



Rural Police

July 2019

Welcome to the second 2019 edition of the Police Rural Newsletter

Cool Change

We've well and truly felt the effects of winter now and it's timely to remind you that caution is required if you're driving in winter conditions. Areas of road that are shaded throughout the day, and those near water are prone to ice, and in some cases, black ice which is difficult to spot. Keep the speed down, keep steering movements smooth and avoid heavy acceleration and braking. Clear your windows before driving off and keep your headlights on in dull or low-light conditions. Stay safe out there!

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Emergency contacts

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

Vineyard Crime - This month Police have received complaints relating to a series of thefts from Vineyards.

Thieves have been targeting the diesel fuel for frost fans. Over 1500 litres of fuel has been syphoned from the fuel tanks next to a number of the fans. Also one vineyard has been the subject of wilful damage to vehicles and sprayers.

A mini farm trailer-tanker was also taken from a vineyard. It may be identifiable as it is old, yellow and rusty, but unfortunately there are no photos of it.

Vineyards targeted by criminals so far have been at the Delta Lakes area in Wairau Valley, Tyntesfield in the Waihopai Valley and Ben Morven in Hawkesbury.

If you have any information about these incidents, or you know who may be involved, please pass the information to Police by phoning the non-emergency line, ten-five (105), go online to [105.police.govt.nz](https://www.105.police.govt.nz) or phone Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111.

Other Snippets

Unlawful Hunters 23 - 24 Feb – The Police Prevention team have been dealing with unlawful hunters in the Awatere since February.

Three unlawful hunters were seen on the property concerned. One has appeared in court so far and was fined \$3,500. A second man is going through the court process now. We are still working on identifying the third person. We will let you know if there is any update.

Of the two men we have identified so far, neither has a firearms licence and they were seen with firearms. One of the upsetting aspects of this unlawful hunting investigation was that a deer was left with a severely injured leg after it had been shot and left suffering. The landowner had to put the animal down the next day.

The property owners did a great job of reporting the incident straight away. They were proactive and provided photographs of the hunters and their vehicle.

Constable Bryant is in charge of this prosecution and follow-up enquiry.



Constable Bryant with the land-owners

Suspicious Behaviour - We have been dealing with disturbing behaviour in the Renwick Domain over the past couple of months. A male was seen lurking around the women's toilets in the early hours of the morning. He actually entered the toilets while a woman was using them. He then fled the area.



Community Working Together

Back in April, the residents in Moetapu Bay area were getting frequent visitors that were upsetting residents with their poor behaviour.



On a Friday night about 8.30pm a resident was walking on the road, heading down to see the glow worms in the bush nearby. A car full of people driving erratically and flashing their lights roared past towards the end of the road.

Some of the group were later found near a property acting suspiciously but were sent on their way by the locals.

Our advice given to the Moetapu Community was:

"Don't hesitate to ring 111 if you are in immediate danger or fear that this will escalate. The Havelock and Picton Police staff covering your area at night would make an assessment on how they react. They are often working late shift to 11pm and beyond. The Picton staff on a Thursday Friday until 2am, but in an emergency they will respond at any time.

The other important thing to do is record registration numbers and descriptions. When passed to Police these can be followed up after the incident sending a clear message to those causing the problem that the locals will not tolerate their behaviour and will report it to Police. The fear of getting caught is often the biggest deterrent.

Remember, don't do anything that puts you in danger. Ensure your safety and the neighbour's safety first. Be subtle in recording the registration numbers of vehicles and descriptions. If you can photograph the activity safely you can do so, but ensure that safety comes first."

This advice applies to everyone in rural areas. Use your networks to ensure your safety and share information.



New Neighbourhood Support Coordinator



Karen MacKenzie has recently taken on the role of coordinating the Neighbourhood Support network in Marlborough. Please feel free to contact Karen if you are a member of a rural neighbourhood support group and have questions, or if you'd like to know more about starting a neighbourhood support group.

