



WANGANUI AREA NEIGHBOURHOOD SUPPORT



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GREAT GROUP STORY!

This group member says:

"I came home and saw that my neighbour's electric garage door was open. It was mid-morning and I knew that they would be at work for the day and that it should not be open. I closed it for them and left a message saying that I had done so.

The next day I saw my neighbour and she thanked me very much for closing the door for her. She said that she had thought she had pushed the button to close it as she drove out, but hadn't checked behind her as she left. She was so grateful to me for closing it and keeping her property safe, especially given that there is an internal door into the rest of the house from the garage so anyone could have had full access to everything inside!

This is a great example of how Neighbourhood Support works! Because I know who my neighbours are I was able to help them!"

Fantastic initiative shown and action taken by this group member which prevented her neighbour's property from becoming a burglary statistic!!

A GREAT NEWS STORY!!

If you have a great story from your group please let us know!

The BIG DAY OUT 2016

This year for our Junior Neighbourhood Support Big Day Out trip we completed a small circuit. We visited Owlcatraz in Shannon, had lunch at McDonalds in Levin, and finished with a tour of the De Molen Windmill in Foxton. It was a very interesting and fun-filled day!!

A huge thanks to the sponsors of this event - Z Dublin, Grumpy Old Men, South Rotary Club, United Lodge of Wanganui, Castlecliff Club, John Beresford Dudding Trust, RSA Womens Group and Westmere Presbyterian Memorial Ladies Group. Thanks to Janette and Don at Owlcatraz, Dianna and the team at De Molen Windmill, our drivers and supervisors for the day, and of course to the kids for their great behaviour and wonderful personalities!!

TEAM PHOTOS:



Owlcatraz, Shannon



De Molen Windmill, Foxton



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CONGRATS KEITH!!



It has been a busy year for our Constable Keith Butters. He not only won Highly Commended in the National Neighbourhood Support awards, but has also been named Rural Officer for the Whanganui Police. Well done Keith!! Our rural communities are looking forward to working with you in the new year!



OUR FRIENDS AT CIVIL DEFENCE

The recent earthquakes are yet another reminder of the need to be prepared!

We have been working closely with Civil Defence to get our volunteers trained and ready to man Civil Defence Centres in the event of an emergency. We are now in the process of getting one up and running in Marton.

Remember there is a role for everyone and we are always on the look out for those who are keen to get involved, so if you are interested contact us now!



Be PoolSafe
Lives depend upon it!

Hot summer weather leads to lazy days spent poolside. Consider the following to stay "Pool Safe":

- Is the fence at least 1.2m high?
- Are there no gaps greater than 100mm in the fencing?
- Do gates open outwards?
- Do gates automatically shut?
- Are gate latches self-locking?
- Do you have top bolts on ranch sliders that may prevent access to the pool?
- Steps for para-type pools are removed when the pool is not in use?
- Does the pool surround have a non-slip surface?
- Is there a first aid kit available?
- Are pool chemicals stored safely?
- Do you have signage for emergencies?

Information taken from *Be Pool Safe – A guide to pool safety* available online at <http://www.watersafety.org.nz/>.



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Without you we couldn't do what we do!

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