

Neighbourhood Support Rotorua's Quarterly Newsletter:

Over The Fence Lines — Issue: 3 - 2022



Creating safe, resilient and connected communities

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A Message From

Co-ordinator Richard Perkins

Hello everyone, and a warm welcome to spring.

For all of us in the central North Island, the signs of spring are everywhere. As I walk around my area, I hear the sounds of lawnmowers and see people working in their gardens. Neighbours are proud of their homes, and the edges around their property are carefully trimmed. This shows me the great pride that we have as a broad community living in central North Island.

This is also true of Neighbourhood Support and the hundreds of volunteers who share spring's joys and the kindness and compassion they have for their neighbours and friends. We all want a quiet, safe area, and all of us strive to improve our way of life. We also hope that our efforts rub off on some who may not be as efficient.

Occasionally we will have to deal with annoyances, especially when we hear the crime statistics and other similar news. None of these are friendly statistics, and they do not reflect the heart of whom we are. True strength is always in numbers, and the resilience of all Neighbourhood Support groups make a big difference to our combined safety.

I, therefore, thank the police, security services, and all the eyes and ears of our Neighbourhood Support groups. We are encouraging the use of home cameras and the sharing of camera footage where crime may have been committed. We also support using cameras for our neighbours cars on condition you have their permission. In this way the greatest volume of vehicle crime could be solved and possibly prevented. As neighbourhood support we also recommend that your cameras are of a good quality, preferably above 1080P.

Hence my message - enjoy spring, enjoy your gardens and appreciate your safety. Build the groups where you can, strengthen the bonds of neighbourly friendship and love life. Summer is coming and I look forward to it.

Kind regards and all the best

Richard Perkins, Neighbourhood Support Rotorua Co-ordinator

Election of a New Committee

On Sunday 24 July our AGM was held and a new committee was elected. Three committee members from last year did not stand and we wish to thank Adam Jefferies, Stuart Burns and Sue Skellern for their work for the committee and we wish them well.

In addition to the existing committee of Aroha Bray, Alison Simester, Althea Oldman, Conan O'Brien and Ann Wattam, they have been joined by Michelle Duncan, Roger Wooton and Tina Rose.

At the first committee meeting Aroha Bray was again elected Chair and Michelle Duncan is Secretary/Treasurer.

They have a challenging year ahead with a tight funding climate and a need to update the structure & operations of Neighbourhood Support Rotorua. We wish them all the best for this coming year.

Thank you supporters of



Group Contact's Emails Needed

We want to inform you as soon as possible that a crime has happened in or close to your Group's coverage area. The quickest way is by email.

501 Groups have an email contact and receive news as soon as the office emails it to them. Also those Group Contacts with email receive a weekly crime update email every Tuesday morning to inform them what has happened in the last week. The Group Contact can pass that information to their Group if it is relevant to their area.

That leaves 120 Groups who only get that information by letter, which can be many days after the event.

Not all Group contacts have an email address but you can nominate a person in your Group with an email to receive these notifications. A number of Groups already do this and are informed quickly. **If you haven't set up an email contact for your Group please do so and let the office know as soon as possible.**

Sharing a Thought

Did you know that if every member household donated \$1.00 to NS Rotorua that it would help fund operations for over a month on present expenditure?

Maybe your NS Group would want to organise for your Group's households to do this and make one donation as a group and deposit to our:

Westpac Bank Account :
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New Zealand ShakeOut, our national earthquake drill and tsunami hikoï, is taking place on Thursday 27 October 2022 at 9.30am. We've already had over 350,000 people sign up to participate in this year's drill! If you haven't already, sign up to Drop, Cover and Hold with the rest of the country and be in to win some great prizes! For details go to: <https://getready.govt.nz/en/involved/shakeout/sign-up>

Burglary?

People ask what is classified as a burglary in the notification received. By definition any property offence occurring on a property: e.g. In addition to traditional burglaries, if a vehicle is stolen from a property it would be a burglary as well as a theft of a motor vehicle. Similar property offences when on a property are also classified as a burglary.

Staff Position To Be Filled

Bruce Quedley, our Administrator and former Co-ordinator, has advised the Committee that he is retiring on Thursday 15 December 2022. This will leave a vacancy on the staff team for a part time Administrator/Assistant Co-ordinator.

The position undertakes the administration of the office and funding applications as well as providing back up for the Co-ordinator, Richard Perkins.

The Assistant Co-ordinator aspect of the role involves undertaking meetings to promote Neighbourhood Support and establish Groups, acting as the Neighbourhood Support Rotorua representative at meetings and helping to support, maintain and extend existing Groups.

A full job description will be available by requesting a copy from nsrotorua@gmail.com and will be available in October. Applications will open 1 November, close 14 November and following interviews the appointee must undergo Police vetting to take up the part time role 16 January 2023.

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
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.

New Road Signs

Thank you to the Group Contacts who have requested new NS street signs.

If your Group has not got the new road signs please contact the office:

nsrotorua@gmail.com or phone
349-9470