Here's an extract from the Neighbourhood Support newsletter that Karen recently published:

"We've had some changes recently which is why you haven't heard from us in a while. We were very sorry to say goodbye to former Marlborough Neighbourhood Support Coordinator, Sharaine, in February. She's done an amazing job for the past three years and we will miss her! And I'd like to introduce myself as the new coordinator - I've been in the job for a month now, and am enjoying getting to know everyone. I took this role as I am especially interested in using neighbourhood support to help us be prepared as a neighbourhood in an emergency. Having lived in Christchurch through both the September 2010 and February 2011 earthquakes and our recent earthquakes, I have seen the differences between being in a well-connected area during an emergency and one where no-one really knows each other. I am very lucky to be a part of a well-connected street, so know and appreciate the value of having support from my neighbours. I hope you all feel like this about your area too!

How Can We Help

Get in touch if there is anything we can do to support your neighbourhood group—it doesn't have to be related to an event! We can help out with something as simple setting up a group email to make it easier to stay in touch with the people in your street! We have stickers and street signs if yours are broken or faded or you'd like an extra few in your street. If you'd like to set up a street support system in case of an emergency or natural event, we can help you with that too!

Just email neighbourhood.support@marlborough.govt.nz or call 027 300 9958."



Reporting to Police

Just a reminder that the new process for reporting non-emergency matters to Police is via the ten-five number (105). See below for more information:

Ten-five (105) and Non-Emergency Contact



105 is the number for Police non-emergencies. 111 is the emergency number for Police, Fire and Ambulance.

To help keep New Zealand as safe as possible we've introduced a new way to contact Police for non-emergencies: call 105.

Until now people either called their local Police station or they called 111 if they wanted to get hold of Police. Quite often people called 111 just because they wanted to talk to someone even if the matter wasn't urgent.





Reporting to Police

You can call us to report things that have already happened that don't need urgent Police assistance. You can use [105.police.govt.nz](https://www.police.govt.nz) to report:

- Theft in a public place
- Theft from a car
- Intentional property damage
- Shoplifting
- Lost property

Or to get an update on a report already made or add information to an existing report.

USE 105 FOR POLICE NON-EMERGENCIES

Important: Use **Google Chrome** or the **latest version of Safari** to complete this report. When using a tablet or smartphone to access the online reporting tool, a Wi-Fi connection may provide the best performance.

If you are using the online tool for the first time, and experiencing a loading issue, we suggest that you refresh.

If you need to talk to us about something else then you can call 105. The number is available from both mobile and landline phone. It's a free nationwide service available day and night for New Zealanders and overseas visitors.

Always call 111 in an emergency such as:

- When a crime is happening now – and the offenders are still there or just left
- Someone's in danger or badly injured
- There's a serious risk to human life or property
- You see a major public hazard, like trees blocking a road

Some private, corporate or government agencies have their own private telephone systems and these will require a change to allow the number 105 to be dialled. In this instance please call 0800 105 105.

You can also report anything in person at your local Police station.

What's the best way to contact the Police?

Call 111 if

- ***There is a fire of any sort***
- ***You need an ambulance because someone is seriously hurt***
- ***Someone is breaking into your house right now***
- ***There is car accident where people might be hurt, or cars are blocking the road***
- ***Someone has been assaulted and the offender is still there***
- ***You are afraid for your safety and or for those around you***
- ***You need an emergency Police response***

Call 105 if

- ***Your car has been stolen***
- ***You suspect a scam***
- ***You suspect drug dealing***
- ***Your shop has been broken into***
- ***Your house has been burgled (if you think the burglar may still be in your home, do not go inside - contact Police immediately by calling 111)***



Reporting to Police (continued...)

