

Waiatarua Community News

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Weed Bin

Just a reminder that the weed bin at the Waiatarua Fire Station is for environmental weeds only, e.g. ginger, wandering jew, plectranthus, agapanthus, jasmine, etc. This is then taken away and composted.

Recently someone put a large amount of bamboo in the bin and this is one of the weeds which is not acceptable along with other items of general garden waste. I have discovered that the Auckland Zoo will come and collect bamboo for animal feed. You would have to contact them beforehand as they will only collect it on the day that it is cut. I expect you would have to have a reasonable amount to make it worth their while.

If you are unsure of what can go into the bin, please ring me on 8149346. - Susanne Timms

WAIATARUA QUIZ NIGHT

Saturday 21st July at 7.30pm, 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.

Entry is just \$5 per person. Please BYO drinks, and nibbles to share with your team (AND the quizmasters!)

For more info please call Ian or Cathie on 814 8871.



Join us at **Waiatarua Hall**

Every Tuesday 6:30 pm

For Inquiries Phone Lisa : 021 688 643

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From the Editor Robyn O'Sullivan

Whilst I was away, I taped a lot of my favourite programmes as I rightly assumed by the time I got home, winter would have set in and I could catch up on a mound of ironing while watching said programmes. One or two of them were finals in the series and you know how annoying it is to watch a whole series and then miss the vital 'wrapping up of all storylines' that hopefully, (not always) occurs in the final!

And so, last week, I sat down to watch the final Sons of Anarchy (please do not judge me by just this one!) Disappointingly, I had one hour of pitch blackness ...not even the tiniest clue as to who was doing what with whom and I was a mite upset that nothing was going to be revealed. Apparently we had been having trouble with TV3 and associated channels, since mid-May and this would require adjusting the aerial to find out where they had migrated to.

All of this of course, brings me to this moment! While writing my editorial I am keeping an eye on the tv and answering questions from my husband who is leaping around the roof like a ninja, chancing life and limb and risking frostbite! So if this newsletter arrives much later than usual to your letterbox, then rest assured either one or both of us has ended up in hospital. Well at least we should have good reception while we recuperate.

Enjoy July and don't forget the quiz night on the 21st!

Fire Brigade Report

RFF Louisa Mullins

We have had a rather quiet month this month. No fire calls.

However the cold weather has not stopped training. We have been braving the cold to keep up to date with all our exercises.

We had a special training session on Sunday 16th of June. Fall Arrest Training deals with safely climbing to high places (ie. roof tops) using harness and safety lines.

Fire safety - Electrical Safety

Overloaded electrical circuits, faulty electrical equipment and misuse of electrical equipment are common causes of fire.

- If you have any concern about the performance of appliances like electric blankets, heaters, air conditioners or fans, have them checked by a qualified electrician.
- Do not overload multiboards with double adaptors. Remember - one appliance per multiboard or wall socket.
- Ensure that leads on appliances are in good condition and not frayed.
- Extension cords are not designed as permanent replacements to your home's internal wiring. Never put them under carpets or mats or use them while they are tightly coiled.
- Turn off and, where practical, unplug appliances when not in use.
- Keep electrical appliances clear of water.
- When buying second hand appliances ensure that they have been tested by a licensed electrician or gas fitter and have been certified as safe.
- Do not place fans, heaters, televisions and electrical equipment in areas with restricted airflow as overheating may occur.

Need A Smoke Alarm?

Standard Smoke Alarms are available Free from the brigade; If you would like some smoke alarms or advice on where to put them or help installing them, Please contact Louisa Mullins on 814 9282.

Waiaatarua Fire Brigade Phone Contacts

Phone 111 for Fire or an Emergency. Otherwise please call Chief Fire Officer Helen Longley (814 9855), Deputy Chief Fire Officer Gareth Mullins (814 9282), Station Officer Ian Ford (814 8871), Station Officer Kevin Healy (814 9505).

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Pilates Classes in West Auckland

Mondays: Beginners classes: 4:30 & 5:30pm – New Lynn

Tuesdays: Intermediate classes: 9am - Titirangi & 11am – Oratia

Wednesdays: Pregnancy Pilates Class: 5:30pm – Titirangi

Thursdays: Intermediate class: 9am – Titirangi

Fridays: Beginners Class: 9:30am – Blockhouse Bay

Saturdays: Intermediate Classes: 8am – Oratia, 9am – Oratia

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Additional classes are also available in Ranui, Henderson and Blockhouse Bay.

