

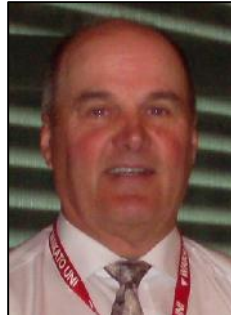
# Neighbourhood Support

## Waitakere



December 2010

### Chairman's Report



Well what an exciting period we have just gone through, following on from a very successful AGM. NSW statistics have improved considerably, and the database levels have almost doubled!

We are currently promoting an increase in the amount of Area Coordinators we have, this is a voluntary role and liaises between the central NSW office and the Street Contacts, generally to pass on relevant information and reports (usually via email), also arranging meetings for both social and business purposes. If this sounds like you, please phone the office and register your interest, we would be keen to have you on board as part of a very successful team.

Some may ask 'why a database and a membership list?' Well, we have to justify to our funding supporters and sponsors our very existence and the effect we have within the community. From the work of active Street Contacts and observant residents, we are succeeding in bringing harmony and safer communities, where everyone benefits from the actions of Neighbourhood Support Groups – so join our ranks and be involved in doing something of benefit for your community!

Throughout the Newsletter you read the activities we are involved in, mostly; purely on the initiative of our Staff and members, you will read about the Safer Ranui Event, organized by our City Coordinator and Ranui Community Constable Lorena McCabe, who, along with the local community constables are very supportive of our organization, my thanks go out to them all.

Our training initiatives include the Junior Neighbourhood Support Program, our Coordinator working with the children in our schools, promoting the rewards program we are able to offer.

At present we are actively involved with a 'Safe Plates' exercise where we host an event to enable drivers the opportunity to change their number plate screws to a more secure system – thus preventing the average opportunist stealing your number plates - every little bit helps!

I would like to take this opportunity of thanking our staff, Samantha Farquhar (City Coordinator), Sharon Peters (Office Administrator) and Louise Grevel (JNS Coordinator) for their continued passion in promoting Neighbourhood Support Waitakere.

Finally, I would like to wish you all a VERY HAPPY CHRISTMAS and a successful New Year. MAKE YOUR STREET AND COMMUNITY A SAFER PLACE TO LIVE.

**Les Duffield**  
Chairman

### Selecta DNA in Schools Launch

On Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> December at Council Chambers Neighbourhood Support Waitakere launched **Selecta DNA for Waitakere Schools**; 42 schools received free **Selecta DNA** kits funded by **BNZ**.

Opening speaker Chairman of neighbourhood support Les Duffield stressed the importance of schools and neighbours working together as a community to protect their schools from burglaries and wilful damage.

Auckland Assistant Commissioner Allan Boreham spoke about **Operation SNAP** and police encouraging members of the public to mark their property and stop the sale in stolen goods.

David Morrissey from **Selecta DNA** ran through how to use the kits and the benefits for the schools and the results so far.

Owen Loeffellechner National Manager **BNZ** (Security and Fraud) spoke of BNZ being strong supporters of this project and being able to help our community in such a positive way.

The project was organised by City Coordinator Samantha Farquhar and Alice Baillie from **Selecta DNA**.

Safe Waitakere kindly provided the venue for the launch which we were grateful for, along with the support provided by Michael Alofa and Snr Sergeant Ross Hunter Henderson Police.



Sharon, Les, Samantha, Ross & Louise.

### Appreciation Letter from Inspector Gary Davey

Neighbourhood Support Waitakere wishes to thank our local Police Commander for his letter of appreciation to all Street Contact and Area Co-ordinators for the great work they have done throughout the past year. We appreciate this recognition by Police of the work of Neighbourhood Support. Thanks to you all for your support.



## HOW TO CONTACT US

Neighbourhood Support Waitakere aims to ensure that everyone in our community feels included and safe.

Has your street got a good Neighbourhood Support group, working together to support each other?

Are your vulnerable residents well supported and cared for?

Do you tell your neighbours if you are going away?

Can you volunteer a little time to work in the area around your home?

We would love to hear from you!

