Jan - Car fire, Piha Rd.

7:21 pm, Tue 31 Jan - Animal rescue, Piha. Handled by Piha crew.

11:11 pm, Wed 2 Feb - Car crash, West Coast Rd.

2:44 pm, Mon 6 Feb - Rubbish fire, Glen Esk Rd, Piha.

4:07 pm, Wed 8 Feb - Power pole down, Seaview Rd, Piha.

Contacts:

Please dial 111 for fires and emergencies.

For general queries call

Ian Ford (814 8871)

Helen Longley (814 9855)

Karl Nuttall (814 8777).

From the President

Dave Pocock

Hi! Well the holiday season is probably now over and what a great one it has been with good weather and two long weekends in a row. I made an absolute pig of myself with three weeks camping at Xmas and a further week-and-a-half Anniversary/Waitangi weekend. What a life.

Anyway it's all go again with this newsletter being the last for the current committee, as our A.G.M. will be around the time you read this - 23rd Feb.

The Autumn Festival is going to be an event to remember and I would suggest a must on all Waitakere residents' calendars. Definitely something for all.

Another must on the calendar, especially for those who remember the Fire Brigade plays, is a short season of "11251" highlights. This involves members of the Fire Brigade and the Drama Group. Details within.

Something that is an issue now is the proposed ward changes to our electoral boundaries and I hope you attended one of the council meetings on this. We need a good voter turnout as we do not want to be swallowed up into a big melting pot, but hopefully can keep Waitakere Ward close to its current makeup.

The Heritage Bill, which has been backwards and forwards, has now been presented to Parliament by Lynne Pillay where she is confident in having the numbers to go to select committee - that is the last report I have seen.

Well that's all for now, and hopefully I will be back next month

Roadwatch Report

Les Duffield

My last entry in this newsletter referred to speed and braking ability on non-laned roads - i.e. Kellys Road, Kauri Loop Road and all the offshoots from our main roads. You must be able to stop in half the distance you can see!

Unfortunately, I was not aware of an accident on Kellys Road where a car met a motorcycle head on, the result being the motorcyclist was seriously injured.

On Forest Hill Road, chevrons have been reported as missing following a car accident; and it seems more of them have been removed since (possibly by vandals). I will be contacting the Council about this issue.

This Could Save Your Life - The Valsalva Manoeuvre

Perhaps this technique should be up there with the Heimlich. The Valsalva manoeuvre is the process of forcibly exhaling without letting air escape through the nose or mouth, and can be performed on oneself by placing thumb in closed mouth and blowing hard whilst 'bearing down' (as if having a bowel motion). When the manoeuvre is done correctly, the blood pressure rises and the heart responds by correcting its rhythm and beating more slowly. Tachycardia (a racing heart) can lead to fibrillation, which in turn may lead on to a heart attack. Using this simple method can often bring an irregularly beating or racing heart under control again. Do not hesitate to call an ambulance as usual.

Waitakere Rainfall (January 2006)

	2005	Wettest Day	Rain Days	January Total
Mountain Road	1611mm	24th (35 mm)	14	112 mm
Brabant Road	1722mm	24th (34 mm)	15	112 mm
Quinns Road	1455mm	25th (21mm)	15	79 mm
Forest Hill Road	1520mm	24th (57 mm)	11	108 mm
Auckland City	986mm			77 mm

Dates Set For Waitakere Ward Election

Dates have been set for the election to find a new councillor to represent the Waitakere Ward. An 'extraordinary vacancy' has been created by the early retirement, due to ill health, of Pat Booth OBE.

The election will be held from Thursday 30 March to 12 noon on Friday 21 April 2006 under the First Past the Post Electoral system by postal vote.

Nominations to fill the position opened Thursday 2 February 2006 and must be returned to the Electoral Officer Darryl Griffin by 12 noon on Thursday 2 March 2006.

Intending candidates must submit a nomination paper, obtainable from the Civic Centre, 6 Waipareira Avenue, Henderson with a deposit of \$200 (including GST). They may also submit a candidate profile statement (specifications for these are available on application).

"Candidate profile statements will be used in the sent out to electors," says Waitakere's Acting Electoral Officer Charlie Inggs.

Preliminary Residential and Ratepayer Electoral Rolls are available for viewing, enrolling or amending until 5pm 2 March 2006 during normal business hours at the Civic Centre, Waitakere City libraries and Post Shops within Waitakere City.

