



# Waiatarua Community News

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Hello Waiatarua!

Peter Casey

I was reading in our lounge, pleasant in the sun with the city in the distance at the corner of my eye.

That was when the whack came.

I've fallen in love with the wood pigeons since I moved here. "Flying Cats" my father in law, Sam, calls them. You get to know the locals, usually travelling in pairs with their mate. The conversations they have are frequently silent aerial exchanges. One short flight with a few curves to it then mimicked by the other.

I remember our first year in Waiatarua doing a lot of work around the house the two resident Kereru would zoom back and forth between the two hills we're between, as if to get a better view of us. Sure enough, they were actually checking us out. Confirmed when one morning sitting outside the kitchen with a coffee I look up and see a wood pigeon descending on me like Johnathan Livingston only to put a 90° arc in his path and shoot off only a metre or so above me across our flat roof. It was a bit of a rush of an experience and just as I caught my breath another whoosh over my head. Kereru #2 pulled exactly the same trick.

WHACK!

The front of our house is mostly glass to take in the great view. Being in Waiatarua, you might have similarly high glass to wall ratio. You may know that kind sound. A bird hitting the window at full speed, or sometimes, at half speed, hopelessly trying to change direction as the glass realisation hits just before impact. But this one was, thankfully, blissfully unaware until the moment its neck got bent forward and then snapped back, and then double bounced on the window, wings outspread, simultaneously arriving at zero velocity. I could tell all this in the days later when I forensically examined the stunning imprint on the glass, like a huge finger print, able to see the shape of individual wing feathers, beak and eye where they contacted the glass.

It died about fifteen minutes later in my hands on the way to Bird Rescue in Green Bay. Moments before it stopped moving, it lifted its head, thrashing it around in a moment of confusion or realisation, as if it could see the end coming; unlike our window.

Last week Auckland Transport announced the decision to delete the 156 Waiatarua bus service in late 2016 rather than improve it. This in the same week as they announced another \$200 to be added to your rates to help pay for public transport.

WHACK!

The WRRRA are thinking about how to push back on this; we are of the view that the consultation by AT was inadequate. Please get in touch if you'd like to join the discussion.

**Meditation at Waiatarua Hall**  
Mondays, 7pm

This is a new group coming together to form a Spiritual Community, to share with and support one another in our Vision of the New Earth.

Our focus will be about raising and maintaining our Faith and Trust in a future of promise and unity for One and All.  
(See ad in community notices under Yoga/Chi Kung etc for contact details.)

**Elevation Winter Opening Hours**

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

Waiatarua Performing Arts Trust

*Black Adder*

*on stage*

**Auditions**

Sunday 28 June 2015, 2pm, at the Waiatarua Hall,  
911 West Coast Rd, Waiatarua, Auckland.

Directed by Kevin & Christine Healy.

Season dates 9—19 September.

For info. call the directors (09) 814 9505 or email kevin@healy.co.nz

Auditioning all roles for three episodes of this hilarious BBC comedy.  
Production crew volunteers also required.



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**Outdoor Fires:**

In recent years, changes have been made by Auckland council re burning in the open air and only certain types of fires are permitted all year round. If you are considering lighting an outdoor fire please visit Auckland councils website [www.aucklandcouncil.govt.nz](http://www.aucklandcouncil.govt.nz) and check the rules on lighting outdoor fires. Also check to see what restrictions apply by entering in your address details online.

**Fire Safety:**

As the days grow colder and the darkness creeps in earlier, we will all be starting to light our fires and pull out our heaters.

**Portable LPG gas heaters**

- Make sure the ceramic heater element is not broken or chipped and that the element guard is in place.
- Check to see that the hose is in good condition and doesn't show any signs of damage or wear.
- If the heater does not light straight away, turn it off and try again. Don't let the gas build up before trying to relight it.
- Always have fresh air coming into the room where a gas heater is in use.
- Have your heater serviced every 12 months.

