



Rural Police

October 2019

Welcome to the Spring 2019 edition of the Police Rural Newsletter

Coming Up

Hello from the Marlborough Crime Prevention Team.

This year has gone so fast and we are definitely heading into summer. We are certainly getting busier and everybody wants us to attend an event.

Some of the events we will be involved in are the A&P Show, Crime Prevention week at Bunnings, Blue light Camp at Lake Rotoiti and we will be holding another Unlawful Hunting Operation soon. As we get closer to the festive season and the pressure of summer, please care for one another and take the time to check on those you haven't seen for a while.

Some Incidents of Interest

Theft of Mountain Bike – Recently an American tourist enjoying the back country near the Hodder Stream in the Awatere Valley, had his vehicle broken into. Thieves smashed a window and stole an expensive Mountain Bike.



Russ Smith at the Hodder Bridge

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24 hr Police Emergency Ph 111

24 hr Police Non-Emergency Ph 105

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



Some Incidents of Note

Theft of Livestock - Last month in Selmes Road, Rapaura a semi-tame sheep was stolen from a paddock. It had its throat cut in the paddock and was dragged over two fences to get to a private access-way where the offenders are believed to have left in a vehicle.

Burglary south of Seddon – Among other things this Yamaha RW80 (below) was taken.



Burglary of a Rapaura rural address – This 2011 250cc KTM motorcycle was stolen (below).



Driving Complaints – Seddon We are following up with some young people after receiving complaints about the way they have been driving around Seddon.

Firearms Burglaries - In mid July an implement shed on a Springlands rural property, which contained a firearms cabinet, was targeted by burglars. Our Scene of Crime Officer's inspection of the scene revealed that the firearms cabinet was farcical, with sub-standard plywood door and sides, light hinges and a light-weight padlock. This made it easy for the burglar and of course those firearms are now available to the criminal community.

Not long afterwards another burglary of a rural property near Blenheim resulted in 3 firearms being stolen as well.

This should be a timely reminder - Everybody with firearms should ensure that their firearm security is adequate. Don't have it on your conscience that your firearms have been stolen and are in the hands of criminals!

I updated my Firearms cabinet recently and brought a new one that was larger and more solid than my last one. I brought it online from Auckland and it was delivered to my front door within about 3 days. It was an easy transaction and the reassurance of having a purpose-built, solid cabinet gives me confidence that my firearms are unlikely to be stolen.



Incidents of Note (continued)

Firearms Burglaries (continued) - *One important factor however, a firearms safe must be fitted correctly and locked.*

I was involved in the seizing of firearms from a rural property owner recently. The owner's firearms cabinet was not locked, not attached to the wall and one of the three firearms in it was loaded with the bolt in the rifle!

You can have the best firearms cabinet in the world but to keep its contents safe you must lock it, and ensure it is securely bolted to the wall. Never leave firearms loaded and remove bolts and store them separately.

If you have any information that may help the Police investigate any of the above matters, you can call Police on the non-emergency number, 105 (ten-five), use 'online reporting' on the Police website at www.police.govt.nz or ring Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111 and pass the information anonymously. You can also call at your closest Police Station and pass on the information.

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Woolshed Meeting - 29th July - Camden

I'd had this idea for a while, but it took a bit of planning to get going and when I suggested it to Beverley Pitts she took the opportunity to help us plan this and hosted the event enthusiastically. She was ably supported by her husband Alan and also by Mary Satterthwaite.

We held our first woolshed meeting and as you can see from the poster below, it was designed to advertise the event which was held at Mt Gladstone farm in the upper Awatere Valley.

Woolshed Meeting - 29th July 2019
11am to 4pm

For residents of -
Upper Awatere Valley from Blairich. Including Medway to Molesworth.

SPEAKERS
Steve MURRIN - Marlborough Roads
Braeden LOBB - Marlborough Roads and HEBs
Police Crime Prevention Team - Marlborough
Katrina FLYNN - Wairarapa Hospital
Alan JOHNSON - MDC
Ross BEECH - MDC
Steve SATTERTHWAITE - Local Farmer
John LEGGETT - Mayor MDC
Stuart SMITH - MP
Alisa CAREY - REAP
Geoff EVANS - Councillor MDC
Gerald HOPE - Councillor MDC

Hosts - Bev PITTS and Mary SATTERTHWAITE

Mt Gladstone
Rapid No. 5911 Awatere Valley Rd



Woolshed Meeting - 29th July - Camden

We all wanted to meet the farmers and residents from the upper Awatere area and we offered to deliver information on topics they chose. Bev also came up with the other speakers to help address matters that the community had questions about. District Council and others contributed to this. We also wanted to listen to what the community had to say.

