

Community Patrols New Zealand

Improving communications

Welcome to CPNZ's new newsletter!

We are pleased to be bringing you a way of keeping up with what CPNZ's National Council, the National Office, and the many affiliated community patrols from around New Zealand are doing. Information that is pertinent to **our purpose** of:

"working together throughout New Zealand to reduce crime and build safer communities"

Our aim is to produce newsletters released soon after the latest National Council meeting so that you can know **hot off the press** what is being worked on, what decisions have been made, and what future actions are planned.

We will develop regular features over time such as a message from the Chairman, upcoming events, profiles of patrols & CPNZ members and we hope you will become more informed on a national scale. We want to **share** more of our **success** stories with fellow patrollers, supporters, and interested parties – so if you have any news you would like to share, please let the editor know. Ideas, suggestions, patrolling tips, and other relevant information – it's all welcome!

From the CPNZ news team (Sharla Arnold & Chris Lawton) and the National Council, we wish you a very merry Christmas and safe patrolling this holiday season.

Register now

To ensure you're up-to-date with CPNZ related news please email us to be added to this newsletter's mailing list:

cpnznews@gmail.com

Also contact us if you have any ideas for a story, tips, feedback, or events you would like publicised. We will be publishing after National Council meetings or more often if we have enough content.



CPNZ to fund one registration per affiliated patrol for NTS 2012

CPNZ have announced that they will fund one registration per patrol from the Ministry of Justice funding for NTS 2012. This is an exciting offer to encourage representation from all affiliated community patrols at the Lower Hutt NTS, which will be held from 22-24 June.

For those who have been to a National Training Seminar weekend before you will know that they are of great benefit to all patrollers. Patrollers are able to attend workshops providing them with information to assist their patrolling, and being a member of a community patrol. It also gives people the opportunity to network with other patrollers, Police liaison officers and members of the National Council.

The National Office will ask for details of the nominated person from your patrol early next year.

Contestable funding

Round One was completed with a total of \$95,534 being distributed to successful patrols by way of equipment and training packages. Round Two closed at the end of November and was for any other reasonable funding that could benefit patrols. The Assessment Panel is currently going through the 42 applications.

To ensure that your application is assessed please remember to adhere to the requirements and submit all applicable information. Some patrols missed out in the first round as they did not provide sufficient and applicable information.

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Upcoming events

11 Feb 12	National Council meeting
28 Apr 12	National Council meeting
22-24 Jun 12	Lower Hutt NTS
4 Aug 12	National Council meeting
3 Nov 12	National Council meeting

Contact the editors to publicise your upcoming events – cpnznews@gmail.com

CPNZ shields

Would you like a CPNZ shield to display on the entry/exit to your town or patrol area?

The National Office has shields available at only the cost of the courier to send them to your patrol. The invoice will arrive with the shields.

Contact the CPNZ National Office to place your order.

Email: cpnz.office@clear.net.nz
Phone: 04 817-0228

From the Chairman

Hello fellow patrollers, Merry Christmas. As we pause in our busy lives at this time of year to remember Christmas and what it stands for, we are given the opportunity to say thank you to all those that have helped us during the year; to remember friends, family and our loved ones. We will all remember the hard knocks of 2011 and how so many will feel sad this Christmas as they remember lost loved ones, family and friends. We will be able to give thanks to all those selfless volunteers who gave so much in support of those in need.

Patrollers around New Zealand through their support for Police and the work we do can be counted amongst those that play a major part towards assisting New Zealand communities. The CPNZ National Council have the opportunity to see the New Zealand-wide effect of your work as you fulfill the duties and tasks of a Patroller. The result of your work gains great respect and thanks from Police, Government and your community. I look forward to working with you in 2012 to continue our work in New Zealand. On behalf of the CPNZ National Council thank you and a very merry Christmas to you and your families.

Merry Christmas,
Robert Fowler, Chairman
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NTS 2012 Lower Hutt

A full information package relating to NTS 2012 will be sent to each patrol in January 2012. An email was recently sent to all patrol contacts with these basics:

- When:** 12:30pm Friday 22 June 2012 –
1:45pm Sunday 24 June 2012
- Where:** Lower Hutt Town Hall, side-rooms & the Horticultural Hall
- Cost:** \$250 per affiliated patrol member
\$300 for non-affiliated persons
- Travel:** Blue Bridge and the Inter-Islander have offered discounts

The NTS team are just finalising arrangements with the local i-Site to handle all the registrations & also accommodation bookings if required. Any questions relating to NTS 2012 can be directed to nsgroup@xtra.co.nz or cpnz.database@clear.net.nz

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Eastern Rocks patrollers receive pampering thanks

Chic Beauté, a beauty salon in the Wellington suburb of Kilbirnie have come up with a novel way to thank their local community patrollers – with one hour, full body massages. Every month two lucky patrollers, on a rostered basis, get to relax in the “exquisite” beauty salon and have their massage.

