



JUST DESSERTS: Great Debate winners Paula Bennett, Karl Nuttall and Sherilee Swanepoel with their trophy. The debate, with the moot that 'the proof is in the pudding' was held on 27th June at the Waiaatarua Hall, where many locals enjoyed delicious desserts along with the entertainment.



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The Magnets: The Magnets are Ben Collier (GoldenHorse, The Nukes), brother Tom Collier multi-instrumentalist alongside another great multi-instrumentalist Marcus Lawson (Lucid3, Dave Dobbyn). These guys are everything you can imagine and more, don't miss them!

Saturday August 15th

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Tickets \$20.00 / \$10.00 (under 18's) + booking fee available on line from www.treetopspresents.blogspot.com or \$25.00 on the door. Show starts at 7.30pm

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WEB Site: www.waiaatarua.org.nz

Special Notices

MEET THY NEIGHBOUR Spring 09

Sunday 27th September 2009, 11am
Waiatarua Hall, 911 West Coast Road
LAP question and answer 12.15pm
(approx)

Time once again to get together for an informal chat, a glass of wine and meet new people or catch up with old friends.

After the sausage sizzle there will be the opportunity to have your question answered with regards to the Waiatarua Local Area Plan as I am sure that like me, the boundaries of our little piece of paradise are of great interest. Mark Tollemache, from council, will be in attendance for this.

A donation of a gold coin or two would be greatly appreciated to help offset costs.

See You There

Dave

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WAIATARUA LOCAL AREA PLAN

Waiatarua residents will soon have the chance to comment on the draft Waiatarua Local Area Plan (LAP). The LAP identifies the features which are valued by the community including the forest, regional park, landscapes, history and sense of community. The aim of the LAP is to preserve the unique features of the area to ensure they are not compromised in the future. In September residents will be asked to make submissions on the draft LAP and proposed boundaries of the area. Look out for a consultation newsletter being delivered next month by Council. If you have any questions please email ranges@waitakere.govt.nz or call Lorraine Maguire on 836 8000 extn 8447.

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OBITUARIES

We extend our condolences to Bev Latimer, life member and long-serving Library helper, on the recent loss of her husband Hugh.

Vice-president Murray Smith's mother-in-law also passed away in July.

Our thoughts are with both the Latimer and Smith families.

SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER

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by FRIDAY 14th AUGUST 2009 - 5PM
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From the President

Dave Pocock

Hi!

Last month I touched on the Great Debate, little knowing at the time, that I would be one of the contestants, replacing a sick John Goudge. Being part of the reigning champions in the company of Simon Prast and Penny Hulse was quite an experience, but at the end of the day I had an absolute ball, even though we did come second. Congratulations to Paula Bennett, Sherilee Swanepoel, and Karl Nuttall for a well fought contest and a big thanks to Simon Prast, Penny Hulse and John Goudge for their involvement over the past three debates.

And it would not be a debate without Tony Bacon and his awful bow tie, thanks Tony, see you next year.

All these people give freely of their time so we can provide an affordable highly entertaining evening for us all to enjoy.

Two people that really make the debate are Robin and Kor, Robin's touch with the decorations really setting the scene and atmosphere, I was not allowed to put three white balloons together.

When you analyse those involved it makes you appreciate what a great place we live in as four of the people on stage were Waiatarua residents, the catering done by Thoughtful Food (Elke Key), sponsors Auckland's Waitakere Estate (can personally recommend their High Tea), Annie Prince (Aromatherapy for women), Alessandra Zecchini (cook book author) and Lynda Hogsden (Xmas Puddings supreme) are all Waiatarua based businesses. We appreciate their support as I am sure the lucky spot prize winners have or will do.

At our last committee meeting we made Robyn O'Sullivan's position as Editor official and welcomed her onto the committee and I must say that I already appreciate her presence when I realise that writing this report is the only task I have for the newsletter now, what will I do with all my spare time, no it's all right, Shirley has already filled it up.

In September we are having another 'Meet Thy Neighbour' (see separate notice) and following on from that will be an informal question and answer session with Mark Tollemache on the Waiatarua Local Area Plan (LAP). I would encourage all that are passionate about living in Waiatarua to attend, as the main issue is the boundaries of our piece of paradise, especially the Scenic Drive - Mountain Road areas. Don't worry there are no committees to be put on - this is solely your opportunity to have a say and believe me Mark does listen.

Just a reminder to all financial members that if you have email and are not getting Hotmail let me know by sending your email address to davepocock@xtra.co.nz and I will put you on the list.

Well that is me for another month,

Dave

From the Editor

Robyn O'Sullivan

Well, it's taken thirty years but we finally made the arduous trek up the hill. We have come from the sublime to the ridiculous: from the sometimes unbearable heat and wind of Glengarry Road to possibly the coldest and darkest pocket this side of the ridge. But we have almost acclimatised and hope the weather here will be much better for our celtic skins. Not one blade of grass has dared popped its head from our ground and my beloved has given the lawnmower a most gleeful burial. This was his master plan after all and he is one happy camper.

I thought I should volunteer to help out with the local newsletter. It would be a good way to get out and meet people in the area and see what's going on. I would like to think Dave immediately recognised my talents that saw me rise overnight to the dizzying heights of editor, or, could he have been just desperate? I am pretty certain it was the latter but I am going to pretend it was the former and look forward to a long and happy association with the readership.

Had my first foray into the local night-life with The Mid-Winter Debate! What a great night that was! The hall was packed. Met a few of the locals, laughed till I cried and the food was fabulous. Not one but four equally exquisite desserts. It would be rude to refuse! So I didn't! Stuffed myself silly and laid awake all night on a sugar high. You must come to the next one if you missed this. It was well worth it!

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Fire Brigade

Louisa Ferguson

This month Station Officer Gareth Mullins, Fire Police Louisa Ferguson and our Volunteer Support Officer Mike Barrett, have worked hard to carry out Building Risk assessments in the area, to help create risk plans for non residential buildings.

A big "Thank You" to all those who took the time to speak to us, and help us with relevant information.

Qualified Fire-Fighter Derek Renata attended a Fire Service OSH Training Day this month. Keep up the good work Derek. The brigade at the moment is focusing the weekly training on core competencies.

Fire Safety

All of your family needs to understand an escape plan and to practise escaping from each room in the house by the two exits.

Most fires start in kitchens (25%), bedrooms (13%), and lounges and family rooms (16%). Make sure your family practises escaping from these rooms every three to six months.

Remember, you need to:

- Have working smoke alarms
- Know two ways out of every room if possible
- Make sure that doors and windows needed for escape are clear and easy to open, and that there is a safe way to reach the ground from upper floors.
- Keep keys in deadlocks at all times when home
- Have an outside meeting place, such as a letterbox or a special tree
- Make special plans for young children and older people.

Remember...

Get Out! Stay Out!

For more Fire Safety Information visit www.fire.org.nz

It's important to have Properties clearly marked with street numbers so your house can easily be identified in case of emergency.

If possible get someone to stand at the entrance to the driveway to direct emergency services to the correct address.

Recent Calls

Only one call since the last newsletter,

2nd July 23:39 - Building Fire at Gordon's Nursery's. Scenic Drive

Waiatarua was the fourth arriving appliance of over 15 appliances, in a large blaze that could be seen across Auckland; Waiatarua crews assisted with fire fighting and incident management tasks.

Contacts

Phone 111 for any fire or emergency. Otherwise please call Ian Ford (814 8871), Helen Longley (814 9855), Kevin Healy (814 9505), Gareth Mullins (814 9402) or Karl Nuttall (814 8777).

Library Report

Jeannette Ziesler

New Books in the Library for Winter Reading:

"As The Earth Turns Silver" - Alison Wong. Set in NZ in the early 20th century, this is a story of a love affair between a Pakeha woman and a Chinese man.

"Sacred Hearts" - Sarah Dunant. A group of highly sophisticated women, living within the walls of a convent, are involved in politics, deception and scandal.

"Roadside Crosses" - Jeffrey Deaver. A bullied teenager seeks revenge by erecting roadside crosses prior to the death of his planned victims.

"Secret Scripture" - Sebastian Barry. After 50 years in a mental hospital, Roseanne starts to share her past with Dr Grene. Should she have ever been there?

"Doomsday Key" - James Rollins. Dangerous genetic crop modification combines with ancient evil myths and the Doomsday Key in this thriller.

"The Fraud" - Barbara Ewing. A rich, successful portrait painter attempts to pass off a secret work as a Rembrandt.

"First Family" - David Baldacci. The President's niece is kidnapped and the kidnapper takes on the US's best agents.

"Finger Lickin' Fifteen" - Janet Evanovich. A chef loses his head and Stephanie Plum is out to find the killer and collect the million dollar reward.

Environmental Report

Susanne Timms

It is very disappointing to find that the weed bin at the Waiatarua Fire Station has been abused recently by people dumping inorganic rubbish in it. Hopefully these are not local people. A lot of people now rely on this bin to dispose of their environmental weeds and it would be a shame to lose it because of an inconsiderate few.

If anyone notices someone putting inorganic rubbish in the bin, please try to get the registration number of their vehicle and ring me on 814 9346 and I will pass this on to the Council.

Garden Group

Eileen Powell

Our August get together will be a visit to Eden Gardens to see the wonderful collection of Camellias which will be at their very best, meeting at 11am 5 August and we will then have lunch there. Our September visit will be held on Wednesday 2 September and we will be visiting the subtropical garden of Landscape Gardener Olaf John at 68 McCullough Ave, Mt Roskill. Entry fee is \$5 and we will meet at 1pm. Ring Eileen on 814 9298 for any further information.

Where did that bus go?

If you feel like popping out to the shops in Henderson and are patiently waiting at the stop for said bus then alas, you will grow whiskers before it arrives. Yes, the 167 loop bus which left from Waiatarua three times a day, five days a week is no more. The route closed early last month from lack of patronage. What a shame!

Thank you John Isaachsen for that update. - Ed

Settler's Film Club

The Settler's Hall, West Coast Road, Oratia.

The next film is on Friday August the 7th "The Cave of the Yellow Dog" (G)

The latest news is that we are going to do a special showing of a film released very recent ...it is the film "HOME" and Admission will be FREE.

'HOME' THE MOVIE' Saturday 5th September (Date to be confirmed)

'Home' is entirely composed of aerial shots of various places around our planet. It shows the diversity of life on Earth and how humanity is threatening the ecological balance of the planet.

And we have just had confirmation that we can show "Topp Twins - Untouchable Girls" (M). This will be on Friday 11th September.

To book tickets or for more information e-mail settlersfilmclub@xtra.co.nz or phone 09 818 2489, or check with the following:

www.eventfinder.co.nz

or www.waitakere.govt.nz/apps/eve

Advertising & Community Notices

Commercial advertisements are welcome and can be arranged by contacting Contact Robyn O'Sullivan, munster@ihug.co.nz, ph 814 1143.

Community Notices are free to financial members 2009, January to December.

Babysitter, perhaps an older lady for occasional minding of 7 year old girl during day-time hours. Preferably on or near Foresthill Road. Phone Lois (09) 814 8846.

Cell phone safety: Protect yourself and your family from harmful EMF. Attach a Biopro Cell Phone Chip, \$60. Phone Emily 835 3777.

Handyman work: Reliable, efficient with fair rates. Special gutters cleaned and gutter guard installed, from \$45. Phone Mike 814 9708.

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.

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

Advertising Rates

There are three categories/sizes of advertisement, as follows:

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Community: Free to current, paid up WRRM members who are community groups or individuals involved in not-for-profit activities, or who are placing other advertisements that are generally one-off in nature (eg seeking employment, for sale). Includes students advertising for part-time work (eg babysitting, lawn mowing). Included as space permits.

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