

Waiaatarua Community News

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Weed Bin

Just a reminder that the weed bin at the Waiaatarua Fire Station is for environmental weeds only, e.g. ginger, wandering jew, agapanthas. The last 3 times it has been filled with flax or cabbage tree. If you are not sure what can go into the bin, there is a small sign beside the bin or you can ring me. Thanks for your cooperation. - Susanne Timms.



The Great Waiaatarua Mid-Winter Debate 2013

Saturday 22nd June - 7.30pm

at the Waiaatarua Community Hall, 911 West Coast Road

For Tickets or more information

Phone Jan on 814 9194
or email pwmamdjjj@xtra.co.nz

Tickets \$25.00 for members and \$30.00 for non-members

Prepaid tickets only - Purchase before June 14th

Delectable Canapes and Dessert menu created by
Thoughtful Food

The moot:

that... A Good Man is Hard to Find

2012 returning champions

Denise Yates

Chair Waitakere Local Board,

Jean Avery

Local resident and WPAT Volunteer.

Boun Khamwanthong

Owner Elevation Cafe.

2013 challengers

Mike Morgan

Handy Man out West,

Brittany Raleigh

Member of the Young National Party.

Late replacement

Dave Pocock
President WRRRA

Chaired By:
Lyndsay Whittle
long-standing volunteer fire fighter

At 11.50 am on Sunday the 12th of May, the Fire service received a call that a vehicle had left the road and gone down a bank with a trapped person, however the driver did not know where she was on Forest Hill Road.

Fire Appliances from Waiaatarua, Glen Eden, Henderson and Auckland Operational Support were dispatched.

Thanks to the quick spotting of Lyndsay Whittle, the Waiaatarua crew located the vehicle in a paddock on Forest Hill Road. Upon investigation, the driver was found trapped in her vehicle and had to be cut free due to her injuries. Medical care was provided inside the vehicle from paramedics - Henderson's highly trained Rescue Tender crew - supported by crews from Waiaatarua and Glen Eden. Using hydraulic cutting tools (jaws of life) they removed the windows, side and rear doors of the vehicle, also the windscreen and roof, allowing the patient to be lifted from the vehicle and then carried in a stokes basket (stretcher) back up to the road to the waiting ambulance.

Thanks to intrepid photographer Tony Bacon for the excellent pic and to Gareth Mullins, Deputy Chief Fire Officer for the explanation.



WAITAKERE ORCHESTRA

Conductor Brigid Ursula Bisley

10th ANNIVERSARY CONCERT

Saturday 1st June 2013
8.00pm

Glen Eden Playhouse Theatre
15 Glendale Road, Glen Eden,
Auckland

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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

Library Report Jeannette Ziesler

“Men of Valour” – Ron Palenski. This is a very readable account of New Zealand’s part in the brutal battle for Crete during WW2. Palenski has not focussed on who should carry blame for the loss but more on the campaign itself and the men involved.

“With Bold Needle and Thread” – Rosemary McLeod. A practical book with a range of things for the crafty person, plus some social commentary, hints and tips. McLeod accessed many vintage magazines and modernised 47 projects from them – a bit of everything.

“His Own Steam – The Work of Barry Brickell” – David Craig and Gregory O’Brien. Potter. Conservationist, engineer and railway enthusiast are just some of the words to describe Brickell. A series of essays cover many facets of the man and the superb colour plates tell the pictorial story.

“All Good Things” – Sarah Turnbull. This is a continuation of Turnbull’s memoir started in “Almost French”. Now she tells of her and her husband’s move to Tahiti for his work and life on the island of Moorea. She tries filling her time by writing, but longs to have a child. This is a more personal account of her life and the IVF which results in a successful pregnancy.

“Wild” – Cheryl Strayed. Despite being an inexperienced hiker, Strayed decided to do the Pacific Crest Trail from Mexico to Canada by herself. She recognised that her life was out of control in the worst possible way and this may help her. She tells a gritty story of the journey and how she finished it, healed and strengthened.

