

# Neighbourhood Support Rotorua's Quarterly Newsletter:

## Over The Fence Lines — Issue: 2 - 2022



Creating safe, resilient and connected communities

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### A Message From

#### Co-ordinator Richard Perkins

Winter is coming. A time for warm homes and evenings in front of a fire.

We want to thank those of you who asked for and received the new Neighbourhood Support signage on their streets. If you would like to get signs up and are able to get someone to help you, let me know and I will happily provide these for you. First come first serve. These will continue going up and replace the older signage. Visibility hinders crime and these signs will only be in places where there is an active group. The same logo is also available, as a sticker, for use on post boxes and on windows, usually near your front door. Please call if you would like some.

I mentioned the warmth of the fire. Now is a great time to replace the batteries in your fire alarm. Fire and Emergency Services (FENZ) are available should you need your alarms checked and this is a service they provide for free. The statistics are obviously clear, that winter is when the most home fires occur and we do not want this to happen to you.

This begs the question – what do you do if there is a fire in your home? Prevention is better than cure and investing in a fire extinguisher is a good idea. A small dry powder 1kg extinguisher costs about \$30.00.

When a fire does occur, get somebody in your home to help you. One person uses the extinguisher, while the other gets everyone out, close doors behind them and then calls 111.

It is our wish that we all keep safe in Rotorua. Rotorua is our home, and we want to enjoy the peace and safety.

Keep safe and warm. Kind regards, Richard.

### How to Report A Crime

There are various ways you can report a crime.

**Always call 111 in an emergency.**

#### Emergency:

Call 111 and ask for Police when:

- someone is badly injured or in danger
- there's a serious risk to life or property
- a crime is being committed and the offenders are still there or have just left
- you've come across a major public inconvenience, such as trees blocking a highway

These things are **happening now** or have **just happened**.

If you can't decide if it's a real emergency and you're still worried, call 111 and ask the operator who will help you work out what to do.

An emergency TXT service for people with hearing or speech difficulties is available if you have difficulty hearing or talking on the phone. You can register now at

<https://www.police.govt.nz/111-txt>

#### Non-Emergency:

The 105 non-emergency number is for things that have already happened and don't need urgent Police assistance. 105 is a nationwide, 24/7 service that's available via phone and online.

The Police encourage you to go online to **05.police.govt.nz**:

- To report any situation that doesn't require immediate Police or Emergency Services attendance
- To request an update on a report already made or add to an existing report.

If you need to talk to the Police about something else, then you can phone 105 and if you wish to speak to the local Police Station they can put you through.

### Make a Donation To The Ongoing Work of Neighbourhood Support Rotorua

If you wish to make a tax deductible donation to the work of Neighbourhood Support Rotorua please make a deposit to our bank account with your name included in the details then advise the office by email or phone call that you have done so.

NSR's Westpac Bank Account Number: 03-0415-0450839-00

Thank you supporters of

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# Neighbourhood Support Rotorua AGM

The Neighbourhood Support Rotorua Annual General Meeting is to be held on:

**Sunday 24 July , 1.30-3.00, at the Rotorua Bowling Clubrooms, Government Gardens.**

The guest Speaker will be Anaru Pewhairangi, former Rotorua Area Police Commander now RLC's Deputy CEO – Community Wellbeing.

At the AGM the Management Committee is elected for the coming year. Office holders are elected by the Committee at their first meeting. Nominations are called for the 6-10 positions available from community minded people who wish to ensure that NSR is a viable and active entity in Rotorua's community by helping in the oversight of managing our organisation. The committee meets once a month February to December and the timing of the meeting is determined by the committee.

Nomination forms are available by download from our website [nsrotorua@gmail.com](mailto:nsrotorua@gmail.com) or by contacting the office, 349-9470 or [nsrotorua@gmail.com](mailto:nsrotorua@gmail.com). Deliver or email nominations to the Office. All successful nominees are required to be Police vetted.

**Closing date for nominations is 11.00 Thursday 21 July 2022.**

## Big Brothers Big Sisters of Rotorua

Ever thought about doing something positive and rewarding to give back to your community?

Big Brothers Big Sisters is about making a difference to the young people of Rotorua through quality mentoring relationships. And we need more mentors!

Big Brothers Big Sisters has been operating in New Zealand as a youth mentoring program since 1998. Each year over 800 young people benefit from the friendships of the men and women who have volunteered to be their mentors. Through simple friendship, mentors experience the joy of helping children discover a world of possibilities and opportunities.

We have two programmes available: School based - where mentors spend 1hr a week with a child in school during school time. Community based - where mentors spend 1hr a week with a child after school hours or on the weekends.

If you are interested in finding out more information or becoming a Big Brother or Big Sister please email us at: [nicki@bbbs.co.nz](mailto:nicki@bbbs.co.nz) (Community Based), or [melissa.gordon@bbbs.nz](mailto:melissa.gordon@bbbs.nz) (School Based).

You can also check out the following links:

[www.facebook.com/BigBrothersBigSistersofRotorua](https://www.facebook.com/BigBrothersBigSistersofRotorua)

and [www.bigbrothersbigsisters.org.nz](http://www.bigbrothersbigsisters.org.nz)

## Group Contacts People's Emails Needed

If you want your Group to be better informed about what is going on in the Rotorua area ensure that you let the Office know your email. Don't have an email? Ask someone in your Group to be the email contact for your Group.

For those Groups with their Contact Person able to receive emails, each week an email is sent outlining occurrences in the past week. We are unable to provide this information by snail mail.

Let the office know your contact email address: [nsrotorua@gmail.com](mailto:nsrotorua@gmail.com)

Groups Contacts without email are notified by mail only when a crime occurs in their area.

## New Road Signs

With the change of our logo we are also undertaking the huge task of changing over all the road signs. At present the signs are distributed to Group Contacts at workshops Richard is running.

Due to the expense of purchasing all the signs, they are only purchased as finances allow. This process will take some time and we ask for your patience if your Group has yet to receive them.

To help with this process, Richard is assembling a group of volunteers to be tasked with removing old signs from inactive areas and to help Groups erect new signs in the active areas.

If you would like to be part of this group of volunteers please email or phone the office and leave a message.



## Update Your Contact Details

Now is the time to update your details with your Group.



Download a form from [www.neighbourhoodsupport.co.nz/join-now](http://www.neighbourhoodsupport.co.nz/join-now) or contact the office to have one sent to you, once completed return to your Group Contact, the office or click on this QR Code and open the form on line.