

OVER THE FENCELINES

NEIGHBOURHOOD SUPPORT ROTORUA



February—March 2013

From Bruce

Welcome to 2013, over a month already gone and back into the swing of things.

As a member of a Neighbourhood Support Group keep an eye out for suspicious activity and vehicles. If you see something report it immediately to the Police. Don't delay the Police would prefer to get many reports about these type of activities rather than none. Save a family from the agony of finding their home violated by a burglary and precious items taken. Report suspicious activity!



How effective is being in a Neighbourhood Support Group? We have available last year's figures for residential crime gained from the data we have at hand. It can be seen that Neighbourhood Support Group areas, which cover over 33% of the households in Rotorua District, show an average of only 23.86% of the reported residential 2012 crime in Rotorua:

	Burglaries	Theft from cars	Thefts	Unlawful Taking of Motor Vehicles	Unlawful Interference With Vehicles	Wilful Damage & Graffiti	OVERALL TOTAL
Total	1037	400	332	181	45	331	2326
NS Group Street	229	109	92	41	12	72	555
NS % of Total	22.08%	27.25%	27.71%	22.65%	26.67%	21.75%	23.86%

From The Chair

Hello to everyone. We find ourselves well underway in 2013 riding the funding roller coaster, with many more dips than rises. The Rotorua District Council, one of our major partners, have made their contribution, rescuing us from the financial brink. Speaking about money is never a pleasant topic, especially when there isn't any. We have applied for funding but it is a wait and see situation. We will keep you posted. If at anytime any of your groups wish to make a donation, we would be very grateful.



The information that your groups provide to Neighbourhood Support Rotorua is kept in a secure manner and is not given out to anyone without the approval of the committee. The only times we would make available your groups private information is in emergency situations. The lists of information we hold are not provided to any body for marketing purposes or the like. In turn we urge the groups to treat the lists we share with you with the same confidentiality. As the information is of your group and for your group, then of course you are welcome to share it with your group, however leaving lists in letterboxes is probably not a good way to treat this information. Regular updating of your group details is essential, we must have certainty that the information we do hold is current.

Stay secure and keep alert, criminals love open windows, unlocked cars, and complacency. We need to help the Police to help you.

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Hidden Treasure Hunt



Have some fun as a Neighbourhood Support Group, a family or just a group of friends. As part of Neighbours Day Weekend Neighbourhood Support Rotorua has organised a Hidden Treasure Hunt for the afternoon of **Saturday 23rd March**. The Hidden Treasures are 10 tourist attractions off the main roads.

The purpose of this event is to help raise funds for the work of Neighbourhood Support Rotorua and for the entrants to have some fun and get to know some hidden tourist treasures around Rotorua.

A donation of \$20 or more makes you eligible to enter a team and vehicle, opening the chance of possibly winning one of the prize packages containing entry passes/vouchers for participating Tourist Attractions. Numbers of entries are limited to 100, so be in quick to register, get in early to secure a place for your team.

Each entry is allowed to enter one team of at least two people and their vehicle. The team will be given a list of tourist attractions to find. At the attractions they take a photo of at least one of the team in front of the attractions entrance. Each team must have their own digital camera and maps/GPS. Photos taken must be available to be downloaded by Neighbourhood Support for proof of visiting the Tourist Attraction entrance and may be used in news stories & publicity following the event.

For each attraction there will be some questions needing to be answered. The answers will be found on information supplied and from the attraction entrance.



There will be two categories, one for cars and another for motorcycles/trikes and there will be a prize for each. To win you will need to be the team that is closest to the optimum time decided before hand by the organisers, not the quickest, and have all questions correctly answered.

To enter, download an entry form from www.nsrotorua.info/events or get one from the office. Complete the form and return it with your donation of \$20 or more to the office by 3.00 pm, Friday 22th March 2013. If you wish to enter or pay on the day you need to be at the start by 12.30 pm. Receipts will be available for all gifts.

On **Saturday 23rd March** arrive at the starting/finish point, **on the bricked area in front of Lakeside Café on the lake front, at 1.00 pm**. Following a briefing, Entrant Packs will be distributed and the event will be underway. It is expected the event will take 1.5 to 2.5 hours to complete in addition to the briefing and the prize giving that will follow.



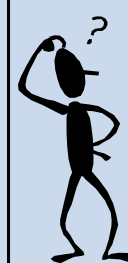
Neighbours Day

The Hidden Treasure Hunt is part of our Neighbours Day Weekend 23-24 March. Get your Neighbourhood Support Group together on the weekend, have a street party, barbeque, do something together and celebrate being neighbours. Make your neighbourhood a safe, caring place to live. Go to www.neighboursday.org.nz for some ideas what to do. Let the office know what you organise and send us some photos.



Who To Call?

Some people don't know who to call when they see something suspicious.



Here are some simple guidelines:

If you see something happening like a burglary, assault etc. dial 111 immediately

If you see something suspicious or wish to report something, call the Police Station immediately don't delay.

If you see it, you report it. Your Street Contact Person isn't the person to report it to, advise them after you have reported it to the Police

Your report may stop a crime being committed and a family being distressed.

Report anything suspicious immediately, don't delay!