



Waiatarua Community News

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Piha Road Problem

Possible Progress

Wayne Edwards, our man on the spot reports:

“The immediate focus of Auckland Transport was on some short-term measures. They are looking at raising awareness of the intersection, the traffic controls which apply, vehicle speeds and the correct lane for motorists to use, especially for drivers approaching from the blind corner east of Scenic Drive and from the west on Piha Road. These include stop signs and destination signage, double yellow no-passing lines and speed reduction measures. These have now been installed.

The long-term options under consideration include a roundabout at the Piha Rd / Scenic Dr intersection. However AT say the topography, the constraints of the intersection and the unique nature of the Waitakere Ranges Heritage Area make this very difficult. A roundabout would be an expensive solution and when it comes to funding it will need to be measured against other traffic safety priorities across the region.

Since many accidents have gone unreported they are also talking to the Police about the reporting procedures and processes for crashes at this intersection.

As a resident of Quinns Rd familiar with the difficulty and danger of exiting Quinns Rd when there is high traffic volumes I have some doubts that the newly installed compulsory stop on Quinns Rd will assist.”

There is a document on the Waiatarua website that shows what is happening: <http://www.waiatarua.org.nz> and look for “Piha Intersection Intermediate proposal” under “documents”

Oratia Cemetery Cleanup

There is to be a working bee at the Oratia Cemetery

Sat 26th May 9.00a.m to 12.30pm

The area is in great need of a tidy up.

If weather is bad then the backup date is

9th June

To Autumn

John Keats 1795-1821

*Season of mists and mellow fruitfulness
Close bosom-friend of the maturing sun
Conspiring with him how to load and bless
With fruit the vines that round the thatch-eves run;
To bend with apples the moss'd cottage-trees,
And fill all fruit with ripeness to the core;
To swell the gourd, and plump the hazel shells
With a sweet kernel; to set budding more,
And still more, later flowers for the bees,
Until they think warm days will never cease,
For Summer has o'er-brimm'd their clammy cells.*

*Who hath not seen thee oft amid thy store?
Sometimes whoever seeks abroad may find
Thee sitting careless on a granary floor,
Thy hair soft-lifted by the winnowing wind;
Or on a half-reap'd furrow sound asleep,
Drows'd with the fume of poppies, while thy hook
Spare the next swath and all its twined flowers:
And sometimes like a gleaner thou dost keep
Steady thy laden head across a brook;
Or by a cider-press, with patient look,
Thou watchest the last oozings hours by hours.*

*Where are the songs of Spring? Ay, where are they?
Think not of them, thou hast thy music too,—
While barred clouds bloom the soft-dying day,
And touch the stubble-plains with rosy hue;
Then in a wailful choir the small gnats mourn
Among the river shallows, borne aloft
Or sinking as the light wind lives or dies;
And full-grown lambs loud bleat from hilly bourn;
Hedge-cricket sing; and now with treble soft
The red-breast whistles from a garden-croft;
And gathering swallows twitter in the skies.*

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From the Editor

Tony Bacon

Erin is away enjoying the delights of the Gold Coast so you'll have to put up with me this month. I think we can safely say that summer is over, and for me it is definitely a "season of mists and mellow fruitlessness" (apologies to John Keats) as my crop of apples and mandarins is exactly zero thanks to unknown marauders, either possums, rats, rosellas or all three. This despite wire enclosures and metres of netting. The lemons aren't looking too good either. On top of that something is spooking my goldfish so they are spending most of the time hiding under rock ledges, occasionally venturing forth and then dashing back again, and the wasps have found my tui feeder. Maybe I should move to an apartment, but then I wouldn't have this glorious view and fantastic community, would I? I may whinge about it, but I wouldn't really want to live anywhere else.

Are you a member?

At the last count there were 39 paid-up members of the WRRRA. Out of the 800+ households that receive the newsletter, that's not very many. \$10 is all it takes, so why not fill in the form below or send an email to treasurer@waiatarua.org.nz to join up? There are also forms at the library, the community hall and Elevation, so you really don't have any excuse, do you?

A note to our contributors

We love to hear from you, but to make sure that your material gets to the right place please send it to editor@waiatarua.org.nz rather than to Erin's personal email. That way it will always go to whoever is the editor (for instance, this month, me.)

Quote of the month

"We've heard that a million monkeys at a million keyboards could produce the Complete Works of Shakespeare. Now, thanks to the internet, we know that is not true."

Robert Wilensky

An apology

Last month we showed an incorrect phone number for one of our advertisers. The "Experienced Lady Housepainter" number is **027 814 8810**, not as we showed in the last issue. Our apologies to Nola.

Advantages of being a WRRRA member?

