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Time: 7.30pm

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I feel a suitably flowery apology to the erudite Paul Osborne is needed. I inadvertently omitted his byline from the Traffic Survey Response (May Newsletter) on which he spent quite some time. Lord knows, the least an editor can do is give out a byline when payment for said articles in this newsletter is minimal ie. zilch. Sorry Paul, you did a wonderful job.

## The Great Waiaatarua Mid-Winter Debate 2011

### Saturday 18th June - 7.30pm

at the Waiaatarua Community Hall, 911 West Coast Road

Tickets \$23.00 each - B.Y.O Drinks (WRRRA non-Members \$28.00)

*Prepaid tickets only - Purchase before June 14<sup>th</sup>*

## Phone Jan on 814 9194 or email [pwmandjjj@clear.net.nz](mailto:pwmandjjj@clear.net.nz)

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Producer, Director, Actor

## 2010 returning champions

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Former WRRRA Vice President

### Lyndsay Whittle

Volunteer Fire Fighter

### Kubi Witten-Hannah

Former Chair of Waitakere Community Board

## 2011 Challengers yet to be revealed

## Debate Moot: that 'Ignorance is Bliss'

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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](http://www.waiaatarua.org.nz)

# Table Tennis is Back

There is no longer any excuse for sitting at home on Wednesday evening wondering why you are bothering to watch Two and a Half Men and Packed to the Rafters – table tennis is back at the Community Hall. 7-9pm is again an unmissable date any Waiaataruans who would like to pit their energies and wits against opponents of all ages and skill levels. From juniors of 13 to wrinklies of 60-something, you will definitely find someone who will be able to give you a good game.

We are always pleased to see new players, so if you feel like some fun and exercise, phone Tony on 8149 860 or Les on 8141 130, 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.

## From the President

Dave Pocock

Hi all,

Well we are right into winter weather now with our usual run of mixed bag temperatures etc.

If you have cause to phone the Auckland Council Call centre on 301 0101 be aware that your call may be answered by any one of a dozen centres throughout the city, so ensure that you ask for Waitakere or Henderson first up. Personally under this system I would have thought that the call centre staff would ask which area you are from, upon answering the call, but no. Also be patient as the system is nowhere as efficient as we became accustomed to in the past, make sure you get operators name and reference number and if nothing has happened in specified time, call back.

Over the last couple of newsletters there has been discussion on a certain mobility scooter which got me to think on the wider issue of road usage. As we have no footpaths, mobility scooters and pedestrians have the legal right to share the road with cyclists and we motorists providing they stay as far to the left as is practical.

This really means that as motorists we have to be much more vigilant and patient in sharing this facility, and I must say I find cyclists travelling at crazy speeds thinking they own the whole road much more worrying than mobility scooters or pedestrians.

I thought it was about time to give a plug to what is available in this hilltop hideaway, all based at the hall:

**Our Library:** Take the stairs to the left of the hall and be amazed at the selection of books, casual environment and friendliness of the volunteer staff. Hours Thursday 10a.m-12noon, Friday 7p.m-8p.m, Saturday and Sunday 11a.m-12noon.

**Yoga:** Monday 7.30p.m-9p.m, Saturday 9.30a.m-11a.m ph Vanessa 0275414810

**Table Tennis:** Wednesday 7p.m-9ish ph Tony 8149860

**Zumba:** Fridays 6.30p.m-7.30p.m ph Lisa 962-5698 or 021 688 643

As well as this we have various other entertainment offerings during the year such as: Quiz nights, The Great Debate, and productions from the Waiaatarua Performing Arts Trust. So there is no excuse for being bored.

We welcome a new business offering 10% discount to WRRRA members and that is Blow Moulders Ltd, manufacturers of plastic containers. View their products on [www.bml.co.nz](http://www.bml.co.nz). Located at 8 Waikaukau Rd Glen Eden, 818 7709 cash and cheque sales only.

Until next month

Dave



## Letter to the Editor

Re Waiaatarua drinking water....

..In over 75 years we've had almost nothing else than water from our own tanks, from the roofs.

At 831, we had about an 85 square metre roof feeding 1200 gallons (3 tanks) three boys, our parents and gardeners to wash for and this was before flush toilets came. Only the worst one or two droughts forced us to carry water about 330 metres from Potters Stream.

We emptied, bailed and swept out the leaves less often than yearly. Leaf buildup in spoutings will spill your precious fresh water, if you don't climb up and clean it out. (Don't disturb delicate spoutings) Toss out older leaves often from your spouting or use a good gutter protector system.

We had to bend chicken netting (about 18mm hexagons) in 2 or 3 layers, to exclude birds and rodents from getting into downpipes. I can personally testify that a dead possum, in an open tank, is to be avoided at all costs. It happened at Piha in about 1974. It did stink and was revolting and needed a very thorough cleanout

Last year, water trucked in cost \$200 for 10,000 litres with 10 days waiting!

