

# Waiatarua Community News

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From The President

Dave Pocock

Hi all,

I am writing this sitting in our hotel room in Adelaide, 5.20p.m, temperature 39 degrees on 12th February. Home in two days. We did the 7 day Murray River Cruise last week and would thoroughly recommend it if you are looking for a lovely relaxing holiday with a bit of culture thrown in. Also ideal if you need to gain a kilo or four.

Whilst I have been away a Facebook page has been established for Waiatarua and is proving very popular but is not intended to replace present communication facilities [www.facebook.com/groups/waiatarua](http://www.facebook.com/groups/waiatarua) You do need to join Facebook but only need to give basic detail and then join us!

As you should know by now our AGM is a matter of days away, (see advert this issue) and changes are afoot with new committee members being required to keep this fantastic piece of Paradise running in the manner we have become accustomed to and only you can help. With a good team of sufficient numbers and everyone doing a little and Hey Presto, it works.

It would be nice to see the Debate happen again this year but we need someone to organise participants and a committee to run it. I had a thought of having a challenger team made up of your favourites from previous years. If you think this is a good idea, send us some names and that will be one job out of the way.

It hardly seems possible that another year has passed and I would like to thank all those people that have made it happen - newsletter printers - Longleys, newsletter distribution - Tony Bacon, all the deliverers, Library staff, our Fire Brigade and my fellow committee members.

We are losing Jan James, Paul Osborne and possibly John Stagg, although John may be able to serve a part term which I am sure would be appreciated by all. To Jan and Paul thanks for your valuable contribution, in Jan's case over many years and of course Jan takes partner Paul with her ... our cleaner for even more years.

So as you can see, a lot of changes so come and help fill some gaps. See you at the AGM.

## AGM

Waiatarua Residents' and Ratepayers' Association

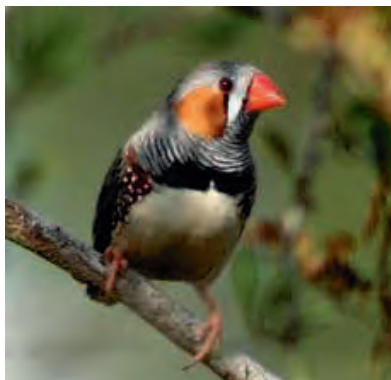
Wednesday 5th March

7.30pm

Waiatarua Hall on West Coast Rd

## Have You Mislaid Anything Lately?

...like this gorgeous wee zebra finch? ( See Photo ) I have it on good authority that it is a male (well maybe not the one in the pic..I have no idea how you tell ) Susanne on 814 9346 has captured this wee beastie and is looking for his owner. Presently, said finch is resting comfortably in the presence of some doves and is having a whale of a time. Please give Susanne a ring if he is yours.



## Arataki Focuses on Seaweek:

**From 1 – 9 March** there will be a display about southern sea birds and information on protecting the birds from recreational fishing and activity books and information for children about our Southern sea birds and how you can help.

**Saturday March 1st 1 pm to 2 pm:** 'Saving our Sea Birds' presented by Bird Rescue Volunteers and Park staff on rescuing and rehabilitation of seas birds. Location: Lecture Room, Arataki Visitor Centre (downstairs).

**2 pm to 3.30 pm:** 2 films: 'Fisheries and Black Petrel' in the Hauraki Gulf : 20 min followed by the award winning film 'Arctic Cliffhangers' : 55 min. Location: AV Room, Arataki Visitor Centre (downstairs).

**Sunday March 2nd 2 pm to 3 pm:** main feature: 'There Once was an Island' – an award winning film set in the Pacific highlighting climate change, plus another surprise entry. Location: AV Room, Arataki Visitor Centre (downstairs).

Koha for the presentations will go to Bird Rescue Green Bay

## Garden Group

Eileen Powell.

Hope everyone has been enjoying picking home grown summer vegetables from your garden.

Next month we are spending the day at Coatesville where we will visit three beautiful different gardens. Please ring Eileen on 814 9298 for further details.

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**On The Trail Of Genghis Khan.** Imagine a novice horseman deciding to travel 10,000kms in the footsteps of Genghis Khan. Tim Cope did just this 700 years after the great warrior. He spent months travelling across the Steppes and Mongolia, through Khazakhstan, Russia, Crimea and the Ukraine to the Danube River in Hungary. On the way he witnessed humans surviving in tough environments, maintaining traditional ways and great hospitality. This is a great story.

**Wake.** In London in 1920, people are awaiting the arrival of the Unknown Soldier from France to his final resting place. In this highly rated novel Anna Hope intertwines this event with the lives of 3 women for whom the war is still having an impact as they deal with loss in their own way. Until a young man arrives at the door of one of them they do not know each other, then they connect and life changes as life is also changing for everyone in the new era.

**The Invention Of Wings.** "My body might be a slave but not my mind. For you it is the other way round". These words were uttered by the slave Handful to her owner Sarah who believed in emancipation and women's rights. Handful was the recipient of her mothers' storytelling and crafts keeping alive her family history. Based on the true story of Sarah Grimke, Sue Monk Kidd has written a moving story of the distance and closeness imposed by society on their relationship. Both sought freedom – one a physical freedom from the horror of slavery, and the other a chance to improve the lives of others by a change in attitudes.

