

OVER THE FENCE LINES NEIGHBOURHOOD SUPPORT ROTORUA

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Great Time In Awatea Terrace



Vivien the Street Contact for Awatea Terrace and the Street Group organised two events recently. The first a Monster Garage Sale to raise funds for a Surveillance Camera and surplus stock to be donated to Hospice, Women Refuge and Salvation Army. The second a Street Dinner when everyone turned up with a dish to contribute to the meal.

Have you thought what you could do as a Group in your street? If you want someone from Neighbourhood Support to come and give a talk, please let us know, we will endeavour to be there.



Strive For Peace of Mind

Each month many residents of Rotorua arrive home to find their homes violated by the intrusion of burglars who have little regard for others property or well-being. Driven by their insatiable desire to pay for their anti-social habits or by their lust for others property these unscrupulous individuals invade your private domain and ransack your personal space.

You have the means of limiting these criminals from invading your private space. Simple measures such as ensuring all doors and windows are locked and secure. Even when you are on your property doing the gardening or mowing the lawn don't leave your house or your vehicles insecure as some of these individuals will try your doors even when you are at home. Ensure you get to know your neighbours as you can look out for each other.

Neighbourhood Support help neighbours to help each other by recognising and reporting suspicious persons, odd cars, strange behaviour including tagging, caring for the elderly and disabled, and in turn this will help to lower anxiety levels as trusted neighbours help to keep the group safe, ensuring peaceful quiet enjoyment of the area for all. .



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From Bruce

Hi All!!!!

Congratulations!!!! Through the work of the Police and your actions to help prevent crime the latest annual report on crime figures, to the end of June 2012, show a reduction of crime in the Rotorua Policing Area by 7.4%. This figure includes a reduction of 10.4% in the number of burglaries. Your work in looking after your street has helped with these reductions
THANK YOU!!!!

Figures gathered on crime in Neighbourhood Support Streets clearly identify that those streets have less crime than non-Neighbourhood Support Streets. Neighbourhood Support covers over a third of the households in Rotorua District yet it has only about a quarter of the crime in those streets. However it is not time to get complacent. Do not stop the good work you are doing. Keep looking after one another and reporting suspicious activity to the Police. If new people come to your street invite them to join your Group. Ensure your Street Contact Person has your details and these will be passed onto the Office.

We are also looking at ways of meeting the community and do make ourselves available for community events to share information on Neighbourhood Support and how to establish new Groups. Ron & I will be attending the Western Heights Community Day and Reporoa Safety Day to help inform that community what we do and how they can be part it. Opportunities to go to Community gatherings are welcome as it is a time for us to meet the community.

Crime going down!

NS groups going up!



Rural Watch

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Neighbourhood Support doesn't only operate in the cities and towns, it also effectively operates in the rural community. A large part of the Rotorua Policing District is rural and most areas have a Rural Watch organised in conjunction with the Police specifically tasked with responsibility for a rural area. To assist the updating of contact lists in Rural areas Neighbourhood Support Rotorua maintains the contact lists for the Rural Groups. Recently those living in the Reporoa area have been asked to update their contact lists, a copy of this list is held in the Reporoa Policing Centre and the master list held by Neighbourhood Support. If you live in any rural area, not just Reporoa ensure your details have been updated.



Rural Crime

Recently the butchering of stock, specifically deer, has been noted in areas adjacent to the Rotorua Policing District. Also theft of diesel from storage facilities and vehicles has been occurring. Keep an eye out for suspicious vehicles or activities in your area.

During this time of the year there is an upsurge of rural thefts of quads, motor bikes and four wheel drive vehicles. This is normally related to criminals involved in drug crop growing, so it is important to report losses immediately they are known.

If you see something contact the Police immediately and also let your Rural Watch/Neighbourhood Support Contact Person know so your whole area can be notified.



Crime can't exist in a community that cares!

Sign up for email crime alerts—stay informed!

