



New local publisher celebrates Karekare book

The Iron-Bound Coast is a new book of special interest to Waiaatarua residents. Not only does it tell the early history of Karekare beach, it has been published by a home-grown venture.

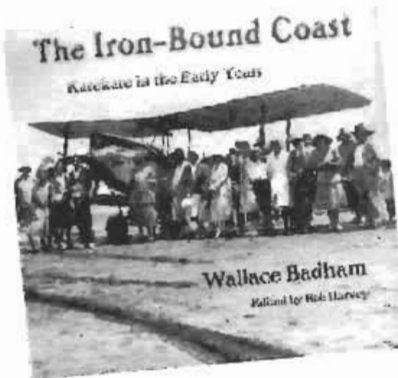
Local residents Peter Dowling and Alessandra Zecchini, who launched Libro International books list this year as part of their Oratia Media business, have combined forces with Waitakere City mayor and editor Bob Harvey to bring the book to the public.

Late in his life, author Wallace Badham set down his memories of Karekare in the early twentieth century, a time when the isolated farming communities of the coast were starting to open up as a holiday destination.

Shortly before his death Wally entrusted *The Iron-Bound Coast* to Bob, who recalls his excitement:

"I realised this is truly a rich gem, a legacy of not only remote Karekare beach, but a grand story of this country. Wally speaks in a voice that reflects the time; a time that is now rapidly fading in memory and people."

Illustrated with 215 photos, most never before published, *The Iron-Bound Coast* is published in a limited run, hardback edition. It is available from good booksellers, and is being sold as a fund-raiser by the Karekare Surf Lifesaving Club (contact Phil Parks on 812 8911 or ppkk@mac.com).



Waitakere City Artists' open studio weekend

27 & 28 March 2010. 10am - 4pm

CALLING ALL WAITAKERE ARTISTS

Waitakere City's artists are invited to register for the 6th Annual Open Studio Weekend.

The public are invited to visit home studios or cluster groups to:

- *meet local artists
- *see art in action
- *purchase local artwork
- *learn about the creative process

A minibus tour is planned.

Register online at:

www.waitakere.govt.nz/ArtCul/ae/index.asp#openstudio

or contact: Julie Nash ph 836 8000 extn 8934

email: Julie.Nash@waitakere.govt.nz

registration deadline 15 January 2010.



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Fire Brigade

Louisa Ferguson

Restricted Fire Season

Fire Permits

Remember that from the 1st December until the end of April you MUST have a fire permit from the Council to light any outdoor fires. You can get these from the Council at no charge, but you must apply at least 3 working days before you want your fire. The Fire Brigade does not issue permits. More details here: www.waitakere.govt.nz/abt/cit/cp/ruralfire.asp

How do I get a Fire Permit?

To obtain a fire permit contact Waitakere City Council on 837 0790 Monday to Friday between 8.30am and 5pm. A site inspection by a Council Rural Fire Officer is required before any fire can be lit. Permits will not be issued outside of Council business hours.

Note: A lead-time of three (3) working days is required for the issuing of all permits.

To assist the Rural Fire Officer conducting the inspection, the following general conditions must be met before a permit will be issued:

- Fire must be supervised at all times
- Fire must be out by sunset each day
- Fire must be 10 metres from any structure
- Fire must be 3 metres from any boundary
- There must be a cleared area around the fire site
- There must be a means (water etc) present to control the fire
- The fire must not present a nuisance to others

There is no charge for the issue of fire permits.

Recent Calls

31/10/09 17:40 MVA Piha Rd

01/11/09 20:30 Rubbish Fire Scenic Drive

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), Karl Nuttall (814 8777).

From the President

Dave Pocock

Hi! It is hard to believe that a whole month has passed since last writing my report and even more scary is the fact that it is only a month to Xmas.

For me the last month has been a bit mad having accepted a part in the latest Waitatarua Performing Arts play "Pull The Other One" playing the part of Reverend Elijah Nookey. This has meant rehearsals three nights a week and 9 shows between 4th and 14th of October and what fun I have had. It was a great play to be in and what a neat bunch of people my fellow cast members were, with the only regret being that not more Waitatarua locals attended. Those that did had a thoroughly enjoyable night out with lots of laughs, not far to travel and free parking and you can have a drink at the same time as there is a liquor licence in effect.

