



# Waiaatarua Community News

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## Table Tennis is Back

You no longer have an excuse to be a couch potato on Wednesday evenings - table tennis has restarted at the Hall, every Wednesday from 7-9 pm (or earlier if we have exhausted ourselves).

We are always looking for new players: you can be young or old, an absolute beginner or a gun player, we will be pleased to see you. Our current players range from duffers to the ultra-competitive (sometimes in the same body).

We can supply bats, all you need is some energy and enthusiasm. It is the best \$2-worth around here on a Wednesday night. See you soon!

Questions? Contact Tony on 8149860 or [tony.bacon@sthw.co.nz](mailto:tony.bacon@sthw.co.nz)



## From The Editor

Robyn O'Sullivan

I have noticed the last few mornings are decidedly cooler and feel I should alert my female readership to the dangers that can lurk therein on such mornings.

I find I don't spring out of bed quite so quickly once the warmer weather has passed so am still a trifle dozy by the time I get to my bathroom and reaching out for what you think is moisturiser can often have disastrous consequences.

Ye-es, I knew you'd see it coming. I went out yesterday with facial skin that was 'tamed, supple and beaming with exquisite shine'. It was 'soft, manageable and controlled' all day long. You do wonder what's in it to do that and how it affects your face, but on the plus side, it did seem a little tighter which had a sucking effect on the wrinkles (bonus) and it was cheaper. Use this information as you wish!

On an entirely different note, our committee seems to have shrunk considerably after the AGM and we need more members. We have a vacancy for a secretary we think will be filled soon; our present one has been elevated to the lofty heights of the vice-presidency, leaving no-one to record our monthly ramblings. There have been many in the past who promised to think about joining ...where are you now? It's not an onerous task; just one hour a month on meetings and a little extra when a function turns up. Of course, if no-one volunteers, the functions will be fewer and far between and we'll just be a bunch of individuals living in a beautiful spot with no avenues of social intercourse! That would be sad. So, think about it no longer and just get in touch with any one of the committee and come join us. We don't bite.

And for those of you finding it hard to extricate that moth-eaten ten dollars (per household) from your wallet to join the association...please try harder. I have heard rumours of up-coming functions! Yes, there will be fun and jollity in the shire so become a member now! I'm sure you'll be rewarded somehow.

Enjoy your month!

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## Join Our Great Waitarua Book Group!!

We have just begun our New Year with our first Book Group meeting. We are well established now and had lots of news and 'good reads' to catch up on after our break over the summer.

The sad news is that we have to say goodbye to some well loved members as they are moving on to new pastures.

The 'Good News' is that we have space to invite new members to join the group!!

We are a very happy band and meet once a month to share books, normally around a topic. We meet at 7.00pm on the first Monday of the month and take turns to host the meeting in our homes.

If you would like to hear more about the group, who we are and what we do or if you are interested in joining us, please contact Jean Avery for more details.

Contact: [jasa@clear.net.nz](mailto:jasa@clear.net.nz) tel: 8363779

I am sadly leaving behind this wonderful group and hope to find a replacement in Wanganui.

Just sending a huge thank you to all my friends in the group who have given me such wonderful evenings, sharing their love of literature, their lives, personalities and perspectives.

I will miss you, but - "I will be Back!!" xx Nicky

### The Garden Report.

Well, no report arrived this month but I'm sure our green-thumbed membership would be well aware of what they're supposed to be doing in April.

I would imagine lots of tidying up, attending to recalcitrant growth and generally snipping or culling where needed. Don't forget to compost!

Enjoy your garden whilst the good weather still holds!

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## NEW BOOKS AT WAIATARUA LIBRARY

Jeanette Ziesler

**"WATERLOO"**- Bernard Cornwell. Riveting and tense. As the bicentenary of Waterloo looms, Cornwell has penned his first non-fiction book about this landmark battle. Widely acclaimed and easily read, he recounts the heroism, tragedies and misery amongst the armies of Britain, France and Prussia. It was the first time the two great commanders had faced each other and until the evening of June 18th it looked like the French were winning. Read it!

**"THE SACRIFICE"** – Joyce Carol Oates. This novel is based on an incident that happened 30 years ago in New York. A young woman is missing. When found she claims to have been abducted and raped by a group of men including a police officer. Oates delves deep into issues of multi-layered racism, class and violence and its impact on daily lives and perceptions of the actions of those involved. As the story develops conflicting "evidence" from everyone – the victim, her mother, the rescuer and the police – adds up to a belief of what is right or wrong has been coloured by life's experiences.