**Fire Calls:**

05 Mar 2015	SCENIC DR, WAIATARUA	Motor Vehicle Accident , No Action by Brigade
08 Mar 2015	PIHA RD, WAIATARUA	Investigate Chemical Drums on side of road
31 Mar 2015	PIHA RD, WAIATARUA	Assist Police at Motor vehicle accident
14 Apr 2015	WEST COAST RD, WAIATARUA	Motor vehicle Accident
14 Apr 2015	BUSH RD WAIATARUA	Smoke Logged House
15 Apr 2015	PIHA RD WAIATARUA	Motor Vehicle Accident
01 May 2015	SEA VIEW RD PIHA	Scrub Fire
02 May 2015	FOREST HILL RD WAIATARUA	Rubbish Fire

**Check us out on Facebook:** Please visit our facebook page "Waiatarua Volunteer Fire 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

Remember Victor Meldrew? If you don't, you are probably far too young...but google and you'll understand. My Beloved turned into Victor a few years ago and I am fast becoming the female version. Over the years, anything that needed doing to our properties, we have done ourselves but now as we are in the autumn of our years and the bodies don't work as well as they used to, we find ourselves having to employ tradespeople - a hitherto unknown group. I have them divided pretty equally into The Excellent Ones and The Demons from Hades. We recently swapped our gas fireplace for a woodburner. What should have been a one day job from go to whoa ( or more accurately - woe), turned into a couple of months. The demon fire guy danced a jig in his hobnail boots on my roof so then we called in an excellent roofer who artfully replaced the damaged tiles when fire guy rang to say he's having to return and will need to go up on the roof again. Whaaaaat? Suffice it to say, after much stress and angst, we have been enjoying a few good fires which radiate cosiness and comfort and we're actually looking forward to colder weather! Bring it on June!

**Advantages of being a WRRR member?**

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**Elevation** 473 Scenic Drive Ph 814 8727

**JULY NEWSLETTER**

Copy needs to be in the hands of the Editor

By **FRIDAY JUNE 12th @ 5pm**

Robyn O'Sullivan Ph 814 1143

[munster@ihug.co.nz](mailto:munster@ihug.co.nz)

**From The CPNZ ...**

... April was one of our slowest months to date due to a number of member on holiday.

We did 9 patrols

We did 533 K

We did 37 hours patrolling

We reported 11 incidents

However we completed training for many members in an approved first aid course and another member joined, so we are growing towards our goal of 40 members.

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New Books at Waiaatarua Library.

**“Inside The O’Briens”** by Lisa Genova.

A fit, middle-aged police officer realises there is something wrong with him and is eventually diagnosed with Huntington’s disease. His four grown-up children have a 50/50 chance of inheriting the disease, but they can have a test to determine if they are a carrier. As the disease takes its course and her father gradually changes and deteriorates, to be tested or not becomes a dilemma for his youngest daughter. And how would the family cope with that knowledge?

**“The Girl On The Train”** – Paula Hawkins.

A young woman travels on the same train every day and observes the same people and things from her window every day. Until! One morning she sees something that disturbs her. A chain of events that follows becomes complicated, constantly changing and nothing is as it initially seems. The reader is left often guessing and trusting no-one. A great thriller.

**“The Glorious Heresies”** –Lisa McLnerney.

In post-crash Ireland, a messy murder affects the lives of 5 misfits. The murderer refuses to dispose of the body – that task falls to her son. He is the boss of the criminal underworld and so gets others to do the dirty work. Written about a society that is on the verge of freefalling into gangster rule, this is a harsh but brilliant read.

**“A Fifty-Year Silence”** – Miranda Richmond Mouillat.

A young Jewish couple wed during WW2 and in 1948 buy a house in France which they abandon very soon after. The marriage breaks up and for the next 50 years they have nothing to do with each other. Their only granddaughter later visits the house briefly with her grandfather and this becomes the catalyst for her journey into her grandparents lives and her need to find out what went wrong. She is close to both but they tell her very little. The book chronicles her journey and research into the past.

Commercial advertisements are welcome and can be arranged by contacting Contact Robyn O’Sullivan, munster@ihug.co.nz, ph 814 1143.

Community Notices are free to current financial members.

**Babysitter Wanted** for a 5-year old girl. Occasional evenings from 7.00 onwards.

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