Use [105.police.govt.nz](https://www.police.govt.nz) for things like

- Your bike has been stolen from the park
- Someone has put graffiti on your wall
- You've lost your wallet or phone
- Your handbag was stolen at the library
- Someone broke your car window
- If you are a retailer and someone has shoplifted
- If someone has done a petrol drive off
- If you want to add information to your existing Police report

Call 0800 105 105

- if you can't get through on your landline or mobile to 105 for any reason

Call *555 (mobile phone only)

- For urgent but not life-threatening traffic matters that don't need an emergency Police response
- Continuous poor driving
- Traffic congestion, breakdowns and obstructions on the highway

*555 is not intended to take the place of the 111 emergency number. Always call 111 in an emergency.

*555 calls are answered with less priority than 111 calls.

Recruiting

We recently attended 2 Careers events. One at stadium 2000 and the other at the Marlborough Girls College.

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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Recruiting (continued...)

In my day it was unusual for anybody to be older than about 25 years old when they joined the Police and they even had Police cadets that were under 18 years old when joining.

In fact a 27 year old I trained with was given the nickname (and still has it to this day) as 'Gerry' – short for geriatric.

Times have changed – recently a recruit aged 55 graduated from the police college, her children had become Police officers before her and it was always something she wanted to do.

It is not unusual for a grandmother or grandfather to join these days. Times have certainly changed.

Pig Hunting Competition

Woody Pig and Deer Hunt Queens Birthday weekend 2019 – The Woodbourne Tavern supported our idea to publicize the information below. The weekend usually goes off without a hitch but we just want to reiterate the safety and respect aspect. Good on the Woody!



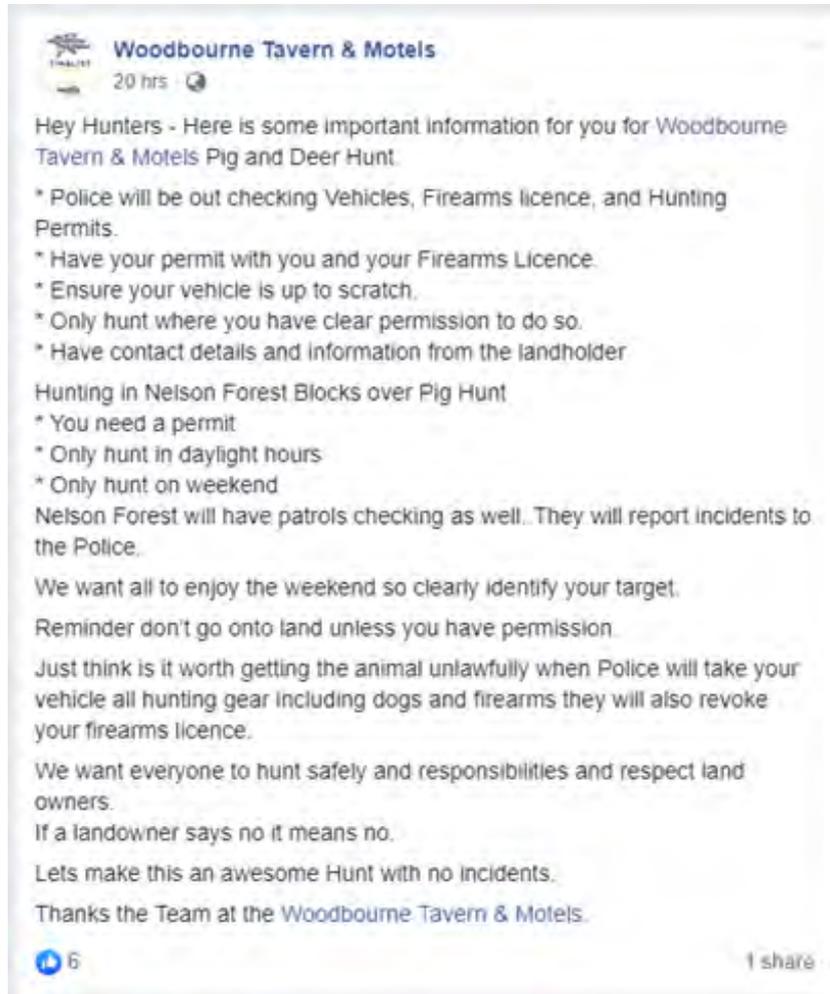
We want the hunting community to realise that they must respect land owners rights and adhere to the law. We have no problem with people hunting and are hunters ourselves – but we want everybody to be safe and do it lawfully. We were actively patrolling rural areas for unlawful hunters. We checked hunting permits and firearms licences. We also attended the weigh-in on Sunday.

