

Waiatarua Community News

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Local Area Planning in Waiatarua

The Council has been exploring with the communities of Waiatarua and Oratia how they imagine their long-term future – what these places will look and feel like in 50 years' time and how people can provide for their comfort, health and wellbeing.

What we've heard from you is that you want Waiatarua to be treated as a separate identity to Oratia. The conversations and meetings undertaken have revealed that, for the most part, people want to keep Waiatarua the way it is. They value the native vegetation, the views and the feeling of privacy which is balanced by a strong sense of community.

Since the February Residents and Ratepayers AGM and the March community workshops the Council staff have begun to draft descriptions of the area's future character and amenity, the long-term objectives for the future of the area, its features and identify the boundaries between the communities. The Council will present their draft work to the Waiatarua Residents and Ratepayers' meeting on 26 May 2009, 7.30p.m. at the Hall 911 West Coast Rd, and will seek feedback and comments from the community to help refine and focus the outcomes.

Local Area Plans (LAPs) are developed by the Council and the community working together. They are provided for under the Waitakere Ranges Heritage Area Act 2008 which sets out what a Local Area Plan must contain. A LAP will help to build up an accurate picture of the local area, identifying all the heritage features including the natural environment (bush, streams), landscapes, the human culture (both past and present) and the Regional Park.

The aim of the LAP is that when decisions concerning a local area are made in the future, such as providing services or deciding whether to grant resource consents, those making the decisions have something against which to measure the impact of the action that is proposed. The LAP looks to the long-term future to ensure that as an area grows and develops, change does not destroy the things that make it special.

For more information about the LAP process, the feedback from meetings undertaken to date and information on the features that make Waiatarua special go to the Waitakere City Council website <http://www.waitakere.govt.nz/abtctit/ne/ranges.asp>

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WAIATARUA LAP MEETING
26th MAY 7.30p.m
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And have your say

Garden Group

Eileen Powell

Our May visit is to be held on Wednesday 13 May at 1 pm. We are going to the Black Sands Lodge, Piha where Bobbie Carroll has mostly native plants with a few exotics thrown in. Bobbie is also the co-ordinator of a Waitakere City Council/Beach Valley partnership, supported by Piha Coast Care, which is seeing 30-plus properties in the road making a start on eradicating weeds and replacing with natives.

Our June 3 visit is to Coromandel Cacti in Mt Wellington to check out their range of cacti and succulents. For further information ring Eileen on 8149 298.

Neighbourhood Support

Les Duffield

Reference Community Patrols, Neighbourhood Support, due to the lack of reaction to the idea of Community Patrols, the plans have been put on the "back burner".

I would like to thank those residents who offered to volunteer to operate within the patrols. Les

Library Report

Jeannette Ziesler

A Selection of Our Newest Books:

Jeffrey Archer - "Paths of Glory". Archer's latest explores the life of Mallory and his ascent of Mt Everest. Did he get there first?

Lesley Horton - "Twisted Tracks". Detectives investigating the deaths of a young woman and a 96 year old discover a gruesome link.

Douglas Kennedy - "Leaving the World". A young woman's life is not an easy one, but Kennedy has written another great read.

Rick Mofina - "Six Seconds". A missing son, plus a death in the Rockies lead to an uncovering of a plot to assassinate a world leader.

Barbara O'Neal - "Lost Recipe For Happiness". Foodies will love the descriptions of food and recipes in this book.

Stella Rimington - "Deadline". A tight authentic spy story by the woman who has lived the life.

Chris Tsiolkas - "The Slap". A child is slapped at a BBQ by a man not his father. The repercussions of this are far reaching.

Many more new books to enjoy at the library.

JUNE NEWSLETTER

Copy needs to be in the hands of the Editor

by FRIDAY 15th MAY 2009 - 5PM

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From the President

Dave Pocock

Hi!

Well Supercity, to be or not to be, that is the question and the answer is yes it will happen one way or the other. As a committee we do not intend to pass judgement or either support or oppose it, as like you we all have our own take on it.

What we do intend to do is make sure that Waiatarua continues to receive what help and support it is due under the new system and to that end committee member Murray Smith is keeping us in the picture as to when and where we need to make submissions. Murray as you may recall, has worked as Town Clerk for many years, so is very familiar with processes required and still has a strong interest in proceedings. We intend to ensure that things like footpaths for our three main roads are still on the list, among other projects.

