

Northland News

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Northland Memorial Community Centre is supported by Wellington City Council

Northland Community Autumn Fair



On Saturday March 28th between 10am and 2pm the Northland Community Autumn Fair will be held at the Northland Memorial Community Centre to celebrate Neighbours Day - rain or shine. There

will be gorgeous crafts, yummy food, art, clothing, raffles, used toys and books, plants and more for sale! Eureka clothing (under new management) has a pop-up store selling their exciting new clothes for kids and if you've had a tough week there's even the chance to grab a massage. Free children's entertainment will be running in the lower hall - including Nigel Kennedy the Magician.

11-12pm	Kelly Sports have games for kids
12-12.30pm	Nigel Kennedy the Magician
12.30-1pm	Sarah the Scientist
1-2pm	Kids stalls

Shhhh.... Easter Bunny is planning on coming along with some early treats too! You are likely to catch him bouncing outside on the Springfree Trampolines in our newly revamped outdoors area.

Grab your neighbours and come along!



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Northland, Creswick Valley, Wilton & Wadestown Community-Driven Emergency Response Plan



Your Community, Your Response

We've always been told that we are on our own for three days in a big emergency, but that's simply not true, we are with our families, our neighbours and our community – we are not alone. But it may take up to three days for any kind of official emergency response to be up and running, so we need to collectively help ourselves as best we can.

Community organisations in the area have developed an emergency response plan for helping to look after the community (and anyone stuck here or passing through) in the first 72 hours after a major disaster, such as an earthquake. But most of this plan actually relies on you to do the right thing. Here's what we need you to do:

Look after yourself

You can't help anyone else if you are hurt. Make sure you know what to do to keep yourself safe in an emergency. Remember to Drop, Cover & Hold in an earthquake, and you'll be okay to help other people.

Keep an eye out for Emergency Skills training courses being run near you - www.getprepared.org.nz

Look after your family and household

It's a no-brainer, really. It's Easy: Prepared Households is a guide to walk your family and household through the steps to being more prepared at home. You can download a copy from www.gw.govt.nz/itseasy or pick up a copy from the Northland Community Centre, or Wadestown Library.

Once you know your family and household are okay after the event, you are then able to look after others who may need your help.

Look after your neighbours and your street

In major emergencies, most people are rescued by their immediate neighbours. Check on your neighbours and see if they are okay, especially those who you know are more vulnerable, and offer what help you can. Share your resources, and take in neighbours who can't stay in their own home for any reason. If anyone is not okay, do what you can to help. If there are minor injuries, they can be taken care of at Northland Medical Centre, Wadestown Medical Centre, or Bowen Hospital if the event happens during normal business hours, but after hours or any serious injuries will need to be taken to Wellington Hospital, which may be very difficult to

get to. When you are checking on your neighbours, take a first aid kit with you if you have one, you may find someone who needs it.

It's Easy: Prepared Neighbours is a guide to help you work with your neighbours to create a basic emergency plan for your part of the street. Download a copy at www.getprepared.org.nz/neighbours or pick up a copy from the Northland Community Centre, or Wadestown Library.

Once you know that the people in your part of the street are all okay, you can help others further down the road. You could set up one house or garage on your street as a local hub for people to bring information and resources to, so that your street's efforts are coordinated.

Look after your community

If everyone in your street is okay, then you will hopefully have gathered together quite a team of people who are now ready to help others in the community. Head down to your local Civil Defence Centre to offer what you can. Other streets might not be as lucky as yours. There will also be visitors to the area, or people who got stuck on the motorway, who need a bit of help before they can get home again.

Offer what you can, whether it's a spare bed, or bedding, a meal for a stranded traveller, help lifting heavy things, fixing a broken window - if someone needs help, and you can provide it, please do! You may have valuable skills that will help others – first aid training, building skills, or know another language.

Gather information from your area and take it to the Civil Defence Centre – it's your place to share information on what is happening in your neighbourhood, find out what is happening, and to share the resources and skills that you have to offer. Centres are opened and run by the community, and can only supply what the community can provide. There are no secret stashes of food and blankets!

Civil Defence Centres in the area are at:

- Northland School
- Wadestown Plunket

If you would like to become a Civil Defence volunteer, visit www.getprepared.org.nz and look for the Volunteer link, and register to receive the training that will help make your community's response the best it can be.



Mah Jong Group

Mah Jong have two groups at the NMCC... one in the evening and one during the day.

NEW PLAYERS ARE WELCOME

Tuition is available for people keen to take up this interesting game.

If you think mahjong is for you please contact

Kath Kerr – 475-8064
(THURSDAY afternoon)

or Rosemary Tomlinson 475 8765
(TUESDAY evening)

Are you interested in helping to record local memories?