Good reading

The Waitarua fire brigade has had a relatively busy start to 2014 with a steady run of fire calls. We also congratulate Trent Howe on completing his Basic Fire-fighters training at the National Fire service training centre in Rotorua this week. Also Congratulations to Jason and Linda on the birth of their baby girl late last year

**Fire Safety-** What to do in a fire

- Crawl low and fast to escape smoke. 'Get Down, Get Low, Get out.'
- Shut doors behind you to slow the spread of fire
- Meet at the planned meeting place.
- Once out, stay out - never go back inside.
- Phone the Fire Service from a safe phone.

Tell the Fire Service •house number•street•nearest intersection•suburb and city•rural ID number if you have one

What to do after a fire....Do not enter your damaged house unless you have to and have been advised it is safe to do so. The Fire Service will check the water, electricity and gas supplies and either arrange to have them disconnected or advise you what action to take.

**Fire Calls**

23 Nov 2013 11:12pm	West Coast Road, Oratia	Assist Police
4 Dec 2013 6:00pm	Scenic Drive, Henderson Valley	Tree over the road
7 Dec 2013 12:47pm	Scenic Drive, Waitarua	MVA- car hit power pole and pole fell across the road
9 Dec 2013 8:50pm	Parrs Cross Road, Glen Eden	Assist Ambulance
2 Jan 2014 1:35pm	Lone Kauri Rd, Kareka	Scrub fire
9 Jan 2014 5:49am	Exhibition Dr, Titirangi	Assist Ambulance
9 Jan 2014 7:01pm	Scenic Dr, Waitarua	MVA – oil spill across the road
13 Jan 2014 2:51am	Scenic Dr, Henderson Valley	Car on Fire
27 Jan 2014 9:20am	West Coast Rd, Waitarua	MVA – Car vs. Bus
28 Jan 2014 8:24pm	Scenic Dr, Waitarua	Arm chair lit on fire
6 Feb 2014 9:06pm	Scenic Dr, Henderson Valley	Tree on road
7 Feb 2014 5:58pm	Piha Rd, Waitarua	MVA- car over bank
8 Feb 2014 5:19pm	Piha Rd, Waitarua	MVA – car rolled

**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

**Waitarua 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)

We would like to remind residents to be aware of the dates of the roadside rubbish collections especially when a holiday is looming. Christmas was a disaster with bins and bags out for days. You could ask a neighbour to put yours out / take yours in if you are going to be away for some time. After all, we are a friendly bunch ... from a concerned resident.

Please accept my Membership to the WRRRA 2014

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

Bank details: 12 3051 0278313 00 WRRRA

**Garden Group** Eileen Powell

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## WAR ON WEEDS

It's that time of year again and Waiatarua residents have the entire month of March to dispose of invasive weeds at weed bins that Keep Waitakere Beautiful Trust (KWB) provides as part of its annual War on Weeds campaign.

The closest local bins will be at Kauri Loop Road and the Waiatarua Fire Station.

Last year 131 tonnes of weeds were collected and composted at Patiki Transfer Station. In past years there have been some people who have abused the programme. This year, bin monitors will be taking note of car registration numbers for those who dump inorganics, large tree branches or bamboo into the bins. These materials can't be composted down.

Please don't abuse the weed bins, they are a valuable resource and we can't afford to lose them. This especially applies to our long term bin at the local Fire Station which has been very messy lately. The following can't go into the bins:

- General garden waste. E.g. lawn clippings
- Household rubbish
- Native plants
- Palm trees
- Bamboo
- Big branches or tree trunks



Weedfree Trust staff involved in delivering War on Weeds for KWB, Neil Henderson & Mel Willmott

### From The Editor

Robyn O'Sullivan

What glorious weather we are having this summer! My tank is still brimming with water and my prodigal child has returned home to live (with a husband and child to boot) after thirteen years away. What more could one ask? 2014 promises to be year of change.

One change already made after seeing the results of three head-on collisions up here over the last few weeks, is our decision to swap our not-very-safe-in-an-accident hybrid for a safe as a brick outhouse German vehicle with a five-star safety rating. It will probably drink its own weight in fuel but it's hard finding the perfect drive so have opted for the safety aspect over the financial one this time.

Please remember we have an AGM coming up shortly and we need fresh blood on the committee. Come and join us. No-one bites... (we are all getting so old, no-one's got any teeth left)! No truly, it's not that bad yet but we see a time when there won't be any room to park all the walkers at the door so if you're young and fit and overflowing with good ideas, come on down.

### Advantages of being a WRRR member?

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PLEASE REMEMBER FEES ARE DUE NOW FOR 2014

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**Creative Drama Workshops** Titirangi Community House 3.30-4.30. Monday 10th February.

Workshops for 6 and 7 year olds will re-commence Thursday 13th February. Participation in these workshops develop your child creatively, emotionally, socially and intellectually and provides a good foundation for those wishing to pursue a career in the 'Arts'. Ph Edith 09 8149410 or edipus@orcon.net.nz

**dance dance dance school.** Classes for kids at Oratia Settlers Hall. Creative, contemporary and dance Jam ranging from pre-school to 11 years. Tuesday 3:20- 5:20 Wed 2:00 - 4:20 and Thursday 3:20-5:20. ph Christina 02102237414 or dancencedanceschool@gmail.com

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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.

**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. **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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