

Neighbourhood Support Community

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Newsletter



KIA ORA KOUTOU KATOA

Welcome back everyone! I hope you are all well, healthy and safe.

With the Covid-19 Omicron variant starting to become more widespread in our communities, I thought it a good time to look at ways of keeping yourselves as safe as possible. With this in mind, I have included some key pieces of information for your reference. See page 2 for details.

On the local front, Police Crime Snapshot statistics for the period of February 2021–January 2022 for burglaries in the district were 1312 up 7 from the previous year of 1305.

Theft in the district has also increased considerably from 2400 to 2602 for the same period. There were 3914 Property crimes for the selected period. A high number of these crimes were committed in central Hastings. Overall, there was an increase of reported crime of 209 compared to the previous period.

Now something on a happy note... a particular highlight from last year was the 2021 Neighbourhood Support National Conference in Wellington with the theme being GROW.

As a nationally run network with over 65 member organisations across both rural and urban areas of New Zealand, GROW presented a rare opportunity for all N.S. Officials to come together as an organisation to learn new skills, share ideas, be inspired and celebrate our successes.

It is also a chance to recognise the invaluable support and outcomes that our members, volunteers, and partners contribute to Neighbourhood Support New Zealand and our local communities.

The highlight for our Neighbourhood Support Eastern Region at the National Awards Dinner was New Zealand Police taking out the Partner of the Year (Hastings) for 2021.

It was great to see the Hastings Police being recognised for their continued support and direction from Constables Bruce Miller and Tom Romans with Neighbourhood Support in the Hastings District.



The NZ Neighbourhood 2021 Support Partner of the Year Award (NZ Police, Hastings Central Police Station) being presented to Constable Tom Romans by CE Neighbourhood Support NZ, Tess Casey.



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Updates to Red traffic light setting

From 11:59pm Friday, 25 March 2022 the traffic light settings are changing. The COVID-19 Protection Framework will be simpler. It will help us manage life with Omicron while reducing the impact of future outbreaks.

At Red:

- There will be no limits for outdoor activities — like gatherings and events, and food and drink businesses — with My Vaccine Pass
- There will be a 200-person limit for indoor gatherings and events with My Vaccine Pass
- You do not need to wear a face mask outdoors
- Other face mask rules remain unchanged — face masks are required in most indoor settings
- There is no requirement to scan in or for a business to display a QR code poster or have mandatory record keeping.

From 11:59pm on 4 April 2022, there will be no requirement to use My Vaccine Pass. Until 4 April, where My Vaccine Passes are not used, the current restrictions remain — but after this time, the new capacity limits will apply to everyone. Vaccine mandates will also be removed other than for health and disability sector workers, prison staff, and border and MIQ workers.

Key points:

- Red is not a lockdown, but there are restrictions to **slow the spread** of COVID-19.
- You will always be able to **access basic needs services**, such as food and healthcare.
- You can **travel** anywhere in New Zealand for any reason, and see friends and whānau.
- You **must wear a face mask** on flights, public transport, and taxis, in retail shops and public venues, and in health and education facilities.
- **With My Vaccine Pass**, most parts of life continue as usual. You can visit cafes and bars, attend gatherings and events, and go to the hairdresser and gym. There are capacity limits and distancing requirements at some venues.
- **Without My Vaccine Pass**, there are restrictions.
- **Workplaces and schools** are open.
- **Keep scanning QR codes** and recordkeeping wherever you go.
- **Keep physically distanced** wherever possible.
- **If you have cold, flu or COVID-19 symptoms, isolate immediately and call Healthline for advice.**



Creating safe, resilient and connected communities.

Neighbourhood Support resources now available online

Neighbourhood Support NZ has also made these key resources available online for members to download to also assist in case of an incident or disaster in your community

We are happy to print copies for those members who would like hard copies.

- The *Kia Ora Neighbour Self-Isolation* flyer is now available on our website in the 'Tips + Advice' section.
- Our *Make a Neighbourhood Plan* document is now also available online.

www.neighbourhoodsupport.co.nz/tips-advice

Temporary pause on some of our kerbside recycling collections

Hastings District Council's kerbside recycling service will only collect paper & cardboard from Monday 14 March. The collection of plastics & cans and glass will pause until further notice.

Unfortunately, a number of our contractor's team, Smart Environmental, are unable to work due to COVID-19 which means their team has reduced capacity. This includes transport and sorting staff across New Zealand.

Until full collection services can resume, plastics & cans and glass can either be stored or taken to any one of our recycling stations.

We'll continually re-evaluate the situation to ensure full recycling collections can be reinstated as soon as staffing levels allow.

We hope that things will return to normal within a few weeks and thank residents for their understanding and patience during this trying time.



We were really excited to have just started taking number 5 plastics and will continue to accept them when full collections resume.

This change does not affect the recycling services at the Refuse Transfer Stations or the Council kerbside rubbish wheelie bin service.

Please head to www.hastingsdc.govt.nz/recycling for more information.

Please help us get this message out in the community by sharing the change with your friends and family.



MARCH | CELEBRATE COMMUNITY

Our National Campaign for this month is 'Celebrate Community'

To coincide with this celebration Neighbourhood Support New Zealand have recently released their new children's book, Manaaki Street. Manaaki Street, which has been in production for over a year, is written by Neighbourhood Support New Zealand's Chair, Louise Grevel, and illustrated by Kerin Casey.

The book tells the story of what Neighbourhood Support is all about, by following a child and their mother on a simple walk through their neighbourhood. It offers an easily accessible way for our young tamariki to understand the benefit of caring communities.

We have limited copies of this great resource for younger members of our community available, please contact JR Roberts at johnr@hdc.govt.nz for further information.

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