

Waiatarua Community News

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WAIATARUA RATEPAYERS & RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

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PRESENTED BY:

Waiatarua Performing Arts Trust Inc.

At the Bach

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

DIRECTED BY: JOHN GOUDGE

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

the Waiatarua Community Hall, 911 West Coast Road, Waiatarua

**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.**

**BE QUICK
to secure seats
for the final days**

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

Tickets – \$20.00 for adults and \$15.00 concession
– available from Robin on 814 1850 or
by email wpat-tickets@xtra.co.nz.

Please nominate the day of the performance you prefer and the number of tickets required.

BOOT FAIR/GARAGE SALE

SUNDAY 18 NOVEMBER – 10AM

WAIATARUA HALL, 911 WEST COAST ROAD

Bring along stuff you will never use. Household items, coffee & tea, scones etc, soft drinks.

Please contact Les Duffield 814 1130 or 021 720 100 to book a place at the hall.

For those with tables, set up time is 9am. \$10 inside table, \$5 outside table.

WAIATARUA QUIZ NIGHT

Saturday 17th November 2007, 7:30pm – at the Waiatarua Hall, 911 West Coast Rd.

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**

2006 Community Breakfast

Sunday the 25th of November (9.00am onwards)

This is a great opportunity to join friends and neighbours
for a café-style Sunday breakfast
at the Waiatarua Community Hall, 911 West Coast Road.

Entertainment and colouring competition for the kids
Perhaps you have out-of-towners staying.
What better way could there be
of showing off our beautiful bush surroundings and friendly community?

Enjoy the traditional family atmosphere with a delicious cooked breakfast
plus pastries, muffins and fruit
all prepared by the WRRRA Committee and volunteers.

\$15-00 adults, \$8.00 children under 12
Otherwise, for WRRRA members: \$10.00 adults, \$5.00 children

Pre-book please with our Treasurer Jan Haine on 837 2318 or jan_haine@xtra.co.nz

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911 West Coast Road

Hall hire

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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

From the Editor

Jenny Bebbington

Hi all. The Oratia Farmers' Market started Labour Weekend, with lots of fabulous stalls. The Market will be every Saturday from 9am–12 noon at Artisan Wines, 99 Parrs Cross Road, Oratia – rain or shine. Parking is available for \$2. A farmers' market is a produce market selling food produce and food products, fresh flowers, plants and compost to name just a few. The products are sourced locally and sold by the producer. The aim is to provide a venue for local food producers to sell their product directly to the public. This is an authentic farmers' market – a member of Farmers' Markets New Zealand Inc. There will also be a music stall for buskers and a community stall where various community organisations will have displays. As the Market is a new venture they are looking for any other local producers wishing to have a stall. For further information phone Chris 817 9645 or visit their website www.oratiafarmersmarket.co.nz.

Jenny Bebbington

Garden Group

Eileen Powell

A full day out in South Auckland is planned for our November 7 get together. We will meet at *Shadie Stables* at 10:30am for those who need to start the day with retail therapy. The address is Jamieson Road, Pukekohe. At 11:30am we will visit the serene 1½ acre *Ngodevwa Garden* at 8 Whiriwhiri Road, Waiuku, where the entry fee is \$5.

Lunch will be enjoyed at *Brookfield Lodge Garden* at Bombay. This large garden has sweeping lawns and shade trees bordered by curved beds of shrubs, roses and perennials plus an area of palms, bromeliads and various subtropicals. The entry fee, including lunch, is \$12.

Ring Eileen as soon as possible on 814 9298 for any further information or for car pooling.

Neighbourhood Support Waitakere

Les Duffield

Recently a car was acting suspiciously on Scenic Drive. It was a Blue Nissan Bluebird saloon with a black rear bumper – registration number XE1752. Luckily some locals reported it to the Police; and yes, the plates were stolen. This proves you can't be too vigilant; just maybe, these people saved your home from being broken into.

