



BLENHEIM COMMUNITY PATROL

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What's been happening...

We have had a very busy and successful year.

Our relationship with the Blenheim Police is continuing to grow in strength and it has been noted many times how thankful they are for an extra set of eyes and ears out helping them patrol the Blenheim community. When we are on patrol for the evening, we will attend the Police handover meetings from the day to the night shifts, this gives the opportunity for any relevant information to be communicated across to the volunteers on patrol.

In August a selection of partrollers went south to Christchurch to spend a morning visiting the Southern Police Communications Centre.

We were shown through the call centre where all the 111 emergency calls are received by extremely competent call takers and then dispatched to the relevant local Police units.

We also got to see the Emergency Operations Centre used for any major incidents and also the local District Command Centre.

All these are housed in the new Law Precinct in a brand new building that is built to maintain operational status in the event of a major emergency or earthquake.

We were very impressed and inspired by what we were shown and are in awe of the ability and professionalism displayed by the Comms call centre staff.

Even when we are off duty and not patrolling in the evening, we are still able to help out at situations if needed.

This happened when a traffic incident happened virtually outside our Community Patrol Chairman, Brent Laurenson's house, he was able to quickly don his hi-vis patrol vest and help implement traffic management procedures to ease the congestion that had occurred due to the accident.



Public Events

We attended the A&P Show this year, we had a stall setup next to the Police stand and had lots of people stopping by and becoming aware of what we do and how we help the community.

We held our annual 'Safer Plates' campaign in conjunction with Bunnings 'Crime Prevention Week'. This campaign aims to reduce the theft of vehicle number plates (which are then used to commit crime), we remove the existing number plate screws and put in new anti theft screws to dissuade the plates from being stolen.

These events are important, we are able to expose what we do and how we do it to members of the public, and is a good platform to be able to recruit new patrol members.

Picton Community Patrol

We are in the process of establishing a new patrol for Picton.

A vehicle has been purchased from a North Island patrol that is upgrading their vehicle and is already down here waiting for our new Picton patrollers to be trained and certified before starting.

While this has been happening, some of our Blenheim patrollers have been patrolling down in Picton on Friday nights in the meantime to build awareness and help out the Picton Police units.



Thank You

We want to say a big 'Thank You' to all our sponsors, without your help we would not be able to provide this service for the Blenheim community.

Please have a safe Christmas and if you see us out patrolling then feel free to give us a big wave...!