

NAPIER NEIGHBOURHOOD SUPPORT

FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER



Kia Ora Napier Neighbourhood Members,

I hope everyone has had a great start to 2021 and enjoying the nice weather when its out. We have had a little blip with COVID but pleased to see so many organised and prepared.

Here at NNS we are enjoying getting off to a great start to the year with group meetings, business and organisation meetings!

Our GetsReady workshop planning and grant applications for this project are underway and I am extremely grateful for all our Group Contact People who have helped with this process so far by completing the recent survey.

I note that we still have quite a few groups without a Contact Person. We have this role advertised on Volunteering Hawkes Bay— [Napier Neighbourhood Support Contact People Needed | Volunteering Hawkes Bay \(volunteeringhb.org.nz\)](https://www.volunteeringhb.org.nz)

I also wanted to say a huge thank you to all the neighbours who have been checking to see if their neighbours are receiving our newsletters, crime alerts and safety emails! We love helping those members who aren't (receiving our communications) find out why and help them get connected with GetsReady!

It has come to light in some recent group meetings that there are some issues surrounding anti-social behaviour, criminal activities, concerns for child safety, rubbish and also that some are unsure of who to contact or what to do to help keep your neighbouring community safe in this respect. In this newsletter I have included a quick reference guide on some key organisations to report to in the first instance and also a guide to give a good description. It is really important to advocate for yourself because if the organisations aren't aware then nothing can be done. If you require clarification or need further support, please reach out to me.



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Thanks so much for your continued support and please read on to find out more about Neighbours Day funding that you or your group could apply for, January burglary statistics from Senior Constable Shane Gibson, have your say on safety in Napier and more.

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Please note we are funded for 25 hours a week. This includes evenings and weekends when meetings and events are held. The office hours are flexible to meet this demand.



Love Where You Live - February 1st to 28th

Love is in the air this month! We're not just talking about Valentine's Day, we're talking about this month's national campaign.

Our theme for February is all about finding ways to show your home and community a little extra love and care. Whether it's organising a street clean up, helping a neighbour tidy up their property, collaborating on a mural, putting together a working bee, or installing a communal pātaka or library - there are countless ways to make our neighbourhoods more beautiful and enjoyable for everyone.

Share your tips, projects, photos and experiences with us by tagging us @napierneighbourhoodsupport in your social media posts or emailing us at: info@napiernhs.co.nz

Next Month's Campaign March - Celebrate Community

Promoting neighbourliness and encouraging a stronger community spirit. Neighbour's Day Aotearoa also runs during this time from 20 - 30 March. Learn more at: neighboursday.org.nz

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WHO TO CONTACT

Criminal

Emergency – 111 / If it has already happened – 105. or
 CrimeStoppers – 0800 555 111 / report online www.crimestoppers-nz.org
 You could also contact your local community constable.

Organisation Tenants

Please have the address of the property to hand.

Kainga Ora – 0800 801 601

Napier City Council — 06 835 7579 — Option 0 and ask to be put through to the housing team.

Children

If you're worried about a child and want to make a referral or report of concern, call Oranga Tamariki on freephone:

0508 326 459

or email contact@ot.govt.nz

Get in touch if you think a child or young person may be:

- unsafe or in danger of harm
 - suffering from ill-treatment, abuse or neglect
 - or you're not sure if you should be concerned, and want advice, or just to talk things through.
- A social worker will work out how urgent this is, and the best thing to do next.

What we'll need to know when you get in touch

- what you're worried about
 - details of any incidents, including dates
- details about the child or young person and their family, such as names and addresses.

After hours

From 5pm to 8am Monday to Friday, weekends and public holidays, social workers will only assess emergency situations. But we encourage you to call if you're unsure.

Managing Noise in Napier

Napier City Council – 03 835 7579 (*The Noise Control service is available 24 hours and an officer will respond to excessive noise (such as music, yelling) at the time of the complaint.*)

Rubbish

Napier City Council – 06 835 7579—Option 1

Reporting / Advocating for Yourself

- Please refer to next page for some ideas to get a good description
- It is also ideal to note dates, times, vehicles, anything out of the ordinary
- When reporting it is also important to note that if the incident may relate or apply to more than one organisation that it would be beneficial to report to all of the different organisations at the same time.
- Keep records of who you spoke to, who you contacted and when





Giving A Good Description

You and your neighbours can help Police by providing a good description of anyone you see acting suspiciously or committing a crime by writing down what you see as soon as possible. Make a note of the most obvious features by which they can be identified as well as any vehicles.

If you see a crime being committed, dial 111 immediately and ask for Police. Keep calm, give your name, address and telephone number. Report where and what is happening. Stay on the phone and, if you can safely, keep watching and write down any further details. It's important to try and build up a complete picture of a person from head to toe as well as the situation.

