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Get into the spirit of Christmas with a story about CARE Waitakere Foodbank's hamper appeal, and hear about an amazing charitable initiative

What a crazy, emotionally draining year!

I would like to give a hearty shout out, to our hard working local business-people, who weathered the COVID-19 storm so well. Overnight, they had to learn a new way of doing business, and fortunately for our community, they have hung in there.

Te Atatu Peninsula Business Association has people to thank. Stephen Enger (Te Atatu R.S.A.) stepped down from the committee at our AGM in September and after three years of him serving as Chair, we thank him for his leadership.

It is Christmas and once again we collected our tree and wreaths for the main street, from Tasti Foods where they are stored during the year.



Rob Stewart (right) gives Stephen Enger a leaving gift on behalf of TAPBA

is a huge bonus for us as a small organisation. Kieran Nally Barristers and Solicitors again allowed us to use their vestibule area to unpack the wreaths and keep them secure until the installers could get to them.

Our thanks also goes to the Te Atatu Peninsula Community Centre, for allowing us to meet each month as a committee, in their great facility.

In this issue we welcome Harcourts Te Atatu. The brand-new branch will be introducing themselves, by holding an open-day event on December 12th.

McDonald's is joining the global green revolution. You can read about their Scale for Good on P.6.

An Auckland Council Community Facilities Grant has allowed Rivercare Group Te Wai o Pareira volunteers, to build and grow their organisation, P.14. Local optometrist Troy Cassidy tells us why he is also a volunteer firefighter on P.16.

Make sure you enter our Christmas promotion - we have great prizes! Check out our website www.teatutupeninsula.co.nz for a list of participating stores.

Have a restful and safe festive season Te Atatu.

All the best.

Welcome to Harcourts Te Atatu

Te Atatu Peninsula is now home to a brand-new branch of Harcourts Real Estate and they will be introducing themselves, by holding an open-day event on December 12th.

The newly formed team have moved into the premises of what was Westpac Bank, on the corner of Te Atatu Road and Taikata Road.

Harcourts franchises are operated by the owners of each branch and Richard, who moved to the Peninsula three years ago, says when the opportunity to open an office in the area presented itself, he jumped at it.

He says his two sons attend the local primary and intermediate schools and he is pleased to be working from a Peninsula branch, so close to home.

"I have really enjoyed being here, it has a wonderful feel to it."

Richard says the Harcourts Te Atatu open day on December 12th is a chance for them to meet and greet their community. It will be from 9am - 12pm, with free ice cream for children, café-made coffees for the parents, complimentary face painting, balloons, and spot prizes.



Harcourts Te Atatu branch manager and licensee Richard White

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# Hampers Needed for Christmas Cheer



**CARE Waitakere is determined to help local families in need of special Christmas cheer. Volunteers are aiming to fill 120 hampers for delivery in time for Christmas, and they need your help to do it.**

Last year, with the help of over 60 community volunteers, and generous community sponsors CARE Waitakere distributed 104 of the Christmas hampers, impacting over 400 people including more than 230 children.

This year the target is even greater. CARE's aim is to fill 120 tubs, because the need for foodbank assistance has grown, following the COVID-19 lockdowns and job losses.

CARE's Foodbank Coordinator, Jo Faulder says local

▲ CARE Waitakere's Foodbank Coordinator, Jo Faulder

families are feeling the pressure of Christmas. "We definitely have more people in need and in crisis" she says, "and that is due to COVID, and is across all our services – social work, budgeting, counselling."

Jo says if families, businesses or individuals would like to help, CARE will provide a tub and sponsors can either make it up into a hamper themselves or elect to have CARE Waitakere make it up for them. The cost to sponsor a hamper and have it made up on your behalf, is between \$100 and \$150 dollars. Otherwise, hampers can be filled with whatever items sponsors want to put in them.

Jo says sponsors can also be assigned a family, so that they know how many people to provide for. Non-perishable items are best but treats such as Christmas mince tarts are fine, if they are packaged. If sponsors want to ensure the family has fresh items, Jo says a great idea is to purchase vouchers from stores such as supermarkets, green grocers, or butchers, so that the families can purchase fresh items for themselves.

People can also donate individual food items, or vouchers can be delivered within business hours to CARE Waitakere Trust, at 64 Waipani Rd. Delivery outside business hours can be arranged with Jo.