We found the interaction valuable and we were able to test and resolve an issue around radio communications with the Molesworth Station the next day after it had been raised at the meeting. We would not have known about this if it had not been for the meeting. That is just one example of what was achieved.

The feedback from that community has been wholly positive and they suggested that it becomes a regular fixture.

We are keen to repeat the idea in other rural Marlborough communities and we're currently looking for another Woolshed to hold the next meeting in.

Unlawful Hunters

With our approach to people unlawfully hunting, we work closely with our Kaikoura Police staff. We share resources and information. Our Police officers in Kaikoura have had a successful unlawful hunting prosecution down that way recently.

Three men were fined \$7,000 between them for unlawfully shooting two deer in the Hundalee area. They were caught offending in March this year. One of the men admitted shooting the deer but all three were involved in the act in some capacity. The shooter also had his firearm confiscated.

A great result and a clear message sent.

The Kaikoura staff are also actively investigating another incident. We hope that has a positive result as well.

Out & About



Amy & friends



Patrolling Marfell's Beach area

Leighton & local, Clarence Valley



Leighton in Awatere Valley



Out & About



Amy in the Awarere valley

Firearms Buy Back

The firearms project continues apace – The amnesty is ending soon, the last date is the 20th of December 2019.

If you own a now-prohibited firearm and have yet to either notify online or complete the hand-in, you really need to do so now.

Thanks to those of you who have already done this.

Useful Gun Buy Back Info – The last date for possessing newly classified Unlawful Weapons is the 20th of December 2019. Please don't leave it to the last minute. Take the opportunity to get it sorted before then.

Amnesty - An amnesty on possession of **prohibited firearms**, parts, and magazines will run until the 20th of December 2019. Police encourage any person in possession of a prohibited firearm to safely secure it and notify Police by completing the online form, or calling 0800 311 311.

The amnesty period includes the ability for firearms holders to anonymously hand in any firearms, no questions asked. These firearms will be destroyed and are not eligible for buy-back.

The amnesty allows time for you to hand over prohibited firearms even if you no longer hold a valid firearms licence. You may also hand in non-prohibited firearms if you no longer wish to have them in your possession.

During the amnesty period it is not an offence to possess firearms that are newly prohibited, but you cannot use them.



Firearms Buy Back (continued...)

Firearms Buy Back dates & venues in the Tasman Police District are:

Tasman (updated 11 Oct 2019)		
Covers Nelson, West Coast (includes Haast) and Marlborough areas, (including Kaikoura).		
DATE	COLLECTION EVENT LOCATION	HOURS
Fri 11 Oct	Fox Glacier Community Centre , 45 Cook Flat Road, Fox Glacier	10am - 2pm
Sat 12 Oct	Seaview Lodge , Seaview Hill Road, Hokitika	11am - 4pm
Sun 13 Oct	Cobden League Club Rooms , Hill Quay, Cobden, Greymouth	11am - 4.30pm
Sat 19 Oct <i>updated</i>	Redwoodtown Community Centre , Cnr Cleghorn & Weld Street, Blenheim	10am - 3pm
Sun 20 Oct	Hope Hall , SH 6, Hope, Nelson	12pm - 5pm
Thu 24 Oct	Hope Hall , SH 6, Hope, Nelson	5pm - 8pm
Fri 25 Oct	Hope Hall , SH 6, Hope, Nelson	5pm - 8pm
Sun 3 Nov	Hope Hall , SH 6, Hope, Nelson	9am - 2pm
Mon 4 Nov	Hope Hall , SH 6, Hope, Nelson	9am - 2pm
Tue 5 Nov	Hope Hall , SH 6, Hope, Nelson	9am - 2pm
Sat 9 Nov	Kaikoura Harness Club , South Beach, Kaikoura	10am - 2pm
Sun 10 Nov <i>updated</i>	Redwoodtown Community Centre , Cnr Cleghorn & Weld Street, Blenheim	10am - 3pm

Thinking about applying for the Police? – go to: www.newcops.co.nz and get the answers you need at 'Chat Cops' before you apply.

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Mental Health

I've added this as Mental Health was a topic we spoke about at the Woolshed meeting in the Awatere Valley.

Here is an extract from an article in our Police staff newsletter. It was created for Mental Health Awareness week and contains information that may surprise you – especially how often we are engaged with mental health patients.

Mental Health Awareness Week has been and gone - but for Police mental health awareness is every day of every week.

