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Sound like a good idea if so fill in membership box and come and join the happiest community there is.

N I Robins typically nest in a fork in a tree! They are endemic and have a very low population on the mainland. N I Robins have been successfully released at the Ark in the Park (Cascades) and frequent the clearing where the circular walk emerges from the bush... many thanks to Stephen Davies for this pic

Edith Shawyer

**Therapist Post Graduate Diploma in Education and Drama Therapy
Member of the NZ Counselling Association**

I started my married life in Titirangi. I taught at both Kaurilands and Titirangi schools as well as directing a 'Children's Theatre'. From there I took up varied positions in the Education sector including the roles of Deputy Principal, Principal and Resource teacher for Learning and behaviour. My own Drama and theatre training enabled me to offer training to children in drama and theatre wherever I have been based in New Zealand and Europe.

Realising the therapeutic value of Drama, I took the opportunity of training as a Drama-therapist completing a three year post graduate diploma through Surrey University in England.

Children and adolescents who work with drama and the expressive arts, in my experience, learn to express themselves confidently, expressively and appropriately. They have the opportunity to use their imagination and develop creatively. They learn to listen to others; develop empathy; and have a deeper understanding of their own feelings.

These children 'stand out' in a very positive way with skills that not only assist them at school but in the workplace and wider community.

I have come back to the West and now live in Waiatarua. It's good to be home and I am delighted to have the opportunity to start Creative Drama Workshops.



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From the Editor Robyn O'Sullivan

Did anyone spot the deliberate mistake in the last edition of the newsletter? Yes, it was indeed a test to see if you're all devouring every written word and you've failed miserably apart from the two delightful ladies (plus Stephen, but who's counting) who contacted me re my mistake!

I am putting my hand up in disgrace for not noticing the Nth Island Robins in the pic were actually the Welcome Swallows who plagued me for months until I worked out a way to get rid! In my defence, we did hold the front page for this photo which came in at the very last minute hence the lack of time to examine said photo. There will be no 'shaming and naming' of the good folk in Turanga Rd who don't know their robins from their swallows but many thanks for the lovely shot.

And grateful thanks to Stephen Davies who has sent in the correct pic of a Nth Island Robin so none of us will be making the same mistake anytime soon.

If anyone else has good shots of anything pertaining to the area or you think our two readers would be interested in, then please send them in for publication. The paper always looks more interesting with photos.

Garden Group Eileen Powell

Gardening is difficult at present with the ground as hard as rock and especially for those of us wrestling with the shortage of water. However it is pleasant just being in the garden and planning your Autumn planting for when the rains arrive. Our next get together will be April 3 and for further details please ring Eileen on 814 9298.

MAY NEWSLETTER

Copy needs to be in the hands of the Editor
by **FRIDAY 12th APRIL 2013 - 5PM**
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Elevation 473 Scenic Dr, Ph 814 1919

From the Vice-President

Susanne Timms

The fine weather continues with only another 3mm of rain, as at mid March, since my report in the last Newsletter. Surprisingly all my trees are looking perfectly happy with the exception of a patch of parataniwha which normally stands knee-high but has been totally flat for weeks. I do hope it recovers when it rains again.

The WRRRA AGM was held on 6 March and was well attended with a new committee member being elected. We extend a warm welcome to John Andersen who moved into the area last year. The following officers were elected:

President	Dave Pocock
Vice-President	Susanne Timms
Treasurer	John Stagg
Secretary	Jan James
Newsletter Editor	Robyn O'Sullivan
Committee	Paul Osborne, John Andersen
Co-Opted Members	Lynda & Frank Hogsden

A Thank You Lunch was held on Sunday 17 March for the volunteers who run the library, those who are involved in the production and delivery of the Newsletter, and the WRRRA Committee. This was to recognise the valuable work they all do in our community.

Dave is now doing really well following his recent surgery, after having a set-back which required another few days in hospital. We continue to wish him well and hope to see him back soon.

I hope that by the time you read this Newsletter there will have been some good rain to fill up your tanks and water your gardens.

Library Report

Jeannette Ziesler

A SMALL SELECTION OF THE NEW BOOKS AT YOUR LOCAL LIBRARY.

"Pig Tits And Parsley Sauce". Great title for this small book. Lyn Webster wrote weekly column on her ways of saving money and attempts to spend no more than \$100.00 a week on the family grocery bill. She has now written this book with loads of money saving ideas, recipes for cleansers etc, and on the way she shows how you reduce your impact on the environment.