You will read elsewhere in this issue a farewell letter from Christine Shepherd, retiring Community Board member. When I first became President, Christine was chairperson of the Waitakere Community Board and I found her very helpful as I came to grips with my position and along with Penny Hulse and Sharon Davies has always been very supportive of us, attending and participating in most of our events.

So Christine, we wish you every success in your new life in the land of Aus and hope to see you back one day

For those interested in the political side there will not be a by-election to replace Christine and the Waitakere community Board will continue less one member.

The next stage of the Supercity bill was due for release at the time of writing this and we await with great interest the outcome with W.R.R.A. committee members attending information meetings.

As I said at the beginning that Xmas is just around the corner and in wishing you all a very Merry Xmas and Happy New Year, I would like to take this opportunity to thank my fellow committee members, newsletter deliverers, library volunteers, Tony Bacon newsletter delivery co-ordinator, the Longleys, newsletter printing, Nicki Warner and Robyn O'Sullivan, newsletter editors, Tony Bacon and Les Duffield, table tennis co-ordinators, as all these people give freely of their time to help make Waitatarua the place it is. Also, to our part time employees Paul Mortenson, hall and library cleaning, and John Goudge, hall bookings.

Thanks also to the Waitatarua Performing Arts Trust ably led by President Korstiaan Prins. Not only do they provide two top class and entertaining shows a year, but provide us with a great source of income from the hireage of the hall. Thanks to you all.

Merry Xmas

Dave

From the Editor

Robyn O'Sullivan

As the silly season is fast approaching, I would remind you to be aware when out shopping and take particular notice of parking signs, especially in Glen Eden. There is a multitude of signs there with differing time limits and you have to keep on your toes and remember where and for how long are you allowed to stay.

Recently I met my husband at our local bank in order to re-fix our loans... a highly unpleasant task at the best of times. Our new Personal Banker fixed our first loan from the date of our appointment and not from the due date of the loan. Not to worry, he said, it will cost you only an extra twenty dollars or so. No, no, no I said, this happened the last time as well and we had it corrected. Please get on the phone, talk to someone who knows something and get it changed! He did try but was unsuccessful. Apparently, it couldn't be done. So, I said, in the last eighteen months the bank has lost the technology needed to correct this mistake? Yes, that appears to be the case, he said.

Well, what can do in that situation? Could we sit there in the bank, drinking twenty dollars worth of their coffee? Would they throw in some muffins? No, we couldn't do that, he had more people to rob before he went home. We had to leave.

Upon returning to my car, I found a parking ticket flapping under the wiper. Oh, how my husband laughed until he got to his car just metres away in a different time zone, to find he had one as well, mere nano-seconds from going over time. So, all in all, it was an expensive little trip.

Be very aware out there and have a wonderful Xmas!

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Garden Group

Eileen Powell

Our last garden visit for the year is to Burnlea in Kumeu on Wednesday 2 December at 1 pm. This is an all season 2 acre garden with a great variety of plants, succulents, grasses, lilies and water features. The entry fee is \$5.

We will be holding our Christmas lunch at Pat's on Wednesday 9 December at 12 mid-day. Please ring Eileen on 8149 298 or email etpowe@clear.net.nz for further information.

We wish all gardeners in Waitatarua a very happy Christmas and hope you all have plenty of time to enjoy your summer garden.

A farewell from Waitakere Community Board member Christine Shepherd

Dear Waitatarua Community,

It was with both trepidation and excitement that I have resigned from the Waitakere Community Board, effective immediately.

Since taking leave of absence from the Board and coming to Brisbane to spend time with my youngest son and have some 'me' time I have decided to stay longer than originally planned... and no not just for the fabulous weather.

My term in office has been a great learning curve, exciting, and at times very challenging but a time when I have grown both professionally and personally. I have made some very close friends within Council, the wider Waitakere City Community and nationally, I miss you all.

I have been following the Auckland Governance process and have to say it is a time I am not sorry to be missing... Good luck to you all in the new regime, I am sad that

Waitakere will struggle to retain its unique identity.

I would like to acknowledge the Waitatarua Residents and Ratepayers for all their support over the years and there are those who I will continue to value as friends and who, along with many others, I have great admiration for their dedication to the Waitatarua community.

I am still using my NZ email address c.shepherd@xtra.co.nz and would love to hear from anyone at any time.