Frontline staff dealt with an average 88 people with mental health issues and attempted or threatened suicides every day last financial year. Usually two staff attend, but sometimes it's more. Estimates are that mental distress accounts for at least 150 hours of Police time every day. When people are at risk they call the Police. Our role is to make people feel safe. When someone is experiencing mental distress they, and often their families, don't feel safe. It can be very scary for families. Most people in a crisis just need to be listened to.

While people experiencing mental health issues are taken into custody only as a last resort, Christchurch has a registered mental health nurse in the custody suite 24/7. Not only do the nurses help deal with those in distress, they also provide training and advice to Police Public Safety Teams. The arrangement is the most visible sign of the relationship with the local district health board and its mental health service.

Sadly it's a growth industry, as well as an increasingly complex one. Every Police District now has a senior manager who holds the Mental Health liaison portfolio. In the short to medium term we absolutely need to recognise what we are dealing with, equip ourselves as well as we can, and treat people in mental distress as we would want our own family members treated.

Here are some numbers which attest to the growth in demand for Police. Since 2006 '1M' (mental distress) calls to Police have increased by an average seven percent a year, and '1X' (attempted or threatened suicide) calls by an average nine percent a year. Police attendance rates have increased by four percent and nine percent respectively.

Last year (2018/19) Police received 31,551 '1M' and 23,225 '1X' calls. Of those, 37,864 required Police attendance (12,142 '1M' and 19,873 '1X').

In the longer term, the objective is fewer mental health-related calls for service and attendance, less police resource required to resolve each incident and fewer people being detained at stations for mental health assessments. When police are involved, the objective is better outcomes and increased trust and confidence.

In Marlborough Sergeant Porter is the liaison between Mental Health Management and Police. Since we have been working together with the Marlborough Mental Health management team we have seen improved outcomes for our shared clients and a better understanding of each other's roles. It is tough and complex dealing with Mental Health clients but it is something we expect to do regularly and strive to give the best service we can every shift.



WISE WORDS

“There’s no harm in hoping for the best as long as you’re prepared for the worst.”

Stephen King



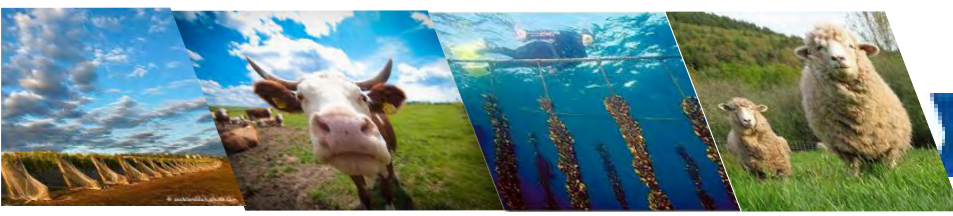
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Awatere Memorial Hall Opening - 15th September

What a great effort from all those involved in getting the brilliant new Awatere Hall completed. It’s fantastic that such a valuable community resource and hub for the community is available again.

Leighton Russell and I, had great help running a Police PCT (Physical Competency Test) course at the opening. Several youths from the Seddon Youth Group helped us set up and run the course. Some of them are pictured here.





Awatere Hall Opening (continued)

The course had been modified for young people to use it. It consisted of – a short run, zig-zag's around cones, jumping a gap, walking along a right-angle balance beam, leaping a beam, going under two low obstacles, climbing a six-foot high wall, climbing a higher wire fence, climbing through a 'mock' window and carrying some heavy weights over a distance.

We saw great technique and determination shown by those who tried it. Many parents were pleased to see their young people making several attempts at the course and burning off energy, assuring their parents of a quiet evening and some sound sleeping.



Two young participants going through the 'window' as part of the Police PCT course at the Awatere Memorial Hall Opening event.



Constables Senior and White, our Police Dog handlers, were also there to talk to people about Police Dogs. Their presentation was well received by a large crowd of interested people.

Did you know there is another hall of a similar name – It is called the '**Awatere War Memorial Hall**,' and is in Marangairoa about 10km south of Te Araroa. It sits on Te Whanau a Hinerupe's Awatere Marae. There is also an **Awatere River** that runs past the Marae. (See the maps below & right)





AP Marlborough A&P Show 8th-9th November 2019

We will be there again this year. It will be a busy week and weekend for us as some of the team are working at the 'Gun Buy Back' at Picton and Kaikoura the Saturday and Sunday as well!



Police site at the Marlborough A & P Show in November 2018

Our Prevention Team really enjoy catching up with the Marlborough Rural community at the A & P Show. It's an opportunity for people to 'pick our brains,' and a chance to talk through issues and problems, solutions and successes.

