

# Waatarua Community News

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WAIATARUA RATEPAYERS & RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

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PRESENTED BY:  
**Waatarua Performing Arts Trust Inc.**



## At the Bach

*You've never been on a holiday like this...*

**DIRECTED BY: JOHN GOUDGE**

With preparations for this production well underway, we have a few vacancies that willing people may be interested in, namely *Wardrobe and Makeup Supervisor* and *Front of House Supervisor*.

If you are interested in either of these roles please contact Kor Prins  
on 814 1850 or via email [korprins@xtra.co.nz](mailto:korprins@xtra.co.nz)

If you can only give up a few days or even one day to assist us, please do not hesitate,  
as volunteers are always welcome to help and see the show.

### THE PRODUCTION OF 'AT THE BACH' WILL BE ON AT:

*the Waatarua Community Hall, 911 West Coast Road, Waatarua*

**Wednesday 24th (Gala Opening), Thursday 25th, Friday 26th and Saturday 27th October,  
Wednesday 31st October, Thursday 1st November, Friday 2nd November  
and Saturday 3rd November at 8:00pm.**

**MATINEE: Sunday 28th October at 6:30pm.**

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**\$10 inside table, \$5 outside table.**

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## ORATIA SCOUTS' 25th ANNIVERSARY

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Sunday 11.00am - 12.00pm

#### WEB Site:

[www.waatarua.org.nz](http://www.waatarua.org.nz)

## From the Editor

Jenny Bebbington

Hi Everyone!

Spring is here and the bird life in Waiatarua certainly seems to be increasing. Recently, we've had a family or two of Kookaburras move into our street, which has caused huge excitement and they are forcing our household to wake very early in the morning with their calling. I've been feeding the Silver Eyes and I can honestly say, at times, we've had well over a hundred on our property feeding off the seeds and bread. This in turn has attracted the attention of all the other birds – moreporks, wood pigeons, parrots, fantails, cockatoos and tuis have all congregated to see what the fuss is all about. Not to mention the chickens that have been spotted travelling through the bush and the ducks passing over the decks. We moved into the area just over 5 years ago; at the time the bird life was thin on the ground – I have wondered if it was the moth spraying that was happening in Waitakere City at the time. Anyway, that is all history now... and we are just enjoying the return of our feathered friends.

There is plenty happening in Waiatarua in the next couple of months; 'At the Bach' by the Waiatarua Performing Arts Trust, The Community Breakfast and Car Boot Sale to name just a few. Hopefully you can mark one or two in your diary to attend; there will be plenty of entertainment for all.

The Rangers Article hasn't appeared in our newsletter this month as Oliver has been away, but rest assured all will be back to normal for next month.

**Take care and until next month – Jenny Bebbington**

## Recycling Days OCTOBER 3rd, 17th & 31st

A recycling collection service is provided on the same day as the rubbish collection on a fortnightly basis, the recyclables collected being glass bottles and jars, #1 and #2 plastics, aluminium and tin cans and paper/cardboard.

## BRICKBATS and BOUQUETS

Sponsored by the Fairy Flower Shop,  
423 Titirangi Road, Titirangi. Phone 817 3780

I would like to nominate my neighbour Judy for a **bouquet**. When my dog Harry managed to escape from his enclosed area on the balcony, Judy not only realised he was on the loose and came to investigate, but also found some trellis and nailed up the hole where Harry had got out.

I'm so appreciative of her actions in keeping my dog safe and secure. It would be great to thank Judy by sending her a bouquet for being such a great neighbour.

This month we have two **brickbats** to award.

**THE FIRST** is to the white Toyota Corolla Wagon (registration starts UD88) that passed a resident on the wrong side of the road on double yellow lines between Carter and Parker Roads. Although the more careful driver was travelling at 70, the Corolla was out of sight within two bends.

**THE SECOND** is to the impatient driver of a small red hatchback who tailgated another resident down West Coast Road and then overtook too close to the corner by Kellys Road. The two finger salute was not appreciated either.

## From the President

Dave Pocock

Hi! Well, I start this month with a W.R.R.A. Spring Special: everyone that joins on or after 1st October will get a membership that does not expire until December 2008. YES 14 months for the price of twelve, I don't know how we do it! On the subject of membership there are a couple of points I need to make to those financial members with email who may not be getting Hotmail:

**Point 1:** Whether it is a new membership or a renewal you must include your email address.

**Point 2:** If you have not received an email in the last couple of weeks and especially if you are on Xtra, there have been some hiccups since the anti-spam law came in. You need to go to your internet home page and access your mailbox and in there will be a bulk mail section. You may be surprised what you will find. One of our committee members found 600 items; most of them were about helping a certain part of his anatomy but there was also some genuine mail. Not sure what to do – just find a child over 10 and I am sure they will be able to help.