“Country Girl” - Edna O’Brien. A memoir from the well-known Irish author, whose books were sometimes banned in her own country. Now in her 80s, she writes of a life lived, very often in the “fast lane”, in London in the 1960s and since.

Good reading.

Garden Group Eileen Powell

Next month we are visiting the Auckland Botanic Gardens before the winter sets in. The date is Wednesday June 5 and we will assume that the sun will shine even though the recent rain has been very welcome. Please contact Eileen on 814 9298 for further information.

JULY NEWSLETTER

Copy needs to be in the hands of the Editor
by **FRIDAY 14th JUNE 2013 - 5PM**
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Contributions and suggestions for the
newsletter are welcome;
however publication will depend
on available space.

From the President

Dave Pocock

Hi,

Well 2013 has been an adventure for me which seems to continue, the latest being my journey into the world of Scam. In March I received an email with a job opportunity which I treated as scam and deleted only to have them contact me again a week later.

The offer was to pay me \$10,000 to use my photo in a poster ad campaign in UK and Europe, they had got my photo off facebook. So in consultation with my Lawyer daughter-in-law, we decided to play along.

In various emails they never asked for any detail other than name to put on cheque, postal address and contact numbers so no way they can get money out.

We also did checks on the persons and company on Google, Scam buster, Securities Commission and Fraud Department, all clean.

Finally a cheque arrived with these two emails in close company and even a phone call from the company “Crush Models Management”

“Good to know that you have finally received the payment, all you need to do now is to take the cheque to the bank and have it deposited on your account for clearing and crediting and also do not forget to ask the bank upon deposit when the cheque will clear and the funds be made available on your account, so that we could know how to go about further instructions and details”

“The first payment will be for \$8,950, you are to take out (\$1,790 for yourself, as your part payment, being part of your fee) the difference \$7,160 would be transferred to the appropriate quarters for Legal Documentation, Sign-up fee, administrative cost, studio fees and wardrobes. The second payment of \$8,710 which will be your balance take home would be paid to you on the last day of the shoot which will make your total take home equal to \$10,500 at the end of the shoot.”

Although I still don’t believe it I don’t want to can it and find out later it was for real so off to the bank and in the depositing process into a separate secure account, the teller gave me the cover for international deposit where I learnt the following:

Bank cheques have to be cleared, they are not guaranteed money.

International bank cheques can be recalled months after issue and any used funds are to be paid back to the bank and we are talking 3-6months or more.

And to make matters even worse nobody can tell you when the funds are safe.

I kept the cheque and sent an email to them saying payment would have to be by electronic transfer to an account nominated by me. Guess what? Silence

I guess the main lesson here is be very careful who you accept an international cheque from.

See you all at the Debate which looks like being another beauty.

Dave

From the Editor

Robyn O’Sullivan

I did have a really good idea for my editorial this month but I have had to put that on the back-burner for a while and that left me with five minutes before my self-appointed deadline with nary an idea to write about. Although immediately ‘nary’ left my brain and popped up onto my screen, I did think perhaps one day you’ll get a list of really good words that nobody seems to use anymore. We have so many words in the English language to describe every little nuance but we seem to have lost the power to use them (if we’re over 40) or, have never learnt them (if we’re under 40).

But I digress... it has been raining fairly consistently for most of the afternoon and this brings me to the word of the month ie drains! Yes, this is a timely reminder that we are all responsible for the maintenance and upkeep of the drains on our own properties which if not looked after, will impinge on our neighbours’ properties and we don’t want that, do we? The Husband is very good at checking the drains, even leaping out mid-downpour to check everything is flowing smoothly but unless we’re all on the same page, eventually the hills will give way to the water and we’ll all end up living in Oratia!

Enjoy the rain this month!

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Fire Brigade Report

RFF Louisa Mullins

Last month we welcomed back Darren Gee who has successfully completed his career fire fighter recruits course in Rotorua over the last 12 weeks, and we look forward to his future input into the brigade with the extra experience gained by being a career fire fighter.

Winter is now starting to creep in, the days are getting colder and we have even had rain to fill those water tanks and lift fire restrictions.

