

Maungaraki Views

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Community Safety. We need your help.

Following a number of property crime incidents on the Western Hills, we've been looking at a series of proactive steps we can all take to protect our community.

As part of this work, the MCA has engaged with the Petone Community Patrol to look at options for increasing coverage of the western hills. They have a well organised operation including vehicle, gear, training, and more. They act as "eyes and ears" for the Police and our community.

The Patrol has stepped up coverage of Maungaraki, Korokoro and Normandale as a result and we now have a shared vision of expanding the patrol and coverage on an ongoing basis. HOWEVER: this is ONLY possible with more volunteers, and that's where you come in. We're looking to help



find a number of new volunteers for the patrol from our community. Volunteers receive full training and safety is paramount - they are in regular contact with Police and Hutt Cameras.

This is very much an "eyes and ears" operation - the patrol never gets involved in any incident witnessed (although may help with cordons etc). When an incident is observed, the patrol retreats to a safe place,

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continues observing if it's safe to do so, and the Police deal with any contact.

For this reason, there are no physical or age requirements for volunteers other than 18+, police vetting, and common sense. Volunteers are



always in pairs (or more) and use the Community Patrol vehicle, not your own.

This helps create a visual deterrent, and it's also often about helping out people as much as crime prevention and detection.

Volunteers are only expected to go out once every 6-8 weeks. Shifts are primarily Friday or Saturday nights; however, the intention is to expand this if we can get enough new volunteers, especially those able to

occasionally put in a few hours one evening during the week. Note that patrols will cover the western hills, Petone, and some other areas.

Obviously, this is on a volunteer basis, however petrol etc for the patrol vehicle is covered. The first step is riding along as an observer for a couple of hours.

If you're interested in joining, please email us at views@maungaraki.co.nz or DM our Facebook page and we'll be in touch.

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You don't have to commit yet - just let us know you're potentially keen and you can decide once you have more info and have had a chance to ride along.

We need your help with this. Let's work together to keep our community safe. Brought to you by the Maungaraki Community Association.



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The Maungaraki Playcentre is thrilled to announce that we have recently received our certification as an Enviroschool.

We have had a blast moving our centre to a more sustainable model, and the tamariki have been instrumental in helping us to achieve our goals.

Environmentally friendly play involves an overall understanding of our contribution to the larger community around us, and making choices that line up with our values.

We choose as many natural materials as possible, always making sure that our footprint remains small – even for our trademark messy play!

When we run across an issue on our grounds (such as some especially stubborn spiders!), we find sustainable solutions that work to keep us and our beloved environment safe.

Most recently, we have been learning about how best to keep our beautiful flax plants happy, and we have begun



Kids watering the garden planting our winter garden using our very own compost.

Would you like to come and join in the fun? Term 2 begins in May: Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday mornings from 9:15am. Come and visit us!

Find us on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/maungarakiplycentre>, or send us an email at maungaraki@playcentre.org.nz.

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Storm steps up at baseball nationals

During the Term 1 break Maungaraki School Y8 student Storm King competed at the U13 Baseball NZ National Tournament in Nelson.

Storm's Wellington City Pirates team finished with a 4-win 2-loss record, beating Nelson Heat 9-8, Waitakere City Bears 14-6, Hamilton Raiders 6-4 and Central Makos 8-4. Their losses were to tournament winners Levin Hustle 6-7 and Hutt Valley Hornets 11-12 which cost them a semi-final spot.

A 3-time Hutt Valley Softball age-group rep, Storm switched to baseball last year. His favourite position is 2nd base. "I like playing second because you can make double-plays which can change the momentum a game." Storm finished the tournament with a .778 batting



Storm King at the plate vs Waitakere City On-Base-Percentage, which was the 5th highest of the tournament. Storm was the recipient of an MCA sports grant to attend this national sporting event. *Ed.*

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