You can become involved in a number of ways:

**Become a volunteer:**  
Organise your street or assist us with administration.

**We would love your help!**

**Become a financial member—\$12 a year.**

**Become a sponsor:**  
If you can sponsor goods, money or raffle prizes, we would be grateful for any donations.

Phone our office on  
09 834 5815.

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## Junior Neighbourhood Support 2010

This year has seen a few changes within JNS, with Samantha moving on to the City Coordinator Role, I was appointed to take over the current JNS schools.

One of the exciting aspects of Junior Neighbourhood Support is the culmination of our much anticipated Big Day Out. Throughout the year, we work closely with our participating schools to promote the JNS program and present awards. At the end of each year, two children from each school are selected from the award winners to join us in a fun filled day – this year being Rainbows End!



Children representing Birdwood, Don Buck, Flanshaw, Fruitvale, Henderson North, New Lynn, Prospect, Ranui and West Harbour Primary Schools, met on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> of November at the Henderson Police Station to meet their 'buddies' for the day – we were lucky enough to be able to take seven Police officers and three Fire fighters with us to supervise the children and enjoy the rides.

Spending a day with Police and Fire goes a long way in cementing the positive relationships that we are trying to encourage with all children.

We had the perfect day to attend, no other group bookings leaving us the run of the park and no queues. It was a tough job keeping up with everyone to get a few pic's, whilst trying out a few of the rides when persuaded by the kids. Belated apologies to those that sat next to me on the Fear Fall for the temporary deafness inflicted upon you!

The day was a huge success - with all supervisors accounted for at lunchtime, as well as the end of the day, and judging by the weary, yet smiling faces a fantastic time was had by all – especially the 'big' kids!

I'm looking forward to 2011 with our current schools and a few new ones who are keen to join our program.

A big 'Thank You' to all of our sponsors and supporters who each contributed to making a fabulous day out for all involved: Charlies, Reduced to Clear, Police, Fire, and Safe Waitakere.

**Louise Grevel, JNS Coordinator**



Neighbourhood Support Waitakere & Te Atatu Police Station combined efforts for our float in the Te Atatu Santa Parade held on Saturday 4th December.

Look out Te Atatu Community, there are a few more police on the beat!





## **SAFER RANUI EVENT**

The Safer Ranui event was organised by city coordinator Samantha Farquhar and Community Constable Lorena McCabe.

The event was held on October 2nd 2010 at **Starling Park** which had been the centre of a brutal attack on two teenagers in March.

With local community spirit and support this event attracted over three hundreds children and their families/whanau. The aim was to build better community relationships with NZ Police, NZ Fire Civil defence, Safe Waitakere, Pacific wardens and to gain greater awareness and membership for Neighbourhood Support Waitakere, creating Safer Communities together, and to encourage reporting of crime.

Everyone was encouraged to crawl through the "Wendy house" learning what to do in a house fire, along with valuable information on how smoke alarms work and how to put out a kitchen fire. Civil Defence promoted timely advice on how to "Be Prepared", Police let children check out the interiors of the cars and wagons – sirens and microphones included! There was a karaoke and dance off event which had the children challenging Police and Fire to dancing and singing competitions – a great source of entertainment for the on-lookers!

Waitakere City Council were promoting parks and Jenny Tanner did a fabulous job of promoting Back2Back project which involves Ranui and Massey.

Residents also got to have a say in a questionnaire about how Starling Park could become more user friendly and a safer place to utilize. Neighbourhood Support also ran a free Sausage Sizzle

This day could not have happened without the above agencies and volunteers, who turned up to help at the event, along with the residents of Ranui who turned up to support making their Park and Community Safe.

Police at Starling Park Safer Ranui Event.



## **PLANNED COMING EVENTS**

### **JANUARY 2011**

28th Triangle Park Event

### **FEBRUARY 2011**

TBC GLENDENE Public meeting

### **MARCH 2011**

TBC KELSTON Public Meeting

TBC TODDLER DAY OUT

TBC Te Atatu South Public Meeting

26th TE RAA MOKOPUNA DAY

26/27/28<sup>th</sup> Neighbours' Week

## **Neighbourhood Support Street Contacts Seminar 2010**

On Saturday 25th September Neighbourhood Support Waitakere held their first St Contact Seminar which was attended by 27 Street Contacts.

