

# Neighbourhood Support Rotorua - Annual General Meeting

## Treasurer's Report April 2015- April 2016

This has been a good financial year for Neighbourhood Support with funding bodies and charity commissions assistance. I came on board as Treasurer in July and hope that I have made some small contribution to our success.

This year we received \$40,000 grant from Rotorua Lakes Council although that is \$18,000 less than last year, however, this has been granted for three years. We were very lucky as there was only a small amount of funds this year having only eight successful candidates.

The Lotteries Commission granted us \$20,000 for two years and Rotorua Energy Charitable Trust (RECT) confirmed in February a \$20,000 grant with a review in one year. Previously this had been for three years and hope that this yearly review is within the three yearly term.

Neighbourhood Support worked in conjunction with Markat Promotions who work with Neighbourhood Support agencies all over New Zealand. We provide articles of interest, such as provided by Neighbourhood Support members promoting the benefits of being within our group; whilst they found advertisers to finance the publication and donate \$3,000 to our funds.

It was decided by the committee that Neighbourhood Support should lodge any excess funds, monies not needed for the current month's expenditure, into an interest bearing account. This was done with Westpac Bank in October resulting in \$580.16c interest this year.

In August last year, it was reported in the Daily Post that Neighbourhood Support Rotorua was "on the brink of closure". This surprised, not only the committee, but also a great deal of members within our group. Unfortunately, it did distress some people and they gave donations, one of which was \$250. I can only advise you that if I had felt we had been in financial trouble I would have petitioned the committee to advise our members, before it reached the media.

Some street co-ordinators of Neighbourhood Support areas have been very active in promoting neighbour awareness and have held raffles, street activities and bar-be-ques. This has promoted financial awareness for our group and raised funds of \$96.00

Our main activity over the last 12 months has been our Safer Plates, which was a gold coin donation for the screws. It was successful and a second box of screws was purchased. This has reflected in the income from the Safer Plates in the yearly Auditor's report. A further Safer Plates campaign will be held within the next 12 months and projections for the final fundraising will be in the region of \$2,000 to \$2,500. This is based on the amount raised in the first stage of the campaign.

There was a reduction in Neighbourhood Support staff expenses between July 2015 and March 2016 as we were operating with only one staff member, this is reflected in the KiwiSaver employer contributions, mileage claims and wages most notably.

Erney Searle  
Treasurer  
2<sup>nd</sup> June 2016