It's also a great opportunity for our Police team to engage with people we haven't met yet, and to let them know we're there to help and how they can contact us.



Senior Constable MacKenzie meets a visitor to the Police site at the A & P Show in 2018



Signage

While I was in deepest Southland recently I noticed this sign in a rural area. It's large and can't be missed.



I'm exploring how they achieved getting it (funding etc). I wonder if it's an option for us in Marlborough? I have contacted the Tuatapere Police to find out more.

Remembrance Day

The Marlborough Police Remembrance Day parade was held again this year on Friday the 27th of September as it was the last working day before the official Remembrance Day on Sunday the 29th.

It was an opportunity not only to remember the officers killed in the line of duty, but to recognise Police staff achievements during the year. Along with parading Police staff, the Mayor, President of the Marlborough RSA, Senior Air Force staff, retired Police members and family members attended.



The Huia feather pin (pictured) is worn by officers as a sign of remembrance. This pin commemorates those police officers who have been slain while carrying out their duty. Considered 'tapu' or sacred by Maori, the wearing of the Huia tail feather as ornamentation is considered a great honour. The tail plumage of the Huia bird, now also lost to us, is extremely special. You will see the Police chevron is included in the Huia tail feather, and there is a small cut at the top, which signifies and communicates the honour and loss of someone special to Police.



Remembrance Day (continued...)

On 29 September each year police Remembrance Day is held for serving and former Police staff who died during the previous twelve months. This date is the feast day of the Archangel Michael, patron saint of police.

Police officers killed by criminal acts while performing their official duties are remembered in the Roll of Honour read out at each Service. Their service and commitment to the New Zealand Police is remembered and honoured.



Huia e!
Huia tangata kotahi.
He tōtara kua hinga.



The feather of the huia,
for someone special.
One dearly departed.

The Police Remembrance Roll of Honour:



**Constable
Neil McLeod**
Constable No 91
Died: 30 July 1890
Age: 44
Stationed: Dargaville
Shot dead while aboard the steamer 'Minnie Casey' at Mangawhare Wharf.



**Sergeant
John Patrick
Hackett McGuire**
Sergeant No 674
Died: 14 April 1910
Age: 42
Stationed: Wellington
Shot at Palmerston North on 10 April 1910 and later died in Palmerston North Hospital.



**Constable
John Doyle**
Constable No 963
Died: 5 February 1913
Age: 35
Stationed: Shannon
Assaulted at Shannon on 1 February 1913 and later died in Palmerston North Hospital.



**Constable
Vivian Dudding**
Constable No 2030
Died: 6 October 1919
Age: 32
Stationed: Wellington
Shot while attending a family harm incident, and later died in Wellington Hospital.



**Constable
James Dorgan**
Constable No 1764
Died: 27 August 1921
Age: 37
Stationed: Timaru
Shot dead while attending a shop burglary.



**Constable
Thomas Heeps**
Constable No 1582
Died: 21 October 1934
Age: 50
Stationed: Matamata
Shot near Morrinsville on 20 October 1934 and later died in Waikato Hospital.



Remembrance Day (continued...)



**Constable
James Butler**
Constable No 3204
Died: 2 January 1938
Age: 29
Stationed: Dunedin

Attacked and beaten while trying to control an offender in the Dunedin Police cells and died in hospital eight days later.



**Constable
Frederick William Jordan**
Constable No 3526
Died: 8 October 1941
Age: 26
Stationed: Hokitika

Shot dead at Koiterangi while attempting to seize firearms.



**Constable
Percy Campbell Tulloch**
Constable No 3039
Died: 8 October 1941
Age: 35
Stationed: Hokitika

Shot dead at Koiterangi while attempting to seize firearms.



**Sergeant
William Cooper**
Sergeant No 2209
Died: 8 October 1941
Age: 43
Stationed: Hokitika

Shot dead at Koiterangi while attempting to seize firearms.



**Constable
Edward Mark Best**
Constable No 2364
Died: 11 October 1941
Age: 42
Stationed: Kaniere

Shot at Koiterangi while attempting to seize firearms and later died in Westland Hospital.



**Traffic Officer
John Kehoe**
Traffic Officer No 36
Died: 31 January 1949
Age: 24
Stationed: Whakatāne

Shot dead after stopping a speeding vehicle.



**Sergeant
William Shore Hughes**
Sergeant No 2691
Died: 27 May 1951
Age: 48
Stationed: Ōtaki

Shot dead while attending an armed incident.



