



Opouri Forest Cattle Slaughtered

On the 11th of October a security patrol in the Opouri Forest area near Rai Valley located four cattle skulls and the carcass of a more recently slaughtered cattle beast on a forestry road off Opouri Road. It still had its complete head intact. The cattle appeared to have been professionally slaughtered. All that remained was the complete rib cage with all the useful meat having been removed from the carcass. The cow's head still had yellow tags on its ears and the number was noted as **09-2754523**. The Police would be keen to hear from anyone who is familiar with these tags or who can assist with identifying the owner of the cattle beast.



There were also signs of goats that had been slaughtered.

A number of pig and goat heads and skins were also located lying around a gate to a forestry block further down the valley, along with signs of quad bike activity at the gate and inside the area.

Police are keen to identify and apprehend poachers, whether they operate in forestry blocks or on rural farmland. If you see vehicles parked up or moving in a rural area in circumstances that seem suspicious, pass registration numbers and any descriptions on to Police as soon as possible via your local Police station. If you detect poachers in action, ring Police on 111. If Police have the ability to respond they will, with a view to confronting and identifying those concerned. Don't confront poachers yourself. They could be affected by the use of drugs or other substances and could be unpredictable or dangerous because of this or for other reasons.

Emergency contacts

24 hr Police Emergency Ph 111

Blenheim Station Ph 578 5279

24 hr Women's Refuge (03) 577 9939

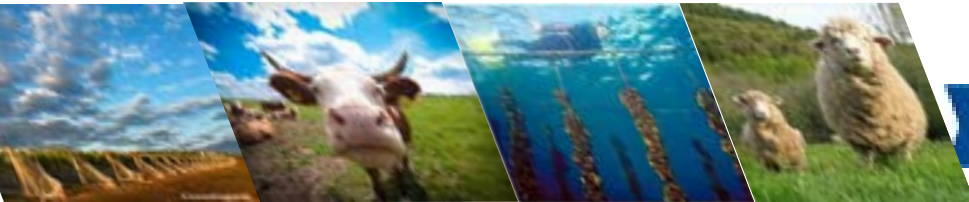
24 hr Victim Support 0800 842 846

24 hr Youth Line 0800 376 6333

24 hr Crisis Team (Mental Health) 0800 800 717

Family Violence (9am-11pm) 0800 456 450

Or visit: www.areyouok.org.nz



Quad bike thefts

Between the 24th and 29th of October 2015 the Police have had the theft of five quad bikes reported in the Marlborough policing area. Earlier in that week three four-wheelers were stolen from a rural property north-west of the Kaikoura township. Fortunately the thieves abandoned them on a nearby road when they ran out of fuel.

Then towards the end of that week offenders entered a property in the Raupara rural area near Blenheim and pushed a four-wheeler out of an open shed. The keys to the bike had been left in a basket attached to it, but fortunately were not seen by the offenders in the dark. They abandoned the bike in a drainage ditch on the roadway, probably after losing control of it while trying to get it onto a trailer or vehicle deck. Unfortunately it seems the offenders went further down the road and were successful in stealing another one.

We believe it is likely that these four-wheelers are being stolen for use by criminals who are



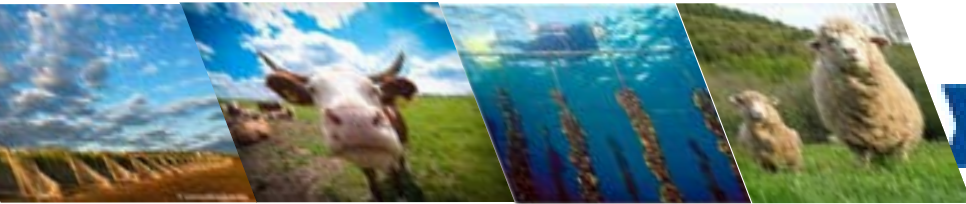
gearing up for the cannabis growing season. Offenders often travel considerable distances to steal items and may not necessarily be Marlborough based. They will target two and four-wheel motorbikes, electric fence units, shade cloth, fencing gear, water reticulation equipment, fertilisers and anything that can assist them in growing cannabis remotely. Police encourage the rural community to lock up motorbikes where possible, never leave keys with the bikes and do a stock-take of items that could be attractive to thieves interested in using them for cannabis plots. Make sure such items are tucked away either under lock and key, or out of sight.

While I'm on the subject, at least one of the four-wheel bike theft victims had seen suspicious vehicles on his property cruising around his farm buildings in the weeks prior to the theft. Always call the Police using 111 at the time of any incident involving people or vehicles acting suspiciously on your land. Our ultimate aim would be to stop and identify them. If you can provide a description and/or registration number, that is 'gold' for the investigators. Unfortunately criminals are increasingly seeing some rural properties as easy pickings, so protect yourself by increasing your security. Lock valuables up and be proactive in reporting anything suspicious.

