



An Update on 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 during the meetings in February, March and May 2009 is that you want Waiatarua to be recognised as a distinct community and that in the future Waiatarua should basically stay the same and not change. Residents have told us they value and enjoy the natural bush setting and that this location provides a unique residential lifestyle choice in the Auckland region, being situated in an outstanding natural landscape. Housing is relatively low density and is generally spread along the ridgelines, with buildings well sited within the landscape, separate from neighbours to provide privacy for residents. There is a strong community spirit shown through the active use of the community hall and library and participation in clubs and events. These facilities are an important part of the future of Waiatarua and need to be valued.

Important to the future of Waiatarua is the protection and restoration of the forest from pest and weed infestation and initiatives to manage and eradicate these. The question for the LAP is how these initiatives could be supported in the future.

We've also heard from you that the boundary of Waiatarua extends along the length of Scenic Drive (including Quninn's Road), extending to Turanga and Mountain Roads in the north, and south-east to the Oratia Stream and Kelly's Road forming the boundary with Oratia.

The next step will be to prepare a draft LAP and seek feedback and submissions from the community. This is anticipated to occur in late August and Council will encourage comment from residents on the proposed boundary and the vision for the future of Waiatarua.

Local Area Plans (LAPs) are provided for under the Waitakere Ranges Heritage Area Act 2008. A LAP will help to build up an accurate picture of the local area, identifying all the significant 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 go to the Waitakere City Council website <http://www.waitakere.govt.nz/abtctit/ne/ranges.asp> To contact Council for more information please email ranges@waitakere.govt.nz or phone Lorraine Maguire on (09) 836 8000 extn 8447.

* Murray Smith's report - page 3.



Oratia Spinners & Craft Group

Once a year our we have an exchange visit with Waimauku Spinners.

We have a lovely morning tea/lunch and also a show-and-tell table. Both groups bring things they have made through the year and share the making and design of some amazing products. We have such a lot of very clever people within our two groups.

This year we decided to have a fashion show for our visitors - but it was one with a difference. All models outfits were designed around a room of the house. Each model made their own outfit and we had an amusing commentary to go with them. Our models were Lucy Laundry - in her white hessian gown, Katie Kitchen - with her "appealing" earrings, Beverly Bedroom, Suzy Sewer, Betty Bathroom, Tania Toilet, Noeline Nursery - with her gown cut across the "nap", and Loretta lounge with her gown "draping" around her nicely.

We all had a great day with a lot of laughs.

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Letter to the Editor

Hi there Dave.

I live in Bush Road, Waiatarua, and recently, my cat was shot by someone in the area. He had been missing for a few days and when he finally came home, I saw he was injured and took him to the vet. They found that a 0.22 calibre bullet had entered below his eye and passed out through his cheek before re-entering his neck and lodging in his shoulder. He was very lucky to survive and fortunately, the vet was able to operate and remove the bullet so he will recover, although he was quite badly wounded.

I am certain this was a deliberate act, as my cat has distinctive black and white colouring and could not have been mistaken for another animal, especially as he was shot in the face. Unfortunately, he would have been shot by someone living in Bush Road, as he does not wander far from home and this is a no-exit road.

The matter has been reported to both the police and the SPCA but I would be grateful if anyone with any information about the attack would telephone either myself on 814 9440 or the SPCA on 256 7300. Also, if anyone knows of someone shooting in the neighbourhood, they should phone the Henderson police on 839 0600, as the police informed me that it is an offence to discharge a gun in a residential area.

I am very concerned this will happen again unless the person is discovered so I would really appreciate it if you could put an article in the newsletter asking people to be on the lookout.

Thanks very much for your help,

Sonya Rhodes

JULY NEWSLETTER

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From the President

Dave Pocock

Hi ,

By the time you read this we will have had our Great Debate which, apart from always being a great night out, marks the middle of the year so we are on the home run to Christmas. Bookings for this year's event are excellent with 74 out of a maximum of 80 tickets sold four days out from close off.

I would like to give a big vote of thanks to Robin Essex and Korstiaan Prins for their efforts in organising the contestants among other things, especially as they are no longer on the committee, THANKS GUYS. Also big thanks to Susanne Timms, Lynda & Frank Hogsden who have worked closely with Robin and Kor on this, and Jan James who handled the bookings.

June has been a busy month for me as apart from the debate, SuperCity and LAP, I along with Frank and Lynda was involved in the Waitemata Theatre's production The Magnificence of Music Hall, and what a lot of fun it was. I played the Chairman, Lynda played the piano and Frank was a singer in the ensemble.

For the past 18 months I have fulfilled the post of Editor, originally due to the ill health of our then Editor Jenny Bebbington and then due to not finding a replacement for me. Well I am happy to tell you that as of next month we have a new Editor, Robyn O'Sullivan, who like Nicki is a recent addition to the Waiatarua community. Welcome aboard Robyn! It is a small world as Robyn's husband Grant and I lived next door to each other as children in New Lynn.

As for Jenny's health, here it is in her own words: " My health is great - must say, I wondered if I would ever say that. But I'm the best I've been in absolutely years! Not quite released from the system yet, but the light at the end of the tunnel is shining brightly." I am sure like me you will be very happy for her, it is indeed great news.