We were pleased with the way that hunters involved in the competition conducted themselves again this year, well done Stacey and Rowan from the Woodbourne Tavern.

Stacey and Rowan also displayed our unlawful hunting signs at the tavern in the build-up to the hunt.



To be Proactive around the period of the hunt and beyond we passed this crime prevention information: Below is a copy of the Facebook message I asked The Woodbourne Tavern management to post prior to the hunting competition.



Unlawful Hunting (again)

After the good behaviour of the Pig Hunt competitors we are disappointed by others reverting to old habits. We are actively investigating two more unlawful hunting episodes in the Northbank area. We have also followed up with a person entering properties in the Waihopai Valley without permission. We discovered he was possuming without landowner permission.

At the request of the landowners he was trespassed and given a formal warning (this time for unlawful hunting – he won't get a second chance).



We did it this way instead of prosecution because he was given information about how he could get permission and hunt lawfully, which he did the next day. He was given a concession to hunt possums in the Northbank on DOC land. Good way of protecting our native trees and bird life.

Thank you DOC.



Community Patrol



We have had our local Community Patrol Group out in our rural areas in the evenings on a Friday or Saturday night. They are a volunteer patrol group that is affiliated to Community Patrols New Zealand, an incorporated trust that has a Memorandum of Understanding with Police. These patrollers act as 'eyes and ears' for Police with a focus on crime prevention and safety.

The local patrollers undergo a comprehensive vetting and training regime before being allowed to engage in patrols and generally patrol in the evenings and through into the small hours of the morning. They record their activity and observations and sign on and off with Police Comms via the Police radio system. They have a sign-written, fully appointed patrol vehicle.

They will report offending, suspicious behaviour, and anything that appears to need Police attention, but are trained not to intervene.



The Blenheim Community Patrol vehicle at Seddon

They are an extra set of eyes and ears for Police in areas Police can't cover when committed to other tasks. We have also had them assist us in putting flyers in letterboxes warning people of a crime trend or recent behaviour in an area.

Forewarned is forearmed – great Prevention.

If you have an interest in volunteering for a role as a patroller for the local Community Patrol, contact Brent Laurenson on cellphone 022 011 5403, or check out their Facebook page -

www.facebook.com/blenheimcommunitypatrol/



Weekend patrol at Taylor pass - Awatere Valley Road

Firearms Buyback

Firearms Collection Locations:

Subsequent to the changes in firearms legislation as a result of recent law reform, Police have arranged collection points on dates and times shown here (see yellow bracketed areas to the right). If you have prohibited firearms to surrender, check out the list. To find out more, go to:

www.police.govt.nz/advice/firearms-and-safety/changes-firearms-law-prohibited-firearms

