



Waiaatarua Community News

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Arataki Rangers Roundup

I feel as if we're well over due for a mid winter update from Arataki!

The Arataki Nursery has been largely emptied of plants as several large planting days have been orchestrated throughout the Park. Winter is of course a terrific time to plant as it ensures a steady watering regime! These days are great fun and see the community and Rangers working side by side in enhancing an area. This often follows an intensive weed programme, stream bank restoration or dune stabilisation. Best of all, there isn't a planting day worth its salt that doesn't involve food, more often than not, a barbeque hosted by the same Rangers – after they've washed their hands of course! It was such a day enjoyed by the residents of Brabant Road, pupils from Oratia Primary School and Arataki staff several weeks ago. The area located between Scenic Drive and Brabant Road had become weed choked but once cleared, offered a planting site par excellence with stunning views over the

city and Gulf. This site will now be of interest to multiple generations of Westies as they watch the fruits of their labour grow and develop.

Maintaining the planting theme – Arataki Visitor Centre is receiving attention to its gardens as several themes are explored in the car park grounds. These will be Coastal, Rocky Bluff and Kauri and Associates. Interested? Come visit over the next couple of weeks as they near completion. Bring along the kids too as they will enjoy some new games in the Visitor Centre and a fresh water aquarium featuring some seldom seen natives!

The volunteer based pest control programme – Arataki Gateway Sanctuary, is due to start up again in a few weeks. If you're fit, fancy a challenge and share a passion in protecting the locals in the Ranges, please contact us through the Arataki Visitor Centre 09 817 0077.

That's all for this time around.

Ka kite ano

The Arataki Rangers



Lyndsay Whittle, Kubi Witten-Hannah and the lovely Molly Whittington looking very pleased with themselves, having just won the 2010 mid-winter debate.

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From the Editor Robyn O'Sullivan

Kia ora te whanau o Waiaatarua,

Yes, I have been whiling away the chilly winter evenings learning te reo Maori at Unitech in Henderson and meeting a whole new bunch of interesting people.

You would think it would be relatively easy to learn. After all, kiwi English is interspersed with Maori words and most of us would have learnt something at school, even if it was just numbers, colours and learning how to greet people.

I watch the Maori news most days hoping to learn the accent by osmosis. I listen to Radio Watea as I drive along in my car. I watch the Maori channel...all to no avail! I know from experience that the ability to converse is always the last thing that happens when learning a new language. And finally, after four long months, I no longer have to translate before I answer a question, so - maybe it won't be too long before I can have a decent conversation. Ka kite ano.

Garden Group Eileen Powell

Our August get-together will be to visit Eden Gardens in Epsom. The date is Wednesday 4 August and we will meet at 11 a.m. and when we have oohed and aahed at the beautiful camellias, which will be at their best, we will have lunch in the Garden cafe. Ring Eileen on 8149 298 for further information.

Library Report Jeannette Ziesler

Come in to the library and borrow some books.

3 Cups of Tea – Greg Mortenson. You might have to join the reserve list for this but worth it. The story of a man's mission to promote peace, one school at a time.

The Upright Piano Player – David Abbott. As Henry's retirement nears, his life begins to unravel. Family fracture, loss and reconciliation.

La Bella Lingua – Dianne Hales. Not just the "living in Italy" experience - Dianne immersed herself in the history of the language, the culture and literature.

Knave of Spades – Alan Titchmarsh. Alan shares the journey of his life from leaving school at 15 to becoming an internationally renowned gardener and author.

War – Sebastian Junger. This well respected writer spent 15 months with soldiers in Afghanistan and writes about their life amidst conflict.

From the Treasurer

John Stagg

Hi Everyone,

I can't believe the beautiful weather we are having. It has been just fantastic. I can put up with chilly winter nights when the sky is so clear and full of stars and the days are cloudless, windless and sunny. It has been a delight to take our dog, Ash, out for walks. I am making the most of it whilst it lasts.

