
Neighbourhood Support Newsletter

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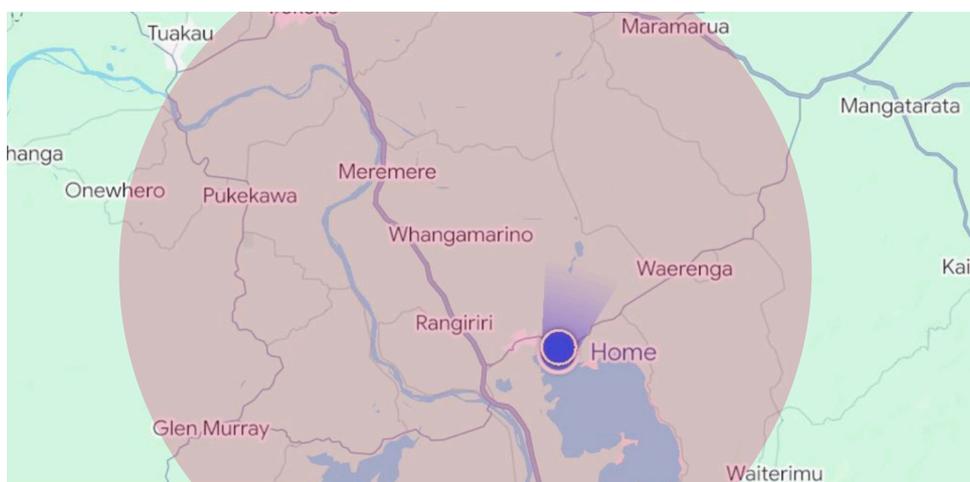
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Be Prepared

October's Neighbourhood Support focus was "Be Prepared." A big part of that is emergency preparedness. In Te Kauwhata we are lucky to have a dedicated Emergency Response Group and great emergency services. We all have roles to play in our homes and workplaces too. Brush up on these [here](#).

At the Community House we also help people prepared for other life milestones. Do you have a plan to reach your financial goals? Have you got a will? A power of attorney? Have you talked about your wishes for yourself and your family if you were to experience a change in your health? If you would like support with any of these conversations get in touch with the team at the [Community House](#). They are always available to listen, they can book you in with our financial mentors or legal clinic or provide you with some handy resources.



On the Beat

Each month we share police reporting for our area. We share this information with you so we as a community have reliable, factual information, can be vigilant in reporting relevant information to Police, and take necessary precautions to keep ourselves and our property safe.

During the last four weeks Police reported the following occurrences;

- 2 in Te Kauwhata
- 2 in Ohinewai
- 1 in Meremere
- 1 in Rangiriri
- 1 in Whangamarino

This report does not include family harm or other violent crime. See full details[This%20report%20does%20not%20include%20family%20harm%20or%20other%20violent%20crime.] [here](#).



NSNZ Conference

Neighbourhood Support New Zealand held its Conference in Wellington this month. Te Kauwhata representatives Rowena Budd and Community Engagement Constable Cam Bardsley were in attendance to represent us. We look forward to sharing some of their top tips in the next few newsletters.



Waerenga Community - Stronger Together

We were delighted to speak at the Waerenga Community - Stronger Together recently. This was one of a series of events co-ordinated by Christine Goodin. At the event Lauren Hughes spoke about Neighbourhood Support and led discussion around what makes community, how that has changed over the years, and what role we can all play to maintain community connections and networks of support. Community Engagement Cam Bardsley spoke to recent police activity in Waerenga and other rural areas. Representatives from Waerenga Playgroup at the Rec Centre and Waerenga Church also spoke about the history and role their organisations play as vital community hubs. It was clear that those in attendance deeply cared for their community and served it in many ways. Our community venues are in need of more volunteers though. They rely on volunteers for governance, maintenance, community programmes, promotion, funding and much more. Have you considered volunteering?

"Volunteers do not necessarily have the time, they have the heart" - Elizabeth Andrew

Know your Neighbours

In November our focus will be Reach Out, Look Out, Help Out - Creating safe, resilient, and connected communities. The first step any of us can take is to get to know your neighbours. We'd like to give a shout out to Vineyard Road who have reinvigorated their street network lately through a letter box drop and their private Facebook Group, as well as installation of

Neighbourhood Support street signs. Perhaps you could organise a street pot luck over summer? Or invite the neighbours over for a cuppa.

We'd love to hear how your neighbours stay connected. Let us know at lauren@tekauwhata.org.nz.

Also get in touch if you require some street signage for your street.

Ngaa mihi,

Your Neighbourhood Support team

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