To sponsor a hamper or if you have questions, please contact Jo Faulder by email: [foodbank@carewaitakere.org.nz](mailto:foodbank@carewaitakere.org.nz)

# 'The Christmas Celebration'

**The Sugar Grill gives back to the community.**

Hannah and Phillip Nickson-Clark of The Sugar Grill café know it has been a tough year for everyone, and for some, it has been even tougher. So to give back to the Te Atatu community, and acknowledge the support they have enjoyed for their young business, the family is hosting 'The Christmas Celebration' – an invitation only, free community Christmas dinner for those among us who have suffered loss or hardship during 2020.

By liaising with organisations like CARE Waitakere and the Union Parish, Hannah and Phillip are finding out who most need a celebratory Christmas dinner buffet, so they can invite up to 70 people along to The Sugar Grill on December 2nd.

This way of giving back to the community is not new to Hannah, whose family has been hosting a community Christmas dinner for more than 200 people at a large Pukekohe venue, over the last six years.



▲ Phillip and Hannah Nickson-Clark

Hannah says recipients of their Te Atatu Christmas dinner may be elderly and in need of company, have lost a loved one or become unemployed, suffered an illness, or are people who have otherwise had a particularly difficult time during 2020.

Phillip, with the help of Assistant Chef Gilli, will be preparing traditional ham and turkey, roast vegetables, salads, and nugget and fries for the children. For dessert there will be

pavlova, Christmas pudding, trifle, and chocolate log.

Hannah says Countdown and other suppliers have come on board to help them provide the special buffet, and presents have been donated for the children, who will also be treated to a visit by Santa Claus.

"It's all about having fun and sharing the spirit of Christmas and kindness and being grateful that we've made it through 2020," says Hannah. "It's been a tough year for everybody." ●

## McDonald's Scale for Good

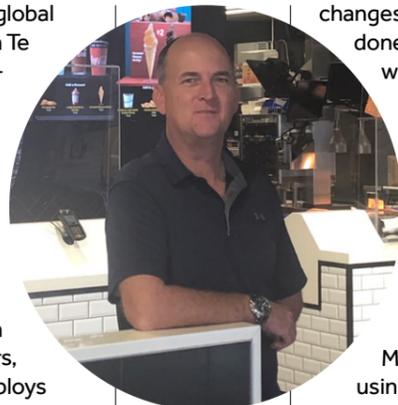
### - A global sustainability journey

McDonald's is joining the global green revolution and even Te Atatu is reaping the benefits.

McDonald's Te Atatu franchisee Sean Greenshields, says the organisation is on a sustainability journey, globally known as their 'Scale for good.'

Sean whose career with McDonald's spans 30 years, says the organisation employs over 10,000 people in restaurants nationwide, and is one of New Zealand's largest employers of youth. In 2019 McDonald's spent more than \$180 million with local suppliers, while New Zealand producers exported \$180 million of food to other McDonald's markets around the world.

He says the organisation is committed to keep making sustainable changes, but the sheer scale of the business means



▲ Sean Greenshields at McDonald's Te Atatu

changes sometimes need to be done gradually. For example, when they changed to using free range eggs, finding a supplier who could provide the volume needed was not immediately possible, and the change had to be rolled out slowly over three years.

Sean says by Christmas, McDonald's intends to be using wooden cutlery, rather than plastic, but they will need 10 million pieces per week, just in New Zealand. Last year in a New Zealand-first initiative, McDonald's partnered with Simply Cups to recycle hot and cold cups. Over 60,000 cups were recycled before the trial was paused due to Covid-19 restrictions. Sean says McDonald's continues to look at ways to reduce waste and divert waste from landfill, with new trials planned in 2021 and he says public

place litter is also an ongoing challenge, with McDonald's taking a variety of approaches to encourage customers to dispose of packaging responsibly, at a national and local level. He says while behaviour change is challenging, there are successful local initiatives to address litter issues.

"In the 90's we trialled recycling bins, but there was a lack of understanding within the general public, about how to recycle," says Sean. "It was so contaminated, we had to stop the trial. But public awareness has changed."

He says while the produce needed in the restaurants is sourced locally, a lot of the packaging needs to be sourced globally, because of the sheer size of the market.

