



Waiatarua Community News

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From The President

Peter Casey

Hello Waiatarua-ians!

Several of you fed back last month I had not revealed my name. Not intentional. My apologies; in the typesetting process of the newsletter my salutation was inadvertently removed. My name is Peter. Peter Casey. You can always find my details and the rest of the WRRRA team at the bottom of the front page of the newsletter. And you can always reach me at president@waiatarua.org.nz

The most important thing we've done this month is to present a submission to the Auckland Council for renewal of the 5+5 year lease of the Community Centre. The current 10 year lease finally expires on 31 May 2014.

Not such a big deal, I thought. Must be a rubber stamp sort of thing, I thought. Not quite I learned. While the lease was a right of renewal for several decades since the WRRRA petitioned and won the support of the Waitemata County Council to establish the Community Centre, these days there are performance measures, KPIs and community deliverables that we must demonstrate we meet to be able to continue the lease. I suppose it is true, there aren't really any competitors to our management of the facilities, but it does focus the attention when you consider potential replacement cost and maintenance support that we get from the Council to maintain the facilities for the benefit of Waiatarua.

The Waitemata County Council purchased the land at 911 West Coast Road for the purpose of a community centre in 1969 for £1,800. In 1974 the Community Centre, comprising the hall and library below, was opened and commended as "... a spacious, modern facility." (from *Song of Two Waters* by Jeanne Wade, which is still available from the library to borrow or buy for \$18)

The good news is that feedback from the Council indicates the lease is in safe hands and we can expect a renewal. This will enable the WRRRA to continue management of hire of the hall to the community at reasonable rates and to continue opening the library several times a week. Typical activities in the past ten years have included weddings, 21st birthday celebrations, yoga, meditation, table tennis, community drama productions, quiz nights and the Waiatarua Great Debate , which I really hope we can resume soon. If you have an event coming up, have a think about how well it might sit in our awesome hall with its beautiful outlook onto the bush beyond.

A quick reminder to you all to make sure your WRRRA membership is up to date. This provides you with discounts at some of the local supporting businesses, access to real time Waiatarua Hotmail news by email, discount at WRRRA functions not to mention you are supporting us in supporting you. It's a bargain at only \$10 per household per year which gives your entire household voting rights.

In the mean time I'm looking forward to the quiz night on Saturday 10 May; see you there.

Peter
president@waiatarua.org.nz

WAIATARUA QUIZ NIGHT

Quiz Night

Quiz Night

Have I got your attention for this one and only notice...

Saturday 10th May

At 7.30pm

Waiatarua Hall

911 West Coast Rd

Pub Quiz format ...teams of around 6-8 (but we're not that strict).

You can organise your own team or just turn up on the night and we can fit you in.

Entry \$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

Punography 1

I'm reading a book about anti-gravity. I can't put it down.

Broken pencils are pointless.

They told me I had Type A blood, but it was a Type O.

I wondered why the baseball was getting bigger. Then it hit me!

Very Important Notice.

The next committee meeting of the Waiatarua Resident and Ratepayers Association is to be held on the 14th May 2014 starting at 1730. (that's 5:30pm)

Waiatarua Community Hall, 911 West Coast Road.

The committee extends a warm welcome to all to attend. RSVP not required.

Oh and by the way we have read the rule book and found we need another 3 Executive Members (rule 8 says we need "...at least..." this many).

If you want to be an Executive this could be a good place to start.
Young executives wanted, Old executives accepted.

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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.WAIATARUA.ORG.NZ

The weed bin is no longer at the Waitarua Fire Station. We lost it from this location because the Fire Brigade could no longer tolerate the mess left around the bin, the last straw being a load of logs dumped beside the bin.

From 15th April it will now be located at the upper end of Kauri Loop Road where the big bin was for the War on Weeds in March. We are hoping to get a better sign erected so people know what can and cannot go into the bin. It is for environmental weeds only and the main ones in Waitarua are ginger, wandering jew, plectranthus, climbing asparagus, agapanthus and jasmine. It is not for bamboo, tree prunings and household rubbish.

Please keep the area around the bin tidy or we may also lose it from this location.

Like many others in recent years I have suffered the frustrations of the inadequate broadband service available to Waitarua residents and I have long awaited some good news. After disappointing trails with various providers I returned to the copper wire service provided by Telecom with the expectation that the introduction of their Ultra Fast VDSL service to our area would mean a significant improvement in speed. Unfortunately the availability of VDSL has turned out to be dependant on your proximity and location in respect to the local telephone exchange situated by the Waitarua fire station and improvement to speed is not assured.

A high speed alternative is now available to those who have a direct line of sight to Massey. Over several months a small Auckland based company, Alert Commuters Ltd have conducted trials transmitting from their site in Massey to my building at Elevation Restaurant on the Scenic Drive and to my home in Quinns Road. Speeds of around 20 Mbps upload and 9 Mbps download have consistently been achieved. Those interested in obtaining further details of this service should contact Gerard Parker at telephone 0800633489 or email garath41@orcon.net.nz.

Good luck
Wayne Edwards.

