

# Age Concern Tauranga

## KEEPING YOU CONNECTED



### Moving away from cheques

Inland Revenue is becoming increasingly digital in the way we work. Soon this will include a move away from cheques.

This also reflects our customers' preferences with cheque usage declining every year. Last year cheques only accounted for 5% of payments and some people who used cheques also used other payment methods. Most of our customers are now choosing to pay their taxes electronically.

From 1 March 2020, we will no longer accept cheques. This includes post-dated cheques (cheques dated after 1 March 2020). We are encouraging cheque-paying customers to get a head start on finding other convenient and secure payment options that work for them.

We do appreciate that for some people this will be a significant change that will take some adjustment. The good news is that there are lots of faster, cheaper and safer ways to pay – electronically or in person.

### Ways to pay

We recommend you contact your bank about online banking options such as:

- Direct credit payments
- Automatic payments.

Many banks offer a dedicated tax payment option.

You can pay online through Inland Revenue:

- Use your credit or debit card to make online payments through our website. Visit [ird.govt.nz/pay](http://ird.govt.nz/pay).
- You can pay by direct debit and make debit card and credit card payments securely through myIR online services. Visit our website ([ird.govt.nz](http://ird.govt.nz)) and login or register for myIR.
- If you're overseas you can pay us using a fees-free money transfer service. Search for "make a payment" on our website ([ird.govt.nz](http://ird.govt.nz)) for more information.

In person:

- You can drop into a Westpac bank and pay your taxes over the counter by cash or Eftpos. You can only do this at Westpac branches.
- You can also use one of Westpac's Smart ATMs.

If you can access the internet, go to [Westpac.co.nz](http://Westpac.co.nz) to find a Westpac branch or Smart ATM.

### Find out more

To help you find a payment option that works for you:

- Talk to your bank about their online banking facilities.
- You can also find out more about your payment options on the Inland Revenue website. Visit [ird.govt.nz/pay](http://ird.govt.nz/pay).
- If you have a tax agent, you may also like to talk to them about your payment options.

If you need help getting started with online banking:

For help getting started with online banking, check out any free digital courses offered by your bank or local community groups.

## **ACTIVE AGING WEEK**

**4th–10th November 2019**

*Come along and join us at a workshop near you. No registration required. Learn more about Enduring Power of Attorney, staying physically active, safer driving, changes in housing for older people, support in your own home, and the services, activities and programmes available in your community.*

**Time: 9.30am—3.00pm**

**Tuesday 5th November 2019** - Waihi Beach Community Centre, 106 Beach Road, Waihi Beach

**Wednesday 6th November 2019**— The Centre Patuki Manawa, 16 Talisman Drive, Katikati

**Thursday 7th November 2019**—Te Puke War Memorial Hall, 130 Jellicoe Street, Te Puke

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**Our Vision:** Older people live a valued life in an inclusive society.

## Meet Joan and Visitor Jackie

Joan and Jackie have become friends after Jackie became an Age Concern Visitor.

This photo of Joan and Jackie was taken a few days after Joans Birthday. The photo was taken by Melissa, an Age Concern Volunteer who dabbles in photography.



Joan is a member of Age Concern, and Jackie became a Volunteer Visitor with Age Concern in August 2018. She was matched with Joan a few weeks after that. Joan and Jackie had their first visit in September 2018 and Jackie has been visiting Joan every week on a Tuesday afternoon since then.

Both Joan and Jackie thoroughly enjoy each others company and both very much look forward to their weekly visits together. Joan says “as soon as Jackie arrives, she puts the kettle on and makes us both a cup of peppermint tea” They will sit and chat for a couple of hours while enjoying a piece of cake or some biscuits cooked by either one of them or sometimes a treat from the bakery, but both admit they rather prefer each others baking to something bought.

Jackie says “Joan and I have a lot in common, and we always find something interesting to talk about during our visits”. “We talk about our families and children



and whatever current events are happening, our different childhoods, and what it was like growing up on opposite sides of the world and in vastly different times”. Joan enjoys talking about growing up in East London, South Africa, and her life there before her

family immigrated to New Zealand, and then life in New Zealand for herself and her greatly missed late husband Raymond, and their three boys who are all grown up now and have families of their own.

