



Motueka Districts Neighbourhood Support

Creating safe, resilient and connected communities - Kia haumarū, kia kaka, kia kotahi hoki ngā hapori



Kia Ora koutou and Welcome to our DECEMBER 2020 NEWSLETTER

2020 will be a year we will all remember! None of us at the beginning of 2020 could ever have anticipated what lay ahead. For some it was not just coping with an enforced Country Lockdown, but for others grief, hardship through business closure, reduced hours or loss of employment. There is no greater time than the present to **Reach Out and Help Out**. Do share your generosity and kindness to others in your community.



Our Committee wish all our Membership a great Festive Season, Summer Break and New Year. We would like to wish all of you a better and more certain future in 2021. **A special thanks also to all of our Emergency Services.**

POLICE ADVICE

Unfortunately, our district continues to have burglaries, thefts from sheds, gardens and vehicles of which many were left unlocked.

- Remember, even in a Supermarket Car Park your vehicle may become a target.
- Lock your doors and windows
- Record serial numbers of expensive electronic items and photograph these and other valuables
- Keep valuables out of sight
- Keep garden sheds and garages locked when not in use and ensure ladders are stored away out of sight
- Keep the house secure when you are out in the garden or yard
- Keep hedges or plants around doors and windows trimmed – don't give burglars a place to hide
- Note down registrations of any suspicious vehicles – often burglars will “scout” an area beforehand
- Register serial numbers on the SNAP website <http://www.snap.org.nz>

- Netsafe takes reports of all scams – whether or not they happen online.
www.netsafe.org.nz Ph 0508 638 723

It is particularly important during the warmer weather when we wish to leave windows open either during the day or night to have secure fittings which restrict the window being opened further.

Phone the Police on 111 if something is happening right now or 105 after the event to report the details (time, date & description would be most useful).

CRIME STOPPERS speak up, It's anonymous 0800 555 111

SENIOR ROAD USERS - STAYING SAFE

You can take a self-assessment quiz, watch safety videos and read about

“How to improve your safety on the road” at

<https://www.nzta.govt.nz/safety/driving-safely/senior-drivers/>

TOP OF THE SOUTH 'GETS READY'



Many of our existing membership have updated their household information onto our database. However, if some of you need assistance to get into the database, Barbara, our Coordinator is there to talk you through the stages.

Alternatively, Peter Lucas our Technology expert is able to help you. If you need Peter's help, contact Barbara who will arrange the session for you.

Do list all members in your Household. That would be useful in emergencies . If you wish you can list your skills (i.e. electrician, plumber, nurse etc), resources and equipment that could be useful in emergencies (generator, digger etc). **If you require help in an emergency, please state that too.**



Neighbourhood Support New Zealand (NSNZ) and FIRE and EMERGENCY New Zealand (FENZ) have signed a Relationship Agreement to Work Together. Both organisations are

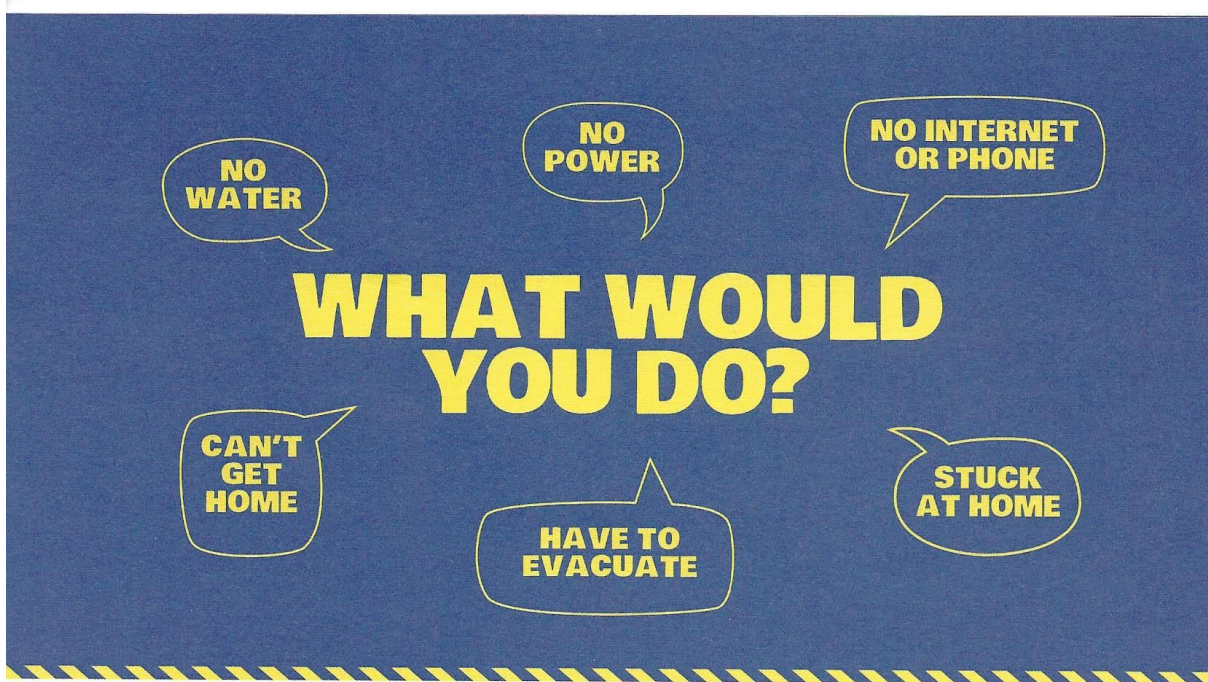
keen to have our communities well prepared, have appropriate knowledge which helps them protect their homes and protect Rural Properties. The two organisations have produced the Document **“Get Fire Wise This Summer”**

To open the Blue Link below, right click on the blue text.

[GET FIRE WISE THIS SUMMER](#)

Nelson Tasman Fire and Emergency Principal Rural Fire Officer (PRFO) attended both the Ohau and Pukaki Fires and has written some advice.

The PRFO for the Ohau Area has also written some notes on the fire which include useful tips. These two documents are attached in the covering email.



GET READY

www.getready.govt.nz

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