Date	Local Collection Point	Address	Operating hours
19 July 2019	Fox Glacier Community Centre	45 Cook Flat Road, Fox Glacier	9am - 12pm
20 July 2019 (updated)	Hokitika - Seaview Lodge	Seaview Hill Road	10am - 2pm
21 July 2019	Greymouth - Cobden League Club	Hill Quay, Cobden, Greymouth	9am - 12:30pm
28 July 2019	Picton - Endeavour Park	181 Waikawa Road, Picton	9am - 12:30pm
29 July 2019	Kaikoura Harness Club	South Beach, Kaikoura	9am - 12:30pm
3 August 2019	Blenheim - Waterlea Race track	McLauchlan Street, Blenheim	11am - 2:30pm
4 August 2019	Richmond - Hope Hall	Ranzau Road, Hope, Richmond	9am - 2pm
10 August 2019	Motueka - to be confirmed	To be confirmed	To be confirmed
11 August 2019	East Takaka Community Hall	416 East Takaka Road, Takaka	11am - 2pm
17 August 2019	Havelock - Pelorus Pavilion	Neil Street, Havelock	10:30am - 1:30pm
18 August 2019	Murchison - Emergency Centre	102 Waller Street, Murchison	11am - 2pm
19 August 2019	Richmond - Hope Hall	Ranzau Road, Hope, Richmond	9am - 2 pm
24 August 2019	Reefton Race Course	7830 Racecourse Road, Reefton	12:30pm - 3pm
25 August 2019	Westport Racing Club	15 Derby Street, Westport	10am - 12:30pm
7 September 2019	Hokitika - to be confirmed	To be confirmed	To be confirmed
8 September 2019	Greymouth - Cobden League Club	Hill Quay, Cobden, Greymouth	9am - 12:30pm
10 September 2019	Motueka - to be confirmed	To be confirmed	To be confirmed
14 September 2019	Waterlea Race track	McLauchlan Street, Blenheim	11am - 2:30pm
15 September 2019	Richmond - Hope Hall	Ranzau Road, Hope, Richmond	9am - 2pm
16 September 2019	Picton Endeavour Park	181 Waikawa Road, Picton	12:00pm - 4pm
21 September 2019	Okuru Community Hall	1350 Haast Jacksons Bay Road, Haast	9am - 12pm
23 September 2019	Murchison - Emergency Centre	102 Waller Street, Murchison	11am - 2pm



2019 Kiwi Brevette

Constable Brett Burns tells us about the challenge.



It's March 2018, my brother phones from Wellington and says "You have 52 weeks to train for the Karapoti Classic as we are both doing it".

Let me explain:

The Karapoti Classic is a 50km Mountain Bike race in the Akatarawa ranges. It can only be described as brutal in Mountain biking terms for the average weekend Mountain biker. I have been lucky enough (or stupid enough) to have completed it twice, the last of which was 12 years ago.

I have a long history of cycling both on and off road but had not turned the pedals over on a bicycle for 10 years so my immediate response was a rather expletive laden... "NO thank you, been there done that." Too late however as he had sown a seed that rapidly began sprout in my brain. 24 hours later I phoned him to say, "I am in."

So the old cycling legs began to turn again preparing for the March 2019 event, with the added incentive of riding against my super competitive younger brother. Fast forward to 2nd February 2019 and I am at Seymour Square for the start of the Kiwi Brevette. This is not a race, but a cycling adventure over 750km or 1100km on a mixture of tar seal, gravel and trails through mostly rural Marlborough, Nelson and Canterbury. I chose the 750km version. You must finish within 9 days but no quicker than 4 (yeah right) if you are up to it. Just to make it real, if the distant doesn't sound daunting, the ride is self-supported so you carry everything; i.e., food, tools, tent, clothing etc. Normal bike weight is 12kgs, now weighing 30kgs fully loaded.

Day one: Was a test of the mind, soul and fitness as I planned to make it to Pelorus Bridge via Rarangi, Port Underwood, Picton then tackle the Queen Charlotte Drive through to Havelock and a final push to Pelorus Bridge (118km). Reality struck me 50km in, somewhere near Oyster Bay before the steep climb up Whatamango Saddle. I was a broken man suffering from bad leg cramps through a lack of hydration on a very hot day... and I was not even half-way through day one. The only option was to suck it up, keep pedalling and drink more fluids.



