

# Neighbourhood Support Palmerston North



Newsletter December 2016

If you would like to receive this by email, please contact the Field Office.

Season's greetings and welcome to the last month of 2016. I hope everyone has dusted off their barbecue and are ready for Summer!

Have you organised a get together with your neighbourhood support group this year? If not there is plenty of time after Christmas with warm weather and long summer nights. It is a great chance to welcome those who have recently joined your group or catch up with your neighbours that you haven't had a chance to sit down with for a while.

Sadly, the funding for our annual calendars was declined this year. This was our annual thank- you to our volunteers and we are sorry we cannot provide this for the coming year. Your contribution to making Palmerston North a safer and happier place has not gone unnoticed.

The Field Office has changed in the way it operates. There are no regular office hours held at the Police Station, but please call or email if you wish to make a time to see someone. If you need to drop anything off please do so at the police counter if there is no one in the office.

Our shut down period for Christmas will be the 24th December to the 9th of January.

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## Quick Reported Burglary Stats 7/11-4/12/16 (4 Weeks)

Aokautere, Milson, Riverdale,  
Roslyn, Takaro East, Terrace End  
Main 5

West End 6

Brightwater 7

Awapuni 8

Highbury 10

Total 107

At present we are working to update group lists through our suburb coordinators and street contacts.

Information from individuals in a Neighbourhood group is entered into a secure database, with access limited to a small group of Neighbourhood Support Suburb Coordinators. These people are all vetted prior to appointment to these positions. Information collected includes names of people living at any given address, phone contacts and email addresses. Data provided is used to create a contact list for each person in the street group so that they can readily contact each other, especially in the event of potential harm or danger in their area. It can also be useful to provide assistance to each other in times of need or stress. In the case of civil disaster or other misfortunes this information would be useful to check on the safety of households – hence the need for being kept up to date. Those who give us their email addresses can receive our weekly crime report as well as other alerts provided from the Police. This is the quickest way of relaying information, so if you would like to receive these updates please contact us at the Field Office. Where email addresses do not exist we ask that neighbours and street contacts inform these members. Advice on how to keep safe is regularly issued as appropriate to the trends happening.

We are all responsible for security and confidentiality issues. Please keep your lists in a safe place, away from unintended viewers, perhaps inside your phone book. When leaving or joining a new home notify your street contact or the field office as listed on your sheet. You can email or phone in changes to the Field Office. Please leave a message if your call is unanswered. Your call will be returned.

Pat & Siân

## Neighbourhood Support in Palmerston North Book Launch

On the 18th October we launched the history book of Palmerston North Neighbourhood Support at the Palmerston North Library. This was a five year project which involved the contribution of many people, including Maurice Thompson and Marilyn Bulloch. We thank everyone for their effort in producing this publication about the invaluable contribution of Neighbourhood Support to the Palmerston North community. We still have copies that can be purchased from the Field Office for \$20.

(Pictured– Marilyn Bulloch, Maurice Thompson and Evan Torrance)



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The Police welcome Siân to Neighbourhood Support as the Field Officer for Palmerston North. Siân brings a lot of expertise to the role and Police are looking forward to working with her to make Palmerston North a safer city.

Neighbourhood Support commenced in 1984 and since then Police have formed a lasting partnership with the organisation. Police and Neighbourhood Support have worked closely together to reduce crime in Palmerston North.

I encourage residents in Palmerston North to get involved with Neighbourhood Support and form a group which can be done by contacting the Field Office.

A quick note on protecting your property to prevent a burglary.

- Install good quality locks and use them. You must be able to escape easily in case of a fire or emergency.
- Lock your front door if you are in the back yard.
- Lock your house if you are having a rest or doing something that needs a lot of concentration, such as studying.
- Lock away any tools and ladders, because burglars could use them to break in.
- Lock your garage and sheds.
- Sensor lights are an excellent security device because they light up automatically if someone moves nearby.
- Keep trees and scrubs trimmed so they don't provide hiding places for burglars.
- Guard your keys. Don't have personal details on your keys such as name, address and phone number.
- Don't invite burglars in. Never leave notes on a door stating that you are out.
- When you go away make sure your home looks lived in.

Finally please report any suspicious behaviour to Police immediately on 111.

Sergeant Mike Yates

Officer in Charge of Neighbourhood Support.



Quick Reported Theft from Car- Stats 7/11-4/12/16 (4 Weeks)	
The Lido	4
Massey Walking Tracks	4
Papaioea	5
Central, Esplanade, Highbury	7
Ashhurst/ Gorge	8
Total	77

**Volunteers Needed**

We are looking for new Suburb Co-ordinators for Neighbourhood Support. Would you like to help set up new groups in your area? Would you like to help established groups to keep active? Areas in most need are Riverdale, Park West, Central, Highbury, Esplanade, and Hokowhitu. Areas that have suburb co-ordinators have lower incidents of crime reported. We also have other areas in need. If you are interested please contact us at the Field Office.



**Junior Neighbourhood Support**

This year Longburn and Ashhurst schools were involved in our Junior Neighbourhood Support programme. On Monday, seven students were awarded with a Big Day Out for their effort in their school and communities during the past year. They started the day being picked up in a Police car from school and driven to Vertx where they climbed the rock climbing walls. This was followed with a morning tea with the Mayor in his Chambers. Then they each had a ride in the Palmerston North Rescue Helicopter which showed them the view over Palmerston North and their school. After this there was lunch at Breakers followed by a swim and rides down the waterslides at the Lido. A big thank you to our sponsors for making this happen– Police, Eastern and Southern Trust, Civil Defence Palmerston North, Rescue Helicopter, Robertson Holden.

A massive thank you to Stan Foote and Senior Constable Emily McMellon for coordinating the programme this year. Thank you also to Constable Matt McFlynn and Jock Robinson for making the Big Day Out such a success.

Do you receive our weekly crime report by email? If you do not and you would like to receive this please email [pn.neighsupport@xtra.co.nz](mailto:pn.neighsupport@xtra.co.nz) to update your details.