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From The Editor:

Robyn O'Sullivan

"And now, the end is near and so I face the final curtain" no, no, friends, don't panic...I'm not shuffling off my mortal coil just yet... but after eight years as Editor, the time has come to retire gracefully...

"Regrets, I've had a few; but then again, too few to mention"... I used to hate this song and being a generation out from screaming over Frank Sinatra like my mother did, I didn't appreciate him either. It comes as a great surprise that he wrote it just for me! So much of it is so apt in my situation!

"I did what I had to do and saw it through without exemption." That's the trouble with the Irish who know all the words to all the songs and have at least one to suit every occasion. Bear with, I'm on a roll now.

"Yes, there were times, I'm sure you knew
When I bit off more than I could chew.
But through it all, when there was doubt,
I ate it up and spit it out.
I faced it all and I stood tall;
And did it my way. "

Ok, that's enough! If anyone has a burning desire to do the job, look to the left and have a good read! Spread the word!

Have a great month!

SITUATION VACANT:

Have you a way with words or at least, can string a few words together?

Do you know when to use : and/or ; and '...' or "... " ?

Do you have tough skin and a good sense of humour?

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Then **YOU** could be the next Editor of the Waiatarua Newsletter!!

(And as a bonus, you get to be Chief Advertising Executive AND Head Honcho for the layout.)

Remuneration: Not too crisp...you won't be spending up large on your pay packet...truth be told, warm fuzzies abound with a bit of angst thrown in for good measure.

Don't let this opportunity slip through your fingertips.....call Robyn on 814 1143 or even better, email me : munster@ihug.co.nz

The Great Waiatarua Debate Is Back Again This Year

The moot has been decided.
(Embargoed until teams decided).

The date has been agreed ... August 19th 2017.

The adjudicator will be John Goudge.

The catering is in final stages of confirmation.

Tickets always sell out so mark these dates in your diary now:

Tickets on sale to **WRRRA members only** - Tuesday 25 July - (you can join on the spot for only \$10!)

Tickets on sale to all - Tuesday 1 August

For all ticket enquiries
check back on the website, details at bottom of page,
or ring: (09) 814 9386
email: wrrahotmail2015@gmail.com



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Hello Waiatarua!

Several of us shared a very pleasant evening in the Waiatarua Library at the Community Centre at 911 West Coast Road (just above the intersection of West Coast Road and Forest Hill Road) to celebrate the launch of the online archive of all the WRRRA Newsletter, the Waiatarua Community News. This has been running since 1988 and all but a couple of issues are now online at our website at www.waiatarua.org.nz/newsletter-archive. Certainly a change of the times from the first issue which was created on a typewriter by Tony Bacon.

There have been nine Editors since then but the one with the record longest service is our current Editor, Robyn O'Sullivan. Robyn has done EIGHT YEARS in the role and actually done a whole lot more since then, as she additionally took on the Advertising Sales and the layout; these three roles used to be done by three people. A huge congratulations on the tenure and thanks from me and all WRRRA members and Waiatarua to Robyn on a fantastic stint.

Robyn and I have had some differences of opinion along the road but I always valued her commitment to the newsletter and editorial independence. I was heartened to read in the April 2008 issue of the newsletter the then president, Dave Pocock, commented on the departing committee member Les Duffield (now of CRRRA fame);

If I could find fault with Les it was it would be that he is too passionate and does get upset when things do not go quite right, but I would like to include an extract from his email [..] "At times it appeared that you and I were at loggerheads, that was not so, merely 2 people passionately putting our ideas..."

Robyn, I would like to borrow and echo those words to you; thank you for what I've learned working with you and I wish you the absolute best for the future.

This leaves the role open so if you or someone you know is interested please let me or Robyn know at editor@waiatarua.org.nz. The Editor of the Waiatarua Community News is has a position on the WRRRA Executive Committee and as such is a valued member of the WRRRA. This means that if you take on the role you are part of a supportive team which includes two distribution volunteers and around 25 delivery volunteers. The Waiatarua Community News delivers 900 print copies once a month for 11 months of the year and is also published online.

It has been a busy month in other quarters; Watercare backed off from Parker road plans, we lost our bus service, almost exactly 20 years after it first started, there was a rather large sewage spill, which was cleaned up almost as quickly as it arrived, Council released a discussion paper on parks within the Waitakere Ranges Heritage Area, and by the time you read this your submissions will have been received on the Help Shape Waitakere Ranges plan of the Local Board. Not to mention our local weed eradication group helped another one or two of you clean up your property.

As always, if you'd like to talk about any of these things please drop me a line.

Peter Casey
president@waiatarua.org.nz

From The Library

Jeanette Ziesler

"Leap Of Faith" – Jenny Patrick.

Set during the building of the Makatote viaduct on the main trunk line this tells the story of the skilled labourers, engineers, their families, sly groggers, temperance campaigners and a "man of God" living in this harsh environment. Patrick has based her novel on her own family history and their involvement. These were workers who moved around taking their skills from coal mines to railroads and anywhere else where they were needed. A well depicted slice of NZ history.

"The Suicide Club" – Sarah Quigley.

Three people – one of whom nearly took his life, the man who intervened and a woman- travel from England to Bavaria to join an experimental institution. It soon becomes apparent that the "maybe saviour" might be the more needy one. The experiments on people with suicidal tendencies might be doing more harm than good. This novel explores the delicate subject of suicide and the effect on loved ones.