You will have received an envelope with this newsletter, giving useful details to make your home safe, make sure you are prepared for an emergency and to make sure the Emergency Services are prepared for you. It will also contain a personal questionnaire – the only way for the new Neighbourhood Support to work successfully is for each of us to be able to communicate with our neighbours. Your telephone number is needed so that you can be contacted in an emergency or if there is a criminal intent in our area. Your email address is needed so that relevant information on current criminal activities can be passed on.

For further information and details contact Les Duffield phone 814 1130, 021 720 100; email lesjudj@xtra.co.nz

BRICKBATS and BOUQUETS

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

There have been no **bouquet** nominations this month. The **brickbat** goes to the drivers who travel up Forest Hill Road and fail to stop and indicate at the Stop Sign as they are turning left into West Coast Road. There certainly is an accident waiting to happen.

From the Vice President

Korstiaan Prins

It is not often I get the opportunity to write a report for the newsletter and now I sit here writing it, there is so much going on I hope I don't forget anything. Let's line them all up.

On Wednesday 24th October the latest production of the *Waiatarua Performing Arts Trust 'At the Bach'* will open with a gala performance. The cast and crew have been working really hard since late August to bring you this production. If you haven't got tickets yet telephone Robin on 814 1850. Be sure to see this one.

Cathie and Ian will host the last Quiz night for 2007 on Saturday the 17th November. We have had a great season; so mark this evening on your calendar. Only a weekend later, Sunday Morning 25th November, the *WRRRA Committee* will once again cook your breakfast for you. A clown will entertain us all and there will be a colouring competition for the children. There will be the usual full breakfast and an all round good time to be had by all. Please telephone Jan Haine on 837 2318 for bookings so we know how many we need to cater for.

By now we also know that only a very few of us bothered to vote in the Local Body Elections, apparently the lowest turnout ever for Waitakere. You must have been so busy enjoying the beautiful rangers that it slipped your mind.

The *Waiatarua Community Centre* will receive a new roof in early November. After a few small leaks were detected during the past winter, the owner of the building – *Waitakere City Council* – was quick to have them fixed, and tendered for a new roof to be fitted. Thank you *Waitakere City Council* for providing us with a great place for this Community to gather for all the events like the ones mentioned above and others over the years. The *WRRRA* has ordered a second oven for the *Community Centre*. We found that just the one stove is not enough when we are catering for many people at a time. We hope to have it available for the breakfast in November.

So people there is plenty to do over the next month or so; we don't mind if you forgot to vote, you are still welcome at the *Community Hall* to enjoy the show, quiz and breakfast. We hope to see you there.

– Korstiaan

Fire Brigade

Ian Ford

Guy Fawkes' Bonfire

You're all invited to join us at the Guy Fawkes' Bonfire at the Fire Station on Sunday 4th November. We'll have a few sausages on the barbecue from 6:30pm and the bonfire will be lit as it gets dark, probably some time after 8pm. If you'd like to BYO fireworks we will have an area set aside where you can let them off. Please only light fireworks in this area, and we remind you that you are responsible for looking after your children. If the weather is uncooperative then we will postpone to Monday 5th – call the Fire Station on the night to check, telephone 814 9213.

Chemical Dumping

A disturbing recent trend has been the dumping of chemical waste in the Ranges, probably discarded from a 'P' lab. In both of the incidents in the last month there were a number of different containers, some unlabelled, and some containing a quantity of chemicals. We're told some of these can be pretty nasty – especially if they mix.

Please call the Police or Fire Service if you see anything like this and don't try to clean them up yourself. If you see them being dumped and can safely note vehicle registration numbers or descriptions than the Police would certainly appreciate this information (immediately if possible), but don't put yourself at risk!

Recent Calls

8:03am, Friday 14 September – Hazardous materials, Scenic Drive. Attended by Henderson and Glen Eden Brigades and the Auckland City Hazmat unit. A number of dumped chemical containers needed identification before fire crews and Police could determine that they could be removed safely.

12:38am, Sunday 23 September – Car fire, Scenic Drive. Another stolen car at Spraggs Bush.

1:17pm, Sunday 7 October – Hazardous materials, Anawhata Rd. We attended a virtually identical scenario to that of 14 September, again with the Auckland Hazmat unit.