**ROADWATCH:** In the previous newsletter, and this one, our brickbats have gone to what can only be described as totally irresponsible motorists. Both of these incidents happened between Kenlock Motors and Parker Road, encompassing a 50k (40k at times) and a 70k area, which got me thinking.

So let's deal with the 50k area, which at times is restricted to 40k. Between the 40k signs are a Service Station, Shaw Road, Oratia School, Oratia Kindergarten, Oratia Playgroup, Oratia Hall, Oratia Superette, and Dragicevich Fruit and Veges. With summer and school holidays coming the school pool is going to be used at all times, people going to and from the beaches stopping for ice creams, all this paints a scary picture of large numbers of children in and around the area.

Did you know that the difference between travelling that area at 50k or 40k is about 10 seconds weighed against killing or maiming a child (who you might even know). Think of the cost in time, money and mental anguish not to mention grief that would cause.

What to do? Well I am going to try to observe the 40k speed limit area from dawn to dusk, 7 days a week and I invite you to join me.

Boy is this election shaping up to be a beauty, with a large number of candidates to choose from and I urge you to vote and do not let family and friends of candidates decide your representation for you. If you are happy with those there now, they need your support at the ballot. If you are not happy with them now is a good opportunity to have that change with alternative choices available.

Do not forget keep an eye out for the next play and community breakfast, all happening over the next couple of months. And then it will be Xmas – just thought you would like a reminder.

**That's all folks! – Dave**

## Library Report

Jeannette Ziesler

### GREETINGS FROM THE LIBRARY

This month we have had a number of excellent books arrive on our shelves. Here is a selection from amongst those, all written by New Zealanders and all well worth reading.

**The Blue** by Mary McCallum – Set amongst the whaling community in the Tory Channel in 1938, this has been widely praised.

**Drybread** by Owen Marshall – A thriller and love story based in the wonderful Maniototo and excellent reading.

**The Kindness of Strangers** by Shonagh Koea – Wonderful memories, interspersed with recipes from this great NZ author.

**How To Stop a Heart From Beating** by Jackie Ballantyne – This is a heart-warming story about a young girl in a South Otago dairying community.

**Waimarino County & Other Excursions** by Martin Edmond – Essays on memories, travel and words. Give it a go.

**Good reading.** Remember you can reserve books; call in or email [jawz@clear.net.nz](mailto:jawz@clear.net.nz).

## Neighbourhood Support Waitakere

Les Duffield

Just when we thought it was quietening down...some chance...a couple went to Rotorua for a few days and came back to a break in, damage to the home and a desktop computer stolen. The thieves were clever and broke into the home via a window in the bathroom where there was not a PIR (detector). Escaped via a door which *did* activate the alarm but, too late, they had gone. How do these rogues know when the property is empty? An asian gentleman in a suit was found on the deck of this home prior to the burglary, taking photographs of the property next door for sale, this could be an innocent but cheeky activity but it pays for us to be aware. I would always let my next-door neighbours know when I am away, then there would be a better response to the alarm.

### Waiatarua Rainfall (August 2007)

	Rain Days	Wettest Day	Mth Total	Year to Date
Mountain Road	–	–	–	–
Brabant Road	27	16th – 40 mm	164 mm	1018 mm
Quinns Road	27	17th – 31 mm	150 mm	898 mm
Forest Hill Road	16	16th – 52 mm	135 mm	1035 mm
Auckland City	–	–	127 mm	682 mm

## FOCUS ON BUSINESS

Bill Whittome tells me he's semi-retired these days – but it doesn't sound like it to me! As his story unfolds, it becomes evident that this is a man of many talents. Alongside his community involvement helping refugees with education programmes which aim to integrate them into New Zealand society, Bill has also founded art2trade4, a unique concept which came to him out of a life-long passion for art, and his professional background as a planner and designer. To fund the business in its development phase, Bill paints houses as well. He assures me this is quite within his comfort zone; in the past he's helped his wife (Dr Ruth Baxter) to build two medical facilities.

The concept behind art2trade4 is to create an online environment where everyone from first time buyers to collectors can browse, discuss, buy and experience art with like-minded people.

Artists will be able to register and set up their own galleries, including works for sale. With a wealth of carefully researched categories (such as photography, sculpture, carving and painting), artists from all disciplines will be represented. The site will support everyone from home-based artists through to art galleries and re-sellers, creating a diverse browsing environment for art-lovers. A novel feature of art2trade4 is that the community will be able to buy and sell art through auctions right on the website.

