



Waiatarua Community News

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Hello Waiatarua!

Those of you who are members of the WRRRA will have noticed that on our Waiatarua Hotmail members-only email list we are now publishing our monthly meeting minutes. The mysteries of what we get up to will be no more. Please let us know if you have anything to add on any of the issues.

Welcome to Mark Large, who this month took up the position of Secretary. Mark was a member of the committee prior to this. Look forward to working more with you Mark.

And what else is up in Waiatarua? I've just come from very pleasant meeting with Liz Gosling and Rochelle Gillespie in the sun on the deck at Elevations with Vani, who owns it with Brett. Liz's idea of a meet-the-neighbours evening is proving to be very popular. It's looking like we're likely to fill the restaurant. We'd love to meet you on 23 May, with canapés and a complimentary drink from 6:30pm, for dinner at 7:30pm. For details on how to book please see the WRRRA website at www.waiatarua.org.nz.

Other events we're looking forward to in 2015:



Date	Event
2 May	Quiz Night @ Hall
23 May	Meet the Neighbours @ Elevations
May-June	Play (tbc)
June	Mid-winter BBQ and Boot sale
July	The Great Waiatarua Breakfast
August	Quiz
September	The Great Waiatarua Debate (tbc)
October	Waiatarua Spring Clean
October	Play (tbc)
November	Volunteer thank you
December	Christmas party



Hope to see you at some of these. Have a great month!

Peter Casey
President, WRRRA

The Tranquillity of Waiatarua

This week in Ngatea, I picked up a young German couple hitch hiking and freedom camping around New Zealand. I offered my front lawn, which they accepted and once we arrived, they were entranced with the view and the ambience. The next morning I was rushing, as I had offered to take them to the train station, when she calmly stated "Please do not rush. I could sit here, listening to the birds and enjoying the tranquillity for ever. This time next week I'll be in Berlin, so this is now a special place for me."

I then realised how much I just took what she felt for granted.

Now I "book" 5 minutes a day to stop and enjoy what Waiatarua gives me unselfishly.

Anon.

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The Garden Report.

Well, gosh almighty, you've probably all got a better idea of what you should be doing on the May gardening calendar than what I have. I shall still be weeding what I have neglected in the last eighteen months or so. The Wandering Jew has taken root on my property and has decided to wander no more. I think our address has become the new Israel.

As I write this, the weather is still brilliant, but last night we were promised that winter was coming next week, with a particularly cold spell, so if this pans out as they say (and it often doesn't), you may not want to be in your gardens. Might I suggest a warm spot by the fire with a good book and a hot chocolate. It works wonders for me.

Elevation Winter Opening Hours:

Sunday to Thursday: 10am to 8pm
Friday and Saturday: 10am to 9pm

The CPNZ continues to be busy...

... with their busiest month yet!

21 patrols
104 hours worked
970 k travelled
And 15 Incidents reported

We supported the Oratia school fair and the Emergency day at Henderson with the police. Both were well supported and we even got a new member.

We are still looking for additional patrollers, so if you have a couple of hours in the month to help, let Les Duffield know. (021720100)

Full training and uniforms provided.

Advantages of being a WRRR member?

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Elevation 473 Scenic Drive Ph 814 8727

WAIATARUA QUIZ NIGHT

Saturday 2nd 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

From The Editor

Robyn O'Sullivan

A change is as good as a rest, they say! *They* are quite often wrong!

At time of writing, my beloved and I have returned from a three day sojourn to the wilds of Tomorata, where we spent time with a female cousin almost as ancient as us.

She lives alone on a five acre property, so there is always THE LIST OF THINGS TO DO awaiting our arrival.

She is definitely one who marches to the beat of her own drum, living on the smell of an oily rag and what she has accomplished single handedly is amazing. However, for some things she needs an extra pair of hands or three, hence ... The List.

In past years, we helped build a high suspension bridge over her creek (I'm sure you may remember this from a previous editorial). Thankfully it's well-hidden away from OSH spies. This time, one of our jobs was to carry a large sheet of flooring over said bridge accompanied by an amorous billy-goat (a very big one, probably the eldest brother in the well-known story) and a rooster with murderous intent!

She lied and said the bridge had been tested to 200 kilogrammes, then suggested we may want to go over only one at a time which raised our suspicions especially as it needed all of us to manoeuvre the wood. Then we had to trek it uphill for a good fifteen minutes through the gloom of the bush, until we placed it into its final position in The Love Shack (that's definitely another story) .

She was pleased to get a few jobs out the way which makes life easier for her over the winter months and we came home laden with produce, pinecones and a set of turkey wing feathers which should amuse my grandchildren.

I don't understand how we always manage to return alive albeit very tired, nursing copious bruises and in need of a further rest.

Enjoy your month!

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The Library Report

Jeanette Ziesler

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Notices

A Selection Of Our New Highly Recommended Reads at Waiatarua Library.

“The Secret Life Of Luke Livingstone” – Charity Norman. They meet, they fall in love and marry. Thirty years later Luke feels compelled to tell his wife the secret he has always lived with. He struggles with his identity as a man and knows he is a woman in the body of a man. He has chosen to change rather than end his life. The daily depth of emotions – heartache, despair, humiliation – leave the family in disarray. Luke is still the person they love and will continue to love, but acceptance is difficult. This is thoughtfully written with much empathy and perception of the plight those in this situation endure.

“The Water Diviner” – Andrew Anastasios. A grieving father from Australia travels to Gallipoli in an effort to retrieve the bodies of his 3 sons. He promised his wife that he would bury them in consecrated ground. There is no body for his eldest son and he discovers he may still be alive. Plus, does a burial in ground consecrated with the crescent of the land rather than the cross of his belief make any difference in the end? This story focusses not on war, but on recovery and rebuilding post war.

“Let Me Be Frank With You” – Richard North. Frank Bascomb (The Sportswriter) is now 68, and looking forward to a simpler life in retirement. Hurricane Sandy has devastated much of the Northeast and in this series of 4 novellas we meet a wry, grumpy Frank getting involved in the lives of unrelated people but all suffering as a result of the hurricane. His attempts to console and reconcile are wonderfully recounted by this great author.

“A Spool Of Blue Thread” – Anne Tyler. The Whitshank parents are not only getting older but they are now suffering from ill-health, alarming their 4 grown children. Abby has “mind gaps” and Red has had a heart attack. Two generations have lived in family home and it has a precious place in all their hearts. Tyler is a great observer of dramas, joys, disagreements and love in families and it is all here. Old hurts and secrets, along with good times come to the fore in this novel about the make-up of an adult family and changing responsibilities.

Good reading

Waiatarua Volunteer Fire Brigade Report

Things have slowed somewhat since the last report with only one call out. We are still working with our new recruits, consolidating their basic skills since they completed and passed the course.

A few of the newish guys are now starting on their Qualified Fire Fighter pre-course work with the intention of doing their QFF course, which will be the next step up for them. It's great to see this starting to happen as this is part of the future of the brigade.

As daylight saving has now finished and with the winter nights ahead, we have a lot less light on Monday nights at training which can make training a challenge at times, but no less challenging than if we were at a fire call.

Fire Calls 31/03/2015 11:16pm Assist Police Piha Road, Waiatarua
Police required lighting at a motor vehicle accident.

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Table Tennis every Wednesday at the Hall, 7-9pm. No experience needed, all equipment supplied. \$2 per week. Contact Tony 8149860 or email tony.bacon@sthw.co.nz

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.

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