



## South Canterbury Neighbourhood Support Newsletter

Kia ora Neighbours,

Welcome to all of our wonderful new members! It has been amazing to see the increase in the past month and we are so thrilled to have each and every one of you here! The more people connect with their neighbours, the more it fosters a safer, more connected community for all.

Our monthly theme is "Prepared for Anything" which ties in well with the nationwide event, ShakeOut! which is happening on the 16th of October. Check out the next page for some more info on how you and your neighbours can help prepare for emergencies and disasters. This month we also have Bunnings Crime Prevention Week starting on the 13<sup>th</sup> of October, keep an eye out for the local events coming up!



Jean Proctor and Zoe Kirk

Last month we held a Community Meeting in Twizel and invited the public to attend. We had guest speakers from Alpine Energy to talk about their new Home Heating Kits, and Mackenzie Civil Defence Management to share some preparedness advice. Jean Proctor, one of our Committee Members and Community Advisor for Mackenzie District Council, hosted alongside us and this provided a great community link between Neighbourhood Support and the Mackenzie region. It was lovely to meet with some very passionate, supportive locals who care about their town. We are currently looking at ways to help support them over the next several busy months with the large amount of events happening in Twizel.

Zoe Kirk

Neighbourhood Support Coordinator South Canterbury



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### Prepared for Anything

Here at Neighbourhood Support we know first hand that connected and prepared communities fare better in emergencies and natural disasters than those without a plan. For the month of October we want to see how you tackle emergency preparedness. From getting first aid training and stocking up on essentials, to putting together a grab n' go bag and working with your neighbours to create a neighbourhood plan, a little bit of planning goes along way to make sure you and your community can get through any situation.



#### AT HOME

- Water for three days or more — at least nine litres of water for every person.
- Long-lasting food that doesn't need cooking, food for babies & pets
- Toilet paper and large plastic buckets for an emergency toilet.
- Work gloves and a P2 or N95 mask.
- ATM's and EFTPOS may be down so some cash could be handy.



#### GRAB & GO

- One bag for every person in your household
- Walking shoes, warm clothes, raincoat and hat
- Water and snacks (babies and pets too)
- Hand sanitiser
- Portable phone charger
- Some cash
- Copies of important documents and photo ID
- Keep a first aid kit, mask, torch, radio and batteries in a handy place to grab.
- Any medications



#### IN THE CAR

- Brush and shovel
- Tire chains
- Windshield scrapers
- Store a pair of walking shoes, a waterproof jacket, a warm blanket, essential medicines, snack food, water, a phone charger lead and a torch in your car.
- First aid kit
- Keep up to date with weather and road information when planning travel



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### Prepared for Anything

Joining or setting up a Neighbourhood Support group is a great way to keep in touch and work together to reach out, look out and help out one another, no matter what life may bring. And don't forget! This month also coincides with **New Zealand's national earthquake drill and tsunami hikoī, ShakeOut, which will be taking place on Thursday 16th October.**

Lamorna Cooper from Emergency Management Timaru shares the following with us:

*“Everyone in New Zealand should be personally prepared for a disaster because of the country's unique geography, natural hazards, and limited emergency response capacity. Here's why personal preparedness is crucial:*

#### **1. New Zealand Is Highly Prone to Natural Disasters**

*New Zealand sits on the boundary of the Pacific and Australian tectonic plates, making it vulnerable to:*

- *Earthquakes (e.g., Christchurch 2010–11)*
- *Alpine Fault Magnitude 8 event*
- *Tsunamis (coastal areas, river mouths and estuaries)*
- *Extreme storms and high winds*
- *Floods and landslides (from storm events)*

*These events can strike suddenly and without warning.*

#### **2. Emergency Services May Not Reach Everyone Immediately**

*After a major disaster:*

- *Roads and communication lines may be damaged or blocked.*
- *Emergency services (fire, ambulance, police) will be overwhelmed and must prioritise the most critical cases.*
- *You may be on your own for at least 7 days.*

*Being self-reliant gives you the best chance of staying safe and helping others.*



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### 3. Disasters Disrupt Daily Life

A major disaster can mean:

- No power, water, or internet.
- Supermarkets and fuel stations closed or emptied.
- Schools and workplaces shut.
- Families separated.

If you're prepared with emergency supplies, a household plan, and local knowledge, you'll cope better and recover faster.

### 4. Community Resilience Starts With Every Individual

When individuals and families are prepared:

- Communities bounce back quicker.
- Vulnerable people (e.g., elderly, disabled) receive more help.
- Fewer people rely on emergency services for basic needs.

Preparedness strengthens community resilience.

### 5. It's Easy and Empowering

Being prepared doesn't have to be hard:

- Store enough food, water, and essential supplies for at least 7 days.
- Have a grab bag ready should you be advised to evacuate.
- Know your local hazards and evacuation routes.
- Create a household emergency plan.
- Stay informed via official channels like The Timaru District [Are You Ready Guide](#).

Preparation gives you a sense of control in uncertain situations.