We have increased the number of chairs for the hall, thanks to a council grant, now having 90 available which gives more scope for the prospect of weddings using the facility.

Table Tennis is really buzzing with good numbers, so if you feel inclined go and join in for an evening's fun, 7 pm Wednesdays at the hall.

Apart from that not a lot happening in Waiatarua although the LAP and SuperCity is enough to hold our attention for a little while.

I thought I would finish off with a little experience I had of customer service gone mad:

In the course of my work I came upon a water pipe gushing over the footpath in Newton Rd at 6 a.m., phoned Metro Water and after usual delays and questions, all by cell phone, got the message through. A week or so later I received a call from a Metrowater follow up to ensure as to my satisfaction with the handling of initial call. Around three weeks after that I received a call to make sure that I was happy with the follow up survey, which means any day now I will get a call to make sure I am happy with the follow up to the follow up. Does put one off doing these things.

Well keep warm,

Thanks

Dave

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Report from LAP meeting 26th May 2009 by Murray Smith

After extensive promotion in our May newsletter and Hotmail, the meeting was held in our hall on the evening 26th May. Council was represented by Mark Tollemache (Project Leader) and Sarah Karnohan (Planner), Community Board and other attendees numbered 11.

Mark, assisted by Sarah, updated the meeting on progress to date, relative to the compilation of a draft plan which it was hoped could be presented to Council during July. Following Council approval, the draft would then be released to the community for further debate and consultation. A significant part of the meeting was devoted to the consideration of a draft map which outlined an area that would ultimately be the subject of the Waiaatarua LAP. A number of ideas/suggestions were noted by Council officers who undertook to look at these closely before finalising the proposed area.

Once the draft plan has been approved by Council, there will be further opportunity for consultation with the Waiaatarua Community.

Murray Smith
Vice President

I was unable to attend this meeting and must say the turnout was a bit poor, although having said that, before becoming involved on the committee I probably wouldn't have gone either.

Having seen the proposed map of Waiaatarua I would encourage all, especially those living in the vicinity from Auckland's Waitakere Estate through to Mountain, Turanga roads etc to attend future meetings and closely follow proceedings. This applies especially if you are passionate about living in Waiaatarua, because the way things look at present you may not be in the future.

Thanks
Dave Pocock

Fire Brigade

Ian Ford

This month we give a big congratulations to Fire Fighter Thomas Hopkins who completed his Fire Service Recruits course at the Auckland Training Centre in May, and competed in the Skytower Stair Challenge on Saturday 23rd May, in full fire fighting uniform and breathing apparatus. The climb is 1103 steps, 51 floors. It is the second biggest Fire fighter Stair climb in the world and raises over \$90,000 for Leukemia and Blood Foundation of New Zealand.

Tom finished with an excellent time of 11 min and 58 sec, which put him in 20th place overall. Well done Tom!

Calls that the brigade attended this month were:

27 May 2009 - 9:42 - West Coast Road, Waiaatarua Chimney Fire - Out on arrival

28 May 2009 - 21:16 - Scenic Drive, Henderson Valley - MVA - Occupants left scene prior to brigade arrival

08 June 2009 - 20:38 - Imperial Place, Henderson - House Fire - While doing driver training in Henderson area, Waiaatarua was called to back up Henderson appliances at a house fire

10 June 2009 - 17:31 - Piha Road - MVA Car vs. Motorbike

Winter

With winter here, please ensure that your chimneys are swept. Ashes removed from fireplaces can take up to five days to cool. Always place in a metal container and well clear of your home. Remember THE METRE HEATER RULE, Keep furniture, Clothes and Curtains at least one metre from heaters and fire-places.

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Library Report Jeannette Ziesler

This month we are proud to share a list of NZ non-fiction books that we have recently purchased.

"WALKING IN LIGHT". Kelvin Cruickshank tells of his psychic experiences through his life and how he uses this "gift".

"GROWING OLDER IN NEW ZEALAND". Lawyer, Catriona MacLennan, has written this useful guide on wills, financial planning, rest homes etc.

"ROAD TO CASTLE HILL". Christine Ferneyhough's account of her new life as a station holder.

"ALWAYS THE SOUND OF THE SEA". Helen Beaglehole has tells us about the daily lives of NZ's lighthouse keepers.

"RELUCTANT HERO". This is the account of the deeds of Willie Apiata, our latest VC winner.

"100 BEST NATIVE PLANTS". Fiona Eadie has a new, colourful edition of her book on native plants

"ALL THIS AND A BOOKSHOP TOO". Well known owner of a children's bookshop, Dorothy Butler, shares her life as a bookshop owner.

"BAKE". Alison Gofton's new recipe book is the one to get you baking.

These are all good books and just right for a winter's weekend.

Garden Group Eileen Powell

Our July 1st get together is an afternoon looking at beautiful gardens on DVD. This will start at 1 pm at 832 West Coast Rd.

In August we will visit Eden Gardens to see the wonderful collection of Camellias which will be at their flowering peak. We will meet at 11 am on 5th August and have lunch in the gardens. Further information from Eileen on 814 9298.

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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.

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