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

From the President

Dave Pocock

Hi All,

Boy is it cold but at least not too wet.

Talking about water very nicely brings me to the next item:

I received a call from a member concerned that Watercare is and has been advertising that under new charges, starting 1st July, everybody with a meter will be charged waste water at \$90 plus an amount based on water in.

I passed this on to Janet Clews, our local board representative, to investigate with the result being that those on Septic Tanks will not be required to pay the wastewater charges, so when you get your new bill after 1st July just make sure they are not there.

I have called on Janet a few times since the establishment of the local board and have found her to be very efficient in reporting back with a result. Thanks Janet.

Last month I reported on the funding issues and that John was making submissions with the object of retaining present or better funding, the result being that funding is unchanged for 2012/2013 financial year. This was brought about by the large number of submissions along the same lines as ours.

A few things have been and are happening with the debate having happened by the time you read this and I must say the ticket sales were much slower this year. We had a fantastic response from local businesses donating spot prizes so we can return their support by looking on the back page of the newsletter next time you want something done.

Coming up next is Quiz night and once again Ian Ford and Cathie Wells are preparing this for us, thanks guys.

Unfortunately I will miss quiz night as I am taking part in Waitemata Theatre's HI-DE-HI in their new theatre which is being formed in the Shed where Trash to Fashion was originally.

Well that is all I can think of for now,

Till next month

Dave

New Books at Waitarua Library

Jeannette Ziesler

Antonia And Her Daughters – Marlena de Blasi. The author borrowed a friend's cottage in Tuscany so she could finish a book in peace. Antonia and her family lived nearby and distrusted strangers. The women clashed but then gradually came to respect one another. Marlena writes of the Tuscan family, the strong women who make up the family, the culture and the food.

Imagination – Jonah Lehrer. An interesting study of the way the human mind opens up to be creative. Many case histories are included. How did Nike's well known slogan come about? What is the secret behind Bob Dylan's ability to write lyrics? This book explores these and many areas of creativity. Apparently we are all creative – it is just a matter of allowing our mind to kick-start the brain.

The Faceless – Vanda Symon. A middle-aged man is frustrated with his lot in life. He picks up a hooker in a mad moment, but when she mocks him he attacks her and then hides her in a property he owns. Street girls have friends who look out for them and so when she is missing the hunt starts. This book is nominated for a crime writer's award.

The Baroness – Hannah Rothschild. Born a Rothschild and marriage gave her a title, but none of this mattered when she heard Thelonious Monk's music. She abandoned her marriage and children, took off for New York to find Monk. From then on he and his friends became her life. A story of music and love.

An Unexpected Guest – Anne Korkeakivi. The wife of an American diplomat, based in Paris, is shopping for a dinner crucial to her husband's career, when she glimpses a face in the crowd. A face from her past – a dark past, buried for 25 years. To add to her troubles her son appears, absent without permission from his school.

Home – Toni Morrison. A Korean War veteran, angry and full of self-loathing, returns home and discovers his young sister needs rescuing from an undisciplined medical practitioner. He takes her back to the small town of their childhood. There, they both relive and come to grips with their brutalised past and discover their strengths and ability to recover. A great Morrison story.

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Musical instruments for sale: Baldwin piano + stool, approx 20 years old but in excellent condition, beautiful tone and holds tuning well, has anti-humidity heater, \$1,800. Acoustic **Guitars** both 3/4 size and in as-new condition with nylon carry cases -Ashton CXG-34NT, \$60; Sonic Jag-7300-BB-S (blue with steel strings) \$110. Ph Molly 814 9034 or email mollymat@xtra.co.nz

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Otimai: Events and training centre is available for hire (Guides Auckland) and is open to view by appointment. Phone Bruce on 814 9992 for bookings.

Plants: Bromeliads \$5 - \$6; Taros, cannas and various shrubs \$4 - \$5. All sales to Nepalese Educ Trust. 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.

Waitarua Playcentre: 911 West Coast Road, Waitarua. Phone 09 814 8835. Sessions: Monday, Wednesday & Friday 9.30am - 12.30pm.

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