Sometimes instead of sitting and drinking peppermint tea, Jackie will take Joan out and they’ll go for a walk around the shops, sometimes they’ll enjoy a Pie for lunch at The Lakes Shopping Centre, or they might stop and have an ice cream at Memorial Park while watching the scenery, or just run some errands together.

Joan says having Jackie come to visit every week has made a world of difference to her weekly routine. I eagerly look forward to her visit every week. It makes such a difference having someone come to your home instead of having to go out.

### Ever Lasting Gift



Have you thought about leaving a gift to support the future work of Age Concern Tauranga?

You can bequest to Age Concern Tauranga through Acorn Foundation

[www.acornfoundation.org.nz](http://www.acornfoundation.org.nz) or

Phone Acorn Foundation 07 579 98399839.

### STEADY AS YOU GO FALLS PREVENTION at SALVATION ARMY

The Salvation Army at 51 Fifth Ave, Tauranga has space available for new participants. This group runs on Tuesdays 12.30—1.30pm.

Please contact Age Concern Phone 578 2631 if you are interested in joining in.

### VOLUNTEER DRIVERS NEEDED

If you are interested in driving our Minibus for our outings and meetings, please phone us at Age Concern Tauranga on 578 2631 to arrange an interview.

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## Staying Socially Connected

There are many ways to connect with people if you're feeling socially isolated or lonely.



You can:

- Use your SuperGold Card to get out and about—[www.supergold.govt.nz](http://www.supergold.govt.nz)
- Get to know your neighbours—try Neighbourhood Support or [www.neighbourly.co.nz](http://www.neighbourly.co.nz)
- Get a smartphone or tablet to stay in touch with distant friends and family—find out about learning new technical skills at [www.seniornet.co.nz](http://www.seniornet.co.nz)
- Visit your local library, community centre or church to find out about activities
- Have a meal with friends or family—why not invite a friend out for coffee?
- Try a visiting service like Age Concerns Accredited Visiting Service—[www.ageconcern.org.nz](http://www.ageconcern.org.nz)
- Try volunteering—support your community and meet new people—[www.volunteeringnz.org.nz](http://www.volunteeringnz.org.nz)

It takes courage to try something new, but the benefits to your wellbeing are huge! **YOU CAN DO IT!**



A huge shout out to Z Energy! Thank You for Hosting us at, Z Central Parade, Z Hewlett's Road and Z 15th Avenue!



## Free Staying Safe Driver Refresher Workshops

- ✓ Road rules
- ✓ Intersection rules and roundabouts
- ✓ Looking out for hazards
- ✓ Car care and maintenance hints
- ✓ Prescription drugs and driving
- ✓ Rural and urban driving



Tauranga City



Western Bay of Plenty District Council



<p><b>Wednesday 2nd October</b> Te Puke Country Lodge 1 No. 1 Road Te Puke 9.15am—1.30pm</p>	<p><b>Tuesday 15th October</b> Katikati Community Centre 45 Beach Road Katikati 9.15am—1.30pm</p>
<p><b>Thursday 17th October</b> Papamoa Community Centre 15 Gravatt Road Papamoa 9.15am—1.30pm</p>	<p><b>Tuesday 22nd October</b> Papamoa Sports &amp; Recreation Centre 80 Alice Way Papamoa 9.15am—1.30pm</p>
<p><b>Wednesday 6th November</b> Mt Maunganui RSA, 544 Maunganui Road Mt Maunganui 9.15am-1.30pm</p>	

Tea and coffee provided. Bring your lunch.

Phone Age Concern on 578 2631 to book your space.

## FREE MOBILITY SCOOTER WORKSHOPS

It's about keeping you mobile - safely



### Topics covered:

- Safety Tips
- Using the Road Safely
- Be Safe Be Seen
- Mobility Scooters and the Law

### Bob Owens Retirement Village

Monday 21st October 10.30am to 11.30am

### Matua Village

Tuesday 22nd October 10.30am to 11.30am

### Greerton Senior Citizens Hall

Wednesday 23rd October 1.00pm to 2.00pm

### Somervale Retirement Village

Thursday 24th October 10.30am to 11.30am

Please phone Age Concern 578 2631 to register.