Port Underwood



2019 Kiwi Brevette (continued...)

Picton finally arrived and so did the local bakery. A pie, a cold drink and a push on to Havelock, feeling better but still battling cramp. A quick dinner and more fluids at Havelock and I made Pelorus Bridge after 7.5 hours in the saddle. The first night in a tent didn't result in much sleep, even though I was exhausted as my pained body kept me awake.

Day two: Pelorus to Rai Valley for a cooked breakfast at the Brick Oven Cafe (they cook a mean big breakfast which is riding fuel)... then on to Harvey Bay, Tuna Bay and Penzance Bay. After Penzance it was off-road on the trail through to Elaine Bay, skirting Tennyson Inlet. The single track was pure pleasure after 2 big climbs but heat was an issue again. A quick rest and drink in Elaine Bay then onto Okiwi Bay, but there was a massive hill in the way which hurt and the legs were not happy about it.

Suck it up again and push on was the only way... Okiwi Bay arrived and so did iced coffee, a pie, a Memphis Meltdown (all for energy of course) and a Poweraid... Back on the bike and push onto to Rai Valley... but wait, I was back where I started that morning. It mentally messed with you to arrive back at the same point after 100km of riding gruelling hills I have to say. The organizers way of playing mind games eh.

A late lunch at Rai Valley and push onto Nelson for the evening. It was a big day at 141km, 5 big hill climbs and 9 hours of turning the pedals. I was spent but feeling a lot better on the bike now. The body had accepted what was going on.

Day three: A cooked breakfast before setting off on a relatively flat riding day via the cycle trails from Nelson to Rabbit Island, catch the ferry across to Mapua, onto Motueka and Riwaka before turning south and following the Motueka West Bank River road (the day before the fires), then on to Wakefield via Dovedale road (gravel) for the night. It was another big day at 138km and very hot but reasonably flat so I was feeling okay. Into the local supermarket to buy 2 days' worth of food as no shops between Wakefield and Hanmer Springs.

Day four: 6am Wakefield Bakery for breakfast then SH6 heading for Spooner's Hill cycle trail which took us through the Spooner's train tunnel, fantastic. Then beside SH6 on the new cycle trail heading for Rainbow Station via Korere Top House Road. Lots of long gentle climbs and they take their toll.

Eventually crossed SH63 and rode into Rainbow Station toll gate where a well-earned lunch break was had. Paid our \$5 toll gate fee and pushed on through Hell's Gate and a climb up to Lake Sedgemere to the DoC Hut for the night.

A 110km day, 7.5hours of riding and 1.8km equivalent of vertical climbing, but surprisingly I was feeling good at the end and what beautiful country it is in the Rainbow, absolutely stunning.



2019 Kiwi Brevette (continued...)



Spooners Rail Tunnel

Day five: Woke to a light and damp Southerly blowing so it was going to be cool and wet. It didn't disappoint, but at least it was only 60km to Hanmer Springs and the hot pools for the day. Lots of corrugations through the whole of the Rainbow Station, perfectly spaced for the bike to hurt your butt. At the top of Island Pass (1200 metres up) it was wet and a temperature of only 4 degrees. Time to put on some warm layers before charging down to St James Hutt and up Jacks Pass into Hanmer Springs. Arriving cold and wet we were now 550km into the 750km adventure. The hot pools were a welcome break followed by a pub meal and a pint. It was 200km back to Blenheim via the Molesworth, mostly on gravel so it was going to be slow. No shops on route for a pie! So buy enough food to last 2 days again. Planning was everything.

Day six: Another early start to beat the heat and straight into nasty climb up Jollies Pass which is very steep... Oh what a way to wake up. Then on to the Acheron Gate and push on to Molesworth Station and the Cob Cottage camp ground for the night. It was a relatively easy 80km day but very dusty and dry. The Molesworth Road is definitely smoother than the Rainbow so it was a welcome relief. We pitched our tents for the night and had an early one as we would be riding by 6am for the last 120km push back to Blenheim.