Email us at nsrotorua@clear.net.nz

DROP, COVER, HOLD

The Civil Defence exercise Shakedown occurred on 26th September, when a test of the systems in place was made and tens of thousands of people New Zealand wide took part in the Drop, Cover, Hold practice. This exercise was a reminder to all Neighbourhood Support members to ensure their contact information, lists of household members and resources/skills available that are available in the time of an emergency is up to date and sent to Neighbourhood Support through your Street Contact. This is very important so as to prepare for a natural disaster if and when it happens

Street Contact List Format

The format of the Street Contact Lists has been reformatted for two reasons, (1) to make our data entry easier (2) to produce a print out that includes all the information in a standard format. We want to thank those who have given us feedback on this new format as we value suggestions for improvement. The information on these Lists is only as accurate as the last information we received, so please keep your contact information up to date. If you haven't a current list or think the one you have is dated contact your Street Contact Person and request a check of when it was last updated. If it is older than a year it needs to be updated as people move and numbers change. If a Street Contact Person wants to check all they need to do is contact the Office on 349-9470 or by email to nsrotorua@clear.net.nz and request a copy be sent to them to check. These lists are vital to assist in emergencies, please keep them up to date.

E-Crime Alert

A number of people have been asking about the frequency of E-Crime Alerts, these are email warnings of crimes and problems. With the introduction of the new email sending system we are able to target emails to specific areas where problems are occurring. This means only specific areas concerned receive the Alert. We do send general Alerts to all email recipients when area wide warnings need to be sent. Make sure your email is on the system by sending Jannette an email at nsrotorua@clear.net.nz requesting inclusion. We are still having issues with bounced emails, 140 last month! Please check we have your current email.



This is Freddie the Mail Chimp that looks after all our crime alerts.

What else do we do?

You all know we setup NS groups, keep the information up to date and send out the news-letter and the crime alerts, and of course do mail drops in hot spot areas. But surprisingly this is only a part of what NS does. NS has a representative who attends the Western Heights Community Association meetings. NS is part of the Treasure Rotorua team, a group aims to improve the safety of locals and visitors. All staff attend a quarterly meeting for all NS in the Bay of Plenty, this is a great opportunity to see and hear what our counterparts are doing, and swapping ideas. Of course the group setup meetings, sometimes as many as 8 a month. Bruce and Ron do public speaking meetings, like the Justice of the Peace, Lions Clubs, Rotary clubs, other service groups and interested groups/organisations. We also keep in regular contact with Civil Defence and the RDC Welfare committee, Older Persons forum, just to name a few.

If you belong to a organisation or service group or even another Not-for-profit, and would like a guest speaker, give us a call.

Sir David Attenborough once said, "their strength is their unity". Referring to Meerkats, this also applies to Neighbourhood Support.

Garden Crime Warning

Recently someone has been removing pot plants from properties front yards. Some may think this is a nuisance and not report it. This is theft!!! It should be reported to the Police by phone to 348-0099 or at the counter of the Police Station. The properties involved did report the theft. The Police use this information to help identifying property when it is found, they will also use that information to identify crime patterns to help track the culprit(s). What may appear minor can be a MAJOR, so please report all crimes major and minor.

Rotorua Police Station Update

Following on from last issues update the earth work has commenced and the appointment of a construction contractor is being made. You will notice a big hole being made on the site with truck-loads of excavated material being taken away. This hole will allow for a firm foundation to be constructed that will allow the new Police Station to meet some very high earthquake protection standards. The expected finish date of the new Police Station will be in early 2014.

2012 Year To Date Rotorua Residential Crime Statistics:

To the end of September 2012	Burglary	Theft From Cars	Theft	Stolen Vehicles	Tampering with vehicle	Wilful Damage	Total
Total	729	300	233	138	29	210	1639
In a Neighbourhood Support Street	178	92	64	34	10	46	424

Street Contact Persons

Next time you leave your street can you check your Neighbourhood Support signs? Are they well past there use by date? Do they need to be replaced? Give us a call or an email and we will get some out to you.

We need the email address's of all the street contact people, if you don't have one, can you give us one of someone else in your group.

Street Contact lists—some groups haven't been updated for years. Over the next few months Bruce will be sending out lists that need updating, and blank sheets for those we do not hold a list for. With the new system, turnaround is at worse a week. Please get them in to us.

SCAMS—if you have received something in the mail or email that is a scam send it to us. People are still be taken in by these people. DO NOT GIVE MONEY TO ANYONE YOU DON'T KNOW.



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

