

# Waiatarua Community News

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## Backing BARK In Our Community

Lisa Gibbons

One year ago local Waiatarua resident Heather Summers set out to create a charitable organisation that would support the community in teaching children the basic fundamentals of safe interactions with dogs, with a view to reducing dog bite statistics in New Zealand.

A year later, Bark NZ has more than 30 volunteers covering the North Island, and offers a range of free educational programmes to schools and learning facilities.



These programmes include a reading programme aptly named Tales with Tails, an interactive exercise programme called Tag the Tails, and for children experiencing difficult times there is a Time with Tails programme which is extremely uplifting and therapeutic.

All programmes allow children who otherwise might not have the opportunity, to safely interact with a specially trained dog. As well as school visits, Bark NZ actively exhibits at community events, and has plans in the pipeline for a community event that will not only focus on dog safety, but also promote responsible dog walking in the Waitakere Ranges.

Bark NZ is 100% self funded, and all contributors provide their time for free.

To arrange a Bark NZ experience or to learn more about Bark NZ please visit [www.bark.org.nz](http://www.bark.org.nz) or [www.facebook.com/bark.org.nz](http://www.facebook.com/bark.org.nz)

We recently had contact from the son of Mick Chester who owned the Waiatarua Store on the Piha Road/Scenic Drive intersection from 1946 through to the 1960's.

As he was the store owner he has collected a huge range of history and events. For instance: there is a tunnel which runs under the (now) restaurant, which is packed with bottles and old bedsteads. It was discovered when pits were being dug for petrol tanks for petrol bowsers to the front left as you face the restaurant. It was from the previous boarding house on the site and runs directly under the restaurant.

Mick is still alive and will be aged 95 years next week. Apparently he has a memory like an elephant and could provide a breakdown of history and characters in and around Waiatarua over the period he was in the area.

If anyone would like to meet Mick ( who still lives in his own home in Orewa) and conduct an aural history that we could add to the historic resources of Waiatarua, then please get in touch.

## Local News

### "...For Local People"

A big thank you from Jenny and her family at 332 Forest Hill Rd to the wonderful neighbours and local residents who have dropped off groceries and gifts following our devastating house fire.

You are so appreciated. Special mention to Ross and Kath and Gareth who have given us their time and hospitality, and to the Renatas for the wonderful tea break service we received whilst working on site.

### "WAIATARUA QUIZ NIGHT

Saturday 19th July....

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

## Garden Group

Eileen Powell

Gardeners do it all year except that in winter we do it partly inside.

We will be planning for next year which flowers or veges shall we plant and which spot can we find to plant them? Our July get-together will be watching and gaining inspiration from DVDs. Further information from Eileen on 814 9298.

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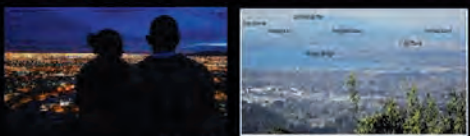
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## Hello Waitatarua!

"Tell us more about the Unitary Plan!" I hear you say. Ok then, but only because you asked so nicely.

To tell the truth, apart from Waitatara Hotmail releases from Dave Pocock there hasn't been much of a murmur from the community regarding the plan. This may not surprise you given my mention last month about the Act that binds the Council to protect the Waitakere ranges as buffer zone to the Regional Park.

Nevertheless, I should let you know that this is your last chance to have a say on what others have said should happen in our area. I have filtered the 93,600 requests for the word "Waitatarua" and if you would like a copy please simply email me at [president@waitatarua.org.nz](mailto:president@waitatarua.org.nz). Or go to <http://www.aucklandcouncil.govt.nz/unitaryplan> and have a look yourself. Comments on these submissions close on Friday 11 July. So also your last chance to tell the WRRRA that we should comment.

Last night Gary, our WRRRA Secretary, and I attended the Western Local Board meeting to witness agreement to continue the WRRRA lease of the Community Centre and Library for another 5 years. Great to have secured the facility for our continued use. And congratulations to the Waitatarua Drama group who now have renewed right of lease to 'Badgers', the shed at the bottom of the drive beside the Waitatarua Playcentre. I learned only last month that this was built by the drama group themselves quite some time ago.

Welcome too to Brett Whyte and Mark Large, new committee members of WRRRA.

Until next month, may all your water tanks be overflowing.