I know it's a tad early but I'd like to wish you all a "Merry Christmas and Happy New Year"
Cheers Christine

Library Report

Jeannette Ziesler

We have had over 50 new books arrive at the library in the past 6 weeks. Here's details of a few for you.

Organic Vegetable Gardening – Xanthe White.

Growing Vegetables – Dennis Greville. Two gardening books for both the novice or experienced gardener by respected NZ garden authors.

Under A Bomber's Moon – Stephen Harris. The true story of the fight between a NZ navigator/bomb aimer and a German night fighter pilot in WW2.

Rifling Through My Drawers – Clarissa Dickson Wright. Great fun in this second book from one of "The Two Fat Ladies".

Ned & Katina – Patricia Grace. A young Maori soldier marries a Cretan girl at the end of the war and brings her to NZ to live. This is their story.

A Second Helping – Alexa Johnston. More "old favourite" baking recipes from the author of Ladies A Plate.

Favourite Authors

Clive Cussler – The Wrecker.

Anita Shreve – A Change of Attitude.

Patricia Cornwell – The Scarpetta Factor.

Stieg Larsson – The Girl Who Kicked The Hornet's Nest.

Sebastian Faulkes – A Week In December.

LAST DAY FOR BORROWING BOOKS IS SUNDAY, 20TH DECEMBER, and we reopen on THURSDAY 14TH JANUARY 2010.

A merry Christmas to all.

The Arataki Rangers roundup

Look to the skies! Some of you travelling Scenic Drive recently may have been surprised to see a helicopter with a bucket dangling under it hovering over the area of the Arataki Visitor Centre. Over the course of only a few short hours, tons of track metal was whisked into the steep terrain on the south side of Scenic Drive. This is to aid in the construction of a track that will connect the Arataki area with the Parau catchment. For those tramping stalwarts in the know, this is essentially a reroute of the old Slip Track (an aptly named track at that!). This will fit into the bigger picture of the recently announced Hillary Trail enabling trampers to depart on a multi day walking experience from the Arataki Visitor Centre.

As if that wasn't enough excitement for Arataki, another successful Arataki Kids Day was well attended. Thanks must go to the Friends of Arataki for their inspiration and role of coordinating the event. Appreciation must also go to the Waitatarua Volunteer Fire Brigade, the Titirangi Orpheus Scouts and Brian Lawton (aka 'The Bugman'). There were also many individuals whose help was invaluable in a day enjoyed by over 1200 happy attendees.

The Arataki Nursery received a boost from a BNZ corporate volunteer group who after bagging up over 1500 plants for half a day, then threw themselves into some track work on Rangemore Track. For those not in the know, this short crescent walk opposite Greenwoods Corner hosts some spectacular podocarps. Get in there and enjoy it!

That's all for this time around.

Ka kite ano

The Arataki Rangers

Settlers Film Club

I would like to thank all those who have turned out on some cold and wintry nights to support the Settler's Film Club. It was either the recession or maybe the films on offer but this season saw a definite down turn in audience numbers, I suppose the novelty of the 'new' film club last year got people along. So what do you do when audiences are dwindling and the bank balance is in the red??? Here's an idea for next season, instead of a film once a month.... we put on **two** screenings each month, one week would show a New Zealand made film and two weeks later a World Cinema feature. There are so many excellent film makers in New Zealand and often they cannot get their films screened. The hire fees for these films would certainly be less than the major feature docs and other films and we would probably attract a wider audience. If you have any ideas or opinions on this then do get in touch.

The "HOME" free movie night was a great success and we had a near full house. People made donations towards the costs of the event and the surplus \$200 went to the charity "Grandparents Raising Grandchildren" thanks to everyone for their support.

I would also like to thank the Oratia Ratepayers Association for hiring us the hall at a local community rate. The equipment was upgraded this season with a very high quality projector and during the summer we will be trying to access some more comfortable seats. A new screen is also being built for 16:9 (wide screen) format films, this is a shared project with FLICKS cinema Titirangi who have generously loaned their screen for all this year's films.

Thanks again and see you soon, Robin.

FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER

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by FRIDAY 15th JANUARY 2010 - 5PM

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Please note there will be
no newsletter in January

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

*Merry Christmas
and a Happy New Year
to all our readers*

Contributions and suggestions for the newsletter are welcome; however publication will depend on available space

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