



Manawatū

Creating safe, resilient and connected communities

November 2024

2024 Annual General Meeting

We held our Annual General Meeting on Wednesday 23 October, with some 20+ attending.

The Chairperson's report (Kiri Somerville), General Manager's report (Lorraine Thompson), and presentation of financial statements to 30 June 2024, were followed by election of committee members. As five existing members had been nominated, they were re-elected, unopposed, and no ballot was required.

Our Chair Kiri Somerville has agreed to remain as a committee member however is standing down from the Chair role. A new Chair will be elected by the committee at its first meeting after the AGM on Wednesday 13 November.

The NSM Governing Committee still has vacancies for three more committee members. We ask you to please consider joining the committee and helping Neighbourhood Support Manawatū continue the work it does in our community.

Please call Lorraine on 027 323 7 387 for more information

We were privileged to have Senior Constable Anthony Thomas as our guest speaker at our AGM. He told us lots about the NZ Police's Dog breeding programme. He brought along 18 month old, Iha, a beautiful and energetic female german shepherd. Iha is not destined to become an operational dog. Raising her has been a big commitment for Anthony and his family and Iha is already very well trained and doing a lot of the work that operational dogs learn. She is currently undergoing some final medical tests before being accepted as a breeding bitch. We look forward to watching Iha's progress into motherhood.



Getting out into the community

RURAL DAY 11 October 2024

NSM had a great day out at Rural Day in Feilding. The superb weather certainly encouraged many people to come to town and take part in the many events.

We were able to give information about our Neighbourhood Support work, to many groups who visited us.

Our giant Jenga game was very well used, and many groups competed for the highest level.

Congratulations to Mieke, especially for returning an improved result on 2023!

Mieke and her little dog Lady were presented with their prize later in the day.



Seniors Expo 25 October 2024

We were delighted to be able to speak to so many people who visited the Seniors Expo on Friday 25 October.

The Feilding Civic Centre was buzzing from 10 am - 2.00 pm - it was wonderful seeing so many organisations gathered to help support seniors in our community.

If you would like any information about Neighbourhood Support and ways in which we can help you feel connected in your street, area or community, just give a call to

Lorraine (027 323 7387)

or

Nicky (027 323 7382)





Rural Bus Manawatū was officially launched on 2 November 2024!

www.ruralbusmanawau.org.nz

Read more about this new service for rural people, including pricing and zones [here](#)

- Service operates Monday-Friday from any address in Manawatū District, to Feilding, and back again. Advanced booking is essential
- through website www.ruralbusmanawau.org.nz
Van has 11 passenger seats and a luggage trailer to transport mobility
- aids, personal items, and any purchases made in Feilding such as groceries.
Up to four people can travel from the same pick-up address and pay
- only one fare.

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