"We currently don't have the volume in NZ to meet our needs," he says.

In New Zealand, aside from working with suppliers on new

## Black Forest Trifle

### With Bridget Pringle

This recipe is rich, decadent, and the whole family will love it. The best part is, you can make it in under 10 minutes with mostly ready-to-go ingredients!

#### INGREDIENTS

2 oranges  
 ½ cup water  
 ¼ cup caster sugar  
 1 tsp lemon juice  
 ½ punnet blackberries (or boysenberries/blueberries)  
 200g chocolate sponge log  
 360g ready-made vanilla custard  
 480g berry jelly (I used 4x 120g pre-made blackcurrant jelly pots, but you can make your own)  
 1 cup whipped cream  
 Handful of fresh cherries for garnish  
 2 squares of dark chocolate for garnish



#### METHOD

In a small pot, bring the juice of the two oranges, the rind of one orange, the water, lemon juice, five or six diced up blackberries, and caster sugar to a boil.

Once the mix is boiling, turn off the heat and let it cool down. If it is too hot, it will

break the sponge apart.  
 Layer 25g of sponge in the bottom of four clear glasses  
 Spoon ¼ cup of the orange mixture on top of the sponge  
 Layer 60g of jelly on top of the sponge  
 Add a layer of vanilla custard (roughly 45g)  
 And finally, a layer of whipped cream  
 Repeat all of these layers once more  
 For garnish, dice up two blackberries and two cherries, and grate or finely chop the dark chocolate on top of the final layer of whipped cream, of each glass.  
 Chill for 15 minutes, or if you would like to chill for longer, just leave the final layer of cream and garnish until later, and complete this step when you are ready to serve •

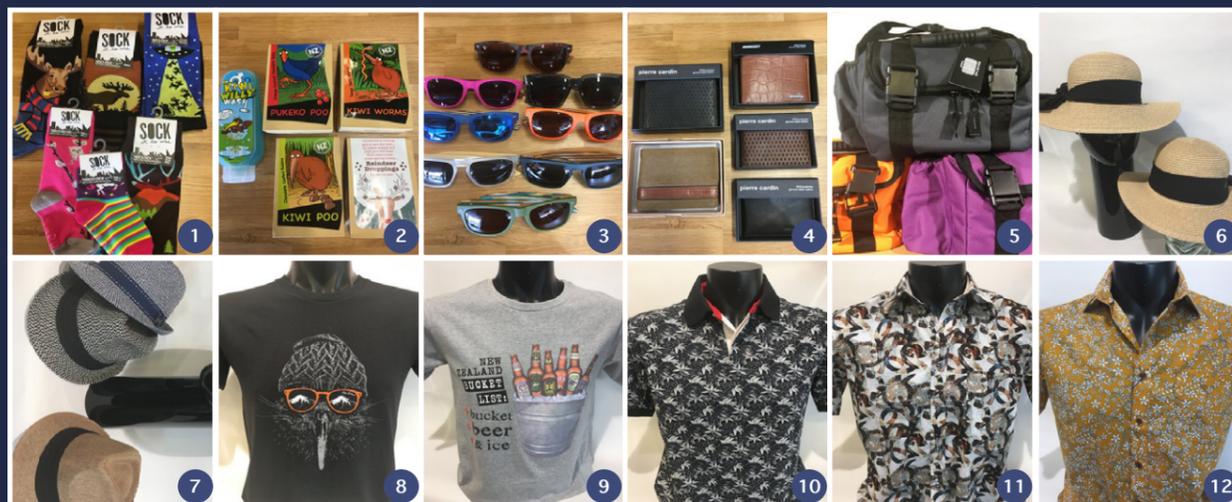
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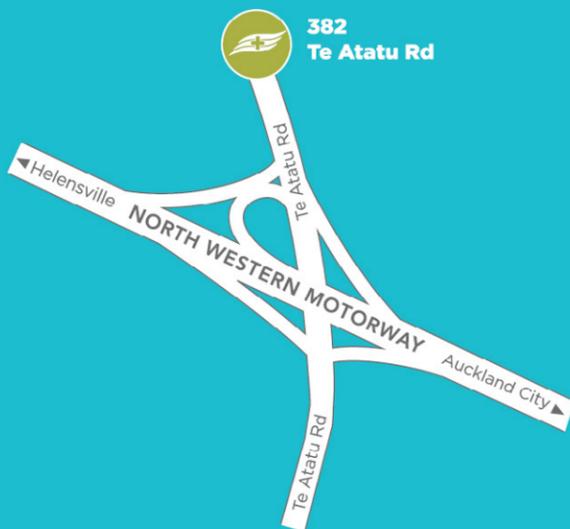
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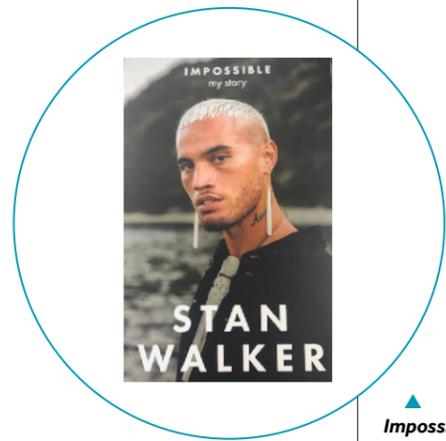
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Impossible: My Story by Stan Walker

