



Waiatarua Community News

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Keeping Our Streets Safe

You may have seen the new CPNZ – Waiatarua Community Patrol vehicle driving around.

Well it is now one full year in August since we started. During that time we have built up a very good working relationship with the Police and the Fire Service which has seen us being approached by these organisations for assistance at various incidents. During this time we have done 199 patrols, we have travelled 11,101 kms, we have spent 876 hours patrolling and we have reported 202 incidents to Police, Council and others.

We currently cover the Waiatarua, Oratia and Henderson Valley area with 22 volunteers and have seen a big reduction in problems within the areas due to being visibly seen. We do however need more Patrollers.

We need to get the roster to 40 so people who can spend a couple of hours per month patrolling.

If you could help please contact Les Duffield
021 720 100.



Hello Waiatarua!

A bit quieter at the president's desk this month than others this year.

The most significant was probably representing you at the Local Board

hearings on the Shape Auckland plans. You will have seen our submission on the Waiatarua Hotmail, the main themes being weed management, re-vitalising Glen Eden and being able to engage on transport and roading issues in our area.

I have heard many complaints about how hard it is to talk to Auckland Transport. But that may be about to change. This week in my email from Auckland Transport:

"Auckland Transport (AT) has a new Engagement Plan, developed with the input of local boards in the region, which specifies the issues on which it will engage with residents' and business organisations. To pull together an initial list of these organisations, we have obtained information from a number of sources, including previous consultations undertaken by the organisation, and information supplied by local board offices about organisations in their area."

So if you have any transport issues that affect Waiatarua please let me know. Our Secretary, Gary Ertel, has met with Civil Defence this month and discovered that Waiatarua is considered to be at very low risk of being isolated by any type of Civil Emergency. Really? What do you think? More on this soon.

Have a great month!

Peter Casey, President WRRRA

Garden Group

Eileen Powell

Next month we are visiting an established garden in Titirangi. Further details from Eileen on 8149 298.

I would like to remind residents that the Auckland Council are presently receiving submissions for a comprehensive strategy on signage, bringing together the different by-laws from each of the previous councils. Most of the signage seen on our streets is visual pollution and probably does not comply with existing byelaws. Submissions close on 3 October.

Local News

... for Local People

WAIATARUA QUIZ NIGHT

Saturday 1st November
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

SPRING CLEAN

It's time for the annual Waiatarua Spring Clean!

Recently we renewed the lease for the Waiatarua Community Centre (Hall and Library). The new lease is for 5 years for only \$1 a year - thanks Auckland Council!

Now we need to do our bit. There's a few things that need tidying up around the grounds and building. What's more, Keep Waitakere Beautiful are providing us with gloves, bags and a huge bin for all the inorganic rubbish that gets discarded along the side of our roads.

If you feel like lending a hand for an hour or two, or just want to pop in for a free cup of tea or coffee and a chat you're most welcome!

8:30 - midday
Saturday 18 October;
Morning tea served at 10am.

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Science Fun for the Young

at Waiatarua Playcentre

Down a secluded tree bordered driveway in the beautiful Waiatarua, a group of children enjoyed a week of imagination and exploration.

They were fossil hunters, biologists and engineers. Last week was 'Science' week at Waiatarua Playcentre, with children examining the insides of fish, playing with magnets, making electrical circuits, building volcanos and last but not least digging for buried eggs.

Plaster of Paris eggs were hidden in a corner of our sandpit. Children excitedly dug around until they uncovered their egg. They were then given the fun job of smashing them open with hammers. Imagine their surprise when they found farm animals, a kiwi and a koala!

Waiatarua Playcentre is open Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings and is a parent run organisation that values adult and children learning together, through play.



We cater for 0 – 5 year olds and would love to add some new explorers to our centre.

Phone 814 8835 to organise a time to visit and try out our yummy baking or just pop in at 911 West Coast Rd (down the drive from the Waiatarua Community Hall).

From The Library

Jeanette Ziesler

Waiatarua Library – New Books

“**A Man called Ove**” – Frederick Backman. He’s a quirky, grumpy man who believes in rules and routines, has principles and really doesn’t like most people. New neighbours move in and totally ignore his attitude. They gradually break through. Laugh and cry – this is comic and heart warming.

“**The Unexpected Professor**” - John Carey. A retired professor of English at Oxford and an enthusiastic beekeeper, Carey has penned his memoir. He writes about life in Oxford and the joys of reading. Charming and engaging.

“**The Abominable**”- Dan Simmons. Set on Mt Everest in 1920’s and based on a real event this thriller tells of 3 mountaineers who feel something/someone is pursuing them. Life, death and survival on the slopes of the mountain.

