

Waiatarua Community News

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Cancellation Notice

Karekare Race Day is a big fund-raiser for Lone Kauri School & Karekare Surf Club, but the event has had to be postponed to Saturday 23rd March 2013 - due to a lack of horse entries at this very busy time of year pre-Christmas. Please encourage your friends with horses to enter in early next year. We will have something in the February newsletter for anyone interested.



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COMMUNITY NEWS

Many congratulations to local Caitlin Brogan. Her garment, My Maria, won the runner up student innovation award at the World of Wearable Art Awards on Sep 28th and since returning from Wellington, she has been busy working on a feature film.

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Coming up at the Oratia Church Cnr Parker and West Coast Rd Ph: 818 8344 are :

Oratia Christmas Picnic: Everyone Welcome. Come along for Carols, Santa on a tractor, lighting the Oratia Christmas Star, Free Sausage sizzle and School choir singing. Bring a rug and picnic tea. Please bring an unwrapped gift for charity. Dec 2nd, 6.30pm. Rain date Dec 9th, 6.30pm.

Lessons and Carols Service: Enjoy the spirit of Christmas with the Oratia Singers, Dec 16th, 7.00pm.

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VOLUNTEER REQUIRED. We require a volunteer to open the library on the first Sunday of each month for just one hour (11am – 12pm).

Our thanks to Julie, who is leaving Waiatarua, for her work over the years.

If you can help us please ring Bev Latimer Ph. 8353237, or Jeannette Ziesler ph. 8141999. Alternatively call in at library during our opening hours.

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From a member of the WRRRA:

I would like to pass on a warning to anyone in the area who has a new digital power meter. I have just discovered that because it is attached to Vodafone and we don't get good reception with Vodafone the meter company has been estimating my bill for six months and I didn't realise because we were told these wonderful new meters could be read from the meter company's office I hadn't been looking at the account to see if read and as the account was about the same as always I didn't notice 'estimated' on the account. It seems they estimated from my last read account, which was March and used that as a guide, not allowing for the winter months and I now have an extra bill of \$350 to catch up.

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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

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From the Editor Robyn O'Sullivan

Many thanks to everyone who has submitted articles to/heaped on the praise or advertised their wares etc this year in the newsletter. May your summer be long and hot, your gardens plentiful, your families happy and safe and let us hope there are no dramas in the hills over the Xmas period.

Grateful thanks also go out to our back page advertisers without whom the newsletters would be dull and boring and we would be running on the smell of an oily rag!

Enjoy the Xmas break and the summer and we'll be back early in February!

Garden Group Eileen Powell

This month we are visiting two gardens in Titirangi on Wednesday 5 December and our Christmas lunch will be held on Monday 17 December. We hope all the gardeners out there are now enjoying the fruits of their labour, when picking vegetables straight from the garden now the soil has warmed. Compliments of the season to all and we trust you will have time to relax in the garden over the holidays. For further information please ring Eileen on 8149 298.

NZ music icons The Nairobi Trio at the 3rd Oratia Jungle Festival on January 19th

The Festival, held at the stunning Landsend Gardens in Parker Road, combines the beautiful ambience of this hidden Oratia oasis with live music, art, world cinema, fabulous wine & food, and is fast becoming discovered by audiences all over Auckland.

This is a fabulous local event with art exhibitions and garden trails, hosting some of NZ's top music acts with local favourites BlackSandDiva, Mandy Patmore, as well as favourites The Nairobi Trio and funk/jazz saxophonist Lewis Mcallum.

With an afternoon start of 2pm families can relax during the day or stay until the evening, family ticket passes are available, and a ticket makes a superb christmas gift.

Tickets are available at Titirangi Pharmacy, West Coast Gallery, at Landsend Gardens 108 Parker Road, or for more information email toitoimusic@gmail.com or phone 8128571. Find us on Facebook – The Oratia Jungle Festival.