**"THE NIGHTINGALE"** – Kristin Hannah. Another good one from this author. In 1995 an elderly woman is about to enter an assisted living facility. As her life is being packed up she starts to recall the life of herself and her sister in German occupied France during WW2. They each responded in different ways to the challenges but both showed incredible strength and were involved in acts of bravery. Pain and fear were common in their lives and at times they each had to make unpalatable choices.

**"FIRST IMPRESSIONS"** – Charlie Lovett. From the author of "The Bookman's Tale". A young woman who is a book lover and Jane Austen fan is puzzled when 2 quite different customers come into her antiquarian bookshop in search of the same, 2nd edition copy of an obscure work by Rev Richard Hadfield. Reading this leads to questions about the authorship of Pride and Prejudice and a mystery which endangers the woman's life. Alongside this developing story the author explores the relationship between Austen and the Rev Hadfield. Who wrote that book??

Good Reading

### The CPNZ continues to be busy:

For the month of Feb we did

12 patrols

80 hours

800 K

Reported 12 incidents

Highlights were helping out at the request of Council and police at the various Glen Eden events in the shopping area, recovering another stolen car, visiting the police comms centre and seeing our membership pass the 30 mark. We need more members to get to the requirement of 40.

Anyone interested in joining please contact les Duffield 8141130 or 021720100

### MAY NEWSLETTER

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By FRIDAY APRIL 10th @ 5pm

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## Kia ora Waiatarua!

We've just had the AGM of the WRRRA and I would like to farewell some and welcome other members of the Committee. Susanne Timms has resigned as Vice President after about 8-9 years on the Committee. Susanne will continue to monitor and facilitate the weed bin for us. Gary Ertel was elected to Vice-President from Secretary. John Stagg has moved to Oratia. Continuing on the Committee are Sue Bowers as Treasurer and Robyn O'Sullivan, Mark Large, Brett Whyte and John Andersen.

At the AGM in my annual President's report I told the story of how I came to this place. Five years ago we were living in Kingsland in a relocated villa right beside the motorway. Being our first house we made the concession of being only 10m from the edge of the north-western motorway. We used to pretend the traffic noise was the ocean, or the wind in the trees.

But we knew we wouldn't be there forever and Lhara dutifully scoured the 'For Sale' pages on a regular basis. One day 909 West Coast Road popped up in a small ad and without telling me she inspected it. A complete do up she said. But so far from the City, I said. But under the radar, she said. But it needs so much work, I said. So much opportunity, she said. The space, setting and view convinced me.

We lived in Waiatarua for a couple of years before we fled back to the city to overcome a school zone rule change. Two years later though we were back at 909 beside the Community Centre. We'd also decided we were here to stay. It was time to get to know Waiatarua better.

What better way, when Dave Pocock announced his resignation, than to run for President of the Residents and Ratepayers. So I spent 2014 learning what Waiatarua is all about, who lives here, and what they care about.

Waiatarua is a special place, being part of the Waitakere Ranges Heritage Area, a buffer zone between the national park and the city. We like the quiet and the native flora and fauna, which is threatened by aggressive weeds like wild ginger. Transport is essential; we care about our roads; we want AT to listen to us. But we often feel ignored by Auckland City Council with rates increasing, our bus service threatened.

Next month I'll talk about what we'll be doing at the WRRRA this year. I'd be interested to know, does the suburb of the billing address on your rates say Waiatarua?

Peter

President WRRRA

## War On Weeds

March was the month for War On Weeds and we had two bins for the month instead of the usual one.

Even though an excellent sign was there explaining what to do at least two people were caught stuffing flax into the bins.

We are privileged to have this bin so please do the right thing. It is just for weeds and not for anything else you can't be bothered getting rid of yourselves.

## Fire Calls:

06/02/2015	04:23pm	MVA	Piha Road, Waiatarua
11/02/2015	06:12pm	Alarm Activation	Bush Road, Waiatarua
05/03/2015	06:18pm	MVA	Scenic Drive, Waiatarua
08/03/2015	01:31pm	Drums on Roadside	Piha Road, Waiatarua

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