



June 2016

Search and Rescue familiarisation trip

Recently our Police search and rescue staff carried out an exercise in an area they weren't that familiar with, the Ramshead Valley. This was done to up skill staff in 4x4 driving and for them also to get a look at the area in case they are needed for future rescues. Access to the Ramshead area was facilitated by David Ensor at Tyntesfield where the staff entered the track and Ron Small at Blarich where they passed through to get to the Awatere Valley. They also checked out the Tapuae-O- Ueneku track and access points near Mt Gladstone Station. This is an area frequently used by trampers and has the potential for being a search area in the future as it has in the past. Getting a feel for the ground and meeting local land owners that may help enhances the SAR team's ability to react quickly to the rescue of those that may need our help.

The Pitt family were good hosts on that familiarisation at Mt Gladstone. They have been instrumental in assisting

with rescues of trampers in that area before.

So sharing information and drawing on their expertise is imperative for the SAR teams to operate effectively.

Thanks to all of the land owners who made this possible.



SAR team driving through the RAMSHEAD area from Waihopai to Awatere valley.

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



Unlawful hunting

Recently two people were caught hunting unlawfully near Black Birch in the Awatere Valley. Both have been charged and are facing court action. All firearms have been seized from the pair.

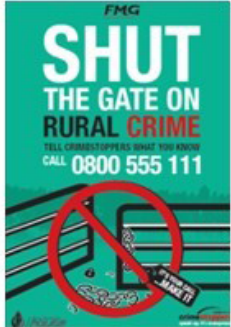
Police Patrolling

During the roar Police were out checking for unlawful hunters and criminal activity in rural areas. We made a concerted effort to go to remote areas in our policing beat. No unlawful

hunters were found but many people were spoken to and information was shared with them on how to react to rural crime.


When we do this we will often put a flyer (see below) in a letterbox so the people in the valleys or remote areas know we have been there.

This is in part to let them know why there was somebody driving around there area in the early hours of the morning or late at night. It also encourages people to work together to reduce the risk of crime.



A Police Patrol was in your area tonight. We were targeting those that may have been Unlawfully Hunting, or committing other offences in your area.

Unfortunately we cannot be in this area every night. As a community please work together to reduce the risk of offending. Please report crime.



Safer Communities Together



Hunting Competitions

There are two large hunting competitions looming, the Woodbourne Tavern hunt between the 3rd and 5th of June and the Awatere Rugby Club hunt between the 17th and 19th of June 2016. Police will have a presence at both. We want all hunters involved in the events to respect land owners property and hunt responsibly.

During the past 'roar'

There have been reports of suspected unlawful hunting activity in the Whatanihi area. The private land is flanked by DOC land so it may be that hunters are moving from this on to private land. The residents of Whatanihi are very active in trying to reduce the incidents of unlawful hunting during the roar as there is usually a big influx of hunters that congregate on that area for the month.

Goats found On 13 April a Marlborough District Council Ranger came across fresh blood on the Wairau River Reserve, some 200-300 metres upstream of Hillocks Road. Floating in the deep water close by were three goats. The goats appeared to have had their throats cut. Their coats were very fine 'Angora' or similar suggesting they were bred for their wool/fibre. The goats appeared to be 'entire' and are suspected to be stolen. Does anybody have any idea who these may belong to?



Allowing people to stay on your property - Problems with rural leases

Recently the Police have received several approaches from rural land owners and people leasing rural land, who have unruly tenants that they are having trouble removing from their land.

Their big issue is often complicated by the fact that they have casually allowed the people concerned to take up residence on their property without going through the correct legal process under the Residential Tenancies Act. This includes having a written tenancy agreement and completing the paperwork and registration with the Tenancy Tribunal.

If the correct process is not followed when the tenant begins their tenancy, and the arrangement is simply a verbal agreement, there is little protection for the landlord if the relationship sours, or if rent is unpaid. It can also be difficult to get the tenant to leave.

All the information you need to sign a tenant up correctly are on the Tenancy Tribunal website at: www.tenancy.govt.nz.

Don't fall victim to scams

Police are regularly approached by people after they have received a variety of scam emails or letters.

These include:

ANZ Bank email that has the genuine looking logo for the bank, a picture of an envelope with 'You have a new internet banking message' written next to it, and a 'LOG ON' button. If you use the email to log on to your ANZ account, you've just given scammers your bank logon details and that gives them access to your account. If you receive an email like this and want to check whether it is legitimate, use your usual computer browser or banking app to log onto your account, NOT THE EMAIL, and then you will see whether the message is legitimate or not.

Travel Brochures these are a variety of glossy travel brochures received in the mail. They show photos of lovely exotic locations, but the information printed in them talks about the travel company and prizes they are offering as a result of their 10th anniversary or similar. The prizes range from large sums of cash to holidays, cruises and electronics. The pack includes one or more scratch and win cards. One

is a prize winner. If you fill out and return the winners details portion, this is the beginning of an elaborate scam that can result in you giving away bank account details and other personal information, ultimately resulting in you being scammed of finances.

Malaysian Airlines Flight MH370 scam, which is just a version of the Nigerian scam. Basically scammers are using this tragedy as the basis for a letter that claims a relative with the same surname as you has gone missing as a result of the airline tragedy and they have left a fortune in a foreign bank that the writer must find a beneficiary for. The scam is designed to get you to engage with the scammer so that they can either get your bank details, or use you to make a series of bank transactions that will lose you money and make a profit for the scammers.

There are many more scams in circulation. Please check and think before answering anything from a stranger. If in doubt, seek advice before proceeding. People are welcome to ring me, or check out the Consumer Affairs 'Scam-watch' page on their website:

<http://www.consumerprotection.govt.nz/scams>

Scams should also be reported to the Department of Internal Affairs. Most scams originate overseas, so while police may be able to offer advice to keep yourself safe, once an offence has been committed we will have no ability to investigate or bring the offender to account.



Occurrences in Marlborough Rural area

Drugs

A recent search warrant on a male in rural area Awatere Valley Rd recovered 1.6kg of cannabis. The man was arrested and faces charges of Willful Damage, Possession Cannabis and Threatening Behaviour.

Stolen vehicles

A motorcycle was stolen from the Dashwood area over weekend 20th May to 23rd May. The blue Ag 100 farm bike was taken from stock yards. The bike would not be easily discovered and Police believe it was taken by someone who had been in the area working or visiting recently. Considerable effort was made by the thieves to dislodge a gate to gain access to the motor bike.

On the same weekend a Farm Hack ute was taken from the Awatere Valley. It was a white Nissan, that can't be driven in reverse as the gears are defunct. It had been parked beside a shed at the time it was stolen.

If anybody has information that could lead to the recovery of these vehicles, please get hold of Constable Todd Nicholas or S/Constable Beau Webster at the Blenheim Police station.

In March this year a Nissan 4x4 vehicle was stolen from the Lake Challis Carpark, while the owner was hunting on DOC land there. The vehicle was later found hidden in bush off the road further towards Mt Patriarch. The only item taken from the vehicle was the stereo. A forensic examination of the vehicle was made and Police are awaiting results. If you have any information on the offenders for this vehicle please let us know.

Unusual Activity

The occupants of a house at Tuamarina came home recently to find a door ripped off its hinges and an attempt by somebody to gain entry to the dwelling. No entry was gained and nothing appear to have been taken.



Sheep Rustling

83 wether ewes have disappeared from a property in the Wairau Valley. They were discovered missing recently during a muster from a back block on a farm near the Upper Wairau Valley. They are merino sheep and were tagged and ear clipped for identification. Somebody must know where they are – again if you have any information let us know.

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