Get information about the Waitakere by-election:

- ✓ Call 0800 RNROL NOW (0800 36 76 56)
- ✓ Visit the Elections Website www.elections.org.nz
- ✓ Phone the Council's 24-hour call centre 839 0400

All correspondence should be addressed to: Charlie Inggs, Acting Electoral Officer, Waitakere City Council, Private Bag 93 109, Henderson, Waitakere City.

Mayor Pays Tribute To Councillor

Mayor Harvey praised Councillor Booth for his "extraordinary wisdom." Pat was a world-class investigative journalist who helped crush a criminal empire and also to release Arthur Alan Thomas from jail. That background gave him a very wide view on the world and a first class nonsense detector, which are great assets in local government," he says.

"He usually sat through our debates, sometimes for hours saying nothing and hearing all. He would generally have his say only when he had heard all sides of the story and weighed them all up and this was especially the case during the debate on the protection of the Ranges," says Mayor Bob.

"Always measured, he has made an excellent contribution during his time on the council and we are extremely sorry to lose him. However, his health must come first and we wish Pat and Valerie well as they head into a very well-earned retirement," he says.

Councillor Booth indicated he felt he had to resign because his enforced absence was putting an extra load on other ward Councillors – Carolynne Stone and Penny Hulse - which was unfair to them, the Council and the electorate. In addition, he plans to shift from his four-level Laingholm residence, which put extra strain on his health, to his holiday home in Rodney District and feels that a councillor working part-time and living outside Waitakere City is not what the people of Waitakere ward voted for.

Councillor Booth was no stranger to local government when elected to represent the Waitakere Ward in 2004. He has previously been on the Far North District Council and Northland District Health Board before being elected to the Waitemata District Health Board and Waitakere City Council in 2004.

During his time as deputy editor of the Auckland Star he identified and helped to bring down the murderous Mr Asia crime gang. This syndicate was established by New Zealanders and became one of the largest illegal drug trafficking operations in the southern hemisphere.

He had previously run a tireless – and ultimately successful - crusade to have Arthur Allan Thomas released from jail and pardoned for the Crewe murders.

Pat Booth is also the author of 16 books including Mr Asia File, Deadline – My Story and Edmund Hillary: the life of a legend. He was recognised for his writing with a Print Industry Award for Outstanding Achievement at the 2001 Qantas Media Awards.

Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor

Last month's newsletter advised pedestrians that if they were walking on a road with no footpath then they should walk on the right, facing oncoming traffic. I agree, with one exception. When I was a regular runner on our roads I found that on right-hand bends it was safer to cross the road and head around the outside of the bend rather than the inside. This greatly improves visibility for both drivers and pedestrians, and gives everyone more time to react. It does mean that you are repeatedly crossing the road, and this should be done well before the corner.

The disadvantage - it makes the run longer!

-lan Ford

Good points to ponder here. We contacted the Land Transport Authority, who commented that pedestrians are indeed advised in the Road Code to walk facing oncoming traffic when there isn't a footpath available. They were reluctant to recommend otherwise. I guess all we can say is that we're each and every one of us responsible for ourselves, whether walking or driving. Take care – Ed.

Dear Editor

Last month during a power outage I rang my power supplier to find out how prolonged it would be. A young, female, recorded voice gave out information about several places including mine... 'Glen Eden and O-Rayshia' – (wonder where that is?) – 'will be connected at 4.30 p.m.'

Oratia, you have a new name!

- Patricia Essex of Glen Eden

Cruel and Sinister

To the person who shot our cat on the evening of Friday 13 January, you caused her many hours of needless suffering before she could be put down; and much grief to all of us.

From the Scragg Family.

The Arataki Rangers' Roundup

Summer has reached full intensity around the park. The Summer weeds programme is in full swing, with Rose Hellaby House receiving a fair amount of attention. Weeding on the Arataki Nature Trail and weeding/ planting around the Visitor Centre is ongoing. I am sure this is appreciated by the thousands of visitors received over the summer holidays. Tagging and graffiti is an increasing issue in the park and is a significant drain on resources. As it appears to reach a peak at this time of year, any members of the public able to assist in the identification of these destructive culprits can contact the Henderson police directly or refer information through the Arataki Visitor Information Centre on 817 0077. You will certainly gain the appreciation of the Rangers whose weekly work plans are often thwarted by the lengthy clean up involved.

February can often be one of the worst months for fire risk. Piha had it's own drama in January which was luckily kept to a minimum through a concerted and swift response. Extra care and vigilance is needed, as the fuel available to burn increases at this time of year.

The Kauri Cascades will be hosting the Volunteer Celebration on February 12th. This is a time when park staff enjoy the opportunity to show their appreciation for all the invaluable efforts of their volunteers. The day will include organised activities and a lunch.