### Summary:

Everyone in New Zealand should be personally prepared because:

- Disasters are frequent and unpredictable.
- Help may not come quickly.
- Being prepared keeps you and others safer.
- You help reduce the burden on emergency services."

Want to do more?  
Become a volunteer in one of our Community Support Teams.  
For more information contact Lamorna Cooper at Timaru Civil Defence on 036877200



Timaru District Council  
Emergency Management



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### Waimate and Timaru Family Fun Days



Geraldine Family Fun Day Event  
Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> Oct.  
Geraldine Domain  
11:00am - 1:00pm



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### Home Security Camera Giveaway Winner



Thanks to MediaWorks, Mitre 10 Mega Timaru, Neighbourhood Support South Canterbury, and Easy Security, we have announced our winner as Sharon McDonald! Congratulations and thank you to everyone who commented on the posts and shared with their family, friends, and neighbours. We are thrilled to welcome so many new members this month!



### Easy Security Timaru

Easy Security has very kindly offered to install the lucky winners cameras which is hugely appreciated.

Robert Plant is a proud Timaru local for over 20 years and he has worked in the security industry for the last 5, completing his certification as an Electronic Security Installer. Robert offers straightforward, cost-effective CCTV solutions. To make it simple, he provides complete package deals with clear, upfront pricing.

Robert's goal is to make professional security accessible and affordable for local families and businesses. With his trade background, security expertise, and commitment to honest service, Robert can help you protect what matters most.

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from **\$1199**



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### Criminal Activity Update from September

The statistics on the next page represent data collected from the NZ Police between 01/09/2025 to 31/09/2025 in the Timaru District, Waimate District, and Mackenzie District. The purpose of these statistics is to inform our members of recent activity to encourage them to stay safe and protect themselves, their families and their belongings.

#### Timaru District

During September, burglaries and theft continued to be a common activity around all of Timaru, particularly in the Highfield, Parkside and Waimataitai areas. Over the month, there were 12 burglaries reported and over 20 theft offences. Three burglaries of over \$5000 were recorded with one being on Fairview Road, one in Highfield on Kiwi Drive, and the other in Glenwood on Orbell Street. There were several attempts at vehicle theft / taking a vehicle / getting into or onto a vehicle and interferences with vehicles.

#### Waimate District

A couple of vehicles were reported stolen both from the Waimate township area. A burglary from a farm/orchard occurred on Pareora Gorge Road early in the month. Two thefts under \$500 were also reported with one from Waimate township and the other in St Andrews. A burglary with a value between \$500-\$5000 had been reported in Waihaorunga during the night. A wilful damage offence also happened on Opie Street.

#### Mackenzie District

Burglaries and theft were the main occurrences in the Mackenzie region last month. In Lake Tekapo, a burglary of over \$5000 and another burglary between \$500 - \$5000 were reported along with a theft with value over \$1000. Two thefts of under \$500 happened in Fairlie. Twizel also had a burglary between \$500 - \$5000. There were several driving offences such as failing to keep to the left, slow or inconsiderate driving, and unsafe passings from around the area.

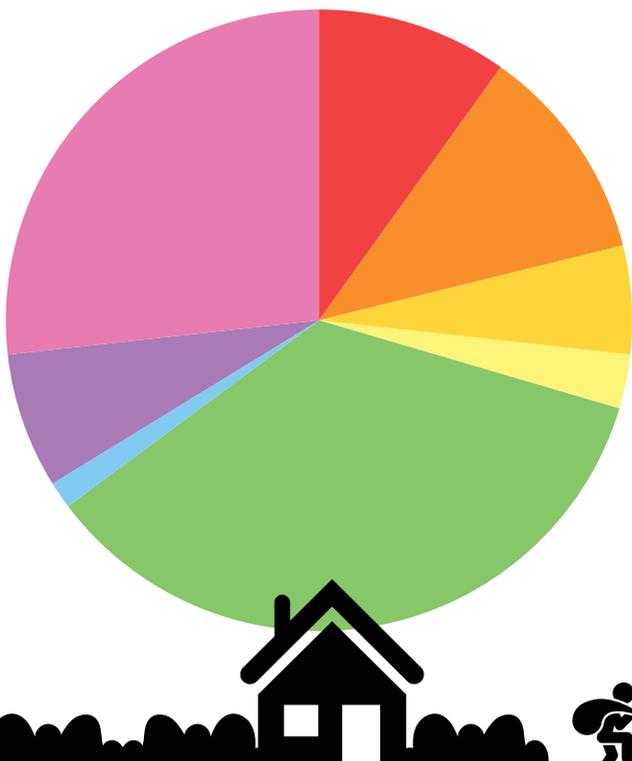
Bunnings Crime  
Prevention Week  
Mon 13<sup>th</sup> - 19<sup>th</sup> Oct.  
Bunnings Timaru  
Times TBC.



