



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

Please complete the following and either pay online, or drop it in to our office.

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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
Peter Ertel - Vice Chair
Alison Brown Bobbi Milne
David Gibson Annabel Dent
Denise Loveridge
Raana Solomon
Diana Cole

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 Rangiwahia 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.

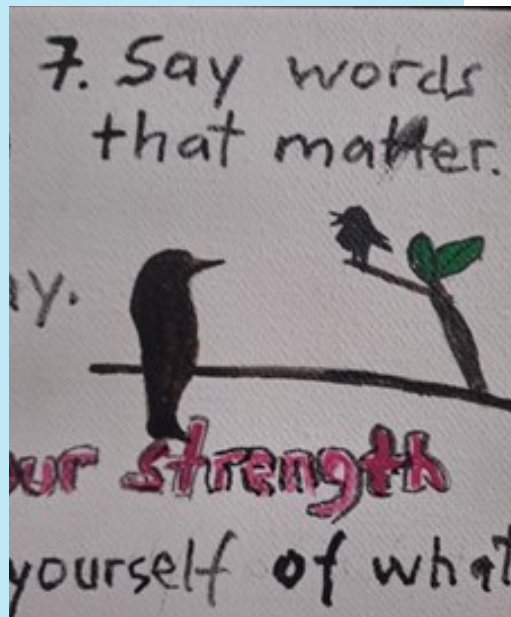
As often as I can, I bike to work along the foreshore. I deliberately set
off to smile and greet as many people kindly as possible. I arrive at
work buoyant and hoping a friendly greeting along the way may have
given pleasure to others. I always thank sports referees or, event or-
ganisers, or parking 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.

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Richard

Executive Officer
Age Concern Taranaki



Welcome back for another year of fun in Central and South Taranaki

We are busy planning our events and activities for the year. Which will include
a great mix of music, quizzes, exercise, games, bingo, singing, coffee and of
course lots of yummy food. We look forward to catching up with everyone again,
and welcoming new members to our groups. Also coming up in March we have
a fun day out planned, with a Mystery Bus tour on Wednesday 11th March,
please register for this asap to avoid missing out!

We finished last year with several wonderful end of year events. We had 58
join us for a delicious lunch in Hawera at Tairoa Lodge, including several board
members and the Mayor Phil Nixon. We also had an end of year roast lunch
in Stratford, at The Bridge Café, again with Mayor Neil Volzke joining about 30
of us.

We both really enjoy spending time with you all
and hope to see you soon!

Julie Landers & Katrina Smith



\$80pp*
includes lunch
and activities

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

Payment by Thursday 26th February

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 26th 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.

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