The seminar was an all day event with guest speakers from the following services:

- Henderson Police Drug Squad Sergeant
- Henderson Police SOCO Constable (Scene of Crime)
- Karl Nuttall - Civil Defence
- Snr Sergeant Ross Hunter (Community Policing)

The information was of great interest to all of those who attended. Street Contacts received a seminar pack with useful information around Graffiti/Liquor bans/Drug paraphernalia Crime stoppers/ and loads more.

Our Chairman (Les Duffield) and Deputy (Alistair Graham) both encouraged and discussed ways to make our streets safer and more social.

Neighbourhood Support will be holding another Seminar around March next year for those who missed out!

**City Coordinator—Samantha Farquhar**

### **Thank You to Our Sponsors**

**A huge thank you to our Sponsors;**

**Safe Waitakere— Lotteries—COGS**

**The Trusts Community Foundation**

**NZ Police—NZ Fire—Civil Defence**

**And also**

**Events Cinemas - Westfield WestCity**

**Charlies—Reduced to Clear**

**For supporting the JNS Programme**



## SAFE PLATES EVENT 16<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2010

Safe Plates day at Waitakere College, was a fantastic event, well run and well attended. Participation by both police and volunteers ensured the exercise ran smoothly. Three Committee members, five Street Contacts, two employees and five other volunteers attended - some in both roles.

The police and volunteers were changing the number plate screws so quickly, one could be forgiven for thinking they were watching Formula 1 racing. In fact they were so fast, I had to slow them down so that the drivers had time to purchase our 'hotdog' and a coffee. Staff had an exceptional day promoting Neighbourhood Support and signed up 43 new members! The benefit to the residents in having the screws changed over is, security in the knowledge that their number plates are reasonably secure.

We made around \$50 on the sausage sizzle and over \$250 on the gold coin donation. That \$300 will fund our employees expenses for a month, so we need to do more of these on a regular basis. Already there are requests for us to do more in surrounding areas.

Well done to all, and to Sgt 'Salty' and his two colleagues from New Lynn Station as well.

A "Safe Plates" programme has also been held in Te Atatu Peninsula, and in Oratia. Both were very successful events that also led to more households signing up for Neighbourhood Support along with the identification of Street Contacts in both areas.

**Les Duffield, Chairman**



**Sincere Thanks to MASPORT for sponsoring a new BBQ for future Neighbourhood Support Events!**



## Take Care Over Christmas

Christmas is nearly with us. I would just like to say a few words about the being safe over the Christmas holidays.

If you are going away remember that burglars are always on the lookout for an empty house. Try and get someone you know and trust to check on your house while you are away and clear your letterbox, so it doesn't look like you are away.



If you are part of a Neighbourhood Support network this will be to your benefit, and the contacts in the street may be able to keep a lookout for you. Remind your neighbours if they see anything suspicious to call Police.

If you have your Christmas tree up, try not to put too many presents under the tree until the actual day. If a burglar comes into your home they will have easy access to those presents.

Please remember if you have a couple of drinks, find a sober driver to take you home, or if you are out with friends and they are drinking and should not be driving - take their keys, they may put up an argument however, you may save their life.

If travelling long distances for trips away make sure you have had a good rest before you drive. If you feel tired pull over and have a break.

I went to a spinal injury centre a while ago, and most of the lovely people I met were in wheelchairs due to being in a car crash.....something to think about.

If you would like to know more about Neighbourhood Support Waitakere, you can contact them on Ph: 09 8345815.

If you have any emergency please call 111. If you think there may be a problem but it is not an emergency you can call through to the Henderson Police Station, which is open 24hrs on Ph: 09 839 0600.

Take care and have a lovely Christmas.

**Constable Lorena McCabe  
Ranui Community Constable**

**Neighbourhood Support  
Waitakere would like to wish  
you a Safe & Crime Free  
Xmas and Happy New Year!**