



Neighbourhood Support Update

To the residents of Waiaatarua, I thought it was time to send an update on NSW. Since the re-launch of this organisation and restarting from scratch, we now have over 2000 registered members and well over 200 Street Contacts. We do reach out to more than 4000 (estimate) residents who as yet are not registered as members.

Gone are the days when we are seen as... Mrs. Mop looking out of the window seeing what you are doing in your garden... now Mrs Mop is looking to see what those strangers are doing in your garden and telephoning you at work to report the activity. I know who the better neighbour is.

On a weekly basis we send out the latest Intel report from the police when available, updates on local activity and generally try to keep you informed as to what is going on in Waitakere. Some see the Intel as a 'scare monger' document, I actually feel rather pleased when I look at it and see the criminal activity is not in our area at present.

From launching we would receive between 12 – 15 incidents a month. These incidents were actually criminal or suspicious activities, reported by the residents directly or from Dave Pocock's 'Hotmail' email list. We are now down to about one a month.

As well as the Chairperson for NSW, I am also the Area coordinator for Waiaatarua and we have 41 Street Contacts (S/C) in our area, in fact every road except Cascade (still working on that) has at least one S/C, 99% of which have been with me since the launch. We were the first area to be set up and with the most residents.

The only bad news is that most of you are not registered, due to the way we were set up. *SO for both existing members and those who want to become part of our group, please contact your S/C and sign up for NSW.* If you don't know who it is then contact me on 021 720 100 or email me on: les.duffield@xtra.co.nz

Crime flourishes when good people do nothing.

VOLUNTEER WANTED -

I HOUR PER MONTH

We need someone to open the Library on the 3rd Saturday of each month, from 11am to 12noon.

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- € Live within 2 – 3 minutes drive from the Fire Station (preferable as our truck must roll in 4)
- € Reasonably fit and healthy

While we are professional in our service to our community we are a spirited, fun loving group whose families are always welcomed and included in our social activities. Being part of the Brigade is a fantastic way to meet new friends and serve your community. Please call;

Helen Longley Chief Fire Officer hm 8149855 mob 0274814312

Karl Nuttall Deputy Chief Fire Officer hm 8148777 mob 021709991

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Community Hall & Library: 911 West Coast Road • Hall hire (bookings) John Goudge - Ph 814 9744

Library hours: Thursday 10.00am - 12.00pm; Friday 7.00pm - 8.00pm; Saturday 11.00am - 12.00pm; Sunday 11.00am - 12.00pm

WEB Site: www.waiaatarua.org.nz

Spectacular Book Offer

The fabulous book "Spirit of the West" which retails to the common folk at \$45 will be available to Waitaruaans at \$40 and to financial members (2010) of the WRRRA, a mere \$35.

This could be considered a cunning ploy to increase membership but no!

Then again, the book and membership to the WRRRA are available for the full \$45.

Many thanks to Cathie Wells for donating part of the proceeds to our funds.

Books will be available at the library or by phoning Dave at 814 9697 or emailing davepocock@xtra.co.nz. Payment by cash or cheques made out to WRRRA.

Environmental Report

Susanne Timms

Further to my article in the June Newsletter, there has now been plenty of rain. For May I recorded 352 mm and in the first week of June there was another 109 mm. This probably explains why the weed bin is still only half full and was last emptied some time in April. It has been much too wet to dig out weeds. I was also interested to observe that the Upper Nihotupu dam went from almost empty to almost full over a three week period in May.

From the Secretary

Jan James

Possoms, rats, wetas, tank water, being in the clouds at times - these are some of things that I have learnt to accept since moving to Waitarua 6 years ago. What a magical place this is. The views are just magnificent. I never tire of looking out towards the Coromandel, Great Barrier, the city and all its mountains, the airport and so much more. We watch the cruise liners making their way to their next port of call - the planes coming and going from near and far - the rescue helicopter on its way to Piha - and of course our local volunteer fire brigade whizzing its way to put out a fire or give help to an accident. Rainbows look as if they are just on top of the hill, and what a sight the moon is when it is full and just coming up into the sky. Firework displays from the Sky Tower, Guy Fawkes night and the several other displays during the year are an added bonus. Where else in the world could one see all these things from one location?

Being on the Waitarua Committee has given me a lot of pleasure and opened up a new band of friends. We live in a great community with a great Community Hall where we can hold gatherings in the form of our Debate, Quiz Nights, Meet Thy Neighbour and our Thank You Lunch for all the volunteers in the area. Perhaps we don't have footpaths - but I think we have many other things that make up for that.

With kind wishes to you all, Jan James.

AUGUST NEWSLETTER

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by FRIDAY 16th JULY 2010 - 5PM
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Library Report

Jeannette Ziesler

Recent Additions to the Library:

For our young readers we have the two top picture books from the NZ book awards.

"Wonky Donkey" and "Old Hu-Hu" are just fantastic for all of us to share.

What else?

"Zeitoun" - Dave Eggers tells us about what happened to a Syrian-American who was an angel of mercy during Katrina only to be arrested later purely because of his ethnicity. Read it.

"Nine Lives" - William Dalrymple has written a brilliant account of his journey through India, sharing the lives of nine people he encountered during his journey.

"Searching For Schindler" - Tom Kennelly recounts his journey from hearing about Schindler's exploits led to the search for the man and his subsequent top selling book.

"Dressed To Kill" - Charlotte Madison was the first British female Apache pilot. She shares her story from training to two tours of duty flying and fighting in the war zone of Afghanistan.