*Touching, funny and revealing, this should be a popular book for Christmas.*

### Hi neighbours,

Welcome to summer! While it seems this year has gone by exceptionally slowly (to think, at the beginning of the year we hardly knew what Covid-19 was) it also feels as though 2020 has gone by in a flash. Can you believe we're approaching Christmas already?

Christmas is a great time to think about reading lists. Whether you're looking for something to peruse over the break, or you're after a stocking stuffer, here are a few of my recommendations.

For the wellness aficionado: *Aroha: Māori Wisdom for a Contented Life Lived in Harmony with Our Planet* by Dr Hinemoa Elder.

Elder is a legend and any wisdom she's dispensing, I'm keen to hear. This would make a great gift for those who love books within the 'health, mind, and spirit' genre – and it always pays to support local.



Abigail Johnson

For the fan of a true story: *Impossible: My Story* by Stan Walker.

From winning Australian Idol in 2009 (the first Kiwi to do so) to beating cancer in 2017, Stan Walker's journey has been tumultuous, to say the least. In *Impossible: My Story*, Walker takes us behind the scenes, back to before he was an idol. Touching, funny and revealing, this should be a popular book for Christmas.

And for the fiction lover: I can't recommend *Where the Crawdads Sing* by Delia Owens, high enough.

Described by Reese Witherspoon as 'painfully beautiful', *Crawdads* is a safe bet as a Christmas gift for friends and family. And with Witherspoon set to adapt the story to film, now is a good time to read the book before the movie comes out.

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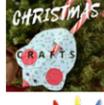
The group meets once a month on a Saturday, but traps can be cleared in your own time when it suits you. Perhaps a family or group of friends might want to join up?

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For more details please contact Raewyn Michael – [projectorangihina@gmail.com](mailto:projectorangihina@gmail.com)

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## TE ATATU BRANCH 55-YEARS OF SERVICE

**Te Atatu Branch Maori Women's Welfare League** celebrated 55 Years of Service on Sunday 15th November 2020.

This celebration was to acknowledge and honour our Wahine Toa who established the Te Atatu Branch in 1965, their role was to support young Maori mothers and their tamariki and to build a strong foundation for the growth and development of the Maori community in Te Atatu North and West Auckland. That legacy still exists today.

Due to COVID 19 our 55 year celebration plans have been extended so we can continue to work toward an exhibition of the history of the Branch at our local Te Atatu Peninsula Community Centre. We look forward to engaging with the Whanau, children and grandchildren of those foundation members to document and record their stories and memories.

Tui Olliver Branch President



# Crafty Ideas for Christmas

## Table Centre Piece

It is easy to make a beautiful arrangement for your festive table. Even if you have not arranged flowers before, give this a go.

You will need:

- A florists' brick of oasis
- Flowers and foliage
- Table candles(s)
- Rectangle shaped plate, tray, or board to use as a base

Buy the brick of oasis from a florist and soak it in water for a couple of hours.

Drain the oasis and place on your chosen base. Insert one of two candles in the top of the oasis.