Talking of dogs, do you own a pet? If you do, remember that you must keep your dog on a lead in the bush. We would love to let Ash off to run free, but sadly this increases the chances that the disease endangering our Kauri will spread and, of course, any native wildlife he discovers would not last long. If you own a cat, the SPCA and Forest and Bird have put out guidelines for protecting native wildlife. These include keeping your cat indoors at night, including dawn and dusk, because this is when the hunting and prowling instinct of a cat is strongest and when birds are sitting on their nests. Ensure your cat is fed a balanced diet at regular times and fed indoors. Provide moving toys to help prevent boredom. You can prevent cats from climbing to bird nests by putting animal guards around any trees in your garden that may have nesting birds.

Forest and Bird also have suggestions for how to encourage birds into your garden including by building a bird feeder. More information is on their website, <http://www.forestandbird.org.nz/saving-our-environment/make-bird-feeder-your-garden>. I plan to have a go at building one and will report back. I would be interested in hearing what others have done to encourage native birds into their garden.

In June we had a full house for the annual Great Debate. We had a great evening, the good company of fellow Waiaataruans and their friends, good food and lively entertaining debaters. A big thank you to the debaters and the volunteers.

Wearing my Treasurer's hat I am happy to report that we made a small surplus from the evening. These events are put on for the enjoyment of the local community so we aim to make a small surplus so that we can continue to provide these events. Financially your society is in good heart. Our main income is from newsletter advertisers, hall hire and council grants. With the move to the Super City we have our fingers crossed that the small grant we receive will continue.

Your committee would love to see more use of the hall by the local community. It is great venue for events and meetings, there is a full kitchen with lots of crockery, and in the winter the heaters heat up the hall quickly. Prices for hall hire are very reasonable and make it a very affordable venue for that next family celebration. Key Wine and Food who provided the delicious food at the Great Debate are a great option for catering.

Well that's all from me.

John

Fire Brigade

Louisa Ferguson

A quiet month for the Fire Brigade, with no fire calls since the last newsletter. The brigade has still been keeping busy with practices and training exercises.

This month saw the brigade receive funding from the Waitakere Licensing Trust for approximately \$8,000 for the purchase of new equipment including new rural fire fighting equipment, new torches and vehicle chargers for portable radio batteries. We again thank the Waitakere Licensing Trust for their support with over \$15,000 being donated to the West Auckland Fire Brigades.

Winter Fires

Every year, far too many people face the tragedy of a fire in their home caused by hot ashes. The ash you clear from your fire place or wood burner can take up to five days to cool. Place these in a metal container well clear of your home.

Please remember the heater-metre rule – keep furniture, clothes and curtains at least one metre away from heaters and fire places.

You should also turn off all heaters and your electric blanket before you get into bed.

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).

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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.

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Landscaping your property with well thought through plant selection and attention to detail can greatly enhance the enjoyment of your home and significantly increase your property value.

Eva has worked on an extensive range of private and public gardens in Germany, Sydney and Auckland. Projects in the Waitakeres include the replanting along Bendalls Lane, a private orchard in Oratia, a makeover of a bush garden in Titirangi and various other gardens in Waiatarua. Baumhaus provides monthly garden maintenance service for all new projects and existing gardens, taking pride in having your garden looking great at all times.

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Letter to the Editor

Open Letter to the Waiatarua Community:

RE: Vandalism at Waiatarua Playcentre.

Waiatarua's beautiful Playcentre is located next to the Waiatarua Community Hall and over the last few months, we have been having problems with vandalism.

1. Our outside storage has been broken into and tools from it were used to break into the shed on the property next door.
2. Our small water tank lid was removed leaving the tank exposed for kids to fall into.
3. Some of our outdoor play equipment has been ripped out of the ground and broken.

Because it is happening regularly, we are guessing that it is older children/young teens (possibly from the local area) hanging out in our Playcentre in the weekends or at night.

Our local Playcentre is a great community facility. It is community run and operates on a small budget, so even small amounts of damage have a big effect on our bank balance!!

If you know of a local group of kids who may be roaming the area at night, or if you are the parent of a local teen, could you please have a talk with them and their friends about respecting community property?

If you have any questions about our centre or wish to discuss this problem further, you can email me on tasha@nzsponsorship.co.nz

Kind Regards

Tasha Gray

Parent at Waiatarua Playcentre

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