"Private Life" - Jane Smiley's latest novel moves from the 1880s to 1942 and is an absorbing story of a woman in an arranged marriage - living side by side rather than together - and her eventual disillusionment.

"Deception" - Jonathan Kellerman brings the newest Alex Delaware story to us. After a body is found, Delaware fights for justice and searches for the truth among LA's best and brightest in an elite school.

Curl up with a book in this cold weather.

Audition notice

Sunday 25th July 1.30pm, Waitarua Hall 911 West Coast Rd.

Waitarua Performing Arts Trust

"The Farndale Avenue Housing Estate Townswomen's Guild

Dramatic Society Murder Mystery"

by David McGillivray and Walter Zerlin Jnr.

A comedy directed by Lindsay Nash

Everything that can go wrong does go wrong in this light-hearted satire of amateur drama and murder mysteries. But it's quite a challenge to present "Coarse acting" in a convincing way, and experienced director Lindsay Nash is looking forward to it.

4 women 1 man, 20 to 50+, playing multiple roles.

Gordon (Inspector O'Reilly) 40 - 60

Mrs Phoebe Reece, Chairman of Drama Society (Clarissa, Lady B's sister, Regine the French maid, Patricia Bishop) 50s

Thelma (Daphne, Lady Bishop's daughter) younger (20s)

Felicity (Pawn, Col. King) any age possibly 30 - 50

Audrey (Lady Doreen Bishop) 40s

But ages don't really matter!

Season: Wednesday 6th to Sat 16th October

Rehearsals start Sunday 1st August

Lindsay Nash has been active in theatre for about 60 years, the last 30+ in West Auckland. He has directed everything from farce to tragedy, though his recent play, Geary's "Pack of Girls" at Titirangi was his first effort at Rugby on stage.

Scripts available.

For more details, contact Lindsay on 817 1419 or Korstiaan on 814 1850

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Fire Brigade

Louisa Ferguson

Last month saw our firefighters from Waiatarua compete in the Sky City Firefighter Stair Climb Challenge, along with hundreds of others from brigades all over New Zealand and even some from overseas brigades. A staggering total of just over \$192,000 was raised for the Leukaemia and Blood Foundation. Well done to Waiatarua members QFF Shane Moore, QFF Maxine Arden, RFF Tom Hopkins and FP Elaine Alexander who all competed and completed the climb.

Fire Calls

14th May 2010, 00:26 - Car Fire, Piha Road.

15th May 2010, 12:19 - MVA Car Rolled, Piha Road.

17th May 2010, 19:39 - Building Fire Exercise, Scenic Drive. (Brigades from Titirangi, Huia, Laingholm and Waiatarua attended a training exercise at the old water treatment plant in Titirangi).

5th June 2010, 02:19 - Car Fire, Piha Road.

6th June 2010, 16:42 - MVA Car lost control, Piha Road.

7th June 2010, 04:40 - Trees Down on Road, West Coast Road.

7th June 2010, 05:35 - Trees Down on Road, Scenic Drive.

9th June 2010, 16:35 - MVA Car vs Pole, Scenic Drive. (As a result of a car losing control and hitting a power pole the pole came down blocking the road and cutting off power for a few hours).

Home Sprinklers

Your smoke alarms and escape plan will alert you to a fire and save your lives, but they won't put your fire out. A fire doubles in size roughly every minute, and typically it takes around 7-10 minutes for a fire engine to arrive at a house in Waiatarua from the time you dial 111. Sprinkler technology has come along way in a short space of time, and the Fire Service recommends you consider them when building or renovating. They're cheaper than you might think, and some insurance companies will give you a discount if you have them installed. For more information call us or go to <http://homesprinklers.fire.org.nz>

Contacts

Phone 111 for any Fire or Emergency.

Otherwise please call Helen Longley (814 9855), Karl Nuttall (814 8777), Ian Ford (814 8871), Kevin Healy (814 9505), Gareth Mullins (814 9402).

Mid-winter Fund Raising Concert

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**Tickets and information: Margaret Barnett 818-4390 or
Charlene Waller 814-9316**

Limited seating: Buy tickets now

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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.

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Otimai: Events and training centre is available for hire (Guides Auckland) and is open to view by appointment. Phone Lisa and Aaron 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 to Rent: Professional couple looking for 2-3 bedroom home in Waiatarua. Close proximity to the fire station is desired. Can provide references. Lock up garage also preferred. Please contact Kerry 027 272 9312.

Garden Group

Eileen Powell

Now we are into our usual winter rains, our next get together will be an afternoon of showing garden DVDs. The date is Wednesday 7 July and for further information please contact Eileen on 8149 298.

Upcycled...

...is a unique shopping experience which opened on 2 June.

Every garment in this shop has been made from recycled garments that have been rearranged, cut, embellished or changed in some way. These garments have literally been saved from becoming polishing cloths and they are truly "one off" originals.

This "pop up" original clothing gallery (open 4 days a week) has been opened by House of Prayer church and is the vision of the Pastor's wife, Robyn Robertson.

"I love the thought that we are not wasting perfectly good clothing - just because it is not fashionable or useful any more. I love raising clothes from the dead and that is why my label is called 'Woman of Joppa'". (The Woman of Joppa was known as a sewer of fine clothes.) "She dies but is bought back to life and that is what I do to old clothes."

Robyn has been joined by 3 other upcycle designers from Waiheke, Taupo and Whakatane and further designers will be added as time goes by, making this shop well worth visiting. (See ad back page for details)

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