Reminder

Did you check the batteries in your smoke alarm when you changed your clocks for daylight saving? It's not too late...

Contacts

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

Waiatarua Rainfall (September 2007)

	Rain Days	Wettest Day	Mth Total	Year to Date
Mountain Road	13	10th – 35 mm	118 mm	1172 mm
Brabant Road	18	9th – 15 mm	90 mm	1108 mm
Quinns Road	19	10th – 18 mm	83 mm	981 mm
Forest Hill Road	11	30th – 15 mm	79 mm	1114 mm
Auckland City	–	–	21 mm	702 mm

FOCUS ON BUSINESS

One of the great joys in my life is being able to work from my office that looks straight out into our beautiful Waiatarua bush. Perhaps you are one of my fellow locals who do the same, or maybe you've thought about starting your own business so you can! If so, this month's column is for you.

As the *Focus on Business* interviews have shown over the past five months, the shape and diversity of small businesses in Waiatarua is huge. Our peaceful, exquisitely beautiful landscape is full of the most amazing entrepreneurs, all of whom have demonstrated their commitment to our community by basing their businesses here. These self-employed and small business owners are a cornerstone of our community. Without them, we would have considerably fewer resources available for the not-for-profit organisations and activities that operate in Waiatarua. Many small business owners employ or outsource to others in the community, and also invest their time and expertise to contribute directly. There is a certain level of expectation that local businesses will support the communities in which they operate, which is fine – but who supports them?

Anyone who has ever started up their own business will tell you that it can be a pretty overwhelming experience, and it doesn't necessarily get any easier as the business continues to grow. Decisions need to be made and actions to be taken that may be well outside the expertise of the business owner, and there's always something new to learn to stay on top of things. In addition, despite what many may think, a large number of (even quite successful) small businesses make only a modest profit; even for those operating from home, as so many do in Waiatarua, there are hidden costs associated with running a profitable business.

Fortunately, there's now good news for small business owners when they need support. Over the last couple of years, there has been an explosion of information, services and resources available to help anyone operating their own business, or thinking about starting one. While there are always times when we need to pay a professional for services, there are now also many quality services available absolutely free – you just have to know where to look! Many of these are particularly useful for people thinking of starting up or in the early stages of their business – it's a bit of a 'catch 22' – you need the services and resources in order to have the money to pay for them! Here are just a couple of my favourite resources for small business owners or those looking to start one, accessible right here in our own community.

Enterprise Waitakere: Telephone 837 1855 or email businessservices@waitakereenterprise.co.nz; Website www.waitakereenterprise.co.nz; Offices – Second Floor, Central One, Waitakere Central Office Park, 4 Henderson Valley Road, Henderson.

Enterprise Waitakere exists to help businesses in the area succeed. They offer practical support and assistance to existing business owners or those considering starting a business. Their range of services includes a Business Start-up Pack (they'll post it to you, or you can collect) a range of free courses, funding opportunities, and contacts to help grow your business.

New Zealand Trade and Enterprise: Telephone 0800 55 5888; Website www.nzte.govt.nz
New Zealand Trade and Enterprise provides a huge range of information and tools to help start, run or grow a business.

Biz: Telephone 0800 424 946; Website www.business.govt.nz; Offices – Waitakere Enterprise
Biz is a fairly new service provided by NZTE; in Waitakere their physical services are offered via Enterprise Waitakere, so you can 'phone them or pay them a visit if you're not on the internet. If you are, the website is new, and superb! I highly recommend it.

There are many other quality free resources available to support small business owners or those thinking about starting up a business, from business planning, information on how to set up your business and home office, business and computer training, and business mentoring, to free computer software that you can use to run your business records (and information on what records you should keep, and how to keep them!). If you would like to find out more about what's available, get in touch with me (email jan_haine@xtra.co.nz or telephone 837 2318) – I'll add you to my newsletter list and keep you updated on quality, free services and resources for small businesses.