As the school year kicks off again, combined with the often-stable weather of February, many of us can find this the perfect time to explore our beautiful park. Happy trails everyone.

Ka kite: The Arataki Rangers

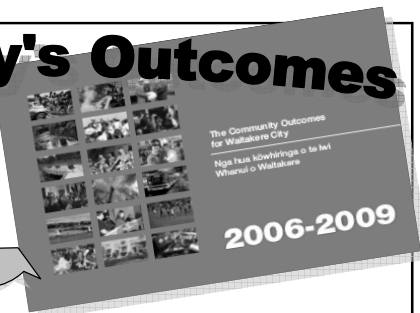
Garden Group

Jean Bacon

March the 1st sees us heading north to Old Knox Gardens at 5 Messenger Road, near Orewa. Meet at 12 noon - bring a picnic lunch. Entry to this three-acre paradise is \$8-00 and includes tea with biscuits. Please ring Jean on 814 9860 by Saturday the 25th of Feb.

The Community's Outcomes for Waitakere City

Phone the Waitakere City Council's 24-hr Call Centre on 839 0400 for a copy of this



A collective vision for the future that reflects the diverse goals of Waitakere City's communities.



This symbol was designed to represent the world views expressed by the two panels who represented the people of Waitakere City. You can look at this and the other symbols, representing 14 community outcomes, in the booklet.

Find out about how and why this booklet was produced. Read about what's important to your community online at www.waitakerepeople.net.nz or www.waitakere.govt.nz

Advertising and Community Notices

Commercial advertisements are welcome and can be arranged by contacting Korstiaan Prins via Email korprins@xtra.co.nz or phone 814 1850. Community Notices are free to financial members 2006, January to December. Any queries about membership can be answered by phoning the treasurer - Rod Maunder on 814 1831

ATARUA GARDENS BED & BREAKFAST: No room for your out of town visitors. Phone Carol or Denis on 814 - 9706 for quality accommodation at an affordable price.

BABYSITTING: Reliable and mature girls are looking for babysitting work. References are available. Please phone Jessica or Angelique on 814 9577.

DRAMA CLASSES FOR ADULTS: at Rimu Glade Studio, 4 Rimu Rd, Oratia, with tutor John Goudge. Nine week "Acting for Theatre" course starts in February. Ring John for details: phone: 814 9744.

LAWN MOWING: - Local, Reliable. Phone Eric 837 2333.

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

OTIMAI: - Events and training centre is available for hire (Guides Auckland) and is open to view by appointment. Please phone Cherie and Graham to view 814 9992 or 638 9060 for bookings.

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

TOASTMASTER: - meetings held on every other Thursday morning from 7.00 till 8.20 AM - more information call Adith Stoneman 818 7728

WAITEMATA TECORIAN SPEAKERS: - Gain confidence, communicate more effectively, extend knowledge, stimulate imagination and have fun at the same time. We meet at the Titirangi community centre every second and fourth Tuesday evening at 7.30pm. Men and women are welcome. Contact Margaret on 817 0520 or Gill on 838 1983 for further information.

THE ORATIA COMMUNITY CHURCH: On the corner of Parker & West Coast Roads. Activities - Craft Group: This is very popular. People come from far and wide. Mondays 10.00am - 12.00noon. - Bible Study and Prayer Group: Tuesdays 1.00pm. - Fellowship (trips, meetings etc.): 2nd Thursdays of each month.



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for their support in printing this publication.

The Waiatarua Community Hall

The WRRRA is making the Waiatarua Community Hall available for corporate training sessions and meetings. The hall, built in the 1970's, is in very good condition with a new kitchen and new comfortable chairs and has an idyllic bush setting.



For booking enquiries phone Michelle Stanborough on 814 9707

Neighbourhood Support

The names of our current co-ordinators are listed below. If you haven't been approached yet and would like to belong to one of these groups, give the co-ordinator a call.

Denis Graham Atarua Gardens	814-9706
Ross & Kath Mullins 330 Forest Hill Road	814-9402+Fax
Jenny McGee 886 West Coast Road	814-9954 jenny.mcgee@xtra.co.nz
Margaret/Paddy Marshall 19 Raroa Terrace	814-9859
Sandy McConnell 550 Scenic Drive	814 9962

For more information about **Neighbourhood Support** take a look at the website at www.ns.org.nz

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

The Nikau Club Café
 Scenic Drive Ph: 814 1919
 (applies to max 2 adults per visit)

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Waiaatarua Autumn Festival Competition Entry Form

Category: 

Circle one: Adult / Family / Child age

Name:

Phone Number:

