

Waiaatarua Community News

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It's Not Ping Pong – It's Table Tennis!

Behind closed curtains on a Wednesday evening there are noisy goings-on at the Community Hall. A dozen nutters enthusiasts from energetic youngsters to some of

more mature years (aka “the wrinklies”) are playing table tennis, and having a great time. We now have three tables in full use (thanks WRRRA for help with funding the new table), and it is non-stop action from 7–9pm.

We have a mixture of serious games and complete mayhem (ever watched eight people try to play on one table?), and the range of skills runs from complete beginners to the comparatively expert.

For the competitively minded we have a ladder where you can challenge people above you and try to climb to the top, and a handicap system to even things out. But if all you want is to go along and have a few casual games, then you will find others who feel the same.

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Waitakere Ward Local Reserves Management Plan

A draft Reserves Management Plan is being prepared for the local reserves in the Waitakere Ward.

There are 69 local reserves in the Waitakere Ward that are proposed to be included in this comprehensive Reserve Management Plan. The Waitakere Ward Local Reserves are either located in the foothills of the Waitakere Ranges, concentrated in bush living areas such as Titirangi, Laingholm, Huia and Oratia, or directly adjacent to the Waitakere Ranges Regional Park.

The majority of these reserves are bush reserves; a few have community halls and facilities. They are generally undeveloped but some have very high potential recreational values and most have high ecological values.

The preparation of a collective Reserve Management Plan for these reserves allows the management and development of the reserves to be undertaken in an integrated fashion. In particular, weed control and ecological restoration, and the development of walkways, seating and signage (where appropriate) will benefit from a collective approach and ensure that similar management and development approaches are put forward for the reserves.

(We do have a list of 69 reserves which are mentioned with this plan but have no room to acknowledge them in this newsletter. If you have knowledge of a reserve that should be on the list, just email me and I will check the list for you- Ed.)

July - September 2009

Public Notification of intention to prepare draft Reserve Management Plan, background research and initial contact with interest

groups. Issues identified and included in draft Reserve Management Plan. submission period closes.

August 2009

Open days on Reserve Management Plan issues and suggestions for the draft Reserve Management Plan. Meetings with interest and user groups. Issues and suggestions evaluated for inclusion into the draft Reserve Management Plan. Submission period closes.

October 2009

Preliminary draft Reserve Management Plan prepared and presented to internal Council Advisory Group.

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Draft Reserve Management Plan presented to Waitakere Community Board for approval to publicly notify.

Draft Reserve Management Plan publicly notified for submissions.

Submission period for draft Reserve Management Plan closes.

Hearing of submissions to draft Reserve Management Plan by Community Board, and decisions on recommended changes to the Reserve Management Plan based on submissions.

Adoption of the Plan on behalf of Council, pending signoff by Chairman of amendments to the Plan.

Modification of Reserve Management Plan based on resolutions.

Reserve Management Plan kept under continual review by Waitakere City Council.

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It's Not Ping Pong...

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It has been wonderful to watch beginners grow in skill and confidence under the guidance of more experienced players, and see even the "experts" occasionally get beaten by one of their juniors.

We are always pleased to see new players, so if you feel like some fun and exercise, phone Tony on 814 9860 or Les on 814 1130, or just turn up at the Hall on Wednesday at 7pm. You don't need to bring anything except some energy and \$2 – we can supply everything else you need.

(Thanks to Laura, Jacy and Kathlyn for the photos)

Library Report Jeannette Ziesler

Here is a selection of the new books this month.

"Bowling Through India." Justin Brown is one of five Kiwi men who travel through India with a cricket bat & ball. Share the adventure when you read this book.

"Who Dares Wins." Chris Ryan writes another SAS story. Two brothers, both SAS, one goes missing and the other has to choose between his duty and his sibling.

"The Music Room." William Fiennes, in this memoir, shares a family history of growing up in a castle and all the ties that bind a family. A brilliant read.

"Corduroy Mansions." Alexander McCall Smith fans will enjoy this tale of the inhabitants in a 4 storey London building.

"Fatal Last Words." Quintin Jardine has detective Bob Skinner, investigating an ingenious murder, then another and possibly a third. Are they linked?

"The Woman On The Green Bicycle." Monique Roffley sets this novel in Trinidad. An English couple live there for 50 years amidst political unrest and isolation.