Write down the following details:

- Gender and estimated age group
- Race (Pākehā, Pasifika, Māori, Asian, Mixed)
- Height - compare against a fixed object such as a fence or lamp post if possible
- Body type (thin, average, muscular, large)
- Hair cut and type (long, straight, curly, wavy, short, shaved, balding)
- Hair colour (blonde, black, brown, red, grey or greying, brightly coloured - be specific)

Clothing can be very distinguishing and helpful. Things to look for are:

- Headwear (cap, beanie, balaclava)
- Tops and pants (distinctive logos, colours, lengths, rips or tears and styles)
- Footwear (shoes, boots, sandals, heels, barefooted)
- Jewellery and accessories

If you have the opportunity to observe the person in detail look for:

- Facial features (shape of face, including mouth, nose, chin and ears)
- Facial hair (moustache, full beard, goatee, scruff)
- Eye colour (black, blue, green, hazel, grey, brown) and make note of any glasses
- Tattoos, piercings, and distinctive moles or birthmarks

You should also look to see if they carrying anything such as a tool, backpack / bag or weapon. Were they smoking, on the phone or wearing headphones? If you heard them speak, did they have an accent or speech impediment? What did they say? If a vehicle is involved, write down the registration number, colour, make, condition and model. Which way did it leave the area?

Remember to keep a record of the time and date of your observations. These details can be very useful when giving a statement to Police and can help piece together the chain of events.



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STOLEN BIKES

Stolen bicycle



Recently we have had a few neighbours calling about dumped bikes and reports of people trying to sort out on Facebook groups.

We have been in contact with the Police and the correct procedure is to contact 105 and they will contact the community patrol and arrange for them to collect the bikes.

Also a message from Eastern District Police— “We’ve recently recovered a number of stolen bikes in the Hawke’s Bay.

If you’ve had your bike stolen in the last few months and can positively identify it contact us.

Let’s get these bikes back to their rightful owners!”

NEIGHBOURS DAY

March 20-30, 2021

Neighbours Day Aotearoa is back and has even more ways you can get involved next year with their theme: The Great Plant Swap. It can be as simple as swapping produce with Neighbours. For more simple ideas, please contact: Cath on 0272 388 896

For those wanting to organise something bigger, The Napier City Council has a fantastic grant that you can apply for - [Te Puawaitanga – Green Communities Together Fund | Napier City Council](#)

Projects that emphasise one or more of the following, are encouraged:

- Green streets
- Planting and ecology
- Flora and fauna (eg, attracting birds, bees, native plantings)
- Pest and weed control
- Community gardens/Maara kai
- Fruit forests
- Art installations
- Clean, green spaces and waterways.

TE PUAWAITANGA
Green Communities Together Fund

Do you have a fresh idea that will help Napier’s environment flourish? Apply now!

Please note that grant applications can take up to three weeks, which will need to be factored into your planning.

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DO YOU FEEL SAFE IN NAPIER?



Napier City Council wants your feedback on community safety!

2021 Napier Community Safety Survey is your opportunity to provide feedback about community safety in Napier and potential future safety initiatives.

The survey should take around 10 minutes to complete and is anonymous; you won't be personally identified in any feedback or results presented.

To take the survey, visit <https://www.research.net/r/sil-SaferNapier-2021>

COMMITTEE MEMBERS NEEDED

We are still looking for more committee members. Please send your expression of interest to info@napiernhs.co.nz



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— NAPIER CRIME UPDATE —

Burglaries in Napier/Taradale

1st to 31st January —97

There were **97** burglaries reported throughout January.

The main items that were taken were tools, bikes, televisions, jewellery and on five occasions the victim's vehicle has been stolen.

There were **29** houses that were broken into. mostly by forcing doors or windows.

The worst hit area was Napier South with **10** followed by Maraenui with **6**, Marewa with **4** and the Hill with **3**.

Commercial premises were also targeted with **5** burglaries in the city and **6** in the Onekawa Industrial area.

Garages and sheds on the Hill were targeted with **5** reported with Napier South having three.

A number of vehicles were broken into up resident's driveways with **4** in Marewa and **3** on the Hill being the most targeted areas.

Unfortunately substantial amounts of tools were taken in several of these burglaries.

There were **5** Rural burglaries reported in the Taradale and Puketitiri areas.

Also of note is the number of dwellings that are presently empty due to flood damage or being renovated and again builder's tools have been targeted.

Again if you see something suspicious please ring **111** and if you can note down suspicious vehicles/people in your area.

Once again I would like to thank all those members of Neighbourhood Support for your continued help for the Police.

Senior Constable Shane Gibson
Community Constable Marewa
Liaison Officer for NSG NAPIER





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NEW MEMBERS OR UPDATING YOUR DETAILS

Have you moved house recently? Has someone move into your street?
Changed email or phone number?

We would encourage new members to sign up via GetsReady
<https://napier.getsready.net/>

If you need to update or change details, we would encourage existing
members to update their information via their login details on GetsReady
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For help and support with GetsReady, please contact;

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