Erica and Angelina would like to re-establish a Northland historical group and are keen to hear from anyone either interested in sharing local memories, or recording those of others. The group would be informal and people can choose how they would like to be involved.

If interested please contact

Angelina at the community centre **475-8511**
northlandmemorialcc@paradise.net.nz



Children & Families
Welcome

at St. Anne's

St Anne's has its own Messy Church service

This meets once a month
3rd Sunday afternoon of the month,
in the hall & the worship space **2-4pm**

What is Messy Church?

Being church for families who might want to meet Jesus, belong to their local church & bring up their children as Christians but can't cope with traditional Sunday morning church services. A once-a-month time of creativity, worship & eating together.

It explores the Bible through:

● **creativity** ● **eating together**

all in an all-age context ● **celebration**

But I need help!

If you are badly affected by the emergency, you may need some assistance. Ask your immediate neighbours for help as a first point of call. If they cannot help you, then perhaps someone else in your street can. If no one in your street has the resources or skills to be able to help you, then head to your local Civil Defence Centre to see if someone from another street is able to help.

Medical assistance

If you or someone else requires medical assistance, go to Northland Medical Centre, Wadestown Medical Centre, or Bowen Hospital if the event happens during normal business hours, but after hours or any serious injuries will need to be taken to Wellington Hospital, which may be very difficult to get to. Local first aiders may be able to help – you could get some training and become one!

Shelter

If you aren't from the area, or none of your neighbours are in a position to give you a place to shelter for the night, go to your local Civil Defence Centre to be matched up with someone who may have a bed for you, or be directed to an emergency shelter. We don't know where those places may be until the event happens, and then we can decide on a suitable place, but homes are best!

Water

It will be several days before there can be any kind of organised water distribution, so you need to store water at home now. WREMO's \$105 200L rainwater tanks are excellent for storing water, and available through the city council. In extreme emergency, you can collect water from the streams which come out of the hills in the valley, but make sure you collect it from above the highest house in that gully, and boil all water before using it.

Food

Families may be asked to help feed other people (especially travellers, and those from out of town). Creswick Foodmarket will be working with St Anne's to distribute non-perishable food packs to support those who are helping to feed others, while their supplies last.

Make sure you have good supplies of non-perishable food at home now, as the shops will not be restocked and will run out within a couple of days.

Northland playground appeal raises \$50,000

Work on the redevelopment of Northland School's main (lower) playground is moving ahead with lots of good news to report since our last update.



An ambitious fundraising appeal was launched in September with the aim of raising \$100,000 to build a new adventure playground at Northland School.

Parents, students and teachers have been busy fundraising and thanks to their hard work and some tremendous community support we have already raised over \$50,000.

But there is still a long way to go and we are hoping to raise the rest of the money this year through a combination of fundraising events, corporate donations, sponsorship and community donations. Every dollar donated will go directly to the project, which will benefit current and future generations of Northland children.

The school's playground committee has started work on the design side of the project. It has developed a playground vision under the guidance of a parent, who also happens to be a leading landscape architect. Parents, students and teachers were asked how they wanted the playground to look and feel.

The resulting vision (see www.northlandschool.org.nz/playground) will be used to inform the next stage of the design process – the development of detailed concepts.

At the end of last year it was announced that the school's main two-storey block would have to be demolished and rebuilt due to water tightness issues. This is likely to happen in 2016 and will affect eight classrooms, the library and hall. The lower playground will likely be demolished to allow access to the building site. Now there is an added urgency to ensure we raise enough money to be able to build a new world-class playground, which will open in 2017.

Please consider supporting your local school by making a donation to the appeal on our Givealittle page: All donations are tax deductible. See www.givealittle.co.nz keyword: Northland School Playground Appeal.

We are also looking for local businesses to support the playground through sponsorship or a donation please contact the principal Jeremy Edwards jedwards@northland.school.nz if you are able to help.

What's on in the community....

THE THURSDAY MUNCH

Every fourth Thursday of the month a group of people meet in St Anne's hall for a bit of companionship, entertainment, and of course, lunch. Anyone who would like to is welcome to come, to hear an interesting speaker, or take part in one of Tony's famous quizzes, or just enjoy a chat.

First meeting for 2015 **Thursday March 26 at 11.30am**. There is no charge, but a gold coin donation is welcome.

Information: **Lorna McCullagh 475 8005**
Deborha Broome 475 9086
Tony Dawbin 475 3257



Tinakori Lions

Tinakori Lions had a very successful stall at the Thorndon Fair in December. The weather wasn't the best & the crowd was smaller than usual but we managed to sell all our produce, most of it at the fair the rest through other sources. As a result we made a good profit.

In the coming months we are having a cake stall at the Northland Community Autumn Fair on 28/3/15. Then a couple of months after that we are having our annual Mah-jong competition at the Wilton Bowling club.