John Isaachsen

## JULY NEWSLETTER

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by FRIDAY 17th JUNE 2011 - 5PM  
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## Fire Brigade Report

Louisa Ferguson

This month we congratulate RFF Darren Gee for completion of his Fire Service recruit's course. He spent a week in Rotorua at The Fire Service National Training Centre, Training in Basic Firefighting, Vegetation fire fighting, BA and live fire training. Congratulations Fire Fighter Gee! Late May will see Recruit Firefighter Joseph Hardie attend the same course.

Fire Fighters from Waikato and around the country, and also from overseas, quickly filled the 400-plus places in the Fire Fighter Sky challenge on May 21<sup>st</sup>. They will climb the 1103 steps to the top of Auckland's Sky Tower in their full fire fighting kit in support the Leukaemia and Blood Foundation. Good luck to FF Thomas Hopkins & RFF Louisa Ferguson who will be braving the stairs this year.

### Fire Safety

Being a new parent myself I thought that it's important to take a bit of time to consider our precious little ones coming into winter.

Children's Nightwear – New Fire Hazard Labelling

Whatever kind of nightwear a child is wearing, fire is still a serious risk. Children should stay at least one metre away from the heater or fire. Parents can choose safe nightwear for their child, but no clothes are fire-proof. When looking for safe nightwear, parents should choose the size that fits snugly. Baggy or loose nightwear can catch fire more easily.

### Fire risk labels:

All children's nightwear needs to have a fire-risk label on it. From 1 April 2009, a red label means high fire danger, and a new orange label is a warning to choose close-fitting options. Other garments, such as those made of more fire resistant materials like wool blends, can still use the white Low Fire Danger label.

If parents are using or buying second-hand nightwear they should assume the nightwear is not heat or flame resistant whether the nightwear has a fire risk label or not.

### Around the fire or heater

If a child is wearing high fire danger nightwear they should stay far away from the fire or heater. But even a 'low danger' label doesn't mean there is no danger. Nightwear that says 'low fire danger' can still catch fire if the child is too close.

If there are young children in the house, parents should put safety guards around the heater or fire. Parents should teach children the 'metre from the heater' rule.

### Fire Calls

24 <sup>th</sup>	April	03:40	MVA	West Coast Rd, Waikato
6 <sup>th</sup>	May	18:53	MVA	West Coast Rd, Waikato
7 <sup>th</sup>	May	10:15	Rubbish Fire	West Coast Rd, Waikato

### Waikato Fire Brigade Contacts

Phone 111 for any Fire or Emergency.

Otherwise please call Chief Fire Officer Helen Longley (814 9855), Deputy Chief Fire Officer Karl Nuttall (814 8777), Station Officer Ian Ford (814 8871), Station Officer Kevin Healy (814 9505), Station Officer Gareth Mullins (814 9282)

## From the Editor

Robyn O'Sullivan

Hello everyone and welcome to June, the month of the great debate. I hope everyone who wants to, is able to buy tickets...don't delay...they sell really quickly and great spot prizes are on offer! I thank everyone who has donated prizes. Your generosity is much appreciated.

With the weather still being reasonably warm last month, I noticed more cyclists, runners and walkers out early on their weekend constitutionals. They are harder to spot in the early morning winter mists and not all of them are sensible, so I remind drivers to keep to the speed limits especially when rounding corners. You wouldn't want one of them becoming a new hood ornament on the front of your car. So, be careful, and may the only roadkill be those pesky possums!

## Garden Group

Eileen Powell

Our next get together is Wednesday 1 June. As the wet weather is now upon us, we will be holding a DVD afternoon with Rhododendron and world gardens as subjects. Our July 6 visit will be to the Domain Winter Gardens, where we will enjoy the dense planting in the tropical houses. For further information ring Eileen on 814 9298.

## Library Report

Jeannette Ziesler

"The Villa Girls" by Nicky Pellegrino. Nicky writes about 4 friends who agreed, when young, to get together every few years for a holiday in the sun.

"Pigeon English" by Stephen Kelman. The tale of an 11 year old Ghanaian immigrant learning to survive in a less than desirable environment that influences and shapes his life.

"The Troubled Man" by Henning Mankell. This is the last Wallender story. All his fans can share with him, the dilemma of whether he should believe the politicians and military. Not when it involves his family!

"The Book Of Rachael" by Leslie Cannold. Leslie tells the story of Rachael, the sister of a young preacher. His name was Jesus. Rachael falls in love with Judah of Iscariot. What followed is written in history.

"One Foot In Eden" by Ron Rash. Set in South Carolina in 1950's, a sheriff is sure that the disappearance of a local military veteran is the result of murder. However, he has no body or suspect.

"My Name Is Mary Sutter" by Robin Oliveira. Mary, a midwife, wants to become a surgeon. When no hospital will allow this, she continues learning from text books. The outbreak of the American Civil War gives her the opportunity use her knowledge tending to the wounded.



## Waikato Performing Arts

### Auditions

Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> June 2011 - 2.00pm - 4.00pm  
Waikato Community Hall, 911 West Coast Road.

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And what your potential is!"*  
-Anne Frank

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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.

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