

# At Home

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## They came, they saw, they did one heck of a great job!

Tenants, AP staff, and Good Neighbour came together during Keep New Zealand Beautiful week to give some of our Tauranga homes, fences, and neighbourhoods a bit of TLC.

And the results were spectacular.

As one tenant who took part put it: "Marvelous! I could not believe that all the stuff I wanted to get rid of is gone. My home looks so much better."

"It was good to see everyone out helping each other and enjoying each other's company."

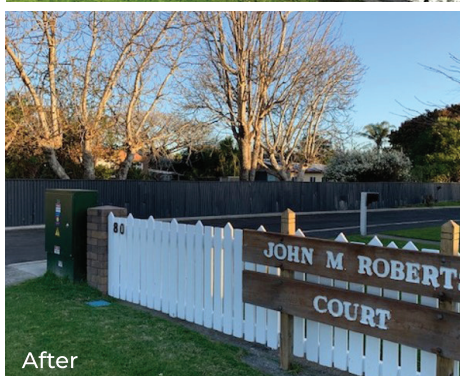
At 14th Avenue in Tauranga, 27 volunteers and staff collected 1.7 tonnes of rubbish and gave 27 homes a makeover.

While at Surrey Grove, 15 tenants and household members rounded up a whopping 3.6 tonnes of scrap metal and half a tonne of rubbish!

They also gave nearby Merivale Park a spruce up.

"A great community project," Employment and Training Coordinator Georgina Willers says. "It really fits with our belief that everyone should have a place to belong and thrive."

*Accessible Properties would like to acknowledge Good Neighbour and Metalco Recyclers for their support and participation.*



## Staying safe in paddling pools

After a long and challenging year, we're all looking forward to some fun in the sun.

One way to do that is a paddling pool for the kids.

New Zealand has one of the worst drowning rates in the world – and sadly, the victims can often be children.

It only takes 30 seconds for a child to drown.

For that reason, pools with a depth of more than 40cm are not allowed under the terms of your tenancy.

Many shops are selling temporary or inflatable pools at this time of year. If you're buying one, you must make sure the water level is below 40 centimetres.

It is against the law to have a pool with a water level above 40 centimetres unless it is appropriately fenced.

We are committed to safety, especially children safety, and so we will strictly enforce this.

If you have any questions, please contact your Tenancy Manager before buying a pool.

We wish you a safe and enjoyable summer and Christmas.

## Dogs and pets – what you need to know



Recently a member of our staff was bitten by a dog on one of our properties.

She needed medical attention and was understandably upset.

Such incidents are unacceptable and will be taken very seriously. The safety of our tenants and our people is our top priority.

If you are thinking of getting a pet you must obtain written permission from us before getting the animal.

**We will not give permission for you to keep these dogs:**

- Pit Bull Terrier
- Dogo Argentino
- Fila Brasileiro
- Japanese Tosa
- Perro de Presa Canario
- Any other dog banned by law or that we, experts or council consider dangerous and/or menacing

**You can't keep a dog if:**

- It has ever caused injury to a person
- You or another household member has any convictions or history of abandonment, cruelty, neglect or mistreatment of animals
- You've previously left a pet behind when moving out of an Accessible Properties property

- You've had any enforcement action in relation to ownership of pets

- You want to keep too many animals or it breaks local authority rules.

You also can't run a pet-related business from home.

**If we give permission for you to have a pet, it depends on you making sure that it does not:**

- Stray or roam
- Damage anybody's property, including your own Accessible Properties Home
- Injure, annoy or frighten anybody else
- Cause nuisance to anybody else, i.e. making too much noise or causing a smell
- Breed in the property.

You must keep pets under control at all times, especially when visitors such as Tenancy and Property Managers, contractors and postal workers come to the property.

If you have a pet at your property that we haven't given permission for, you should contact your Tenancy Manager immediately.

They can also help you with a full list of conditions, and an Agreement Form.

These rules are to keep everyone, and your pet, safe. If you are unsure if you have permission for your pet – check.



Hi everyone,

What a year!

It's been challenging, and many of us will be glad it's over.

We've done our best to keep everyone in our homes safe, healthy and informed.

Thank you for doing your part to follow the Government's COVID-19 measures.

It's amazing what the country has been able to achieve together.

I'd like to wish you all a very happy Christmas and New Year.

Greg Orchard,

**Accessible Properties CEO**

### Stay safe from COVID-19

COVID-19 is still a danger to you and your families this summer. The virus is highly infectious and can be transmitted in warm weather.

**Remember:**

- Stay at home if you're sick
- Get a COVID-19 test if you have symptoms
- Wash your hands thoroughly and regularly
- Cough and sneeze into your elbow
- Use the COVID-19 tracer app, or keep a record of your movements