"The Last Photograph" – Emma Chapman.

A photographer, who spent 5 years working in the Vietnam war, returns to the country following the death of his wife. Unable to handle his emotions he emails his son to tell him of the death and immediately boards a plane. Life has not been easy for the family and the trauma he carries from that time has burdened the whole family. The novel moves back and forth between his war years and the current time as he gains an insight into the price he and his family paid for his profession as a roaming camera man.

"The Hope Fault" – Tracy Farr.family links

An extended and blended family gathers to pack up the holiday house. This will be the last weekend at the house – one last party is planned. It pours with rain and the various family members spend more time together than they envisaged. However this leads to reaffirmation of their links. The closeness of the enforced domesticity leads to an ultimate acceptance of their lives and families.

From The Community Patrol:

Lynette McKinstrie

"WE NEED YOU"

Each week we are out and about patrolling our area and surrounding neighbours keeping a lookout for any suspicious or criminal behaviour.

Ongoing patrolling is a deterrent for the criminal element visiting our area. Your patrollers also report vandalism, graffiti and illegal dumping of rubbish. This is important to keep our area tidy as this sends a message to the crims that we care about our area and we are continuously watching.

WE NEED YOUR HELP: Whilst we have a great bunch of patrollers we need more, especially retired people and those who work part-time.

2 hours a month is all that is required of your time, even less if necessary. We do mainly daytime patrolling, but night time is great if that is more convenient.

We have actively been involved recently in the search for the arsonist in Piha, the patrolling of Sunnyvale train station since the serious incident and actively patrol Waiatarua, Oratia and Henderson Valley.

If you think you can help please ring. Lynette on 8149357

And a short word from Les: I would like to thank everyone for their best wishes following my stroke.

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From The Fire Brigade

Ian Ford

1 July will see the biggest change to New Zealand's emergency services in over 40 years. The new Fire and Emergency NZ will be formed to merge the NZ Fire Service and various rural fire organisations across the country.

On day one you will see absolutely no change to what happens when you call 111. Fire Service brigades like Waiatarua Glen Eden and Henderson will continue to respond to emergencies, and so will rural brigades like Karekare

What will change is that emergency responders will have clear guidelines and a legal mandate for some non-fire incidents, such as hazardous substances and car accidents. Yes, we've been bluffing our way through until now! In the longer term, the role of volunteers will be recognised and support will be improved. Sounds good to us.

Recent Calls:

5:42 pm	Fri 12 May	Forest Hill Rd	Tree on road
10:25 pm	Wed 17 May	Piha Rd	Car rolled
9:28 pm	Sat 20 May	West Coast Rd	House fire
6:01 pm	Sun 21 May	North Piha	Fire on beach
12:32 pm	Sat 27 May	West Coast Rd	Car crash
12:51 am	Sun 28 May	Tui Cres	False Alarm
5:33 pm	Wed 31 May	Scenic Drive	Car rolled
4:22 pm	Mon 5 Jun	Forest Hill Rd	Road blocked

Fire Safety:

In late May the brigade was called to a serious house fire on West Coast Rd. Glen Eden and Waiatarua crews arrived within a minute of each other to find a blaze that had already engulfed two sheds, had spread to one house and was threatening another. Dozens of firefighters were eventually involved, and while there was serious damage to the property everyone escaped without harm.

The lesson is that it can happen to anyone without warning, no matter how careful you are. To learn how to protect what's important — you and your family — visit www.escapemyhouse.co.nz

Contacts: Always phone 111 for any fire or emergency. Otherwise please contact Station Officer Ian Ford (814 8871). Or Station Officer Kevin Healy (814 9505)

Indoor Bowls Every Thursday Night Waiatarua Hall.

This is a fund raising enterprise for the Waiatarua Community Patrol who keep our streets and houses safe and Waiatarua Performing Arts Trust - our local drama group.

Opening night Thursday 29th June

Come at 7pm - start playing at 730pm.

Wine and tea and coffee and delicious food will help launch this enterprise.

All welcome - beginners and experts alike and only \$3 a head. What a bargain!

All proceeds go to CPNZ and WPAT.

Continuing every Thursday thereafter but without the fabulous refreshments!

There will be one set of bowls and a mat for those who have never played (someone will show you) and one set for people who have played before.
Any enquiries please call Celia 8149 660

(Apologising, at time of writing, to all the punters who missed the opening night due to lack of notice.

Sometimes things happen so quickly up here ... Ed.)

Advertising & Community Notices

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

Community Notices are free to current financial members.

Art Classes: Pathway Studio & Gallery, 786 West Coast Roa Oratia. Ph Carol 814 94388021 033 0055

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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.

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.

Tiler/Stone Layer: 21 years experience in the trade, available for indoor or outdoor projects, large or small. Phone Craig Starr 021 610 408.

Waiatarua Playcentre: ... West Coast Road, Waiatarua. Phone 09 814 8835.

Sessions: Monday, Wednesday & Friday 9.30am - 12.30pm.

Zumba with Grace... Thursday 7pm-8pm Oratia Settlers Hall. Ditch the workout, come join the party! Cost \$10 per class Grace ph: 818-2046

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