"Home In The Howling Wilderness". The early settlers arriving in NZ after the signing of the Treaty Of Waitangi had very little idea of the trials they were to face. Peter Holland has trawled through diaries, letters and papers of the early settlers in the southern part of the country to give the reader an insight into the ways these people adapted to the rugged life they faced.

"Batavia". This was the name of the flagship of the Dutch East India Company. In 1629 she set sail laden with riches, but unfortunately ran into a reef off the coast of Australia. The captain beached her and set off to get help leaving crew and passengers on an island. Peter Fitzsimmons tells of the mutiny, murder and mayhem that followed.

"The Twelve Tribes Of Hattie". A young Hattie flees the American South dreaming of a better future in Philadelphia. Ayana Matthis writes of the six decades that Hattie spends doing her best for her family. The sacrifices, the heartbreak and the love required to give them a better life and future make this a book well worth reading.

"The Rosie Project". Don Tilman has decided to get married, but first he has to find a suitable candidate. He draws up a list of all the qualities his new wife must have. Rosie has none of the required things, so when she seeks Don's help to do some genetic research there is no danger of him being attracted to her. Graeme Simsion has written this book that is being well received everywhere. And yes, maybe Don's list isn't a good indicator of love.

Good Reading.

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Fire Brigade Report

RFF Louisa Mullins

Three months into the year, we have not had a huge number of calls, but we have been kept busy. We have been having the fire station repainted; it's always nice to have a spruce up.

On Sunday 10th of February the majority of the brigade and some from other brigades, participated in a refresher first aid course run by St Johns. Thanks to the two lovely ladies from St Johns who took the course.

Congratulations to SO Kevin Healy and his wife Christine who renewed their marriage vows in a delightful ceremony at the fire station on February 9th to mark their 14th wedding anniversary.

We would like to welcome SFF Fred Abbott to the Waiatarua Brigade. Fred is a career fire fighter from the Te Atatu Fire Station, he and his wife have recently moved into the area and Fred has kindly offered to help us out with our training.

Kitchen

25% of ALL house fires start in the kitchen

- If you must leave the room, TURN OFF the stove.
- Clean your stove grill after each use to prevent the build-up of spilled fats and burnt foods.
- Clean rangehood filters regularly.
- Curtains, tea towels, oven mitts and any flammable items should be kept well away from the cooking area.
- Have a fire extinguisher and/or fire blanket correctly located in your kitchen and make sure you know how to use them.
- Never throw water on to a frying pan that's on fire.
- Never, ever attempt to carry a burning frying pan outside.
- If your frying is on fire, wet a tea towel and place it over the pan or use a large flat object (like a chopping board) to starve the fire of oxygen.
- If you do have a fire on your stove, try (if you can) to turn the power or gas off either at the stove or at the mains.
- Alcohol is involved in 50% of all fatal fires. So don't drink and fry, get takeaways delivered instead or use the microwave.

Fire Calls

16/02/2013, 01:18pm - PFA Scenic Drive, Waiatarua. The fire alarm was activated due to cooking. This was an investigation call only.

22/02/2013, 05:07pm - PFA Bush Road, Waiatarua. Another privately monitored alarm activation due to cooking.

03/03/2013, 00:01pm - Fireworks Bendalls Lane, Waiatarua. It seems like the fire ban message hasn't got through to some people, who thought that it would be fun letting them off to celebrate a birthday.

03/03/2013, 10:04pm - Power Pole on Fire Scenic Drive, Waiatarua. The fire was actually caused by plants getting into the transformer below to short out. Most people in Waiatarua would have heard the loud bang.

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.

Waiatarua 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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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 current financial members.

Broadband in Waiatarua - To be kept informed about developments (or lack of them), send your name, phone number and email address to Tony Bacon at tony.bacon@sthw.co.nz

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Local Justice of the Peace: Adrian Delaat JP, 26 Rimu Rd, phone 09 814 9038.

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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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.

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

WANTED: Person to take child to Rangeview school, from Turanga Road, off Scenic Drive. PAYMENT to be arranged. Please contact Belinda on 838 2093, or email liley@slingshot.co.nz

West Auckland Yoga at Oratia Settlers Hall: Tues 9.30am and 6.30pm, Fri 9.15am (cost \$15). Ph Tasha 021 0274 9136 or Steph 0272 841 178 www.westaucklandyoga.kiwi.nz

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