A background in telecommunications, specifically broadband and developing networks, has allowed Bill to create not only the concept but also the design for the site. The next step is the development of Bill's plans into a functioning website, which will be done by a company in the USA. Plans are afoot to escalate progress by bringing in an investor, and there is also a sponsor involved.

Mostly, Bill works alone on art2trade4, although there is one business partner. After a lifetime of deadlines, he refuses to set any for himself on this project, saying he is just enjoying the process and "having the best of both worlds."

Amazingly, although the site isn't even operational yet, Bill already has 140 registrations. He has a webpage at [www.art2trade4.co.nz](http://www.art2trade4.co.nz) that outlines his plans, and he keeps those registered up to date with the occasional newsletter.

Somehow, this just seems like such an appropriate business to have its home in Waiatarua.

Web: [www.art2trade4.co.nz](http://www.art2trade4.co.nz) Email – [bjw@pl.net](mailto:bjw@pl.net)

– Jan Haine

## Fire Brigade

Ian Ford

At a Brigade dinner earlier in the month we recognised the contributions of our fire fighters with the presentation of service honours. Certificates for three years' service were awarded to Kerry Chislett, John Hinde, Mark Gosling, Andy Holyer and Cinnamon Edwards. A five year silver medal was presented to Renee Mihaljevich-Groves, and additional two year bars went to Steve Smith (for a total of seven years' service), Gareth Mullins (seven years), Kevin Healy (eleven years), Helen Longley (eleven years), Ryan Groves (thirteen years), Richard Seccombe (fifteen years) and Ian Ford (twenty-three years). Together that's over 100 years of volunteer service to the Waiatarua community.

At the same time we presented certificates to Kevin Healy, Gareth Mullins and Aaron Offenbaker who are all now qualified for the position of Station Officer. In terms of future leadership our Brigade has never been stronger!

## Recent Calls

**8:50pm, Monday 3 September** – Car fire, Scenic Drive. The call came in while we were in the middle of a BA search and rescue exercise at the Hall on a training night. We were on our way four minutes and twenty seconds later - after removing and recommissioning our BA (breathing apparatus) sets and getting them and other essential gear back on the truck. A very realistic training scenario!

**4:13pm, Wednesday 12 September** – Car crash, West Coast Rd. The driver lost control and spun into roadside trees but no-one was hurt. We're told there was some debate over which of the two occupants was the driver – the (allegedly) drunk one or the (allegedly) disqualified one. Police arrested the latter; apparently he was already a 'person of interest'.

## First Aid Kits

A voucher for a free First Aid Kit should have arrived in your letterbox a couple of weeks ago, courtesy of our Waitakere Licensing Trust. Use it! These kits should be a part of every home's emergency supplies. They are just the latest reminder of the value of the Licensing Trusts to our community, and further proof of the wisdom of the West in retaining them.

## Contacts

**Always dial 111 to call out the Fire Brigade.** Otherwise please call Ian Ford (814 8871), Helen Longley (814 9855) or Karl Nuttall (814 8777).

## Garden Group

Eileen Powell

After the very interesting and popular visit to Coatesville last month, our next get together is something different.

We are visiting a specialist Clivia Nursery on Wednesday October 3 at 11:00 am. Most of us will have Clivia (which are blooming at present) in our gardens, and enjoy the orange flowers which brighten up shady places. The address is 26 Murfield Street, which is off Line Road in Glen Innes.

**Please ring Eileen on 814 9298 for further information or car pooling.**

## EVAN TAYLOR

### COMMUNITY BOARD CANDIDATE

Evan Taylor alias 'The Colonel' from the Waiatarua plays. Evan is a volunteer fireman with 21 years service. He is a Senior Station Officer.

15 years a volunteer with the Civil Defence Police. For the past 6 years has assisted his wife with local body issues.

Standing as an independent, Evan believes Central Government should not be involved in local issues.

Evan Taylor is a hard working person wanting to give you a fresh voice.

5 family members live in the city; they think it is a great place to live. Evan wants to help keep it that way by putting in his time working as a Community Board member.

# Waiatarua Community Breakfast

## SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 25th

Book this great event in your calendar.

There will be a clown and colouring competition for the kids and a special Waiatarua Brunch.

Details will be published in November's newsletter.

## Waiatarua Ratepayers & Residents Association Inc Committee as from February 2007

### President / Community Board

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(Fire Brigade)

Please accept my Membership to the Waiatarua Ratepayers & Residents Association

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**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.): 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursdays of each month.

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

**WAIEMATA 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.

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Contact Les on 814 1130 or Dave on 814 9697

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