Isolation Flat

Day seven: Reality hit me about 2am as I hadn't done enough homework on the cooler temperatures at the Molesworth. I woke with the temperature at a freezing negative 1 degree in my tent, even though it was the middle of summer. My sleeping bag is only rated to 6 degrees so yup... I got a little cold on the last night. In the morning one of my riding buddies happily told me that the Molesworth, on average, has 255 frosts a year and last night was one of them. We managed the 6am start but the temperature dropped to minus 2 degrees for the first 2 hours of riding. I could see my hands and feet but certainly couldn't feel them. It was one welcome sunrise in some beautiful countryside, when it finally warmed up.... hands and feet returned to normal.



2019 Kiwi Brevette (continued...)



Camden in the Awaterre Valley - Constable Brett Burns in blue top.

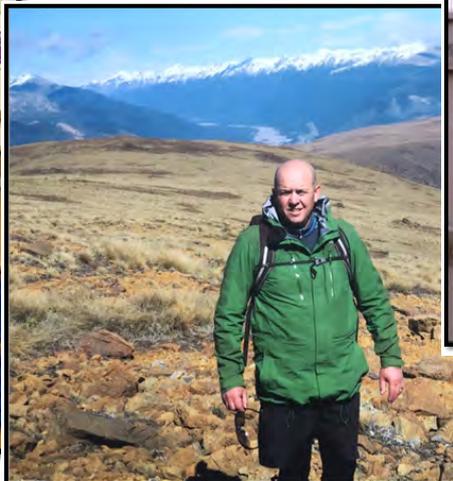
It was a long dusty hot ride (as it warmed up to 30 degrees) down the Awaterre valley then over the Taylor pass on to Seymour Square to finish.

750km after starting it was done. What an adventure with some huge days testing the body and mind but seeing some wonderful countryside and meeting new people in the process. As for my brother's "Karapoti classic race challenge" that started all of this. Let's just say that I was just a little bit fitter than him on the day... but I can't think why!

Prevention Team Out and About



Senior Constable Sean Jones speaks to a Cub Scout group



Senior Constable Leighton MacKenzie, Red Hills, Wairau Valley, Search & Rescue Training



Sergeant Porter & Senior Constable Jones fitting a covert camera at a victim's address



Senior Constable Sean Jones speaking to vineyard owner



Senior Constable Russ Smith at a cordon at Robin Hood Bay



C.A.C.T.U.S. in Seddon

Marlborough Youth Trust – C.A.C.T.U.S (Combined Adolescent Challenge Training Unit and Support) 2019

We are hoping to have the Seddon CACTUS programme coming again soon – it looks like we will have it up and running towards the end of the year.

We are currently organising instructors and Police staff to be involved. Youth in Seddon have already been canvassed. A number have already indicated that they are keen to be involved. We will provide more detail closer to the time.

Some Interesting Facts about CACTUS:

- 1st started on the West Coast in 1998 by a Police Constable.
- 1st started in Marlborough in 2000.
- CACTUS has been in Marlborough at Blenheim, Seddon, Havelock & Picton.
- Just under 1000 students that have been through the programme.
- A fully laden Fire Engine is pulled over a kilometre by CACTUS teams.
- Some students have done the course 3 times they enjoyed it that much!
- It is one of the rare times teenagers get out of bed early without prompting.
- CACTUS staff carry out students bedroom inspections for tidiness!
- The event is held on three mornings a week for a whole school term.
- We supply breakfast every day of the course.
- On the final day – called the 'Longest Day', student's fitness and skills are tested to exhaustion, after which they have a graduation ceremony.





Wrap Up

As always, our team feel privileged to have been able to get out and about and catch up with our Rural Community.

It's refreshing to see how positive our rural people are and the support they show for the local Police Crime Prevention Team.

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



Sgt Mike Porter



S/Const Sean Jones



S/Const Russ Smith



S/Const Leighton MacKenzie



S/Const Amy Bryant