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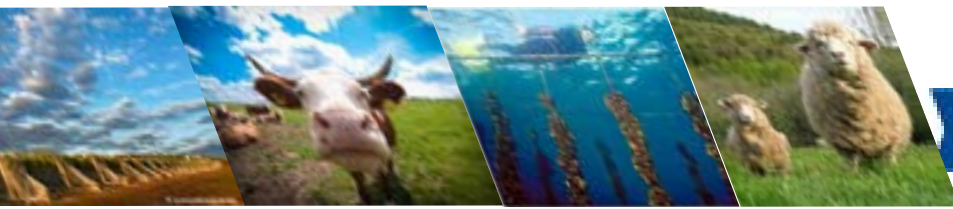
National Police Open Day – Blenheim

The national Police Open Day was held on Sunday the 18th of October 2015. The Police in Marlborough took part by holding an Open Day at the Blenheim Police Station between 10am and 2pm. Like the previous year, the day was very popular with members of the public keen to get a look at some aspects of policing that wouldn't normally be on display. Many of the interactive displays had queues and remaining busy for the whole day. A good day out for families and well worth considering for next year.

Among the displays were:

- A Search & Rescue rope and stretcher set-up dangling 3-stories down the side of the station
- A challenge for young people to use Search & Rescue equipment to locate a pendant (gear used to locate missing dementia & Alzheimer's patients)
- A Police cell block tour
- Fingerprint on a bookmark for young people
- Victim Support
- Police Armed Offender Squad equipment and weapons
- The Police prisoner van with Police uniform & riot gear dress-up photos for young people
- Highway Patrol and traffic vehicles and equipment
- A tour of the Booze Bus
- A Police speed laser running challenge for young people
- The Police dog and handler
- Marlborough Violence Intervention Project
- Serious Crash unit vehicle and equipment
- Coastguard and marine vessel
- Neighbourhood Support
- Police physical challenge test





Water Safety Awareness Week

The national water safety awareness week was held between the 16th and 23rd of October 2015. In Marlborough our province encompasses one-fifth of the New Zealand coastline and 75 percent of New Zealanders live within 10 kilometres of the coast. Even if you don't go near coastal water, our rural areas are full of rivers, streams, lakes and ponds.

Safe and Sound at the Top, a diverse committee of volunteers working to make our province safer, were heavily involved in Water Safety Awareness Week, running awareness campaigns and promoting the message, "Water – Know it, Live it, Love it."

Most importantly, the 'know it' message is one all Kiwis should know. Before you enter the water it's imperative to get familiar with New Zealand's Water Safety Code:

1. **Be Prepared** – Learn to swim and survive and set rules for play in the water. Always use safe and correct equipment. Know the weather and water condition before you get in.
2. **Watch Out for Yourself and Others** – Always pay close attention to the children you are supervising in or near water. Swim with others in areas where lifeguards are present.
3. **Be Aware of Dangers** – Enter shallow and unknown water feet first and obey all safety signs and warning flags. Do not enter water after drinking alcohol.

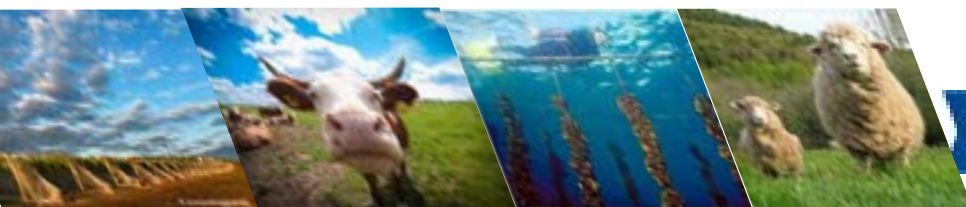


4. **Know Your Limits** – Challenge yourself within your physical limits and experience. Learn safe ways of rescuing others without putting yourself in danger.

The Police were involved in two aspects of the Water Safety Awareness week. The first was a 'road checkpoint' in Waikawa Road, Picton, designed to educate boaties who were heading home after a day in the Sounds. Vehicles towing boats were stopped and drivers breath-tested, but water safety messages and giveaways were also given out.



The Police Launch, Lady Liz was also in Picton during Water Safety Awareness week and was docked at Picton, complete with water safety messages and open to the public on Thursday the 22nd of October.



Marlborough A & P Show

The Marlborough A & P Show is taking place at A & P Park in Blenheim on Friday the 6th and Saturday the 7th of November 2015. The Police will once again have a presence at this popular show and this year we'll have something a bit different and special on our site. We have been able to arrange for the New Holland Police Tractor, complete with its blue and yellow livery, Police lights and signage, to be on site with the other Police vehicles. While it was never intended to be a serious part of the Police fleet, the tractor is quite impressive and a great attraction for the public. Where it has been on display at other rural orientated shows, including the Field Days show at Mystery Creek, it has attracted a lot of attention and been a great conversation starter between Police and the rural community. We'll be there to help you with any queries



or problems you may wish to discuss, or just to have a light-hearted discussion with you over the merits of a Police Tractor! We look forward to seeing you there.

Sounds burglar apprehended

Craig JONES the suspect in numerous rural burglaries in the Marlborough Sounds was arrested on the 25th Sept 2015 as a result of information received from the public. A member of the public recognised him in Rai Valley after photos were distributed of him and called Police. We were able to confirm it was JONES through CCTV footage. The informant also recorded the registration of the vehicle he was driving, which was reported stolen.

We conducted a search warrant that night at an address in Rai Valley and located JONES and the stolen vehicle. He has since been charged with 30 burglaries/thefts from around the top of the South Island - from Abel Tasman, Nelson, Havelock, Picton and the Sounds. He has been held in custody and is expected to plead guilty to the charges at his next appearance on the 03/11/15 at Blenheim.

This was the result of great work by the informant, and thanks to numerous others who have contacted Police with bits of information about JONES.