There are several charities we support on a regular basis including the Wellington Free Ambulance, Wellington City Mission, Ronald McDonald House, Oxfam, guide dog puppies, Birthright Wellington as well as donations to young people to assist them to attend Outward Bound. Recently we made a contribution to the Northland Kindergarten for their roof.

We are on the lookout for more members. To keep our club feasible we need more people who are interested in joining our small friendly local Lions group with a view to help raise funds for the local community. We would love for you to join our group, we meet twice a month for meetings & a meal. It would be sad for our Lions to fold so if you are interested in joining us please contact one of the people below.

If you would like to know more contact:

President Joanne Innes 476 6133
Secretary Ross Sanson 970 1905

Coordinators Corner



We have new baby grass as I write this, so exciting! Check out the newly redeveloped outdoor space and freshly sown lawn at NMCC the next time you are here.



A big community shout out to Matt our friendly neighbour who has been doing the nightly watering. The Lower Hall has had a massive makeover in the last six months which kicked off with a

community working bee and a revamp of the kitchen and bathroom facilities. The kitchen now has a new pantry and extra cupboards (all lockable storage for future Lower Hall user groups), and a fresh coat of paint. The bathroom toilets and basins have been raised (except one) to adult level - it was previously designed for pre-schoolers and children. The Lower hall has been painted in neutral colours and brighter lighting has been installed, transforming it into a multi-purpose, user friendly affordable space for hire. Have your child's next birthday party or run an art workshop in the Lower Hall for as little as \$15.00 per hour. Meanwhile I will continue to water our baby grass every morning as I look forward to walking on it and having my morning cuppa in the sun on our comfy new bench seat.

NMCC is looking fresh and beautiful with its paint job and redeveloped user friendly outdoor area. Come and check it out when you pop along to the Northland Community Autumn Fair on Saturday March 28th.



Hei konei ra - *Angelina*

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Ikebana is the Art of Japanese flower arranging



Ikebana lessons are now available in Northland

for more information please contact

Kathy - 021 024 85231 or email kerry@paradise.net.nz

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Every Saturday morning from 9:30am

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Standard, duty free and grandparent memberships are available (discount available for community services card holders).

If you would like to join or want more information please contact

northlandtoylibrary@gmail.com,

come and visit us at St Anne's Church Hall on Saturday

or visit our Facebook page

www.facebook.com/pages/Northland-Toy-Library/512009632206314

REGULAR DAILY ACTIVITIES AT THE NORTHLAND MEMORIAL COMMUNITY CENTRE

BADMINTON	Wally Potts	475 9359	Thursday 7.30-9.30pm & Sunday 3-5.30pm
COMMUNITY LIAISON MEETING	Angelina Kirk	475 8511	Every second Wed of the month except school holidays. 11am
CUBS (Lower Hall)	Rob Wallace	972 5571	Tuesday 5.30-7pm
KELLY CLUB AFTER SCHOOL CARE	Charli	022 010 9973	Everyday 3-6pm
HARBOUR CITY ROCK 'N ROLL	Denis Thistoll	801 7552	Monday 7.30-9.30pm, Wed 7.30-9pm
HARBOUR CITY ROCK 'N ROLL HOP	Denis Thistoll	801 7552	Monthly 6.30pm-12 midnight
KEAS (Lower Hall)	Rob Wallace	972 5571	Monday 5.30-6.30pm
KEMPO MARTIAL ARTS (Aged 6-16)	Adam Lang	234 1477	Wednesday 6-7.30pm
MAH-JONG (Memorial Room)	Kath Kerr	475 8064	Thursday 1.30-4pm
MAH-JONG (Memorial Room)	Rosemary Tomlinson	475 8765	Tuesday 7.30-9.30pm
NMCC MEETINGS	Angelina Kirk	475 8511	Every 4th Thursday at 7.30pm
SCOUTS (Lower Hall)	Rob Wallace	972 5571	Tuesday 7-9pm
SHAOIN-RYUKU (Aged 5-7)	Adam Lang	234 1477	Wednesday 5.30-6.30pm
TINAKORI LIONS	Joanne Innes	476 6133	Thursday 5.30-9pm (1st & 3rd Thurs of month)
BDS BOOK DISCUSSION	Don Thomson	475 7933	Thursday 8-9.30pm (2nd Thurs of each month)
YOGA/PILATES/CHI KUNG EXERCISES	Jen Brennan	027 954 4044	Thursday 9.15-10.30am
YOKUSAI KARATE	Colin Berry	475 9985	Sunday 8.30-10am
ZUMBA	Lorna Borrett	021 177 0685	Tuesday 9.15am

Check us out on Facebook.....

You will find a list of our regular activities and information about some of our groups, along with copies of the Northland News on our website at

www.northlandcommunitycentre.org.nz