Show your membership card at the following businesses for a 10% discount (conditions may apply)

Heritage Collection Waitakere Estate 573 Scenic Drive
Ph: 814 9622

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Library News

Jeannette Zeisler

This month we have a very good selection of new books.

Time & Tide by Larain Day tells the history of the Pelorus Mail Boat. Mail, provisions, livestock and even vehicles have been delivered around the Marlborough Sounds for 100 years by boat. The original operators ran the service for 55 years. When they started there were few roads into the sounds and the boat was a vital link. The service still operates 3 days per week and up to 7 in the summer. Very popular with tourists.

Educated is a memoir by Tara Westover. She grew up in Idaho, the child of parents who distrusted the government and all its agencies – schools, hospitals etc. The family were Mormons but beyond that the parents were isolationists and survivalists. Ammunition and supplies were hoarded for the end of the world and the children did not go to school. Tara, desperate to learn everything, educated herself to a level to gain entrance to Brigham Young University. That was her first experience of a classroom. She eventually earned a Ph.D from Cambridge University.

Jacob's Room Is Full Of Books is, indeed a book about books. Susan Hill spent a year reading/rereading the large number of books she owned. As the year passes she muses on the books, related thoughts and the passing seasons. A literary memoir well worth reading.

The Second Child, written by Caroline Bond, is the story of parents going about their lives bringing up a son and 14 year old disabled daughter. While at the hospital for treatment one day, a blood test reveals that their daughter is not biologically theirs. What follows is a process of finding another daughter, assimilating every one into new extended families and coping with the bureaucracy. Well and sensitively written.

*They crossed a Collie and a Lhasa Apso.
The new mixed breed is a Collapso, a dog that folds up for easy transport.*

*They crossed a Spitz and a Chow-Chow.
The new mixed breed is a Spitz-Chow, a dog that throws up a lot.*

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Environmental Corner

9th June the weed bin will return and to make your hard work a little more rewarding we will be up there 11-2 with a sausage sizzle and a refreshing drink (bring a vessel for a drink if possible). There will also be some experts on site for some advice!

Kaka have been seen in Titirangi, flying in the canopy looking for kauri seed no doubt. Keep an eye out for this rare sight and let us know if you get lucky!

Weeds of the Month

This time of year is a fantastic one for walking around your garden and getting any gorse or wattle brush seedlings before they bed in for winter. Both are part of the pea family, grow quickly, are hardy in even the harshest conditions and unfortunately feature long-lived seeds. On the plus side both can be used to regenerate native bush, so if you have vast areas where these plants have already established, it may be more beneficial to look at planting native seeds (or seedlings) under them and allowing the area to regenerate, however their easily transportable seeds will blow in the wind, potentially bothering your neighbours! To get rid of seedlings, small ones should be easy to pull out by hand with their roots, while larger species will need to be cut at the base and brushed with triclopyr (carefully read the instructions). Make sure its not going to rain for at least 4-6 hours.

Description:

Gorse is pretty unique looking, with sharp spiky leaves, whereas wattle brush seedlings can look like many other wattles. Both plants once established will flower from May until August, with green-yellow flowers.



Wattle Brush: *Paraserianthes lophantha*



Gorse: *Ulex europaeus*

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Handyman Out West: Any work undertaken. House and property maintenance, renovation and decoration eg gutter cleaning, water blasting, deck building, tree felling, painting etc. Reliable and friendly. Phone Mike 814 9708.

Indoor Bowls: every Thursday at the Hall 7pm for 7.15 start. No experience needed. Coffee and tea provided, BYO nibbles and other drinks if wanted. \$3 donation to CPNZ and WPAT. Ph Celia: 814 9660

Lawn mowing and section clean ups: Ph Grant at Top Grass Ltd. 814 9493 mob 021 024 75610

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 in the Hall, 7-9pm. No experience needed, all equipment supplied. \$2 per week Contact Tony 814 9860, email tony.bacon@sthw.co.nz

The Oratia Community Church: On the corner of Parker & West Coast roads. Fellowship meets on the 2nd Thursday of each month at 1pm in the church hall. Ph 813 9869 for information.

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Waiatarua Playcentre: 911 West Coast Road, Waiatarua. Phone 09 814 8835. Sessions: Monday, Wednesday & Friday 9.30am 12.30pm.

Zumba With Grace: Thursday 7-8pm Oratia Settlers Hall. Ditch the workout, come join the party! Cost \$5 per class. Ph Grace 818 2046

Waitakere Forest & Bird

Talk by Gael Ogilvie

General Manager Environmental Services Auckland Council

June 21st

Discovering Latin American Biodiversity and Culture

Venue: Kelston Community Centre, cnr Awaroa/Great North Rd.

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