

## A Message From Denton

Neighbourhood Support Rotorua are very fortunate to have a dedicated and enthusiastic Co-ordinator and Committee. I have the opportunity to work along side Bruce and the Committee and a lot of the work they do often goes unnoticed, but should never be underestimated as it is vital in ensuring Neighbourhood Support Rotorua sets the standards with new groups being established and the sharing of valuable prevention and general information.



A key message I would like to share with you is, if you think something is suspicious, it is. If you think something needs to be reported, you should. Don't be afraid to report any suspicious person, behaviour or activity as early notification often prevents a crime occurring which means one less victim.

For our rural householders we have noticed an increase in Quad Bike and fuel thefts from rural properties. It's time to be extra vigilant and lock those bikes away and secure your farms fuel appropriately. So come on let's make it harder for those responsible.

Keep up the good work and be safe.

Senior Sergeant Denton Grimes  
Community & Youth Services  
Rotorua Police

## Business Support

As a result of working with the Inner City Retail Crime Prevention Workshop we have started to establish a Business Support network basically Neighbourhood Support for businesses. Once a business joins they can be streamed into neighbouring businesses and/or business type groups e.g. clothing retailers. These groups will have contact lists made available for all registered members and crime alert notifications will be sent to them.



## EQC Booklet

If you didn't get a free copy of EQC's booklet "Easy Ways To Quake Safe Your House", which contains simple ideas to try and prevent earthquake damage, that was sent with the last newsletter in May, and wish to have one please contact the office.



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**IF YOU SEE SOMETHING  
DO SOMETHING  
RING THE POLICE, DIAL 111**

## Support Organisations



## OVER THE FENCE LINES ISSUE 3 2014

## A Note From Bruce

Since the last newsletter I have been out each week delivering the invisible marker pens. It has been a great chance to meet with a large number of Street Contacts if they were home.

As a result of the pen project there have been many Group lists updated, 91 to be exact. Thank you for updating your lists, which get out of date very quickly sometimes.

I would encourage all Groups to check their lists at least once a year and send in updates. Once I receive them I enter the details into the database and then send out updated Telephone Contact Lists to the Street Contact. Those lists are then distributed to all registered household.

If you receive the newsletter but haven't received a Telephone Contact List it may be because you haven't registered your household with the Group. Send in your details to the office and they will be entered.

Another item of interest is that over the same period since the last newsletter there have been 11 new Groups, covering 274 households, started. They cover all or parts of Peachgrove Tce, Stafford Rise, Paraone St, Coburg Pl, Corlett St, Tarena St, Sophia St, Te Akau, Okareka Loop Rd, Summit Rd.

Ron and I have also been attending Group meetings and community meetings and we enjoy catching up with you. If you wish either of us to join your Group give us a call to arrange a day and time for your Group meeting.



## Invisible Marker Pen And Label Project

Distribution will be completed with the delivery of this newsletter.

If you haven't received your invisible marker pen & letterbox label there could be a couple of reasons.

- (1) Deliveries are made to the Street Contact for your Group and if they haven't yet delivered them that could be the hold up.
- (2) Deliveries by the Street Contact were to registered households, i.e. households who have provided contact details etc. which have been entered into the Neighbourhood Support Rotorua database.

Therefore if you haven't received anything yet please contact your Street Contact person to discover the reason. Anyone who provides their details to register their household will be provided with a pen & label.

Update forms can be downloaded from [nsrotorua.info/forms](http://nsrotorua.info/forms) (Household Detail Form) or phone the office, 349-9470, to have one sent out. Complete the form and return it.

Once updates are entered new Telephone Contact Lists are sent to Street Contacts for distribution to registered households and pens/labels sent out.

**Our thanks go to the RDC Crime Prevention Fund for the funding of this project.**



## Operation Sign Up—Update

Over recent months the project to update road signage has been delayed while we distributed the invisible marker pens. By the end of August we should be recommencing the sign replacement programme and start completing the following suburbs:

Utuhina, Victoria, Hillcrest, Springfield, Tihi-o-tonga, Glenholme, Fenton Park & Owata.

If you want to help out let us know by contacting the office.

Please note rural areas were not covered in this project but there will be some signs available for them.



## What's Neighbourly?



Recently the RDC in conjunction with the two founders & commercial website developers launched the social media website "Neighbourly" in Rotorua. This is similar to "Facebook" but has been designed in NZ and the developers hope to have neighbours engaging with neighbours over the internet.

Anyone who signs is asked to invite others in the vicinity to join. Hence many of you have received a letter addressed to "The Resident" at your address.

If you do sign on please abide by normal internet security precautions and don't share any information that is in any way sensitive to you or others.

Neighbourly is **not** part of Neighbourhood Support but could be a tool to go with one of the many other tools such as emails, texts, telephones etc. that could be used. The choice to use it is up to you.

Neighbourhood Support encourages neighbours to talk with their neighbours. To get to know them so that you look out for them and they look out for you. Nothing beats a chat over the fence, or over a cuppa.

Remember reporting of suspicious activity or people should be to the Police not to any website. Remember the slogan on our letterbox label: "If I don't call the Police my neighbour will".

## Door To Door Collectors

From time to time there is an upsurge of persons calling on residential homes seeking donations for various causes.

Official organisations that undertake this activity will generally do the following;

1. They will notify the local Police that they are in the area collecting.
2. The persons doing the calling will have some sort of official identification from the organisation they are collecting for.

If a collector calls on you;

1. Ask to see, and check the collectors ID card.
2. If you have any doubts or you don't want to donate any money, politely send them on their way.
3. If you are able to see a car that the collector is using, note the registration number and advise your local Police if you think they are suspicious.



**Get Ready Week**

**21-27 September**

**[www.getthru.govt.nz](http://www.getthru.govt.nz)**

The Ministry of Civil Defence & Emergency is promoting a week of activities aimed at raising awareness of potential hazards and the need to be prepare!