"The Dying Light." Henry Porter has set this British political thriller in the near future, with a dire warning about the possible "big brother watching" outcome.

Environmental Report

Susanne Timms

Unfortunately there are still some pigs around in Waiaatarua with severe damage being reported at the top end of West Coast Road. As soon as you see damage on your property, ring John Rule on 8118601 or 0274745354. He has done a wonderful job eliminating pigs from my area and I can highly recommend him.

NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER

Copy needs to be in the hands of the Editor

by FRIDAY 16th OCTOBER 2009 - 5PM

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From the President

Dave Pocock

Hi,

Well this could be short and sweet as Shirley and I spent three weeks of August in Bali where every day was clear blue skies and 35deg. Our vice president Murray did a great job holding the fort during that time which means I have had a pretty easy time since returning.

One of the first things we noticed on the drive up West Coast was the Auction notice on Oliver Driver's home which has now sold and Oliver will soon be leaving Waiaatarua. I like to say thanks to Oliver for taking an interest in the community and being instrumental in starting our regular "Meet Thy Neighbour" gatherings.

Next was picking the newsletter up out of our letterbox and for the first time in about 4 years reading it without having seen any copy prior and what a good read it was.

I hope you made it to the Meet Thy Neighbour on the 27th September and took the opportunity to have some input to the Waiaatarua LAP, which I must say is progressing very favourably.

The Super City is a different document than it was a month or two ago with a lot of compromising taking place, for the better I believe, especially the proposed 20-30 Local boards for local administration, more on that in Murray's article (Nov. issue) as he has been following this with great interest.

Table Tennis is going from strength to strength with a third table being added so pop along soon before the season closes.

The latest offering from our Drama club is into full swing rehearsals and is going to be hilarious.

And then we will be staring down the barrel of Xmas, hard to believe!

Well that's me for this month,

Dave

From the Editor

Robyn O'Sullivan

October could indeed be a sad month for those of us who attend night school classes. This month heralds possibly the last term forever so let's make it a good one.

My friend and I regularly attend the ceilidh dance classes at Henderson High School, directed by our very own Waiaataruan band "Twisty Willow".

There has always been a tragic shortage of men at these classes. Those who do manage to entice their husbands along, zealously guard their men while the rest of us have to make do with each other. You will no doubt understand that this causes much confusion. You could be dancing with a real man one minute and a Clayton's one the next. Those of us who are men for the evening wear a sash to denote our sex. I have often lost my manhood unexpectedly during a particularly vigorous spin which, as you can imagine, causes a raft of problems.

Hence, my plea to the Men Of The Hills! There must be a few of you sitting alone of a Monday evening, contemplating your navels, when you could be out kicking up your heels and getting in a couple of hours of hilarious exercise and female companionship. Come and join us...first class starts Oct 12th.

Elevation Cafe & Restaurant

October events at Elevation:

Local Entertainers Open Mic Night - every second Wednesday from 14 October. Singer/songwriters, poets, comedians - original performers encouraged solos, duos & small ensembles only (sorry no drum kits). PA, mics, bass rig & percussion supplied. Three items (max 15 mins) per performer. To pre-book a spot email fionamcewen@clear.net.nz or put your name on the list on the night. Restaurant open 12pm to late, open mic 7 to 10pm.

Quiz Night

Friendly local quiz night - every alternate Wednesday from 7 October. Restaurant open 12pm to late, quiz night 7 to 10pm. Free entry, prizes and giveaways. Fully licensed restaurant, cafe & bar. New menu & wine list. Bar snacks & meals (please note as we have a restaurant licence patrons are required to purchase food). Panoramic views, roaring log fire. Sponsored by Station Road. Bookings highly recommended - phone Elevation on (09) 814 1919 or email info@elevationcafe.co.nz.

473 Scenic Drive, Waiaatarua (just before the Piha/Karekare turnoff) www.elevationcafe.co.nz
Please note the dates for Oct for the Open Mic night are 14/10 & 28/10.

The dates for the Quiz Nights are 7/10 & 21/10.

Fire Brigade

Louisa Ferguson

This month Fire Police Constables Derek Renata and Louisa Ferguson completed a traffic management course. Qualified Fire Fighter Shane Moore completed a Fire Service Emergency Response Driving course. Well done!