## What's On...



### Minibus Adventures

#### Wednesday 2nd October

Transport to Coffee & Conversation -  
St Stephen's Methodist Church Hall.

**Cost:** \$5pp

#### Thursday 10th October

Waihou River, Blue Springs, Putaruru.  
Bring your own lunch for a picnic.

**Cost:** \$25pp

#### Thursday 17th October

Transport to Coffee & Conversation -  
Greerton Senior Citizens Hall.

**Cost:** \$5pp

#### Saturday 19th October

Z Blokes Day Out—Yesteryear Barn  
Paeroa & Lunch

**Cost:** \$30pp includes entry fee.

#### Thursday 31st October

Transport to Monthly Meeting.

**Cost:** \$5pp

#### Tuesday 5th November

Midday Melodies & Lunch Tauranga  
RSA 11.30am to 1.30pm

**Cost:** \$20pp includes lunch.

#### Wednesday 6th November

Transport to Coffee & Conversation –  
St Stephens Church Hall, Brookfield.

**Cost:** \$5pp

#### Saturday 9th November

Hamilton Cosmopolitan Club with  
Roland for Lunch. Hamilton Gardens.

**Cost:** \$25pp

**Please Note: All lunches and  
morning teas at your own cost.**

### Walking Group

All walks start at 10.00am unless  
stated otherwise.

#### Wednesday 9th October:

Willow Street Bus Stop, City Centre

#### Wednesday 16th October:

Palmer's Garden Centre, Bethlehem

#### Wednesday 23rd October:

The Lakes, Lakeview Bus Stop

#### Wednesday 30th October:

Pyes Pa Shops

#### Wednesday 6th November:

Meet at Mt Maunganui Hot Pools

#### Wednesday 13th November:

Briscoes, Chapel Street

### 500 Card Group



Have you always  
wanted to play 500 but  
don't know how? We  
will teach you. A friendly fun group  
gets together at 9.30am until  
11.30am every Monday (except  
Public holidays) held at Age Concern,  
177a Fraser Street, Tauranga.

**Light refreshments provided**

**\$2 Donation - All are Welcome.**

### Coffee & Conversation Groups



*Do you miss having  
someone to chat with over a relaxing  
cuppa? Then come and join our  
Coffee and  
Conversation Group to meet others  
who are friendly and like-minded.*

For catering purposes please  
register your interest by phoning  
Age Concern on 578 2631.

### Brookfield Group

**When:** Wednesday 2nd October,  
Wednesday 6th November &  
Wednesday 4th December.

**Time:** 10.30am to 12.00pm

**Where:** St Stephen's Methodist  
Church Hall. Brookfield.

**Cost:** \$3pp

### Te Puke Group

**When:** Tuesday 8th October &  
Tuesday 12th November.

**Time:** 10.00am to 11.00am

**Where:** Te Puke Citizens RSA

**Cost:** \$3.50pp

### Greerton Group

**When:** Thursday 17th October &  
Thursday 21st November.

**Time:** 10.30am to 12.00pm

**Where:** Greerton Senior Citizens Hall,  
33 Maitland Street, Greerton.

**Cost:** \$3pp

### Monthly Meeting

**When:** Thursday 31st October

**Where:** Hinton Lounge, Tauranga  
RSA, 1237 Cameron Road, Greerton

**Time:** 10.00am to 11.30am

**Cost:** \$3pp - light refreshments  
provided prior to meeting.

**Guest Speaker: Brian Clark from  
Sailability. Sharing the joy and fun  
sailing with disabled people in our  
community.**

## **Age Concern Tauranga Membership Form**

**Please forward your subscription with this form to:** Age Concern Tauranga, 177a Fraser Street, Tauranga 3112  
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**Subscription per household \$25.00 (1st April 2019 to 31st March 2020)**

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**Internet Banking: 03-0445-0172665-00 Westpac ( e.g. Particulars—Sub, Reference—Surname & Initial )**

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