



Creating safe, resilient and connected communities - Kia haumarū, kia kaha, kia kotahi hoki ngā hapori

# Motueka Districts Neighbourhood Support



## Newsletter - August/September 2020

### ACKNOWLEDGING OUR PEOPLE.....

Kia ora koutou and welcome to this month's Newsletter from Motueka Districts Neighbourhood Support. We have made some changes to our format this month and have added the above header, we hope that you like it.

We thought that it would be a good idea to acknowledge some of the people involved as volunteers with the Motueka Districts Neighbourhood Support group and this month we would like to acknowledge the work of our Co-Ordinator, Barbara. Barbara's contact details can be found at the foot of this newsletter. Barbara works part time and is responsible for establishing and maintaining our network of street groups of which we have 40 in the urban area and 80 in the rural area. Barbara works at the Motueka Police Station and from her home.



### EMERGENCY SERVICES

We work collaboratively with all the emergency services and in our own locality with the Motueka Community Patrol.

Recently a local business in Motueka had a window smashed during the night and the owner when contacted needed to secure the premises but was unsure who to contact and who could help during the night. As a result of Community Patrol sharing this incident with us, Neighbourhood Support contacted various glass suppliers.

If you find you have an after-hours incident, like this, and are unable to board it up overnight, as a temporary solution, you can contact.....

**Abel Glass Motueka 027 233 3216 email [abelglass@xtra.co.nz](mailto:abelglass@xtra.co.nz) who have a 24/7 hour service.**

## KNOW YOUR NEIGHBOURS AND BE PREPARED

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When an emergency or disaster strikes a community, one of the best predictors of how well a community fares is how many resources they have and how well they know each other.

Knowing who your neighbours are and what skills and resources they can provide in a time of need is a critical part to any emergency preparedness strategy - one that is often overlooked or underestimated.

### GETSREADY DATABASE.....

Neighbourhood Support is still Neighbourhood Support. Gets Ready is just a tool used to help Neighbourhood Support maintain its information and keep in touch.



Gets Ready is a confidential online database of households, grouped in their Neighbourhood Support Street Groups. It allows members to manage their own information and what they share and provides for quick communication in times of emergency. It also allows quick access to information about what skills, resources and needs are present in a community at times of need.

### CONFIDENTIALITY OF INFORMATION

One way you can assist Motueka Districts Neighbourhood Support and your local community is through logging into our Motueka Districts **Gets Ready Database** and update all your Household information including household numbers, skills, resources and any specific needs in an emergency.

If you have difficulty logging into our database do contact Barbara - [motuekanhood10@gmail.com](mailto:motuekanhood10@gmail.com) or mobile 021 1879286.

**Everyone on our committee has been Police vetted and cleared to work with all age groups in our community. We work within the guidance set out in the NZ Police Code of Conduct and Neighbourhood Support New Zealand Code of Conduct (NSNZ). Any information sharing will be in compliance with the Official Information Act 1982 and the Privacy Act 1993.** Information will only be shared in a Declared Emergency.

We need to stress that this is a confidential data base. When you sign up on this database you share what personal information **you wish to share** with your **Group Contact Person**. You are able for example to state the number of people normally living in your home and list your skills and equipment or resources that may be used in a disaster or emergency. Knowing how many people are at your household is vital information needed by emergency services should you need to be evacuated because of potential danger or in a disaster. Crucial lifesaving services your household may need can be listed on your personal data information, for example, 24/7 electricity supply.

### PLEA to Group Contacts.....



We do need all members in your groups to add to their personal data on the Gets Ready database. If you, as a group contact, need training in using Gets Ready so you can help your members, Barbara, our Coordinator (phone or text 021 187 9286) can assist. It is important for the Group Contact Person to know what resources and skills are available in their group.

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## COVID 19

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The government had been preparing us for a future outbreak of this virus. However, now there may be some in your NS group who are feeling anxious. Do check on your group members to ensure that they are still ok. Some may have other health issues that cause them now to become more reluctant to go out. A phone call, or a smile if you see them can help them to relieve their concerns.

