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### Earthquakes

By now most of you, unfortunately will be very experienced in dealing with earthquakes. Beau Paul and I were among a group of Marlborough staff who were the first to be deployed to Christchurch on the day of the last big earthquake in 2011.

We were assigned the responsibility of recovery at the CTV building the night it had collapsed.

This was a very tough long night and we worked into the next day.

We have seen and had to do things that nobody should have to experience, but we also felt privileged to be able to try and help with the recovery of people from that building.

We later were deployed to the PGG building and patrolled many parts of the city following that, so we have seen a lot that comes from the power of an earthquake.

My point from this is that from this experience we know, no matter how resilient we may feel or a person may seem, the support from the community is a strengthening factor days and months later. I encourage you all to continue looking out for each other and your community, because your community will be strong if those within it are.

Talking to each other about the earthquake or general business is so important. Asking for help is not a weakness, but shows strength of character in being able to see a problem and seek what is needed.

Our thoughts are with everyone who suffered damage to property over the last few weeks. Be vigilant if your property is now insecure. Do what can be done to secure it. Keep an eye on each other's property and report suspicious behaviour.

Mike Porter

### Reporting crime

If you have information that you think relates to a crime or suspicious activity in your area there are many ways you can report it:

By phone directly to Beau, Paul or an other officer.

By email to the same people.

Ring the Police general line.

Or you can ring Crimestoppers which is an independent charity on 0800 555 111.

Information can be given anonymously.

There are times when we will need to know who you are, but that information can still be withheld by Police without revealing your identity.

**SHUT THE GATE**  
**ON RURAL CRIME**  
TELL CRIMESTOPPERS WHAT YOU KNOW  
CALL **0800 555 111**

IT'S YOUR CALL ... MAKE IT

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**POLICE**  
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speak up, it's anonymous  
www.crimestoppers-nz.org



## Hunting

We have had an enquiry from the SPCA recently about the ill treatment of wildlife. It relates to people training their pig dogs. Local hunters have posted on youtube images of themselves and their dogs bailing/holding wild pigs.

This is a timely reminder that what you put on Youtube you loose control of as soon as you push the submit button or download it on to any social media forum.

It is there for all to see, including those who may not see the whole video or see something out of context.

Another aspect of pig hunting came out during this investigation. Some of those trying to train their pig dogs are tying pigs to a tree or having their dogs holding the pig for extended periods in an effort to train them. This practice is not acceptable. It is considered inhumane and animal cruelty.

Any serious pig hunter would not condone this behaviour. If you want to protect your sport, don't act in this manner and speak up if you know of others who are doing such acts.. When pig hunting kill the animal quickly and humanely.

## Prevention First

### Extract from the Commissioner of Police's Blog

In New Zealand six percent of the population suffer around 54 percent of all crime. International research confirms that less than half a percent of people cause around 10 percent of all crime; up to 50 percent of crime in some cities occurs in no more than five percent of locations; 30 percent of burglary offences are repeat incidents - and these trends endure over time. Therefore crime is predictable - and by focusing on the right people and places we can do something meaningful about it. The idea that crime occurs anywhere, any time, at random, is simply nonsense.

## It's cannabis growing season >>>

*If you see people or vehicles in your area that seem out of place, they may well be establishing cannabis plots.*

*Please get registration details from vehicles and pass this on. Cannabis growers tend to bring other problems, such as thefts to your neighbourhood, so be vigilant.*



## Firearms safety

The 'New Zealand Mountain Safety Council has released a number of new firearms pamphlets. I have sourced some and they can be sent to you if you want one. Or if you like, when Beau or Paul are in your area ask them for a copy. You can also download a copy of the pamphlets from their website [www.mountainsafety.org.nz](http://www.mountainsafety.org.nz).

## Diesel theft update

A vineyard that has been repeatedly made the victim of theft of diesel, took our advice and installed a hidden camera.

As a result, we have good images of those responsible. The offenders have returned multiple times in a night, and on different days.

We are following strong lines of enquiry i and anticipate that more than one offender will be put before the court.

An old style Toyota Corolla saloon and a white flat deck ute were used in the commission of the offences.

We have already arrested a 34 year old Blenheim man in relation to a diesel theft of a vineyard. He stole 238 litres of fuel. He drives a silver/grey Toyota Prado. He appears in court on 30/09/2013.

We are still seeking two other groups involved.