– Jan Haine

West Coast Gallery Presents Sense of shape

A Photographic Exhibition by Tony Dunn

10th Nov–2nd Dec 2007

Gallery open Thursday–Sunday 10am–5pm

West Coast Gallery, Old Fire Station, Piha
www.westcoastgallery.co.nz. Ph 09 8128 029



Preview night
9th Nov 6–8pm

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

Library Report

Jeannette Ziesler

HELP REQUIRED!

We require a volunteer for one hour, once a month. Jenny has given us years of service – our thanks to her – and now she has stepped down. We need someone to open the library and issue books on either the 1st Saturday or 1st Sunday of each month. Please ring Bev (835 3237), or Jeannette (814 1999) if you can help us out. Thanks.

There are some excellent new books waiting to be read. Come along, borrow them, and enjoy a good read.

Recycling Days NOVEMBER 14th & 28th

Place your recycling bin and bundled paper on the kerb by 7:30am on your recycling collection day.

Last month it was stated that only #1 and #2 plastics were to be placed in the recycling bin. This is the official Council policy; but one of our community has communicated with Jon Roscoe at the Council and unofficially they will take plastics #1, #2, #3, #4, #5, #6 and #7. The reason it is not policy yet is that they aren't sure if the market will continue to exist (although it seems pretty likely) and they don't want to have to tell everyone to go back to #1 and #2s, so people who put out #1 to #7s need to be mindful that they may possibly be asked to stop the #3 to #7s sometime in the future. If anyone in Waiatarua wishes to discuss this further then they are welcome to phone Jon Roscoe at the WCC who is aware that we will be putting this in our newsletter.

REDUCING RUBBISH MAKES SENSE FOR EVERYONE:
• It reduces current and future costs to the city (and to ratepayers) • It reduces demands on the environment and natural resources • It reduces the amount of material taken to landfills.

CONSIDER: • Buying products that use less packaging (economy sizes, refills or concentrates) • Telling retailers "NO BAG PLEASE" when you are buying just one or two items • Reusing boxes and jars for storage • Donating reusable items to charities or 'op shops' and taking old clothes to clothing recycling bins.

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(Fire Brigade)

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Advertising & Community Notices

Commercial advertisements are welcome and can be arranged by contacting Jenny Bebbington via email bizart@xtra.co.nz or phone 814 9665. Community Notices are free to financial members 2007, January to December.

ACTING TRAINING FOR ADULTS: Monday and Wednesday night classes at Rimu Glade Studio, 4 Rimu Road, Waitarua, with tutor John Goudge. Nine-week courses enrolling now. Phone 814 9744 for info.

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

HANDYMAN WORK: - Reliable, efficient with fair rates. SPECIAL gutters cleaned and gutter guard installed, from \$45. Phone Mike 814 9708

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

OTIMAI: - Events and training centre is available for hire (Guides Auckland) and is open to view by appointment. Please phone Lynne & Walter on 814 9992 for bookings.

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

PORCELAIN POTTERY FOR SALE: - My studio shop is open again for a trial period up to Christmas. Vases, bowls and boxes in soft colours with carved and pierced decoration - ideal for special gifts. Also collage cards and mosaic mirrors. Please phone first - Jan 814 9701.

SLEEPOUT TO RENT: Quiet bush outlook with nice views. Has own kitchen; share bathroom and laundry. I am looking for someone who is environmentally conscious and likes to live in harmony with nature, animals and people. Rent is \$190 per week including expenses. Phone 814 1829.

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.

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.

HALL HIRE

911 WEST COAST ROAD
WAIATARUA

1-2 hour sessions \$20

Half day hire \$60

Half day & evening function
(deposit required) \$150

Contact Les on 814 1130 or Dave on 814 9697

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 Ph: 814 1919 (applies to max 2 adults per visit)

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Winter Hours - Monday & Tuesday - Sorry we are closed. Wednesday & Thursday 12 noon till 3pm. Friday - Sunday 10 am till Late

Kids Nite Out - Fridays kids eat free off the childrens menu
The fire is blazing every day and the restaurant is warm and cosy.

Waitarua Ratepayers Association members 10% discount (on two diners).

Come along for casual relaxed dining.

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