Peter

## From The Editor

Robyn O'Sullivan

I have had an unusually busy time lately. I had two family birthdays on June 1st. The first party (for the three year old granddaughter) was a lunchtime affair attended by the whanau. Then I raced home from that to prepare a dinner around 6.30pm for my Scottish son-in-law celebrating his 1st birthday in his new country, again attended by the lunchtime crowd who duly arrived and patiently waited for the guest of honour. Let's just say it was the first time the guest of honour was a no-show. He rang with some paltry excuse that my daughter had gone into labour and they had swung by the hospital on their way home and produced my third granddaughter and wouldn't make it in time for dinner! All was forgiven! What a day that was!

It seems our local fire brigade has been even busier during the last storm. Just check out the fire report to see how far and wide they have been assisting. Well done guys!

So we are well into the winter now, albeit quite mild so far. Enjoy the cold, rug up well and stay cosy in front of the fire and fingers crossed for our power to stay on at least for the next couple of months.

## Library Report

Jeanette Ziesler

Bonanza Month For New Books By NZ Authors.

**"FRONTIERS. A Colonial Dynasty."** The author of this book, Simon Best, is a resident of Waitatarua. It tells the history of 4 generations of the Rhodes & Rhodes-Moorhouse family. Two cultures and countries - whalers, gold miners, explorers and aviators.

**"WILD BLACKBERRIES"**. Rosie Belton has a saying. "When all else fails - cook." Her life has been full of changes and challenges, and cook she has. The book tells of our changing food fancies and includes recipes.

**"DOT. Queen of Riverstone Castle."** A women's dream and man's nightmare is how Dot Smith describes herself. Dot and her husband are restaurateurs, dairy farmers and now castle builders. More recipes!

**"MY TWO HEAVENS"**. The title tells it all. Jo Crabb has 2 kitchens - one in Martinborough and the other in Southern France. Jo and artist husband Stephen have run successful restaurants and she now runs a cooking school. She shares this idyllic lifestyle with the reader. Plus recipes!

Now for the novels:

**"LANDSCAPE WITH SOLITARY FIGURES"**. Shonagh Koea.

**"JAMES COOK'S NEW WORLD"**. Graeme Lay

**"CARNIVAL SKY"**. Owen Marshall

**"SWIMMING IN THE DARK"**. Paddy Richardson

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You may have noticed if you have driven past the fire station a change of colour scheme; the building has recently been completely repainted, as part of the Fire Service planned maintenance programme.

This has given the building a completely new look, and also the carpets & flooring have been replaced as well, a big thanks to the Property management team!

The storm that ripped through Auckland on Wednesday the 6th June saw the Fire Service attend 600 callouts in a few hours. Both of Waiatarua's Fire Appliances were sent to assist not only in Waiatarua but as far away as Pt Chevalier, attending 11 incidents in less than 4 hours.

The Brigade also attended a potentially serious incident after ashes from a fire place were carelessly disposed of in a plastic bucket and placed against the side of a building resulting in the building catching fire. It was quickly spotted by a neighbour and fully extinguished by the brigade by removing the internal and external wall linings. Please remember to always dispose of ashes into a metal container and place away from buildings as they can take up to a week to cool properly!

**Fire Calls**

23/05/14	09:24pm	MVA	Scenic Drive, Waiatarua
31/05/14	09:18pm	Car	Seaview Road, Piha
07/06/14	11:29pm	Building Fire	Scenic Drive, Waiatarua
11/06/14	3:07am	Tree on power lines	Borich RD, Sunnyvale
11/06/14	3:21am	Tree Blocking Road	Piha Road, Waiatarua
11/06/14	3:52am	Tree on Car & Hous	Miro St New Lynn
11/06/14	4:14am	Tree & Power lines on road	Pine St New Lynn
11/06/14	4:22am	Tree fallen on house	Scenic DR, Titirangi
11/06/14	4:28am	Roof lifting off house	Riri St Point Chevalier
11/06/14	4:47am	Roof blowing off house	Bambury Close Pt Chev
11/06/14	5:12am	Power lines on road & sparking	Willerton Ave NL
11/06/14	5:32am	Power lines fallen on car	De Val Place Titirangi
11/06/14	5:45am	Trees blocking road	Woodlands Park Rd Tit.
11/06/14	5:55am	Trees across road	Scenic Drive Titirangi

**Fire Safety**

**Fireplaces & chimneys**

- Clean chimneys and flues before your first fire of the season.
- Always use a fireguard or spark-guard with open fires.
- Never throw rubbish into the fireplace – particularly batteries and aerosol cans.
- Ashes can take up to five days to cool – always empty fireplace or wood burner ashes and ashtrays into a metal bin and pour water over them before disposal.
- Before going to sleep, make sure your fireplace fire is out

**Smoke Alarms**

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**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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**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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