“**South Sea Vagabonds**” – J.J. Wray. This book is so good it has just been republished to mark the 75th anniversary of the original publication. John Wray wanted to go sailing but had no money. He got to work and built one on the back lawn with timber etc. scrounged from around the area. The boat completed and launched he went sailing.

Enjoy your reading.

FROM BLAKE RADFORD AT THE JUNIOR WORLD SOFTBALL SERIES, WHITEHORSE IN THE YUKON TERRITORY, CANADA.

Firstly, I would like to say a huge THANK YOU to all the Waiataruans that came out to support Connor and myself on our quest for GOLD at the Junior World Softball Champs in Whitehorse. The money raised on the Trivial Pursuit night was truly amazing and contributed to a large portion of the money needed to get us there.

I am one of the pitchers for the Premier Roosters Softball Club team in North Harbour and was selected to represent New Zealand at the Under 19 Worlds along with my team mate Connor Peden, who is one of the catchers for the team. Our team started their campaign with some warm up games in Vancouver the week before heading up to Whitehorse to the tournament which ran from 11th July to the 20th July. Our team had a tough start to the campaign with our first games being against Australia and USA before facing Denmark, Canada, Japan, Argentina, Czech Republic, Singapore and Mexico. Argentina were the reigning world champions and they were the only team that we lost to in the round robin with Argentina winning all 9 of their games in the round robin.

We progressed through to the semi finals to face Argentina again where we managed a 3-1 win to put us into the final and that meant that Argentina were to play Japan to find the other team to progress into the final, this turned out to be probably the best game of the tournament with Argentina winning 2-1 in extra innings.

The final was a disappointing game as we struggled to match Argentina. We came away with a silver medal, this was a great accomplishment for us as this was the first time A New Zealand junior team had won a medal since 1993 at the Junior World Championships.

Final Positions: Argentina Gold, New Zealand Silver, Japan Bronze, Australia 4th, USA 5th.



Blake in action.

How To Write Good.

1. Avoid Alliteration. Always.
2. Prepositions are not words to end sentences with.
3. Avoid cliches like the plague. They're old hat.
4. Comparisons are as bad as cliches.
5. Be more or less specific.
6. Writes should never generalise.
7. Be consistant.
8. Don't be redundant; don't use more words than necessary; it's highly superfluous.
9. Who needs rhetorical questions?
10. Exaggeration is a billion times worse than understatement.

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Guy Fawkes:

The Waiatarua Fire Brigade will be holding the Guy Fawkes Bonfire as usual. So come along on Friday the 7th of November (or the rain day Saturday the 9th) for a fun family night. If you have any doubt about the weather just phone the fire station on 814 9213 on the night. We will light the bon fire once it gets dark. Fire works are welcome, but children must be supervised at all times. We will be having a sausage sizzle (gold coin donation) and drinks will be available to purchase from the bar. Where: Waiatarua Fire station – 464a Scenic Drive, Waiatarua When: Friday 7th of November from 6pm onwards.

Fire Safety:

If you are not planning to attend the community bonfire or public displays then please remember: only one person should be in charge of fireworks. If that's you, then make sure you take all the necessary precautions. Read the instructions in daylight and don't drink any alcohol until they've all been discharged. Make your preparations in advance and in daylight. On the night, you will need...

- A torch.
- A bucket or two of water.
- Eye protection and gloves.
- A bucket of soft earth to put fireworks in.
- Suitable supports and launchers if you're setting off Catherine wheels or rockets.
- Protect your animals. You should take precautions to protect your pets during, before and after Guy Fawkes, make sure they are safely inside and safe when fireworks are being let off.

Fire Calls:

14/08/2014 02:54am Alarm Sounding Quinns Road, Waiatarua
After the spectacular lightning and a big clap of thunder, the PFA at the Telecom Exchange activated. This was a false alarm

14/08/2014 08:34pm Tree on Road Scenic Drive, Waiatarua
Yet another weather related callout. The offending tree was removed by the brigade.

03/09/2014 08:57pm Medical Assist Forest Hill Road, Waiatarua
First Aid was administered till ambulance arrived.

07/09/2014 05:40pm Smoke Showing Beach Valley Road, Piha
Yet another rubbish fire, this was dealt with by the Piha brigade.

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)

From The Editor

Robyn O'Sullivan

October and Spring are finally here, the elections are over for another three years and we can forget all the hype and palaver of the last few weeks. Hasn't this year flown!

Why not come down to the hall for the Great Spring Clean on the 18th; catch up with old friends, have a natter over a cuppa and give the place a makeover in time for quiz night.

And don't forget it's Halloween on October 31st. We're quite lucky in this neck of the woods as nobody comes a knocking on our door and we don't have to lie on the floor in the dark pretending to be out. Come on, I know some of you do this. Have a great month!

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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 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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