Recent Calls

16 Aug 2009 01:58:12 Scenic Drive Car Fire
23 Aug 2009 08:53:49 Shaw Rd Animal Rescue
(Brigade assisted the SPCA to reach a cat stuck up a tree)

Interested In Joining The Fire Brigade?

Waiatarua Volunteer Fire Brigade is always looking for willing people to come on board. Fire Fighters, Fire Police and Operational support members are needed. Volunteers can be women or men from any walk of life. Volunteers include students, self-employed, mothers at home, shift-workers, trades people and professionals. They are people who care about their community and want to be actively involved. You must be at least 18 years old, fit and healthy and available to attend weekly Monday night training nights, and preferably live within close proximity to the Fire Station.

For more information contact Helen Longley 814 9885 or 0274 814 312 or email helen.longley@fire.org.nz; or Gareth Mullins 814 9402 or 027 585 4020 or email gareth.mullins@fire.org.nz

Fire Safety Facts

Only seven out of ten New Zealand households have working smoke alarms in their homes to protect themselves from fire.

Just having a smoke alarm in your home cuts your chance of dying in a fire nearly in half.

For more information visit www.fire.org.nz or contact one of the officers below.

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).

Subscriptions

Have you ever thought about joining the Waiatarua Residents and Ratepayers association? Benefits abound! And all for a mere ten dollars per household, which you can easily get back many times over with the discount offers we have available i.e. 10% at Colourplus Glen Eden, Glen Eden Landscape Supplies, Elevations and Auckland's Waitakere Estate plus discounted tickets to selected events put on by us.

If you have an email address and incorporate that into the membership form, then you are also among the first to receive any little tidbits of gossip, press releases and other interesting items that crop up. So, how could you better spend ten dollars? OK, you could spend it on a Lotto ticket but you know you'll never win, so joining the WRRRA is the next best thing. Please use the box below.

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Please accept my Membership to the Waiatarua Ratepayers & Residents Association

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Email: _____

I ENCLOSE:

\$10 household

To: Treasurer, WRRRA, 911 West Coast Road, Waiatarua, Waitakere City, or leave at the library

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WAIATARUA QUIZ NIGHT

7:30pm Saturday 10th October 2009 at the Waiatarua Hall, 911 West Coast Road. Pub Quiz format - teams of around 6-8 (but we're not that strict). You can organise your own team or just turn up and we'll fit you in.

Cover charge just \$5 per person. Please BYO drinks and also BYO nibbles - this enables us to keep costs down. For more info please call Ian or Cathie on 814 8871.

Garden Group

Eileen Powell

Our October 7 visit is to see Dr Keith Hammett and his world class clivia collection in Massey. Dr Hammett also stocks good quality varieties, some of which will be for sale.

A full day in South Auckland is planned for November 4, starting at the Four Winds Garden near Waiuku. Ring Eileen on 814 9298 for further details.

Bouquets & Brickbats



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At precisely 9.05am on the morning of September 1st, a heinous crime was committed on West Coast Road.

A young woman with shoulder length light brown curly/wavy hair was seen sitting in her silvery grey car scoping the area for a few minutes. When the time was right, she calmly walked onto the complainant's property and plucked a fat flower from the gorgeous rhododendron bush.

The complainant wants you to know your stolen brilliant red bloom is called a Rubicon, should you be making a list of Blooms I've Walked Off With.

Had you spoken to the owner, she would have given you not only the bloom but a cutting. Think on that next time you run off with the owner's clear voice wafting over the valley crying 'Thief! Thief!'

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We wish to thank those people who stopped and helped when our dog was hit on West Coast Rd on the 18th of August, especially the gentleman who comforted "Max" and the lady who gave us the blanket to move him into my van. I was in such a hurry to get him to the vet that I didn't get a chance to thank them. Sadly our Maxy never regained consciousness and died soon after getting to the vets. So again... a very heartfelt thanks to those who stopped to help and to our local vet.

Grant, Ellen, Jonathan and Monique Hale

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

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

Handyman Out West. Any work undertaken. House and property maintenance, renovation and decoration eg gutter cleaning, water blasting, deck building, tree felling, painting etc. Reliable and no GST charge. 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 Thursday of each month.

Wanted: A volunteer to take a few photographs for Waiatarua Performing Arts Trust, to promote their next production. Perhaps there is a budding photographer or student who would like this opportunity. Please phone Robin Essex on 814 1850.

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