From The Editor

Robyn O'Sullivan

I do believe some people could not work out who our new president was last month when I inadvertently chopped his name off the bottom of his report. Oops, I do apologise! Had you been good little detectives you would have read of our three new committee members and that would have given you extra names to play around with and as a last resort, the president's name is always on the bottom of the front page of each newsletter. So now you know... Peter Casey!

It's a great shame that we have lost our weed bin (usually sited at the fire station) because some residents cannot tell their environmental weeds from their mattresses/landfill/logs etc so please make sure you read Susanne's report and find out the whereabouts of the new site and what constitutes environmental weeds.

Quiz night has descended rather quickly and without prior warning but I'm sure you're always on quiz alert so do come on the 10th of this month for a rollicking good night. Study your trivia, read the news...there's always a particular team who does remarkably well. I'll say no more.

Have a good month!

Punography 2

I tried to catch some fog. I mist.

I know someone who's addicted to brake fluid. He says he can stop anytime.

What do you call a dinosaue with an extensive vocabulary? A thesaurus.

Library Report

Jeanette Ziesler

We have lots of new books at the library this month.

"My Brother-But-One" – T.M. Clark. Set in Zimbabwe during the civil unrest, this novel is set in a game reserve and, amongst many things, explores the co-dependency of black and white people in the struggle for survival. Thrown into the mix is suspense, action, adventure – plus a bit of romance. Unpredictable and well worth reading.

"Where The Rekohu Bone Sings" – Tina Makareti. This is being acclaimed as a significant book that will become well known and read. Told in 2 time spans, the 1880s and 1980s, the author has written about a family over these periods, and the need to confront the reality of being Moriori, Maori and Pakeha, with an understanding of, and respect for all cultures. Compelling.

"Paris Letters" – Janice McLeod. The author decided that her life as a copy writer in California was boring and worked out that if she saved \$100 per day that would fund a new life in a new country. She saved and moved to Paris. This memoir tells of her new life and how she earned a living as an artist selling drawings of Paris with letters written into the paintings. A great read.

Also:-

"Missing You" – Harlen Coben.

"The Childhood Of Jesus" – J.M. Coetze.

"The Road To Middlemarch" – Rebecca Mead.

"Without You" - Saskia Sarginson

"The Legacy Of Elizabeth Pringle" - Kirsty Wark.

"The Pattern Of Fear" – Drew Chapman.

"Starship"- Dr Lachie Teague

"Balancing Act" – Joanna Trollope.

All good reading.

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Fire Brigade Newsletter

Again a busy month for the fire brigade - two house fires in Waiatarua in less than 24Hrs! (I can report that nobody was injured at either incident, & they are not related in anyway, the cause of both are currently under investigation, but not being treated as suspicious)
Both incidents could be seen from around Auckland, which meant they were quickly raised to a Second Alarm Level attendance from the fire service; 6-8 fire appliances at each incident with 30 Fire-Fighters attending from the following Brigades: Titirangi, Henderson, Te Atatu, Glen Eden, West Harbour, Bethells and Operational Support personnel from around Auckland and a water tanker from Silverdale. The Waiatarua Volunteer fire brigade has received credit at both incidents for saving adjoining building and bush - well done Team!

Interested In Joining The Fire Brigade? We Need You!

The Waiatarua Volunteer Fire Brigade is looking for willing people to come on board. Volunteers can be women & men from any walk of life. Volunteers include students, self-employed, mothers at home, shift-workers, trades people and professionals. They are people who care about their community and want to be actively involved. You must be at least 16-18 years old, fit and healthy and available to attend weekly Monday night training nights and preferably live within close proximity to the Fire Station. Interested?? For more Information Contact or call into the fire station about 7pm on a Monday night and have a chat with the team.

Helen Longley 8149885 or call or TXT on 0274814312 or email helen.longley@fire.org.nz
Gareth Mullins 8149282 or call or TXT on 0275854020 or email gareth.mullins@fire.org.nz

Fire Calls

03 Apr 2014 18:04:46 FOREST HILL RD WAIATARUA Rubbish Fire
12 Apr 2014 17:32:44 SCENIC DR HSN VALLEY House Fire
13 Apr 2014 10:46:00 PIHA RD PIHA Rubbish Fire
13 Apr 2014 14:34:14 FOREST HILL RD WAIATARUA House Fire

House Fire 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)

Please accept my Membership to the Waiatarua Ratepayers & Residents Association 2013

Name: _____

Address: _____

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\$10 household.

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

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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 6 & 7 yr olds. Tuesdays Titirangi School.3.30-4.30 Upper Primary and Intermediate. Community House Titirangi Mondays 3.30-4.30 Director Edith Shawyer 8149410 edipus@orcon.net.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.

Plants: Bromeliads \$5 - \$6; Taros, cannas and various shrubs \$4 - \$5. All sales to Nepalese Educ Trust. Phone Margaret 814 9859.

Tenants Wanted: Downstairs SC Flat, 1 bed, kitchenette, bathroom, lounge and dining lead onto very large deck. Driveway parking, plenty of storage and shared laundry facilities. \$285 per week includes reasonable power. Ph Jan 814 9938 or 027 475 8799.

The Oratia Community Church: On the corner of Parker & West Coast roads. Fellowship meets on second Thursday of the month at 1pm in the Church Hall. Ph 813 9869 for information.

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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