**Constable
Louis Hekenui Bidois**
Constable No 4633
Died: 24 May 1955
Age: 56
Stationed: Te Whaiti

Beaten while trying to control two offenders.



**Detective Sergeant
Neville Wilson Power,
QPM**
Detective Sergeant No 2839
Died: 6 January 1963
Age: 25
Stationed: Auckland

Shot dead at Bethell's Road, Waitakere, while attending an armed incident.



**Detective Inspector
Wallace Chalmers, QPM**
Detective Inspector No 3664
Died: 6 January 1963
Age: 46
Stationed: Auckland

Shot dead at Bethell's Road, Waitakere, while attending an armed incident.



Remembrance Day (continued...)



Constable James Thomas Richardson
Constable No 4321
Died: 3 February 1963
Age: 24
Stationed: Lower Hutt
Shot dead while attending a family harm incident.



Constable Bryan Leslie Schultz
Constable No 3809
Died: 3 February 1963
Age: 21
Stationed: Lower Hutt
Shot dead while attending a family harm incident.



Constable Donald Richard Stokes
Constable No 4699
Died: 15 August 1966
Age: 23
Stationed: Dunedin
Injured in the cells at Dunedin Central Police Station and later died in Dunedin Hospital



Detective Constable Ronald Bernard Hill
Constable No 5260
Died: 25 May 1969
Age: 22
Stationed: Palmerston North
Killed by a drunk, unlicensed driver in an unwarranted and unregistered car.



Sergeant Gilbert Peter Arcus
Sergeant No 2950
Died: 4 February 1970
Age: 44
Stationed: Tauranga
Assaulted while attempting to take a person into custody and later died in Tauranga Hospital.



Constable Peter William Murphy
Constable No 5052
Died: 25 September 1976
Age: 21
Stationed: Invercargill
Shot while attending a burglary and later died in Southland Hospital.



Traffic Officer Barry Yorston Gibson
Traffic Officer No 1395
Died: 13 June 1977
Age: 32
Stationed: New Plymouth
Assaulted on 6 June 1977 and later died in Taranaki Base Hospital.



Traffic Officer Robin Jamieson Dudding, GM
Traffic Officer No 1351
Died: 7 April 1986
Age: 44
Stationed: Rotorua
Kidnapped at Lake Rotoiti and later shot dead.



Senior Constable Peter Morris Umbers, GM
Senior Constable No 4601
Died: 27 May 1990
Age: 35
Stationed: Ranfurly
Beaten to death after stopping a robbery suspect.



Sergeant Stewart Graeme Guthrie, GC
Sergeant No 5024
Died: 13 November 1990
Age: 41
Stationed: Port Chalmers
Shot dead at Aramoana, near Dunedin, during an attempt to arrest a multiple murderer.



Constable Glenn Arthur McKibbin
Constable No D717
Died: 21 April 1996
Age: 25
Stationed: Hastings
Shot during a routine traffic stop in Flaxmere and died on the way to hospital.



Constable Lester Murray Stretch
Constable No G083
Died: 26 May 1999
Age: 38
Stationed: Mangakino
Beaten to death while attempting to arrest a suspected burglar.



Remembrance Day (continued...)



**Detective Constable
Duncan John Taylor, NZBM**
Detective Constable No F272
Died: 5 July 2002
Age: 39
Stationed: Palmerston North

Shot dead at Rongotea, near Feilding, while attempting to stop a person regarding a property offence.



**Sergeant
Derek Michael Wootton**
Sergeant No G092
Died: 11 July 2008
Age: 52
Stationed: Porirua

Struck by a fleeing vehicle and fatally injured while deploying road spikes.



**Sergeant
Don Wilkinson**
Sergeant No I417
Died: 11 September 2008
Age: 46
Stationed: Auckland

Shot dead at Mangere, near Auckland, while undertaking a covert operation.



**Senior Constable
Leonard Snee**
Senior Constable No 5766
Died: 7 May 2009
Age: 53
Stationed: Napier

Shot dead while carrying out a search warrant.

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Wrap Up

Once again our team would like to thank all of you within our rural communities who have had contact with us, sought our advice or help, and who have supported us in our engagement with the people of Marlborough. It's always a priviledged to have been able to get out and about and catch up with you all.

We feel fortunate to do the job that we do and it's the people we deal with every day who make the job worthwhile.

Be kind to your neighbours, look after each other and stay safe out there.



Sgt Mike Porter



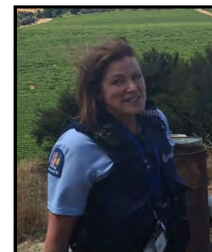
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