

## NS ROTORUA CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT 2019 – 2020

Kia ora everyone

Oh how the world we live in has changed this year.

Amongst all the madness of the Covid-19 Coronavirus world Pandemic the Rotorua Neighbourhood Support team continue on with all the same efficiencies as ever and that makes me really proud to be the Chairperson for this organisation.



When Bruce Quedley approached me to see if I would be keen to take up the Chairperson role I had no hesitation in saying 'Yes' because I know how valuable this organisation is to the Rotorua community.

Having been the Neighbourhood Support Group Contact Person for the Tarewa Road area for the past 12 years it seemed like a natural progression to move into the Rotorua Committee space.

It also helps that my day job is the BOP Burglary Prevention Coordinator for NZ Police based here in Rotorua so I profess to know a lot about burglaries and keeping communities safe.

We have always had a very proactive group on Tarewa Road and I know that many other Rotorua groups are the same. We are proactive groups because we all share the common goal of "keeping our family, friends and neighbours safe in their homes".

Not only has the Pandemic changed the world but Methamphetamine has changed the world that we live in too.

I know that NZ Police are very busy trying to rid our communities of Methamphetamine because it is causing so much community destruction and we can help the Police by playing our part and continuing to report anything at all that looks suspicious in our neighbourhoods.

The Rotorua Committee are doing the very best they can to ensure that the organisation continues to be funded and we are extremely grateful for the funding that we have received to date.

Please continue to look out for your neighbours and remember just like the saying "It takes a village to raise a child", it also "takes neighbourhoods to keep communities safe".

*Aroha Bray*

Chairperson

20 July 2020