Last month I reported that we were lobbying to have Waiatarua recognised and treated independently from Oratia for the current L.A.P discussions.

Well I am happy to report that as a result of our submission and feedback from you at Lap meetings Waiatarua is now being treated separately, resulting in a public meeting in our hall to bring us all up to date (see separate item). Although we may be part of the same LAP document. Please make the effort to attend and realise this will not be affected by the Supercity as it is part of the Heritage Area process.

Last month saw the first Quiz night for 09 and what a great night it was with the Bacon, Marshall, Powell etc, table winning once again.

Table tennis is under way again and I know they would welcome some newcomers, Wednesday nights 7pm at the hall.

This month's calendar is looking busy with the latest offering from the Drama club opening on the 13th through to the 23rd and if you haven't experienced one of our local productions do yourself a favour and get along. The first week is the best time as bookings traditionally are heavy in week two. The Drama club has a new President, who just happens to be our ex Vice-President, Korstiaan Prins.

Congratulations to Kor and I know he will do the drama club proud as has outgoing President John Goudge, yes our hall hire manager.

Isn't it funny how the same names keep appearing in different roles and wouldn't it be nice to have some new names to add to the list.

Both the Drama Club and W.R.R.A. are looking for new committee members so don't be shy and give us a bell Dave 814 9697, Kor 814 1850.

How do you like our new look newsletter, going by comments I have had we love it, so thanks Nicki. We are looking for someone to work with Nicki and do what I am currently doing, gathering newsletter content, as I need to reduce my workload.

Also someone to look after the advertising, by liaising with current advertisers, and sourcing new accounts, reporting to the treasurer, and don't worry if you are new to the area as Nicki was only a matter of weeks here when she took on the newsletter.

Be sure to keep Saturday the 27th of June free for the 2009 'Waiatarua Great Debate', and what a beauty it is shaping up to be with Karl Nuttall joining Paula Bennett on the challenging team. Karl is a local volunteer fireman as well as being a Waitakere City Civil Defence Officer and the original Cecil in the old Fire Brigade plays. We have some great sponsors for spot prize giveaways with Annie Prince donating her services and products (see separate item), Alessandra Zecchini gifting a copy of her book "Sweet As" and committee member Lynda Hogsden creating one of her fabulous Xmas puddings. All these people are local and we are extremely grateful for their support.

We will be offering financial members preferential booking entitlements this year - i.e. discounted ticket prices - so now is a good time to join the association..

Well I have rambled on long enough so until next month

Dave

Committee members 2009

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Fire Brigade

Ian Ford

We say thanks to Richard Seccombe who has left our Brigade. The residents of Massey and West Harbour get the benefit of his 17 years experience though as he has joined the Waitemata Volunteer Fire Brigade. With Richard's departure we are asking for applicants from within the Brigade to fill two Station Officer positions, one of which was already vacant.

All Brigade members recently completed their annual Breathing Apparatus revalidation, and a Brigade Training Officers forum was attended by Ian Ford and Gareth Mullins.

Recent Calls

- 4:02pm, Sat 14 March – Car vs car, top of West Coast Rd. No injuries.
- 8:15pm, Sat 14 March – Car rolled, Te Henga Rd. Handled by Bethells crew.
- 4:20pm, Sun 15 March - Car fire, Quinns Rd
- 5:19pm, Sun 15 March - Car over bank, Scenic Drive. Found to be cut up and dumped.
- 4:45am, Mon 23 March - False alarm, Arataki Visitor Centre.

Winter

The recent drop in temperature reminds us that winter isn't far away. It's time to get your chimney or flue swept, and to get your electric blankets checked. Remember that your electric blankets should be secured to your bed, and turned off at the wall before you get into bed. Find a metal container that you can store your fire's ashes in away from the house - they can ignite another fire for up to five days!

Contact

Always phone 111 for any fire or emergency. For general enquiries please call Ian Ford (814 8871), Helen Longley (814 9855) or Karl Nuttall (814 8777).

Aromatherapy

According to Annie Prince, aromatherapy is little understood in this country, most people associating it with nice fragrances or candles.