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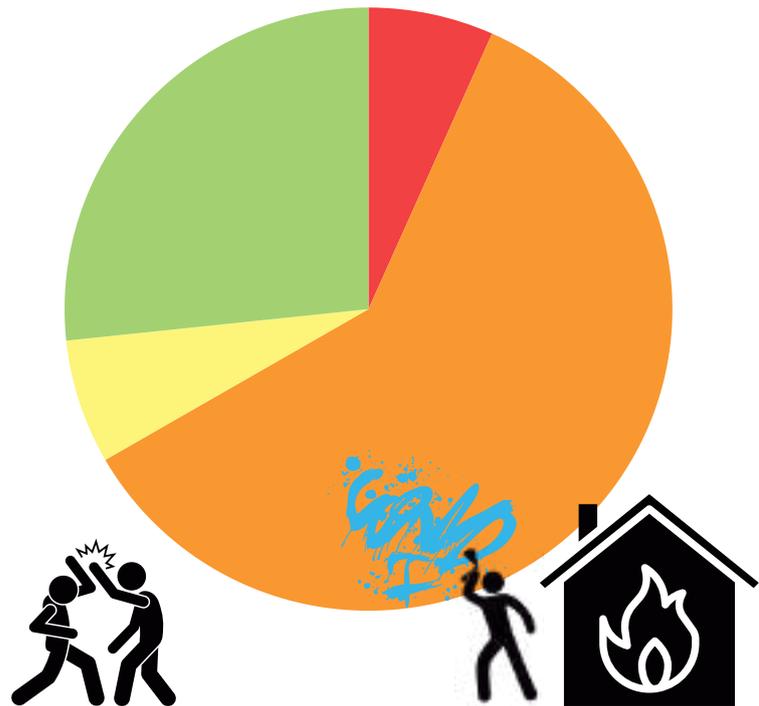
### Home & Property Theft Offences

- Burglaries Under \$500 (7)
- Burglaries \$500-\$5000 (8)
- Burglaries Over \$5000 (4)
- Burglaries Other (2)
- Theft Under \$500 (25)
- Theft \$500-\$1000 (1)
- Theft Over \$1000 (5)
- Shoplifting Under \$500 (19)



### Behaviour Offences

- Obscene Language (1)
- Willful Damage (9)
- S4 S/ Offences (1)
- Disorderly Behaviour (4)



If you see any criminal activity in your neighbourhood, report it to the Police!

Dial 111 if it's happening now

Dial 105 if it's already happened

<https://www.police.govt.nz/use-105>



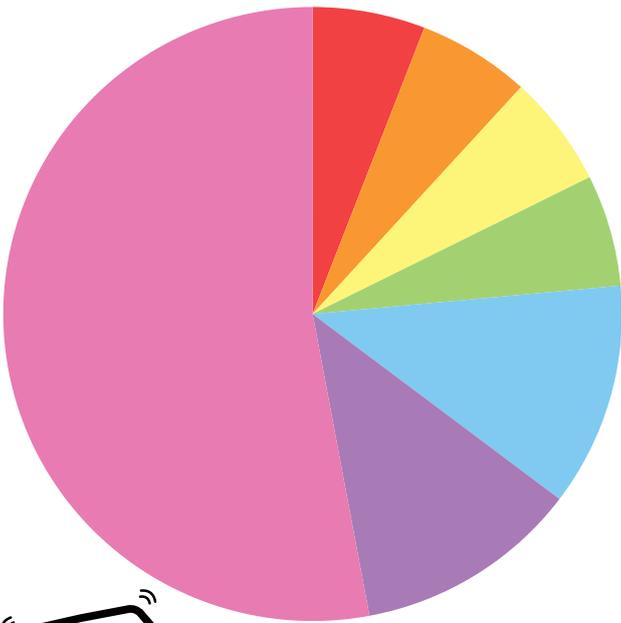
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## Driving Offences

- Careless Driving (1)
- Failed to Keep Left (1)
- Failed to Giveway (1)
- Followed too Close (1)
- Slow Vehicle/Inconsider. Driving (2)
- Causing Sustain. Loss of Traction (2)
- Unsafe Passing (9)

## Vehicle Theft Offences

- Unlawful Interferes with Vehicle (3)
- Attempt Unlawful take of Vehicle (4)
- Unlawful take of Vehicle (4)
- Theft from Vehicle Under \$500 (3)
- Theft from Vehicle \$500-\$1000 (1)
- Theft from Vehicle Over \$1000 (1)
- Unlawful Getting In/On Vehicle (1)





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## Events in South Canterbury - October

[Click here to view the South Canterbury What's On Event Calendar for more info & events](#)

The Coastal - 10<sup>th</sup> - 11<sup>th</sup>



Waimate Shears - 10<sup>th</sup> - 11<sup>th</sup>



Geraldine Family Day - 11<sup>th</sup>



Extravaganza Fair - 10<sup>th</sup> - 11<sup>th</sup>



No One Dies Alone - 14<sup>th</sup>



Home & Garden Show - 18<sup>th</sup>



Run the Runway - 18<sup>th</sup>



Twizel Market - 25<sup>th</sup>



Winchester Rodeo - 25<sup>th</sup>





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