



## We are now Assessment Providers for the Total Mobility Scheme

We're pleased to share that we are now an assessment provider for the nationwide **Total Mobility Scheme**, supporting people with impairments to stay active, independent, and connected in their communities.

The Total Mobility Scheme provides **transport assistance** through approved taxi and companion driving services for people who have limited or no access to public transport. Whether it's travelling to medical appointments, visiting friends, or getting to the supermarket, Total Mobility makes it easier by offering **discounted fares**.

Eligible members receive a personal **ID swipe card** to use with participating transport operators across Taranaki and in many other parts of New Zealand.

If you think you might qualify - or you support someone who might - we can now help with the assessment process to get you started.

**For more information or to book an assessment - call us today 06 759 9196**

**Join us... we welcome your subscription for year ending 2025**

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**Visit us**

**NEW PLYMOUTH**  
33 Liardet Street  
9.30am - 1.30pm  
Monday to Friday

**HAWERA**  
35 Argyle Street  
By appointment

**ACT Board**

Sam Bennett - Chair  
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# Americarna Street Party



**Thursday  
26th Feb  
9.30 – 12 noon  
28 Young Street  
New Plymouth**

Meet the visiting families and owners  
of the fantastic cars and support  
their annual visit to our wonderful  
Taranaki community.

Go for a ride and rock around the clock  
with Age Concern Taranaki  
and Taranaki Disabilities  
Information Centre Trust.

**Cars will be arriving at 10.15 am.**

## Tena Koutou Hello to everyone

Happy New Year everybody, it's going to be the best year ever.

New Year is a time that we traditionally set goals, however restricting our goal setting to a numerical day seems restricting. Goals can be set anytime for any reason.

The best time to set a new goal was yesterday, so the next best time is now. Don't forget goals aren't perfect, because we aren't.

If we falter we should not give up, but just re-set.

Our goal at age concern Taranaki this month is to "Say words that matter". It is number 7 on our Paul Rangiwhia Art "Age is Just a Number"

Saying words that matter is an infectious and repetitive action that benefits both the giver and receiver of the words. This goal fits perfectly with the glass half full or half empty analogy, we can view the same situation either positively or negatively, but the choice is ours and what we say is a choice. We might not like the rain but the world doesn't survive without it. Do we celebrate rain or curse it?

So next time it rains lets all cheer.

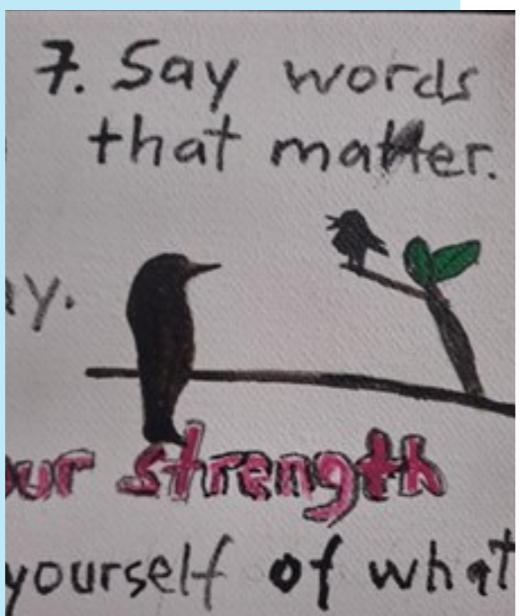
As often as I can, I bike to work along the foreshore. I deliberately set off to smile and greet as many people kindly as possible. I arrive at work buoyant and hoping a friendly greeting along the way may have given pleasure to others. I always thank sports referees or, event organisers, or parking wardens. I thank shop assistants, courier drivers or work colleagues for their contribution. Can you imagine if all of society was kind and said kind words what a joyful society we would live in. My parents (and yours as well I imagine) brought me up saying If you can't say something kind say nothing at all.

So have a great day everyone and make someone else's great as well with your words or actions.

Happy New Year everybody,  
it's going to be the best year ever.

*Richard*

Executive Officer  
Age Concern Taranaki



## Join Julie and Katrina for a fun day out 'Mystery North Taranaki Tour'

**Wednesday 11 March 2026**

Hawera pick up - 8.45am at the Presbyterian Hall, Argyle Street  
Stratford pick up - 9.20am at the Bus stop War Memorial Car Park, Miranda St  
Return - Stratford around 3pm... Hawera around 3.30pm

**Book with Katrina 027 228 5371 or Julie 027 264 3086  
on or before Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> February**

*Please come prepared with: Your water bottle. Some easy walking will be required.  
Your walkers can be stored under the bus. You will need to hop onto the bus unassisted.*



**\$80pp\***  
includes lunch  
and activities

\*Based on 35 people  
\$75 pp for 40 people

**Payment by Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> February**