Waiaatarua Community News has two single tickets to giveaway to the first lucky readers to answer this question: Name one of the local bands playing at the 2013 Jungle Festival – simply email your answer with details to toitoimusic@gmail.com. Good Luck!

FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER

Copy needs to be in the hands of the Editor
by **FRIDAY 18th JANUARY 2013 - 5PM**
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From the President

Dave Pocock

Hi all,

Well last newsletter for the year, hardly seems possible, but I guess we say that every year around now.

Last night 10th November, we had another one of our Quiz nights and what a night with nine tables of contestants averaging eight per table. A great community atmosphere with a diverse range of questions, something for everyone.

Ian and Cathie once again doing a fantastic job of putting this together and once again the Easy Beats took the night. Mind you only 1.5 points behind was the Oratia Beauties who I'm sure were named after the only male at the table Chris Radford.

Our next event is our AGM to be held 7th March and it would be very nice and desirable to welcome some new faces on the committee.

It is looking highly likely that we will be losing Norma as she is moving to Thames either end of year or early next year. We thank Norma for her time on the committee; not only this current committee but Norma was a committee member when I first joined in 2004 and has always added a touch of colour to proceedings.

We can't be too bad a bunch when half of us have been together for the past four years and friendships have developed and we would welcome some new blood and ideas to join us.

Our committee meetings are held 2nd Wednesday of the month at 5.30pm and I am usually home by 6.30pm in time to cook tea. This of course is flexible but does fit in with one's life nicely.

When you read this Shirley and I will be back from six nights in Rarotonga in celebration of her getting her Gold card so we both now have a free bus ticket. When I booked it in August I thought one has to be mad going when the weather here is hot but obviously I knew something and we are looking forward to a taste of hot. I didn't tell Shirley until a week before leaving and she had no idea.

With Xmas looming our neighbourhood watch system is more important than ever and a few ideas to help keep us all protected from the low life:

1/ Let your neighbours know when you will be away, if you don't know your neighbours now is a good time to meet them.

2/ Make sure you cancel newspaper but arrange for neighbour to pick any stray ones up.

3/ Arrange for your mailbox to be cleared or are you aware that NZ Post have a mail hold service were they collect your mail and deliver it all on the day you nominate for your return. If you are a Gold card holder it is free, all detail on their web site. We have used this service for the last year or two and it is excellent.

Well apart from wishing you all a Merry Xmas and Happy New Year that is me for now apart from this thought,

To succeed in life you need three things

A wishbone

A backbone

A funnybone

Dave

Waiaatarua Library Report

Jeannette Ziesler

Holiday Season Is Nigh And Your Library Has Some Great New Books.

"1912 – The Year The World Discovered Antarctica" tells of the 5 separate teams exploring beyond the limits of the, then, known world. Chris Turney writes of their scientific achievements despite the trials and traumas they faced.

"Joseph Anton" is Salmon Rushdie's frank and gripping memoir. He tells of his early life, but also the way the "fatwa" on him so dramatically changed his life. He went to give an interview and never went home – his life was in danger.

"The Yellow Birds" is being touted as one of the best books of the year and has the possibility of being a classic. Kevin Powers was a soldier and in this novel tells of the horror and cost of war, not only while on deployment but in later life. No-one will ever be a victor.

"Love Anthony" takes the reader into the life of a family with an autistic child. The impact on family life is so well documented here it's hard to realise you are reading a novel, but then the author, Lisa Genova, is very good at her portrayals.

The library will close for the Christmas break at 12pm on Sunday, 23rd December and re-open on Thursday 10th January 2013. A good summer is hoped for.

Our heartfelt thanks to all our volunteers who turn out regularly to ensure the library opens every weekend.

Fire Brigade Report

RFF Louisa Mullins

It has been a very busy month with seven fire calls, two events, several members attending courses and two members traveling to Sydney for the World Fire Fighter Games.

The Friends of Arataki Kids Fun Day was on Sunday November 4. The Fire Service brought out the Kitchen Trailer and Wendy house where our brigade members held demonstrations throughout the day. It was a great day.

