



On behalf of the team at Age Concern, we wish you all a very Merry Christmas, and a bright & cheery New Year.

Office hours during the festive season

Closed 24th December 2021

Re-open 5th January 2022



FROM US TO YOU

*It's Christmas time,
And I wish you well.
May the Lord bless you
With the best of health.*

*I hope the stockings are hung
And you're filled with wonder.
There are so many surprises
For you to ponder.*

*May your children be merry
When Santa brings toys.
Some for the girls
And some for the boys.*

*I pray you have food
And plenty to eat:
Turkey and gravy
And lots of sweets.*

*I hope your family's there,
Friends and neighbors, too.
So merry Christmas
From all of us to all of you.*

Source: <https://www.familyfriendpoems.com/poem/from-us-to-you>



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

What is the Total Mobility Scheme?

The Total Mobility Scheme subsidises taxi services for people with serious mobility constraints that prevent them from using public transport. It provides an identification card that enables users to receive a



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50% discount on the normal taxi fare up to \$25.

The scheme is provided throughout New Zealand and is managed and operated by Total Mobility Coordinators in regional councils, with some variations in the scheme from region to region to effect local differences. In the Bay of Plenty, it's funded in partnership by The Bay of Plenty Regional Council and the New Zealand Transport Agency.

How does the ID Card system work?

In the Bay of Plenty the Total Mobility ID card is provided allowing registered scheme members a 50% discount on taxi fares to a maximum of \$25 on any trip, for example 50% of a \$50 fare. The scheme member must pay the other half of the fare to the taxi driver at the time the trip is taken, and use their Total Mobility ID card to access the discount.

Who is eligible?

An eligible applicant must have an impairment that prevents them from undertaking any one or more of the following five components of a journey unaccompanied, on a bus, train or ferry in a safe and dignified manner:

- Getting to the place from where the transport departs.
 - Getting onto the transport.
 - Riding securely.
 - Getting off the transport.
 - Getting to the destination.

Please contact the office to arrange an assessment

One off assessment fee applies



**Age Concern Tauranga
Christmas Lunch**

Christmas is coming! Celebrate with the Age Concern Team
Thursday 16th December 12 noon,
Tauranga Citizens Club downstairs
at the Bistro
170 13 th Avenue, Tauranga

\$25.00 per person

RSVP: to the office 578 2631
By Friday 10th December
Payment to be made on the day

**NB: My Covid Vaccine Pass will
need to be presented**

Help Us Continue to Help

Did you know we are building an enduring
Age Concern Tauranga Fund
through the Acorn Foundation?

This endowment fund will allow us to have an even greater impact in our community, now and in the future.

Through your generosity, you can contribute to the growth of our fund by leaving a gift in your will, or donating during your lifetime.

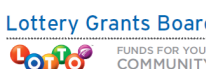
Donate online now: acornfoundation.org.nz/funding/community_group_funds.



Contact us on 07 578 2631
or call the Acorn Foundation
on 07 579 9839 for more
information.



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Tauranga City

LIBRARIES

Te Ao Mārama

Computer Classes

- Gosh my new phone is driving me nuts!
- Gee I'm really missing my fav books, I wish I knew how to read them on my device!
- Wow my computer is chock-a-block with photos and files, I wish I could see what my Grandies have been up to over the ditch!

Well, we have some great news! Our Digital Classes are back...

Our team got a little creative and we are happy to announce that we can offer some digital help "IN PERSON," over the following weeks to help you become more independent on your device!

We offer a 2 hour workshop for the following topics:

- Using Email and Social Media
- Borrowing and Reading eBooks and eAudio Books
- Photos and Document Management
- 'Appy' Hour and Introduction to Mobile Phone

When?

- In Papamoa every fortnight starting Thursday, 4 November from 10am-12pm
- In Tauranga every fortnight starting Thursday, 11 November from 1pm-3pm

Better Digital Futures

This exciting, new computing course starts at the very basics and is completely free. If you or your loved one would like to learn some new skills, make some new friends and gain confidence going online, book today.

We offer a 2 hour workshop for the following topics:

- Using the Internet
- Online Shopping
- Online Banking
- General Problem Solving

Register once to attend the whole course (four sessions).



Where & When?

- In Papamoa every fortnight on a Monday 10am-12pm or a Wednesday 10am-12pm.
- In Tauranga every fortnight on a Monday 1pm-3pm or a Wednesday 1pm-3pm.

We supply all the resources and equipment you need.

Enquire about upcoming classes by calling (07) 577 7177, or emailing library@tauranga.govt.nz

Happy Birthday 80+ Man Friday



Taking turns

While working the lunch shift at a local restaurant, I watched as an elderly couple ate.

It seemed as if the man was the only one eating. First his appetizer, then his main, and then finally his dessert

All the while with his wife just looking on, not even touching her food

Confused, I approached the woman and asked if there was anything I could get for her

"No thank you," came her reply, "it's his turn for the teeth."

SOCIAL EVENTS
MONTHLY MEETINGS
SEMINARS
CHRISTMAS LUNCH



From the 29th November, all people entering the Tauranga Citizens Club will need to be fully vaccinated and be able to present proof of vaccination.

If you need help, obtaining this information, please contact the Age Concern office for assistance

MY COVID VACCINE PASS

My Vaccine Pass is an official record of your COVID-19 vaccination status for use within Aotearoa New Zealand. It will allow you to access certain events and venues operating under the COVID-19 Protection Framework (traffic light system).

You can request a My Vaccine Pass now if you are aged 12 or over and have had 2 doses of the Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine in New Zealand.

You will be able to request a pass if you have:

- been vaccinated overseas with an approved vaccine
- received 2 doses of the AstraZeneca vaccine in New Zealand
- a medical exemption.

People under the age of 12 years and 3 months are not required to show proof of vaccination. Your My Vaccine Pass will include your name, date of birth and a QR code.

You can save it on a digital device, like your phone, or print a physical copy.

Your pass will have an expiry date 6 months after the date of issue.

Source: <https://covid19.govt.nz/covid-19-vaccines/covid-19-vaccination-certificates/my-vaccine-pass/>

DO YOU NEED HELP ACCESSING YOUR COVID PASS—WE CAN HELP

Vaccine Passes will be accessible for all people. Please be patient when contacting the 0800 222 478 line.

Don't have an email?

For those of you that don't have an email, you can get a temporary pass—this means coming into the office where we can support you to request assistance by phoning 0800 222 478 to request a My Vaccine Pass. You will be asked a few questions to confirm your identity.

Please phone the office to arrange a time

In addition to postal and online generation of the passes, another option for people that prefer to deal with someone face-to-face, will be a visit to your local pharmacy to request the 'My Vaccine Pass.'

The pharmacies that are currently able to provide the vaccinations will be able to assist with this.

Walking Groups

All groups leave at 10.00am unless advised

Wednesday 1st December

Memorial Park, 7th Avenue

Wednesday 8th December

Xmas Lunch at the Oaktree

Restaurant Greerton @ 11.30am



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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