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Its been a while since our last email but rest assured we haven't forgotten about you. On the contrary we have been out and about trying to forge closer links with our rural community.

I will detail more about poaching, the CACTUS programme and getting our Mobile Police Station up and running.

We have been in your neighbourhoods but you may or may not have seen us as we have been skulking around late at night quietly trying to pick up poachers and others that maybe moving around under the cover of darkness in your area. As you can understand we haven't been knocking on your door to say giddyay at those times.

Sergeant Michael Porter, Blenheim Police Crime Prevention team

Getting tough on poachers

The penalties for unlawfully hunting have changed!

Poachers now face a maximum of two years imprisonment and a maximum \$100,000 fine along with confiscation of vehicles, firearms and anything used in the commission of the offence, this could also include GPS, dogs, packs, knives etc...

The Marlborough Prevention Team have started placing signs around the Marlborough hunting areas.

This is in response to the rural communities continually having to deal with poachers on their land. We recognise the problem it is creating to our rural community. We can't be everywhere so we have created signage to help landowners.

One of our best weapons is sharing information.

We have already placed the signs in areas where unlawful hunting is known to take place - North Bank, Ure River, Rainbow Valley and the demand keeps growing. The response from the landowners has been positive, with others asking for them.

BEWARE!



UNLAWFUL HUNTING WILL

NOT BE TOLERATED

OFFENDERS WILL BE PROSECUTED

FIREARMS AND VEHICLES MAYBE SIEZED

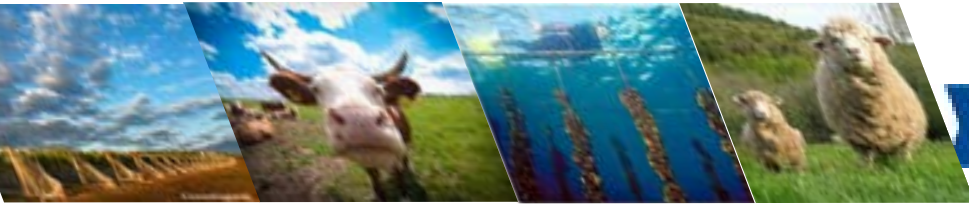
FIREARMS LICENCE REVOKED

MAXIMUM PENALTY FOR OFFENDING:

2 YEARS IMPRISONMENT, \$100,000.00 FINE

**DON'T SAY YOU
WEREN'T WARNED!**

The comment has been passed to us, and we anticipated this, "They will just get torn down or shot up". We are not worried about that, because they (assuming poachers can read) will read them first and will be talking among themselves about them. That is what we want. We have also increased our



patrols at night looking for unlawful hunters and recently over two weekends targeted the North Bank Kaituna, Tuamarina, Onamalutu, Pukaka, Waihopai and Ure River areas. It was very interesting to see who we found moving about and there were some very surprised people. We concentrated on checking firearms licences and vehicles.

In the past year we have dealt with via prosecution or other alternative action approximately 25 unlawful hunters/tresspassers. They hailed from places such as Motueka, Tapawera and Marlborough.

Another initiative we are developing is placing a tag with some poaching information on all firearms and ammunition sold in Marlborough. It will be double sided and be attached to the weapon or ammunition.

The main poaching signs are out and a weapon and ammunition tag is in development. I hope to distribute it with in the next two months.



Senior Constable Paul McKenzie and Eric Warmouth on a North Bank property, with one of the new signs.

CACTUS Seddon

Although CACTUS was run in April, it is such a worthy event it is important to acknowledge it. There was a great turnout from youth in the Awatere-Flaxbourne area with 17



participants. The feedback from the participants was positive and from what we have seen the future of the Awatere and Flaxbourne area is strong if they are anything to go by.

Again they were tested with early mornings, team work, physical and mental challenges, all of this before school. We knew they were up to it, but this programme is about the young people realising their own ability and having them push themselves and develop individually and as a team. All of this was achieved.

The longest day again was the supreme test. It was very surprising to see those that may not have stood out earlier, come to the fore. That's why we do it - to push them to achieve what they thought they never could.

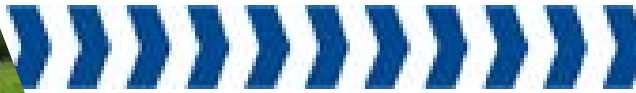
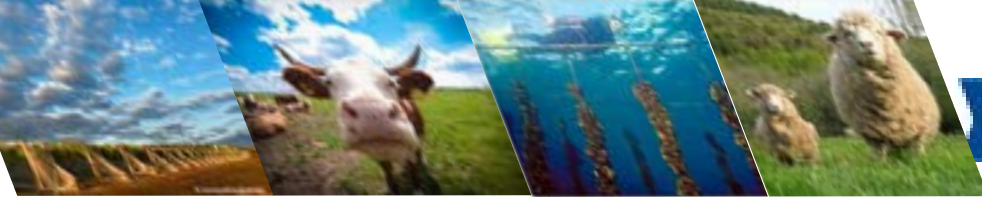
As usual with the CACTUS programme we saw the participants change from day one, they gained in confidence and displayed their hidden talents.

Participants: Laura Ruddle, Andrew Smith, Matthew Ruddle, Jakob McNicol, Davy Falcon-Jones, Grace Davies, Kuki Wickliffe, Rose Harper, Aaron Ruddle, Liam Spence, Sam Foster, Claudia Ryan, Jordan Foster, Claire Smith, Kale Browne, Josh Marshall and Malcolm Falcon-Jones.

Police involved: S/Const Beau Webster, Det Barry Raemaki, Const Tony Burdon and Const Tamati TeTua.

Trainer: Ray Boardman.

Cup winner: Claudia Ryan.



Security checklist

I encourage you all to look at the new Rural Security Check List, available on the new Zealand Police website. I have provided you a link below.

<http://www.police.govt.nz/about-us/publication/security-checklist-new-zealand-rural-properties>

Neighbourhood support

Kevin Kamat has shown interest in learning more about the co-ordinator's role in Neighbourhood Support and with buy-in from Seddon residents there may be an opportunity in the future to develop Neighbourhood Support Groups in Seddon. We encourage participation. Neighbourhood Support Marlborough is coordinated by Gary Spence, ph 520 7475.

Mobile Police Station

You will soon see a Mobile Police Station in and around Rural towns. This is part of a Police initiative which will allow local residents in rural towns to come and speak to Police when in their area. Come and see us at the Mobile Police Station (above). Parked in an area near you soon.

We will be advertising dates, times and locations. If you see the Police truck parked up, please call in. It would be great to catch up and hear any concerns you may have. We can give information on Crime Prevention and guide you to where other agencies can assist. We may even be able to offer you a cup of tea and coffee once we get ourselves organised - we are still trying to sort out the water supply and hot water system in the truck.

This vehicle will also be used in Police operations or at the scenes of emergencies and as a drink driving checkpoint.



Senior Constable Beau Webster with the Headmaster and pupils of the Wairau Valley School and the Mobile Police Station.

It was deployed recently in the Wairau Valley township and in Seddon.

We can see it being taken to Rarangi Koromiko, Ward and any other settlement we don't often get time to spend more than a fleeting visit to.

Sergeant Michael Porter, Blenheim Police Crime Prevention team

24 hr Police Emergency 111
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.aryouok.org.nz