



## *Top of the South Neighbourhood Support Newsletter February 2021*

TSNS newsletters are published monthly. Newsletter contributions are welcomed and need to be submitted by the 15th of the month before. They can be emailed, posted or dropped at our office.

PLEASE NOTE: Newsletters are being sent out to TSNS members directly. We kindly ask Street Coordinators to please print copies for those neighbours who do not have email, and drop them into their letterboxes. Please get in touch at [admin@tsns.org.nz](mailto:admin@tsns.org.nz) if this is a problem for you, a printable version will be attached to each newsletter. If you have already been in touch with us about this previously, then you will receive copies automatically. Thank you heaps for your assistance.

## Kia Ora, and happy 2021!

### Latest News

#### **Drop into Marlborough for TSNS support**

TSNS in Marlborough held their first member's **drop-in** session for 2021. Several members attended, joined by Gary Spence from Emergency Management. Members took the opportunity to listen to Gary talk about the EM team's role during the Covid-19 lockdown and then went on a tour of the Emergency Operations Centre.



The next drop-in will be held on **Tuesday 23 March between 2pm and 3pm** at 4 Wither Road in Blenheim. Please feel free to join Charlotte Wood and connect with other TSNS members. Charlotte is also happy to provide GetsReady database support for Street Contacts, if wanted. For more information visit our [website](#).

## Annual sand sculpture competition success

On Sunday the 13<sup>th</sup> of December 2020 TSNS, [Multicultural Nelson Tasman](#) and the Newcomers Network took to the beach for the 2<sup>nd</sup> annual sand sculpture competition in Tahunanui. We had 20 sand sculpture teams on the day, and thanks to sponsorship from Pic's, Trailways, Penguinos and Simplicity Funerals, we were able to gather up prizes from the community! To read more about this event on our website follow this [link](#), or check out our [Facebook page](#) for more pictures and stories.



## Upcoming Events

### **Cops with Cakes: 27 February**



Come along to this event on Saturday 27 February at Saxton Field, Stoke, 10am - 1pm.

Police will be handing out a couple of thousand Cop Cakes!

TSNS will have an information stall at this event and we look forward to seeing some of our members there.

We will have stacks of resources with us so if you need anything like street signs, brochures or stickers then pop by our stall and we can help you out- you can learn more about TSNS on the day too! Stay up to date by following this [Facebook event](#).



## Neighbours Day Aotearoa: 20 – 30 March

Each year TSNS celebrates [Neighbours Day Aotearoa](#) in order to inspire neighbours of all backgrounds, ages and cultures to get together, connect and get to know each other a little better. This year's Neighbour's Day theme is *The Great Plant Swap* as we want neighbourhoods to grow stronger together.

We believe that now more than ever is the time for neighbours to build on their social connections, exchange details and become more resilient. That is why we would like to offer our Street Coordinators a little something to go towards their Neighbours Day celebrations in their street. **Want to receive a voucher?** Fill in this [online form for Nelson Waimea](#), and this [online form for Marlborough](#). First come, first served, so be quick! For more information and updates, check out our [events page](#).

## Garden themed event: 20 March

TSNS in Marlborough will be celebrating Neighbours Day Aotearoa by holding a garden themed event and plant swap in collaboration with [Marlborough Multicultural Centre](#), and Crop Swap at 21 Henry Street during the afternoon of Saturday 20 March. This event also celebrates Race Relations Day which is recognized each year on March 21. For more information and updates, check out our [events page](#).