The weather did not let up enough for the planned Guy Fawkes bonfire on Saturday 3rd, but all went ahead on Sunday 4th. The Bonfire was lit just after dark and we had heaps of fireworks and a fire call to add to the excitement.

FF Darren Gee and FF Joseph Hardie attended a Qualified Fire Fighters Course at Whangarei Training Centre and Derek Renata attended a Senior Fire Fighters course at the Auckland Training Centre. Well done Guys!

Congratulations to Helen Longley and Craig Dye at the World Fire Fighters games last month. Helen brought home three gold medals in the squash singles, indoor rowing and dragon boat racing and one silver medal in the squash doubles, with Craig receiving a silver medal in his age group for both the singles and men's doubles table tennis (paired with a player from Hong Kong who he beat in the semi-finals). Well done!

Fire Calls

13/10/2012, 12:05: Pole Down, Piha Road, Piha. Strong Winds brought down a wooden telephone pole.

13/10/2012, 17:40: Power Pole on Fire, Scenic Drive, Waiaatarua.

28/10/2012, 15:55: Medical Assist, Scenic Drive, Waiaatarua.

30/10/2012, 15:00: Motor Vehicle Accident, Forest Hill Road, Waiaatarua. You may have seen the result of this accident where the fence lost the battle with the car.

31/10/2012, 07:20: Motor Vehicle Accident, Piha Road, Piha.

02/11/2012, 11:40: Car Fire, Piha Road, Waiaatarua.

04/11/2012, 09:20: Vegetation Fire, Marine Parade South, Piha. Handled by Piha crew.

Property Damage

Recently the brigade has become aware of some unlawful property damage at one of our local buildings which also involved signs of arson. The police and a Senior Fire safety officer along with the brigade Deputy Chief Fire officer have been investigating. If anyone has any information please contact DCFO Gareth Mullins on 814 9282 or if you see anything suspicious in our community please contact the police.

Fire Safety

BBQs are potentially dangerous when used carelessly or when consuming excessive amounts of alcohol.

- Ensure you regularly check and maintain BBQ fittings and connection.
- Ensure there is adequate clearing around the BBQ.
- Supervise children at all times when using the BBQ.
- Remove all excess fat from BBQ after each use.
- Garages and sheds often contain fire safety hazards.
- Have flammable liquids and other products stored in appropriate containers.
- Keep the shed secure and locked.
- Ensure your shed has adequate ventilation.
- Gas and air form an explosive mixture
- Ensure you are aware of where gas isolation valves are located in your home.
- Have all gas appliances serviced according to manufacturer instructions

Smoke Alarms

Need A Smoke Alarm!!!

New Photoelectric long life 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 8149282.

Waiaatarua Fire Brigade Contacts

Phone 111 for any Fire or 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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Babysitter Wanted: for 3 girls (5 & 4 years & 10 mnths) – regular fri or sat nights in vicinity of Rimu Road. Please phone Carol 814 9118 or 027 292 6820.

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Join the Republic: The Republic Movement Waitakere Branch - We are a constitutional reform group campaigning within the electorate for an elected and accountable Head of State. We work to raise awareness, raise funds and lobby local MPs. We are now establishing groups in neighbouring electorates. Check our website www.republic.org.nz then call local organiser Savage on 814-1814.

Lawn mowing and section clean ups. Ph Grant at Top Grass Ltd. 8149493 mob 02102475610

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. 3/4 size Acoustic guitar: Sonic Jag 7300-BB-S (blue with steel strings); as new and comes with nylon carry case: \$110. Ph Molly 814 9034 or email mollymat@xtra.co.nz

NORMA is available to take bookings for weddings and other ceremonies. Phone 814 1868.

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.

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

West Auckland Yoga at Oratia Settlers Hall: All levels - Tues 9.15am and 6.30pm, Fri 9.15am (cost \$15). Beginners class - Thurs 7pm (cost \$12) Ph Tasha 812 8942 or Steph 0272 841 178. www.westaucklandyoga.kiwi.nz

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