
The Silly Season is upon us...

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Tauranga Neighbourhood Support
Creating safe, resilient & connected communities

The banner features a blue header with the title and tagline. Below is a large aerial photograph of a residential area in Tauranga, New Zealand, with a prominent hill in the distance. In the bottom left corner of the photo is the Neighbourhood Support New Zealand logo. In the bottom right corner are the logos for the New Zealand Police and Fire Emergency services. A pink bar at the bottom of the banner contains the text 'Neighbourhood Support Western Bay of Plenty'.

Morēna Kirsty,

Fun Fact: Do you know that in October, 41 families joined up with Neighbourhood Support. **Welcome to our new families.** And a special welcome to the Merivale Community Centre - focused on outward relationships and working hard for their community.

And now Christmas looms and the pace of life gets faster.

A couple of weeks ago Neighbourhood Support invited Street Coordinators from Mt Maunganui to get together and talk about their roles and what they want for their neighbourhoods. It was great to hear common thoughts and aspirations, to exchange information and pass on contacts from other areas who could help out.

All agreed that there was value in repeating this process next year. Street Coordinators need support and information. If you are interested in being a street coordinator or an area coordinator, [email us now](#).

How long is it since you updated your street list?? Our database specialist can help you to keep up to date.

Email Dene with your changes and additions on data@wbopns.org.nz.



BE A PART OF SOMETHING BIG

Join The Emergency Services Food Bank Drive

- Mt Maunganui
- Matua
- Pyes Pa

Come along and support your community

We're looking for volunteers to help out on our big Food Bank drive. if you're available on the evening of Tuesday 2 December, we can use your legs and arms, trucks, utes or trailers. Just [register here and we'll welcome you to help out.](#)

Photo of Mt Maunganui 2024 Food Bank Drive

Looking for safety tips while walking alone?



Here are a few and you can read the whole [article on this link.](#)

- Plan your route
- Make sure someone else knows your plan
- Always carry your phone with you
- Avoid suspicious people and areas
- Keep your hands free
- Carry a non-violent deterrent
In addition to a flashlight, carry a non-violent deterrent such as a whistle, mace, or pepper spray.
- Wear reflective clothing to prevent accidents
- Take a self-defense class

- Trust your gut
When walking alone at night, trust your gut. If you feel like an area or situation may be dangerous, don't wait around to find out. Stop and scan your surroundings if you think someone is following you. If you are being followed, walk as quickly as you can to a well-lit public place.
Following these personal safety tips will help keep you stay safe when walking alone. Always be aware of where you are and alert to suspicious activity.



NEWS
from the frontline

Key messaging once again is 'take care out there!' and don't forget to LOCK IT OR LOSE IT.

- ✓ Key Prevention Tips
- 🏠 For Homeowners

- 🛒 For Retailers
Increase in shoplifting indicates need for:

Install security cameras and motion-sensor lighting.
Lock all doors/windows, even when at home.
Use timers for lights when away to make your house appear occupied.
🚗 For Vehicle Owners
Park in well-lit areas and lock your vehicle at all times.
Remove valuables from sight.
Consider using steering wheel locks or immobilizers.

Better surveillance systems
Staff training on suspicious behaviour
Use of electronic tags on high-value items
👤 In Public Spaces
Avoid confrontations and report disorderly behaviour immediately.
Stay aware of your surroundings, especially at night.

🔦 Crime Summary Report (Late October – Early November 2025)

Over the recent weeks, the area has experienced a variety of criminal incidents, predominantly involving vehicle-related offenses, property crimes, and public disorder. Here's a breakdown and some practical prevention tips:

🔍 Key Crime Trends

🚗 Vehicle-Related Crimes

13 incidents of Unlawful Taking of Motor Vehicles or Attempted Theft

Affected areas: Laing Place, Pah Street, Smiths Road, Birmingham Street, etc.

Notable: These are mostly occurring at night in residential areas.

🏠 Burglaries & Thefts

16 burglaries reported (ranging from under \$500 to over \$5,000 in property stolen)

11 shoplifting cases concentrated on Bethlehem Road

6 thefts under/over \$1,000 – includes Cameron Road, Matua Road, Vale Street

2 thefts from dwellings including one at Carmichael Road over \$1,000

🚨 Public Disorder & Robberies

6 disorderly behaviour incidents, mainly on Chapel Street, Fraser Street

2 robberies (aggravated robbery on Waihi Road, robbery by assault on Faulkner Street)

🔨 Wilful Damage

5 reports, including at Maxwells Road, Nineteenth Avenue, Cameron Road

🚗 Dangerous & Careless Driving

15th Avenue and Chapel Street reported driving in a dangerous manner

Eleventh Avenue and Chapel Street had careless driving incidents

📍 Hotspot Areas

Cameron Road: Theft, wilful damage, disorder

Bethlehem Road: Repeated shoplifting incidents

Chapel Street: Driving offenses and disorderly conduct

Maintaining community vigilance, upgrading security, and collaborating with local authorities can significantly reduce these crimes.

Grow On Otumoetai



Aim: to build street sufficiency, one street at a time, around Otumoetai / Brookfield areas
Connecting and supporting locals who want to enjoy growing food and friendship

Why

1 Home-grown produce means fresher, cheaper, healthier food

2 Gardening is good for our mental, physical and

Where

Somewhere in that street to grow food – a small manageable area is good

How

There are many ways this could happen, each street is likely to do it differently

One street has identified some under-used land. The owner wants to support kai resilience. There is a

spiritual wellbeing

3 Connecting with neighbours in the good times, also helps if someone has a tough time

Who

Starts with 1-2 people who are willing to share their enthusiasm – others will catch that bug

Someone who appreciates the enormous value of community connections

Wanting to learn about gardening is more important than how much you know already

community developing a shared garden for that street. Neighbours gather there weekly or fortnightly depending on the season, swap seedlings, grow produce together, share their knowledge, skills and produce.

Some locals swap produce, seedlings and garden tips. Some do a regular working bee in each other's gardens. Another street might plant blueberries beside a long shared drive.

Can you help us?

Do you know someone we should talk to?

Do you know of some land that could become a shared garden

We'd love your ideas. What would you do in your street?

Contact Ruth or Rob GOO@Linkt.org.nz 0221 895 350



The Small Change Campaign



Neighbourhood Support works to keep our community a safer place to live. We rely on grants, sponsors and donations to achieve our goal.

While \$2 barely buys a chocolate bar, a few dollars is a lot of money to Neighbourhood Support.

\$10 buys a street sign in a new neighbourhood
\$25 buys 100 letterbox stickers

Our community's generosity helps us with the good work done by all our volunteers. We can put your spare change to good use.

Three ways you can help us by donating as little as \$2 or as much as you like.

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