Members of the Brigade have completed and refreshed their skills with a one day Motor Vehicle Accident training day held at the station along with crews from Piha, Te Atatu, Waitemata and Howick. The fire fighters got to use proper cutting gear and practise using them on real cars. An excellent hands-on experience for all.

Fire Calls

25/04/2013	1430	Tree Across Road	Scenic Drive, Waiatarua
28/04/2013	1330	Tree on Power Lines	Kauri Loop Road, Waiatarua
28/04/2013	1545	MVA	West Coast Road, Waiatarua
29/04/2013	1415	Power Cable on Road	Piha Road, Waiatarua
12/05/2013	1150	MVA Person Trapped	Forest Hill Road, Waiatarua

(The driver of the vehicle had to be cut from the car after leaving the road)

Fire Safety - Electric Blankets

As we start heading in to winter, the last few nights I have put my electric blanket on to warm up the bed before I get in.

Worn and old electric blankets can cause electric shock, fire and possibly even death.

- Have your electric blanket tested annually by a qualified electrician.
- Turn off the electric blanket power when you get into bed.
- Do not place heavy objects on the bed while the electric blanket is turned on.
- Ensure electric blanket controls are not twisted or caught between the mattress and base.
- Make sure the electric blanket is tightly secured and laid flat on the bed.
- When not in use, store your electric blanket rolled up, NOT folded.
- Electric blankets are not recommended for use by babies or young children as bed-wetting may occur.

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).

Advantages of being a WRRRA member?

Show your membership card at the following businesses for a 10% discount (conditions may apply)

Glen Eden Landscape Supplies 293 West Coast Rd. Ph: 818 6129

Auckland's Waitakere Estate 573 Scenic Dr. Ph: 814 9622

Awakenings Massage Therapy 834 West Coast Rd. Ph: 814 1199

Blow Moulders Ltd 8 Waikaukau Rd Glen Eden, Ph 818 7709 (cash and cheque sales only)

Elevation 473 Scenic Dr, Ph 814 1919

Advertising & Community Notices

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

Creative Drama Workshops for Children and Adolescents: have been proven to maximise personal growth. Your child will develop creatively, intellectually and emotionally. Titirangi Community House. Thursdays, Fridays. 10 week block 3.30-4.30 starting 9th May. Numbers strictly limited. Ph Edith 814 9410.

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Handyman Out West. Any work undertaken. House and property maintenance, renovation and decoration eg gutter cleaning, water blasting, deck building, tree felling, painting etc. Reliable and friendly. Phone Mike 814 9708.

House For Rent: Will you be renovating or between homes for four months of this year, then ring Charlene on 021 808 822.

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

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.

Outdoor Property Services - Lawn mowing, rubbish removal, garden maintenance or a full section clean up you name it! We'll have your section looking immaculate for summer. Lowest prices guaranteed! Ph Ryan at West Coast Property Services 021 042 6920

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.

Tiler / Stone layer, 20 years experience in the trade available for indoor and outdoor projects large or small. Phone Craig Starr 021610408.

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

Work Wanted: Drainage - 40 years experience, call Ray on 814 9242.

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Please accept my Membership to the Waiatarua Ratepayers & Residents Association

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone No: _____

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I ENCLOSE:

\$10 household

To: Treasurer, WRRRA, 911 West Coast Road, Waiatarua, Waitakere City, or leave at the library
bank details: 12 3051 0278313 00 WRRRA

Advertising Rates

There are three categories/sizes of advertisement, as follows:

Run-on

Community: Free to current, paid up WRRR members who are community groups or individuals involved in not-for-profit activities, or who are placing other advertisements that are generally one-off in nature (eg seeking employment, for sale). Includes students advertising for part-time work (eg babysitting, lawn mowing). Included as space permits.

Commercial: \$25 per annum, regardless of number of issues published and the number of insertions required by the advertiser. **Commercial** is defined as any individual or organisation who is operating a business and does not fit the **community** category as defined above.

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Contact Robyn O'Sullivan

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