*In line with this gardening theme, Charlotte is working with the Marlborough Youth Trust to develop a combined community initiative. The idea is to develop a partnership between young people and elderly residents in Marlborough. It involves the building and planting of window boxes and wooden planters at the Youth Centre on Kinross Street and at locations where elderly residents reside. This is in its earliest planning stages. If you'd like to get involved, please contact [charlotte@tsns.org.nz](mailto:charlotte@tsns.org.nz).*

## Kai, Cooking and Culture: 27 March

TSNS will be collaborating with [Multicultural Nelson Tasman](#) to host a Kai, Cooking and Culture event at **Victory Community Centre- 2 Totara Street, Nelson South, on the 27 March, 2pm-4pm**. The purpose of this event is to bring neighbours from different backgrounds together to share kai from their cultures, celebrate diversity and build connections. This event runs during Neighbours Day Aotearoa, and is being held in conjunction with [Multicultural Festival](#) which takes place on March 28. For more information and updates, check out our [events page](#).



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## Training

### Neighbourhood Resilience planning

In Marlborough, Charlotte is working with TSNS partners, NZ Police, Fire & Emergency NZ and Emergency Management Marlborough to run **Neighbourhood Resilience planning workshops**. The purpose is to assist Street Coordinators and Neighbourhood Support members in preparing their neighbourhood for emergencies, such as earthquakes, storms, fire or flooding.

The workshops will provide a holistic approach in preparing for emergencies, outlining roles and responsibilities, communication networks and response structures, as well as sources for finding reliable, trustworthy information. You only need to attend one. The dates will be **Monday 1st March, 10am to 12 noon** and **Monday 17th May, 7pm to 9pm**. Charlotte will send out more information soon. Please email [charlotte@tsns.org.nz](mailto:charlotte@tsns.org.nz) to register your attendance.



## Other activities



### Neighbourhood Awards

Do you know a neighbor who has done wonderful things for their neighbourhood in the last year, such as providing support during Covid 19, or undertaking a neighbourhood project? Then now is your chance for them to be recognised.

[Neighbourhood Support NZ](#) is running regional and national awards for people who have demonstrated excellence in supporting the principles of safety, resilience and connectedness within their local community. There are 3 categories: Champions, Projects and Partner organisations. For more details please follow this [link](#).

We strongly encourage you to nominate your wonderful neighbours. Nominations open on Monday 1 February and close on Friday 26 March. To make a nomination, please complete this online form by clicking on this [link](#).

## Love where you live this February

February's campaign is all about improving your neighbourhood! Do you have some great projects you would like to see happening? Have you dreamt of painting a beautiful mural, building a community library or noticeboard, what about a tree planting, or beach/river clean up? With the new year ahead, we encourage our members to get their neighbourhood together this month and come up with some ideas to show your neighbourhood some love in 2021! TSNS may be able to offer some support to your neighbourhood projects, so get in touch with us [admin@tsns.org.nz](mailto:admin@tsns.org.nz) and let us know what you have planned for your hood.

## A lot on our Plates: What is the Alpine Fault? – [click here](#)

Each month we will be adding links to [Alpine Fault 8 \(AF8\)](#) videos, to help you and your neighbourhood develop a better understanding of what the Alpine Fault is and how you can become better prepared for a possible magnitude 8 earthquake in your area. The AF8 team will be delivering presentations to the top of the south in May 2021. TSNS also recommends taking part in our Neighbourhood Resilience planning workshops which will be taking place again soon. To stay up to date, check out our [events page](#).

## [Need to make a non-emergency crime report?](#)

Click on the link below to make a report or call 105



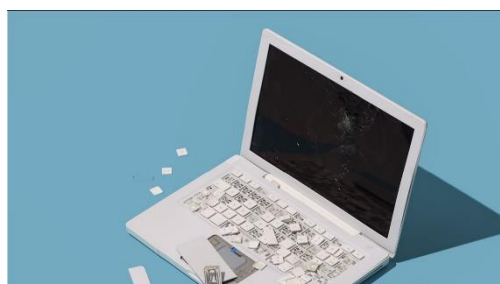
*In an emergency, always call 111.*

### Scams

Nelson Police recommend using [Netsafe New Zealand](#) for advice regarding online scams and how to avoid them.

 [Neighbourhood Support Nelson Tasman](#)

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