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Kawhia's new eyes & ears

FROM P1

After reporting any suspected criminal activity to police, patrol members will try to follow the offenders until the police arrive.

They can also call in registration details of vehicles parked in unusual places to check if they have been stolen.

Mr Ormsby says the patrollers won't get physically involved, but will inform the police of anything requiring urgent attention.

Mr Griffin, will also notify the patrols of suspicious activities and trouble spots he wants them to keep an eye on.

"SOMETHING POSITIVE"

The Kawhia team is being trained by senior patroller Richard Torpey (49), a local handyman and fencer, who was recruited three months ago.

Mr Torpey moved to Kawhia with his wife Selina two and a half years ago and sees his CPNZ role as a chance to do "something positive" for his community.

"I want the community to know there are a lot more people looking out for them now," he says.

"Griff has a big job on his own and I think he needs a strong network of sup-

porters to help reduce crime and disorder.

"He can't be everywhere at once, especially during large events such as the Kai Festival and the holiday season when the population explodes in number."

The Torpeys moved to Kawhia from Darfield which was badly affected by the Christchurch earthquakes.

Mr Torpey says he was prevented from helping his community there because he lacked formal training, so becoming St John officers was a top priority for the couple when they moved north.

"I didn't want to be in the situation where I couldn't help my community again and being a CPNZ member is another part of achieving that."

20 BY CHRISTMAS

Mr Griffith is pleased crime statistics for Kawhia show burglaries, domestic violence incidents and thefts have all been significantly reduced in the past three years.

And he would like to see 20 volunteers patrolling Oparau, Aotea and Kawhia by Christmas.

"The patrollers will work randomly in pairs in marked cars with no set roster which will keep any criminal elements on

their toes," he says.

"They will be equipped with Government-funded mobile phones and cameras to record suspicious behaviour.

"This is the community taking ownership of their town and I believe people will appreciate the added security."

TRAINING

Mr Torpey recently completed his CPNZ training at the Royal NZ Police College in Porirua.

"There were 126 of us being trained, as well as several teams from the Pacific Islands," he says.

Our legal obligations and safety procedures were a big part of the training."

Mr Ormsby says the need for volunteer patrols had been raised at several community forums.

"This is part of our community moving forward together in a positive way.

"There are many elderly and retired people in Kawhia who will be reassured by the presence of the patrols."

Mr Griffith has also established a team of eight trained Civil Defence marshals who can join forces with the CPNZ volunteers in an emergency.

"It's all part of making our town a safer place."

No smoking signs for playgrounds

NO smoking signs designed by Te Kuiti Primary School students have been approved for playgrounds across the Waitomo district.

Placement of the signs was approved by the district council last month.

SIGNAGE

Community services group manager John de Luca says a professional signwriter is preparing the signage graphics, which are based on four winning entries in a design competition organised by Te Kuiti Tau-marunui Otorohanga Action Smokefree Team (TOAST) (*Waitomo News*, May 30).

The sign features the



WARNING SIGNS: The smokefree signs being erected in Waitomo district playgrounds feature the designs of Te Kuiti Primary School students Dylan Murray (left), Alex Young, Weston Gill and Harmony Barker. PHOTO SUPPLIED

message: 'Don't be fooled. Smoking is not cool.'

The competition drew more than 80 entries.

Waikato District Health Board health promoter Anne Lemieux says: "The children related the issue

of not smoking back to their own whanau, so that's a powerful message for the playgrounds."

Mr de Luca says installation will begin as soon as possible.

ATTENTION READERS & ADVERTISERS

Waitomo News will NOT be publishing on
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 29
due to Labour Day, Monday October 28

Deadlines for Thursday, October 31 edition are:
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