



Neighbourhood Support , Rotorua February—March 2012
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OVER THE FENCELINES

Editors Rave:

MMP: love it or loathe it! **"HAVE YOUR SAY"** Yes you can still have your say by way of submissions to the Electoral Commission. Read their info sheets in the Newspapers, Listener, or Sunday Papers telling the How and What to do. Let them know what your concerns are and what improvements(if any) you would like. Use the current set up in Parliament to base your submissions.

My last rave: about time you might say. Yes, after 8.5 years I leave the position of Co-ordinator at the end of April. Wonderful times meeting hundreds of people in their homes all of whom have the aim of making Rotorua a safer and more caring Community. So it's on with the next phase of my life. All the best to the new Co-ordinator. I know he/she will enjoy the job just as much as I have.

THE BIG SHIFT: As of 3rd April we will be operating from the all new temporary Police Station across the road in Spence's old building for possibly the next 2 years. We will be on the left front as you face from Fenton Street. Just ask for us at the main Public Counter.

TWO GIVE WAY RULES ARE CHANGING:
25 March 2012 is D-Day for the Give Way rules changing.

The way a police officer explained it to me, how you drive at a give way now is going to be WRONG, and how you have been taught not to do it, will be RIGHT.



REPORT REPORT REPORT

Neighbourhood Support cant stress enough to report incidents, lately there has been an increasing number of serious occurrences burglaries, theft from cars, etc that have not been reported to police. Also an increase in the number of these offences committed by kids, juveniles 8yr-15yrs, please report any suspicious behaviour to police immediately.



NEW GROUPS:

Martin Street,
Utuhina Road,
Capricorn Place,
Te Waerenga Rd,
Kea street and a first for the Selwyn area.
Matipo Ave,
Westbourne Ave,
Peace Street,
Byron Grove and
Goldie Street.

In all 160 more homes in our Neighbourhood Support network.

Some good news statistics from Rotorua Police Lost and Found:

Did you know that 80% of wallets and bags handed into the police station have not been gone through, yes money, credit cards, licences etc all still there. Around 1100 lost property reports are taken a year. 1100 found items reported a year and of that 40% of these items are able to be returned to the owners. Well Done Rotorua Residents.



Neighbourhood Support Gratefully acknowledges the support of these Organisations:

New Neighbourhood Policing Team



The Western Heights Neighbourhood Policing Team (N.P.T) began working in Western Heights in late 2011. 32 NPT's have been established throughout New Zealand. The Western Heights NPT is one of two in the Bay of Plenty District.

The purpose of the N.P.T is to work alongside the community and partner agencies, groups and schools to address the drivers of crime in Western Heights. The N.P.T consists of a Sergeant and four Constables. Their hours of work vary as their roster is adjusted to align with the priorities of their work. The primary focus of the NPT is to be engaged in crime prevention activities. Although NPT staff may respond to an emergency in Western Heights when they are working, their primary role is to work with the community and apply 'problem solving' techniques to address the drivers of crime in the Western Heights community.

The first task of the Western Heights NPT was to survey the community in order to gather data on the issues that were concerning the community; and just as importantly elicit their ideas about what could be done to make Western Heights a safe community. Initiatives commenced to date include the formation of a Western Heights Community Safety Panel, the continuation of the CACTUS project in Western Heights High School and an increased visibility of Police in the area. Sergeant Sutton and his team are highly motivated in their role of working with the community to achieve the goal of making Western Heights a safer place to live.



turning streets into neighbourhoods
atawhaingia te pa harakeke
24-25 March 2012

**Check out this great website all about Neighbours Day.
www.neighboursday.org.nz**

Do you know there are more than 100 ways to say hello to your neighbours in New Zealand? Kia Ora, Goeie More, Malo e leilei, Namoshkar, Ni Hao, Sai tahay, Talofa, Bog, G'day, Jambo, Apa khabar, Chao, Nameste, Ahoj, Oy, Dydd da, Merhaba, Halo and sign language are just some of the options.

"Neighbours Day Aotearoa is not about big events. It's about everyday kiwis, reaching over their fence and engaging with their neighbours. There are a lot of inspirational stories and ideas on the website to get people thinking," he says.

"It could be as simple as waving and saying hello to neighbours you don't know, sharing a cuppa or asking your neighbour if they need a hand with anything - right through to putting on a street party or BBQ. Have a street BBQ. Cut the lawns for an elderly person. Take your neighbour's recycling to the all new RDC Recycling Depot. Start a game of street or back yard cricket. Get to know your neighbours. In an emergency they are who you may have to rely on. Let's celebrate our neighbours. Invite a neighbour over for afternoon tea or just a quiet BBQ. Start a walking group.

So how about making the effort just to say hi to the new people in the street, or the ones you have lived next door to for years, homemade baking always goes down well.!

On behalf of the Committee and staff of Neighbourhood Support Rotorua, we wish Barrie Fenton the very best of luck for his retirement, we are sure the Rotorua golf courses will get a hammering in the near future.



Thanks also to all the staff and Police at the Rotorua Police station for their continued support. We couldn't do our job without them.