Acknowledged for thousands of years – in the 5th Century BC, Hippocrates is reported as saying “a perfumed bath and scented massage every day is the way to good health” - aromatherapy is a branch of herbal medicine involving the controlled use of high quality therapeutic grade essential oils or plant essences to help promote and maintain physical, emotional and spiritual wellbeing. Coupled with the well-documented physiological benefits of massage it can be a potent facilitator for healing, says Annie, a Waatarua resident and qualified aromatherapist.

A true aromatherapy treatment involves a detailed consultation resulting in a personalised blend of essential oils and a deeply relaxing massage providing stress relief and whole body wellbeing.

Besides being an aromatherapist, Annie is a teacher, artisan breadmaker, massage therapist, pregnancy massage therapist and mother of seven, and she is offering three spot prizes up for grabs at the Debate, 27th June:

1. Aromatherapy treatment for women, 1.5 hrs, value \$90.00;
2. Reflexology treatment, 1 hr, value \$70.00;
3. Aromatherapy gift pack, value \$50.00.

To find out more about what Annie offers, phone 814 1896, 021 500 986 or email meredithprince@xtra.co.nz

Waatarua Rainfall March 2009

	Rain Days	Wettest Day	Mth Total	Year to Date
Mountain Road	12	5th - 27mm	73mm	353mm
Brabant Road	13	5th - 30mm	69mm	359mm
Quinns Road	15	6th - 26mm	67mm	340mm
Forest Hill Road	18	6th - 39mm	86mm	338mm
Auckland City			35mm	186mm

Ants

Amblyopone australis (no common name): The largest of our NZ ants, well established here, though native to Australia, this one gives alarm by its relatively large size, particularly the winged queen measuring 10cm in body length. Despite its large jaws visible with the naked eye, it is a harmless nocturnal ant, hunting insects and scavenging on dead insects. They form small nests in rotten logs or in the soil, and keep to themselves. This ant is not in the habit of invading houses for food. This is probably the most 'foreign-looking' ant in NZ, surprisingly common, though not often encountered because it is nocturnal.



Ark in the Park

Kaka sightings

Following on Yvonne and Nancy's sightings of a Kaka on Fenceline Track there was this from Annette:-

In case you're keeping records of kaka Karen, I can report that we heard a kaka stationary in our little patch of bush at 110 Bethells Road, yesterday morning about half an hour before dawn. It's only the third time we've heard kaka here in a decade, and the first time they've not just been flying overhead.

Cheers - Annette Lees

Comments from Suzi Phillips

This is a very interesting time to get Kaka observations on the mainland, because it's just at the end of their breeding season and less likely that they are already on the move across from the Hauraki Gulf islands. It suggests that they are breeding, or at least resident, rather than itinerant kaka. There were quite a lot of kaka sightings in Dec/Jan from the Muriwai area and at least one pair of kaka have been resident there most of the year too, so I wonder if you heard that pair, on the move down the coast in search of food, or if it was another one or pair that are resident in this part of the coast and the Ark now.

Please do keep your eyes and ears open for any more sightings and sounds, as I'm very interested to get any more information.

I co-ordinate the Kakawatchnz network and have a database of sightings. You can see the 2007 sighting distribution map at www.kakawatchnz.org and the 2008 one is underway. Plus of course, I'm gathering sightings for 2009 and the next map. I also ask where possible for feeding and behaviour observations, to help build up a picture of kaka activity on the Auckland region mainland. You can send sightings with date, time, location, activity, (behaviour, feeding, tree species when possible) information direct to me at kakawatchnz@gmail.com

Send all kaka sightings to Suzi Phillips at kakawatchnz@gmail.com

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Community Notices are free to financial members 2008, January to December.

Celebrating Mothers: with flowers and all things motherly. Sunday 10 May at 9.30 am at the Oratia Church.

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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. 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.

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The Oratia Community Church: On the corner of Parker & West Coast roads. Fellowship (trips, meetings etc.): 2nd Thursdays of each month.

Waiaatarua/Oratia: Roomy 2 storey 2BR house plus storage room. Suit quiet business couple. Set in 2 acres of bush and lawns, in quiet green belt. \$310 per week includes water rates plus lawns, ph mobile 0210 509 209.

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