Select three or four different types of foliage and flowers of short, medium, and longer lengths. This example used flowering manuka, flax and bottle brush flowers and plum foliage, keeping with a red,



white, and green Christmas colour scheme.

Starting around the outside, take the longer pieces and push the stems into the oasis so that they drape over the edges of the plate or board. Add the next layer using the medium length pieces and finish with the shorter pieces on top, making sure all the oasis is hidden.



## Upcycled Festive 'Tree'

This is a great way to upcycle a branch into a quirky 'tree' for the cost of a small amount of paint. It is a great option if you would like to decorate for xmas, but don't want to buy an artificial tree or a rapidly dying, cut pine tree

You will need:

- A dead branch
- Silver or white spray paint
- A bucket or pot
- Rocks or sand

Forage for a well-shaped, dead branch that is reasonably strong. Stand the base in a bucket or pot and use stones or sand to make it stay upright. Using white or silver spray paint, carefully and evenly coat the branch, somewhere that the overspray won't be a problem, such as a lawn (you can mow the lawn afterward!).

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## Funding Helps Grow Rivercare Group

An Auckland Council Community Facilities Grant has allowed Rivercare Group Te Wai o Pareira volunteers, to build and grow their organisation.

The group was formed and held their first public meeting in February 2019 and aims to restore Te Wai o Pareira (Henderson Creek) to a healthier state, so it can once again support abundant life and safely host recreational use.

The grant of \$26,000 has meant the group has been able to employ a part-time, paid coordinator and build the organisations' infrastructure. Work includes a strategic plan, a health and safety plan, and the lwi consultation framework for the organisation.

Organiser Chris Ballantyne says the group is made up of a diverse set of people, including an environmental scientist and a resource consent lawyer and now thanks to the grant, they have employed coordinator Alan Clist, who will facilitate the group's activities.

A priority for the group is to get a water quality testing regime implemented, so that the community knows when the river is safe to use. Chris says they want to understand the challenges of the awa and make a tangible difference to its health.

"Part of the mission is to raise profile of the creek in the community's mind and their relationship with it, and how what goes down the stormwater or is flushed down the toilet, affects the awa."

The Rivercare Group has also built a website [www.rivercaregroup.org](http://www.rivercaregroup.org), and Chris says they want it to be a repository of information about Te Wai o Pareira, including its history. But the long-term aim is for the website to provide a 'real time' state of the river. He says the volunteers had been working with Auckland Councils' Safeswim, carrying out water testing to feed the building of the Safeswim model for Chapman



▲ Chris Ballantyne



▲ Alan Clist



▲Photo courtesy of Russell Cavanagh

Strand and Taipari Stream. However, funding for the project was affected by the COVID pandemic.

"We're looking for other funding sources, so we can do the testing independently," says Chris. "We're also gathering reports on the river from all the different silos within council. There has been extensive work done."

Chris says this will inform them about work priorities and help them raise the profile of the issue. He says the group wants to see more improvements to sewage infrastructure and they are working on a campaign for signage to be placed on all stormwater silt traps.

"We're working with Watercare to get a better understanding of infrastructure and the location of engineered overflow points so they can be monitored."

They also plan more river clean ups and may be involved in planting projects along the river. Meanwhile they are due to present their progress to the Henderson Massey Local Board in February.

If members of the community want to know more about the group's mission, they can look on the website and there is an option to join Rivercare Group Te Wai o Pareira's email list. Or alternatively, email them at: [info@rivergroup.org](mailto:info@rivergroup.org)

Work includes a strategic plan, a health and safety plan, and the lwi consultation framework for the organisation.

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# Troy Cassidy, Volunteer Firefighter

When Te Atatu optometrist Troy Cassidy was a boy growing up in Piha, he saw several bush fires sweep up the hill where he lived and watched local volunteer firefighters bring them back under control.

He remembers thinking that it would be good to be involved in combating those fires.

