

Neighbourhood Support Community

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Newsletter



KIA ORA KOUTOU KATOA GREETINGS TO YOU ALL

Firstly a big thank you to all of our co-ordinators for their tireless support and work you do for our communities, it is appreciated by the Hastings District Council.

2020 is well under way and we now have this Neighbourhood Support newsletter available to all our groups quarterly.

In regards to 2019, there were only 3 occasions that I had to follow up with Police assistance in regards to Neighbourhood Support incidents, thankfully all 3 were dealt with accordingly.

One significant change to the HDC Neighbourhood Support Groups is the welcome addition of our rural groups from north of Bayview up to Tarawera and right across to Putorino.

This area was initially managed by Napier Neighbourhood Support and we have already had contact with a number of our new residents, so welcome aboard!

As you can see this is a huge area, but one I am very keen to work with.

I am also very interested to hear back from any of our rural groups as to them having a space in the newsletter for any rural news or views.

Another major change was around the current branding of Neighbourhood Support.

We have had to do some work around this in regards to supplying our residents with the new branding and we are aware that some of you have not received these, also the need to replace the old signs with the new ones.

Please, notify me if you are wanting the new branding so I can get that to you ASAP.

There is a 5 year roll-out involved in regards to doing away with all the old resources, but I am more than happy to start the process for those wanting the new letterbox and window stickers.

I have received a small number of enquiries lately about the rising tension with gang activity, in light of the recent incident in Taradale.

Rest assured the Police are doing everything possible that they can do to deal with the increase in anti-social behaviour in our communities to ensure the health and safety of their citizens.

As I have mentioned in previous newsletters, if in doubt, please ring one of the numbers on the following page:

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Emergency phone numbers

111

EMERGENCY



Call triple one (111) when you need an emergency response from Police, Fire or Ambulance.

If you have difficulty hearing or talking on the phone you can register at www.police.govt.nz/111-txt for the 111 TXT service.

105

EMERGENCY



Use Ten Five (105) to report things that don't need urgent Police assistance.

***555**

DRIVING INCIDENTS



Call Star Triple Five (*555) to report road incidents which are urgent but not life-threatening.

Neighbourhood Policing Teams

Neighbourhood Policing Teams (NPTs) are small teams of police officers that work with communities in neighbourhoods where people are particularly likely to be victims of crimes and crashes.

NPTs aim to prevent and reduce crime and road crashes in their communities. They also work to reduce the number of individuals and families who are victims and repeat victims of crime.

To do this, NPTs have a highly visible and accessible presence within their communities. This helps them form partnerships with their communities, so they can identify issues and prevent problems from escalating. Local knowledge and intelligence collection helps NPTs target known offenders and direct resources to tackle crime or the threat of crime.

One important result is that communities are, and feel, safer.

Contact your local Police station to find out if there is a local NPT in your area.

WATCH
THIS
SPACE...

**Neighbourhood Support
Workshop for co-ordinators
in June 2020!**



**KAURI STREET,
MAHORA**

Street by Street 2019

Between June 2019 and December 2019 the SBS team with the support of our partners set up in Camberley, Flaxmere, Mayfair, Raureka, Mahora and Havelock North engaging with local residents around the BBQ as part of our Street by Street engagement.

This is a great opportunity to create a positive forum for discussion for residents in their environment with our partners.

Some of the positive spinoffs from this engagement include unsafe roads being attended to, wrap around support provided by MSD for some of our elderly residents and Police intervention as part of their promotions around domestic violence.

**MONTGOMERY STREET,
RAUREKA**



Neighbours Day Aotearoa

Neighbours Day Aotearoa is a campaign encouraging you to connect with your neighbours and celebrate your neighbourhood. When you're connected to your community good things happen. We know that small things make a big difference, so get involved and celebrate neighbours! March 27-April 5 2020.



**Thanks again to the following
Agencies for their time,
support and enthusiasm**

NZ POLICE
FIRE & EMERGENCY NZ
HAWKES BAY DISTRICT
HEALTH BOARD
INLAND REVENUE NZ
CIVIL DEFENCE
HASTINGS DISTRICT
COUNCIL LIBRARIES
MINISTRY OF SOCIAL
DEVELOPMENT
HOUSING NZ
CITY ASSIST
ELECTORAL NZ
SPORT HB
BRAIN INJURY HB

6 Ideas For Improving Your Neighbourhood

What makes a neighbourhood great? Is it the people? The houses? The location? Or perhaps it is something else? No two streets or communities are alike yet there's certain touches that no matter where they are done helps makes an area stand out from the rest.

HERE'S 6 SIMPLE IDEAS FOR IMPROVING YOUR NEIGHBOURHOOD AND LOVING WHERE YOU LIVE EVEN MORE:

- **DIG IN**

Have a neglected or overgrown berm, park or community garden that could use some TLC? Grab the garden tools, round up some volunteers, and have a working bee to tidy up and re-vegetate the area. Introducing native plants, flowers or edible plants such as fruit trees will encourage more birds, butterflies and bees to visit your neighbourhood as well.

- **PAINT THE TOWN RED**

...or orange, yellow, green, blue, and purple! A mural is a great way to add some colour to your community. By working with a local artist or having nearby schools and businesses take part you'll foster a stronger community spirit and appreciation for the final artwork.

- **SHARE THE LOVE**

Have an abundance of backyard kai you can't get through quick enough? Or perhaps you have stacks of books piling around the house? A community pātaka (pantry) is a great way to share surplus foods or goods with neighbours without having to go door-to-door.

- **LEND A HAND**

A neighbour's overgrown yard or dilapidated fence might not be due to a lack of care, it could simply be a sign they don't have the means or mobility to be able to look after it themselves. Giving your time to mow, paint or fix will not only boost the look and feel of the entire neighbourhood but the pride of the residents who lives there as well.

- **TAKE THE TRASH OUT**

Managing your trash and recycling is one thing, it's another thing entirely to care about the litter that ends up on your street that you didn't create. By picking up loose bits of rubbish, bottles, and any other waste you come across you help to show others that your neighbourhood is well looked after and the people who live there care.

- **HAVE FUN WITH IT**

Quirky letterboxes, fairy doors, yarn bombing, wind chimes, communal street planters, brightly painted benches, and more are just a few fun ways you can add a bit of extra charm to your area. If your area is known for something in particular, have fun playing up that theme to celebrate what makes your town or city special!



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