Chairperson of Eastern Rocks Community Patrol, Kelly Hoar-Guthrie, said she was approached by the salon owner Sharon and given this “wonderful offer... it is a thank you... to all patrollers for looking after the Kilbirnie business district”.

Eastern Rocks started patrolling in April 2011; they currently have 27 keen patrollers and are always recruiting for more. They patrol Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights from the top of Mt Victoria all the way east to Seatoun. This encompasses Hataitai, Roseneath, Kilbirnie, Rongotai, Miramar, Strathmore and Seatoun - the whole eastern peninsula. Depending on the demand they sometimes have two cars out, or add an extra night to their roster.

The patrol is well supported by their Police Liaison Officer, Theo Gommans, and other businesses and groups in the community.

Quick Reference Form (QRF)

The QRF is one of the vital pieces of information to keep up-to-date with the National Office. Not only does it allow the organisation to communicate with patrols but it is also the main tool used by Police to contact patrols and/or their management structure should something go wrong.

Each month an updated copy of the QRF database is supplied to Police. Failure to keep that information updated with CPNZ may mean that the wrong person gets called out in the middle of the night if a patrol forgets to sign off. Please ensure that keeping your patrol's QRF current with CPNZ is a key part of your patrol administration duties.

Help Police to help you – update your patrol's QRF now



CPNZ National Council at NTS 2011 in Dunedin

CPNZ National Council members

Chairman: Robert Fowler

Deputy Chair: Tubby Hopkins

Secretary: Dave Merrall

Trustees: Carol Dickson, Robert Fowler, Tubby Hopkins, Chris Lawton, Dave Merrall

Treasurer: Alan Simpson

Legal Advisor: Murray Smith

National Elected Officers: Natalie Bryden, Charles Harrison, David Holroyd, Shirley Vincent, John Wallace

District Elected Officers: Garry Miller (Auckland), Graeme Mills (Bay of Plenty), Warwick Laws (Central), Earl Taylor (Eastern), Bill Feather (Southern), Garry Thompson (Tasman), Julia Wharton (Waitemata), Ross McKinnon (Wellington)

Police: Insp Morris Cheer, Insp Ian Harris, Snr Constable Russ Kalivati, Snr Constable Brent Roycroft

National Operations Officer: Dave Ross

National Office Administrator: Cathy Cameron

Minute Taker: Sharla Arnold

Statistics: Grant Board

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Westpac Rescue helicopter in action

Secure plates

Are you in need of a fundraiser for your patrol? Would you like a project that has proven to be successful for other patrols already?

Secure Plates comes complete with equipment, instructions and a great way to engage with your community.

Contact the CPNZ National Office for more information.

Handy tips...

Add a small dust pan & brush to your patrol kit along with some thick gardening or work gloves. These inexpensive items come in handy if you come across any smashed bottles in the middle of the road.

Whilst vehicle registrations, make & model, and colour is ideal to capture when you are noting vehicles of interest, see if you can also note anything really distinctive such as dents, smashed tail lights, etc which is recognisable quickly to Police if calling it in to Comms.

Mercury Bay protects Westpac chopper

After hours care of the Auckland based Westpac Rescue helicopter whilst it is stationed in Whitianga will continue again this summer with patrollers from the Mercury Bay Community Patrol being rostered on overnight to protect it.

Last summer marked the first time that patrollers worked a night roster at Whitianga Airport keeping watch over the helicopter and its equipment. The venture was so successful that the patrol was asked to assist again this summer.

This may be the last season the patrol conducts such duties however, as the Auckland Rescue Helicopter Trust are building a hangar with accommodation for future holiday season operations at Whitianga airport.

This is yet another great example of how a local community patrol can help in their area.

Taggers rescued by patrol

Most patrols look to catching taggers in the act whilst they are on patrol, but recently one of our community patrols had to come to the aid of some taggers by protecting them from an angry citizen.

The patrol noticed a group of youths who fitted the general description of taggers. Whilst they were observing the youths a local citizen arrived on the scene, irate and accusing the group of having just tagged his fence. Three youths ran away but the citizen nabbed the remaining two.

The patrollers managed to get the citizen to stand off, and the youths to stay put, whilst they waited for Police to come.

When Police arrived, spray cans of a distinctive colour were found in the youths' backpacks; which happened to match the still wet tagging in the vicinity of where they were found.

It's not often that taggers are caught on patrol, let alone protected by patrollers, but this team did a great job in averting something which could have had a far more serious impact.