Roll on a few decades, a career as an optometrist, and a family and three years ago, Troy finally fulfilled that ambition. Initially he sent a message to the Chief Fire Officer at Piha, and gathered information from the Fire & Emergency NZ (FENZ) website (<https://fireandemergency.nz>), on becoming a volunteer. Troy says



training for the Piha crew is on a Monday night and as he went along, he got to know the group and began learning the skills involved. When the brigade training officer thinks a recruit is ready, they

attend formal FENZ training courses. Recruits attend a two-day first-aid course, then a week-long course either in Mount Wellington or Rotorua, undergoing a mix of theory and practical training. This includes hose drills,

ladders, working at heights, knots and lines, fire extinguishers, rural firefighting, breathing apparatus training and obstacle courses. Trainees also fight a fire specially set in a building and carry out search and rescue in the intensely hot environment with poor visibility, and thick with smoke.

When the courses are successfully completed, the recruit is now ranked as a Firefighter and is qualified to attend callouts. Troy says this process took about a year.

"I was a bit of a late starter," he says. "I'd thought about it for a long time, but it took me a while to take the plunge and get into it. My kids are a little bit older, and work is running more smoothly, so I felt I was at a stage where I could do something like that."

The next step was to become a Qualified Fire Fighter and in July this year Troy went to Rotorua for the five-day QFF course. Training included hazardous materials, confined spaces training, working with helicopters, more breathing apparatus and search and rescue.



"It's a great course," says Troy.

He says most firefighters in New Zealand are volunteers. While there are about 1,800 career firefighters in NZ, there are around 11,000 volunteers. Troy says being a volunteer firefighter is practical and adds balance to his life, particularly as he does an indoor, sedentary job as an optometrist.

As Piha is rural, the crew often tackle scrub fires with portable pumps. "To get water in the city you just have to find a hydrant and plug the hose in," he says. "In a rural setting there are no hydrants, and it's about finding water and getting it going. What I like about being

on the brigade is that it involves a lot of teamwork. There are a lot of new skills to learn. Two weeks ago, I was on a four-wheel driving course for the weekend, which was fun. It's also given me a reason to get a little bit fitter and a bit stronger."

To register interest in becoming a volunteer firefighter, go to:

<https://fireandemergency.nz/volunteering/register-your-interest-to-volunteer/>

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Visibility also plays a large factor, a burglar's risk of being seen entering or leaving a property influences target selection so if you have plants and hedges that need trimming now would be a good time to do so.

Regarding valuables, whether they are in a vehicle or in your home, be sure to keep them out of sight and lock away valuable jewellery.

Remember, be a good neighbour, communicate often and establish trust. Get to know them whether it be on either side and across the road, as good neighbours will keep an eye out for your property when you are away.

Some recent offending has been attributed to youths with a trend of antisocial behaviour, so please be aware of this. As parents we should keep track of where our children are and make sure there is a safety plan in place that they can follow should anything happen.

And please remember.

- Call 105 if it's happened already to report non-emergencies to Police
- Go online to 105.police.govt.nz to report and get updates on certain types of non-emergency situations (currently lost property, intentional property damage, shoplifting, general theft and theft from a car)
- If a crime is taking place or there's a threat to life or property, it's an emergency so call 111.

Samuel Yerro, Te Atatu Community Constable ●

**T**ēnā koutou, Can you believe it! Only weeks till Christmas! Here are some reminders for our christmas break.

If you purchase a real Christmas tree, it's a good idea to saw the stump and put it in a bucket with water, so the moisture keeps the tree from drying out fast. Christmas lights are fine to be used on a multiboard, as they don't draw too much power, like irons, fridges, microwaves etc. These should always be plugged directly into the wall outlet.

We have had a number of stoves and cooktops being left on lately, so please remember, when you're cooking

1. Don't drink and fry. Alcohol is involved in half of all fatal fires. Instead, pre-prepare a meal, get takeaways, or use the microwave. Never attempt to drink alcohol or take medication that makes you sleepy when cooking.
2. Don't leave the room when cooking. If you have to, always turn off the stove first. Unattended cooking is the leading cause of house fires in New Zealand.
3. Keep curtains, tea towels, oven mitts and any flammable items well away from the cooking area when you're cooking.

Most fire fatalities occur in rental properties without working smoke alarms. For this reason, we are asking that you make sure, not only that you have smoke alarms (landlords must supply them for tenants) but that they are working. It's the tenants responsibility to maintain the installed smoke alarm(s), including replacing batteries (if required), for the duration of their tenancy.

Have a wonderful holiday, stay safe.

If you have any questions or queries about anything fire safety related, don't hesitate to call your local fire station (0800-3545-170).

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