



Neighbourhood Support Taupo
November 2011 News letter
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Neighbourhood Support 2011
Meeting Dates
Last Contacts Meeting for the year
November 23rd 7pm at the Taupo

New Members : We welcome: - Jackie Robinson as the new contact person for Sector 29. We thank her for stepping up to help following the recent and sudden passing of Joanna Ransom. Joanna will be missed.

From The Office Desk:-

1. Taupo Crime Trends There has been a disturbing increase in the number of offences reported over the last month or two. What is worse is the increase of offences reported within our neighbourhood support groups. For example in September 33 burglaries were reported and 10 of those burglaries occurred within our groups. 42 theft and theft ex car offences reported and 8 of them occurred within our groups. It is still encouraging to note that the incidence of crime in neighbourhood support areas is less than in other areas however recent numbers and information suggests that we may have become a little complacent and may not be doing all we should to secure our homes and belongings and to look out for our neighbours. We clearly have a small active group of offenders committing burglaries, targeting residential homes in good areas. They are offending during daylight hours and taking full advantage of any weak security. There is another group targeting vehicles primarily in the Nukuhau and Acacia Bay areas. Again simple things such as, don't leave valuables in your vehicle in plain sight; always lock your vehicle and preferably park under a sensor light.

We all need to be more vigilant and to promptly call 111 to report suspicious activity.

2. UV Security Marker Pens:- Our Office has just recently received new stocks of Ultra Violet invisible security marker pens. This shipment has a UV light built in to the lid and we can supply them **\$2 Only**. We will have some at our next contacts meeting on the **23rd of November**. Or phone 3761601

If you have not got them already we also have stickers for the front and back of your home warning that property in your home is marked for Police Identification.



3. SNAP Identify Your Valuables You can record a secure online list of all your valuables and their serial numbers. You can access this online at any time to pass on details to the Police and or your insurance company if any of your property is stolen.

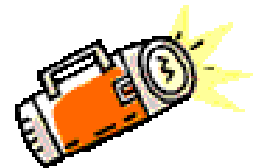
www.snap.org.nz Remember to visit this website when recording details of your valuables. Some very useful online help

4. Privacy Commission Information we will have some Information cards from the Privacy commission at our next meeting also. There are significant growing issues affecting us all with more and more business being done online. These guides help with:- protecting passwords, avoiding scams, keeping financial information safe, protecting your health information etc or you can visit www.privacy.org.nz

5. Emergency Dynamo Self Charging Torch/Radio and phone charger

We still have some stocks available at \$35 and they make an ideal family Christmas gift. Yes that's right we are making plans for Christmas already. Ring us with your order and we can help you out.

We can have them at our meeting on 23rd November for collection.



6. Crime Stoppers

This news letter was delivered by your Street Contact person _____

Please support these organisations as they support us. Lion Foundation -GOGS - NZ Lottery Board.

Craters of the Moon Trust. Pakeke Lions. Aon Insurance - Knitwear Fur and Leather - NZ Police. - Radio Network - Waioara Trust.





This was launched in New Zealand in October 2009 the catalyst being theft of War medals from the Army Museum and it is important to note these were recovered. This is another valuable tool you can use to anonymously help fight crime in your community. The NZ call centre is answered in the UK so it is truly anonymous and there is a commitment to follow up good information.



Love thy Neighbour

Contribution by Councillor Anna Kirk

In the news recently, there was the death of a Wellington pensioner who lay dead in his flat for 12 months before being discovered. Personally, I have also been touch by amazing neighbour support with my own mum recently becoming a widow.

It takes one person to say hello and the barriers start to break down. We all need to make these connections by taking that one step — young and old.

It's about getting to know who is in your street and to look out after one another. If there is an emergency, you can deal with it easier if you have already made that connection.

If you have a neighbour living on their own, enable them to have someone they feel comfortable to talk too and check on them if you don't see them for a few days or something is seems out of character.

It's not about living in each other's houses or being nosy. It's about talking and being friends. There are people out there of all ages and in all sorts of different situations living on their own. It's about being aware, looking out for one another and each other's properties.

**SEE YOU at Next Contact Meeting
Taupo Police Station 7 pm sharp 23rd
November 2011 The Guest
Speaker will be Sergeant Shane
McNally Officer In Charge of the
Community Reassurance Team**

Speaking on the Latest Community Policing Initiative

Contact the office if you require extra Copies for your group, but please pass the news letter on to them

Quiz :- Can you name three consecutive days without using the words Wednesday, Friday or Sunday?

Of Course you can- and if not see our next newsletter for the answer.

*Neighbourhood Support Taupo Celebrates
Neighbours week, October 30th to November 6th
2011*

We invite our members to

“GET INVOLVED” Nominate a Deserving Neighbour!

Do you have a deserving neighbour who could use a helping hand on their section?

Make a nomination by letter email or Fax using 250 words or less.

We will select the winning nominations and work with you and our sponsors to make it happen.

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“Get Involved” Honour Your Neighbour!

Do you have a neighbour who deserves a certificate of appreciation for the Support they give in a street? Consider having a special afternoon tea, BBQ or Supper.

Contact the Neighbourhood Support Office and we can provide the certificate.



“Get Involved” Meet Your Neighbours!

Have a Street BBQ Celebrate the warmer weather and introduce new neighbours who may have moved in over winter. Join Neighbourhood Support, or update your members list.





“Get Involved” Spruce Up for Summer!

Spruce up your “Street Working Bee” share jobs according to ability with those with tools and trailers a great way to get to know your neighbours have a shared lunch.



Everyone can **“Get Involved”** not just members.

Working as a Team helps Take Care out there. Joy & David