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Latest National Council news

- The latest National Council meeting was held on 26 November 2011 in Porirua. Two new members were welcomed, district elected officers: Julia Wharton for Waitemata and Bill Feather for Southern. The council was advised of the resignation of Canterbury's elected officer, Josh Tabley. Elections will be held for his replacement soon.
- Patrols who have not paid their affiliation fees are currently being chased up.
- Murray Smith was welcomed to the council. Mr Smith is a prominent Wellington based solicitor who has agreed to be the Legal Advisor to the CPNZ National Council for the next 2 years.
- The council was presented with an update of the CPNZ Rules rewrite and a timeline was supplied showing the major points leading up to the Special General meeting which will be held at next year's NTS. Information will be sent to patrols shortly.
- A new version of an outdoor flag was demonstrated to the council. This is a far more versatile flag than the current indoor pull-up banners, and better suited to breezy conditions. An assessment is being made to purchase more.



Funding from Police Diversions

Diversion funding has recently been paid out. The National Office has advised each district of the amount that the district's patrols received in their diversion payment.

Police are moving to 'Alternative Resolution' and as a result diversion funding will slowly cease to continue. It is likely that this will not remain in eighteen months time. There is no alternative source of funding from Police to replace this.

Freedom camping

The Freedom Camping Act 2011 came into force on 30 August 2011. It regulates freedom camping on land controlled or managed by local authorities or the Department of Conservation.



To "freedom camp" means to camp other than at a camping ground within 200m of a motor vehicle accessible area or the mean low-water springs line of any sea or harbour, or on or within 200m of a formed road or Great Walks Track; using one or more of the following: a tent or other temporary structure, a caravan, a car/campervan/house truck or other motor vehicle.

Freedom camping does not include resting/sleeping at the roadside to avoid driver fatigue, temporary or short term parking, or activities such as day trips.

Freedom camping is permitted in any local authority area unless it is prohibited or restricted in accordance with a bylaw or any other enactment. It is permitted on any conservation land unless it is prohibited or restricted in accordance with 1 or more signs posted in an area, or a freedom camping notice in an area, or under a conservation Act or any other enactment.

What should you do if you find freedom campers are causing a nuisance in your patrol area?

- Ascertain whether the area is conservation land or under a local authority.
- Familiarise yourself with the Act (www.legislation.govt.nz).
- Determine whether there are any bylaws or signs/notices prohibiting or restricting freedom camping in that area.
- Write clear notes in your patrol reports to assist the local authority/DoC/Police.

The main concerns are whether freedom campers are damaging the area they are staying in, and/or dumping waste anywhere other than an appropriate receptacle.

Familiarise yourself with the facts... www.legislation.govt.nz

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Sharla Arnold, this issue's editor, and her son, who was one of her main reasons for establishing a community patrol and getting involved with CPNZ in 2008.

Due to the rise in wilful damage in the neighbourhood when her son was little, Sharla's fear of crime grew. From that came a determination to do something to reduce her fear, the fear in others within the community, and to take a proactive stance on helping keep the community safe. These were all goals that were achieved with the establishment of the Tawa Community Patrol.

Through building close relationships with Police via CPNZ Sharla remembered her childhood dream of joining the Police. Thus followed a successful stint with Police working on organised crime before being poached by a major bank where she is currently a manager. She longs to return one day to her true passion of investigating, but in the meantime Sharla enjoys providing "on patrol" assistance & advice to patrols with training & management needs, helping the CPNZ national council by taking the minutes (though it is hard for her to keep quiet in the meetings!), and working on the new CPNZ newsletter.

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Editorial

I have been minute taking for the National Council for a year now, and have been an elected representative in the past. The one issue that always seems to come up from all quarters is difficulties with communicating information. From my perch on the fence it seems the main issues are:

1. Lacking the right patrol contact details to relay information to.
2. Patrols not responding to requests for updates or contact.
3. CPNZ lacking a consistent approach to communicating information.

I've seen various methods tried to ensure that information is distributed to patrols; however it fails when the National Council doesn't have the right contact details to communicate that information to. I've listened to district representatives bemoan the struggle with building good relationships with some patrols. And I've seen communication really break down at AGMs.

So what can we do about this? It will be interesting to see if the new Rules can address any of the issues. With the recent advances in CPNZ, affiliated patrols now have greater access to support & funding. But do they know that? Are they receiving the right information? Groups keen on community safety don't need to affiliate – but if they want to affiliate and benefit from what CPNZ offers as a national organisation then isn't it reasonable to expect a two-way flow of information? District officers are elected in a democratic manner by patrols in their district. Is it too much to expect that with that being the case, and with reasonable expectations on affiliation that an easy, constructive, civil & respectful approach to two-way communications can be gained?

District Elected Officers are there as a conduit for information from the National Council, **and** as an advocate for patrols back to the National Council. I encourage you to build a positive relationship with yours as a first step to improving communications and the exchange of information.