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## OUR MENTAL HEALTH AND WELL BEING

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During these times it is more important than ever for our mental health and well being “to tune into what’s still good in your world.

- Deliberately seek out people and do things that make you happy.
- Focus on what matters and what you can control.
- Keep supportive daily routines or create new ones if you are confined to home. This will help us feeling less stressed.
- Watch your media diet. Is reading all these articles helping or harming? Choose where you get your News Updates from very carefully.
- Help yourself by helping others”

(Source NZ Institute of Wellbeing and Resilience Dr Lucy Hone & Dr. Denise Quinlan)

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## OUR MULTI-CULTURAL COMMUNITIES

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We are fortunate to have diverse ethnicity in our community. To quote Minister for Ethnic Communities Hon. Jenny Salesa “We ask people not to share racist or xenophobic content or be racist towards anyone because of Covid 19. Ethnic diversity benefits all of us and singling out specific groups of people and treating them poorly is hurtful and offensive”.

Race Relations Commissioner Meng Foon has launched the **Racism is No Joke Campaign**. Unfortunately, in some areas of New Zealand since Covid 19 there has been an increase in racism against Chinese and other Asian New Zealanders and more recently Pacifica people. This could well result in some community members not feeling safe when out and about. In Auckland, this latest outbreak has resulted in Pacifica communities being the target for abuse and misinformation. Let us all play our part and keep our district a pleasant place free of abuse and racism.

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## OUR POLICE

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In recent burglaries some criminals have gained entry through open windows. The Police recommend on those windows you wish to keep open you have safety catches fitted.

In our district there has been an increase of cell phone use whilst driving. The fine for this offence is \$80 and 20 demerit points.

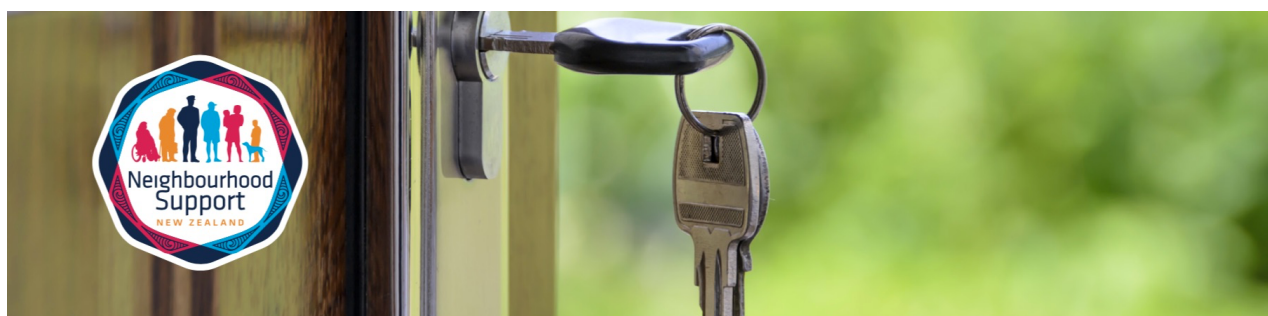
The district has seen a rise in bike thefts in recent weeks.

Please remember to check the identity of anyone stating they are a service provider before letting them into your home.



We need your help to reduce and beat crime. Please report suspicious behaviour as soon as you see it happening.

Reminder **111** is for **immediate reporting of a crime or suspicious behaviour happening right now** or **105** to report an event that has happened.



## Who Burgles A House And Why

An understanding of how a burglar thinks and operates could help you take the necessary steps to prevent your home from being targeted.

To help protect your property and possessions from the risk of burglary, New Zealand Police and Neighbourhood Support New Zealand have developed the following information about who burgles a house and why. (There is a PDF copy attached with this newsletter.)

To find out more, CLICK on this link: <https://www.neighbourhoodsupport.co.nz/tips-advice>

## YOUR TURN.....

TELL us what you think..... do you find this Newsletter informative and helpful? What else would you like us to include? Do you have something that you would like to share?

PLEASE send your feedback to [motuekanhood10@gmail.com](mailto:motuekanhood10@gmail.com)

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