

## Omaha Security News – May 09

A big Hello to all of you good Omaha Folk out there,

It is now the end of April and we have had some big Easterlies for the past week heralding that Winter is not so far away anymore. A great time for coming up on weekends to the Bach to share some good times with friendly company over a few glasses of wine and a roaring fire.

Fishing around the Bay has been reasonably tough for the past month and we have been getting our best catches out off Pakiri in about 30 meters of water. Have a drift fish on an incoming tide and then anchor and berley up once the fish start biting. Once the 'bite' comes on, particularly at dusk, it doesn't seem to matter whether you are fishing with plastic or bait. Lots of prime eating snapper out there and some pretty aggressive squid that will have a crack at anything moving!



### **New Years, etc...**

Hasn't the time gone quickly since the Christmas Holidays? Last New Year's Eve for us was approached with more than a little bit of trepidation – not only in anticipation of some of the usual nonsense that can happen around the Beach at this time but with the added factor of the huge outdoor Concert at the Matakana Country Park.

8.00pm on New Years Eve saw 5 Insite staff and an equal number of local Police Officers having a briefing at the Omaha Surf Club. To be honest we were not completely sure what we would be facing once the festivities commenced for the night and with an expected insurge of Concert goers after midnight (probably all very inebriated?) it was anyone's guess how the night would go?

We all then broke up into Patrol groups with assigned areas and hit the streets.

Despite a few beach fires and some groups of disorderly youths in the early part of the evening, the night went extremely well and far better than we all had expected. After midnight the buses started arriving back from the Concert (full of very tired Concert attendees) and we took care to ensure that there was no build-up of groups and in many cases actually drove people back to their Omaha places to ensure that they got home safely.

Reports I had back at the time from long-term Omaha Residents were that they enjoyed one of the quietest New Years on record and I pass on my congratulations to the Concert Organisers and the Omaha Residents Associations for the excellent work that went into the pre-planning and execution of the event.

### **Teenagers...**

This topic comes up with monotonous regularity and I am fast losing patience with certain Parents out there that continue to use Omaha as a dumping ground for their ill disciplined teenagers and hanger-on mates!

The same addresses keep coming up time and time again with; drunken behaviour, destruction of Council and private property and inevitably Boy Racer activity up and down the streets at high speed at all hours of the day and night!





Last week, myself and several of our Patrol staff spent several hours from one o'clock in the morning, sorting out a fair sized brawl in Mangatawhiri Rd involving 30 or so teenagers up here for an unsupervised Party at a Southern end Residence. The brawl apparently started when a group of local teenagers came into conflict with the Party crowd (surprise surprise!). Each 'side' if you will, is now blaming the other for starting the fight and the only fact that you can really rely on here is that; uncontrolled use of alcohol + teenage immaturity + no parental controls or presence, invariably = big trouble!

All 4 homes that were being used at Omaha to accommodate these groups did not have a single parent or adult present! (I much prefer dealing with burglars – they make far more sense to me than out of control teenagers!)

The same scenario is often regrettably caused thru people renting out their Beach houses to unqualified tenants. I have more than a few horror stories to share with any of you that are interested and can assure you that the money made from a weekend's casual rental does not go anywhere when you are left with significant damage to your home and highly upset neighbours!

Please can the people involved here give some more thought and consideration to the rest of our Community!

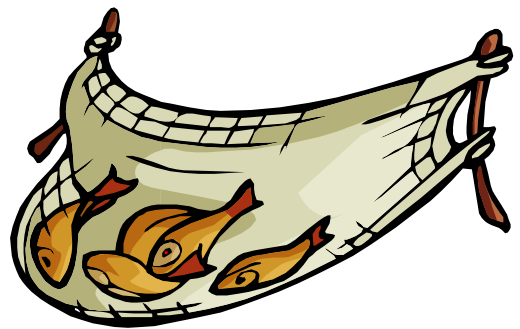
### **Set Nets**

The increasing use of Set Nets for fishing around Omaha Beach lately is also becoming of serious concern.

In one of my 'other' roles as a Fisheries Officer, I have noted a huge increase in the number of nets being used to target the in-shore fish population.

Regrettably these nets are being put out with little regard for the laws surrounding the use of such nets in NZ. In general the offences that are being regularly committed are; nets being left completely unattended by their owners (usually overnight), no identification or ownership details being written on floats and fish being taken illegally with incorrect mesh sizes.

It is very frustrating to see the destruction and waste caused by set nets left overnight out in the water for 12 hour periods or more! Fish that are caught in these nets during the 1st couple of hours are totally destroyed/chewed up by paddle crabs by the next morning and are then of absolutely no use to anyone.



At times I have counted up to 6 of these nets set along the Southern end of Omaha Beach with not an owner in sight! I have been collecting Rego numbers of some of the people involved here and MAF will start prosecuting these offenders once we have gathered sufficient evidence. As a private citizen I have no problem in actually dragging these illegal nets out of the water and leaving them up beyond the High Water mark (I must try and be more careful tho, it seems with my clumsiness that big holes somehow get ripped in these nets when I am retrieving them?)

If you see anything going on around the Beach with regard to these Nets or other suspicious fishy activity – please either give the Office here a call on 425-7113 or send me thru an e-mail to [chris@insitesecurity.co.nz](mailto:chris@insitesecurity.co.nz) and I will follow-up on all information provided

## Rubbish on the Beach

Last weekend we grabbed the kids and spent a couple of hours picking up rubbish that had been dumped on the sand at Omaha Beach. We only covered an area from the Surf Club back to the Southern end of the Beach but managed to fill 5 rubbish bags to the top. Some of this rubbish can be put down to the big Easterly winds blowing all sorts of debris out of the water, however the more significant volumes are definitely coming from people just dropping their waste on the Beach.

An example of the contents of one rubbish bag was;

- 5 empty beer bottles
- Several single jandals
- A ½ a dozen or so deflated balloons
- Assorted chocolate wrappers and empty chip bags
- Plastic bait bags (obviously discarded off boats)
- Bits of rope and plastic of all descriptions
- 1 x Durex 'rubber' contraceptive (Large size) still in its packet but a little water logged! (the owner can claim this piece of missing property back from us upon satisfactory proof of ownership – we wouldn't want this device falling into the wrong hands!)

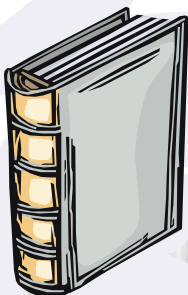


Next time you are heading out for a walk along Omaha, why not take a plastic bag with you and have a bit of a clean-up as you go. It really takes no effort and the Beach will really appreciate your extra care!

## Book Winner!

You may recall in our last newsletter we described the night-time capture of 3 burglars as they tried to run away from our Patrol staff after a break-in the Mahurangi Rugby Club. We asked Readers to send in a humorous poem concerning the incident. A number of excellent responses were received, however the very talented Mr David Botting from Omaha North was finally chosen as the winning entry!

David has won for himself a signed copy of Lauraine Jacobs' fabulous book 'Matakana'. Congratulations Dave.

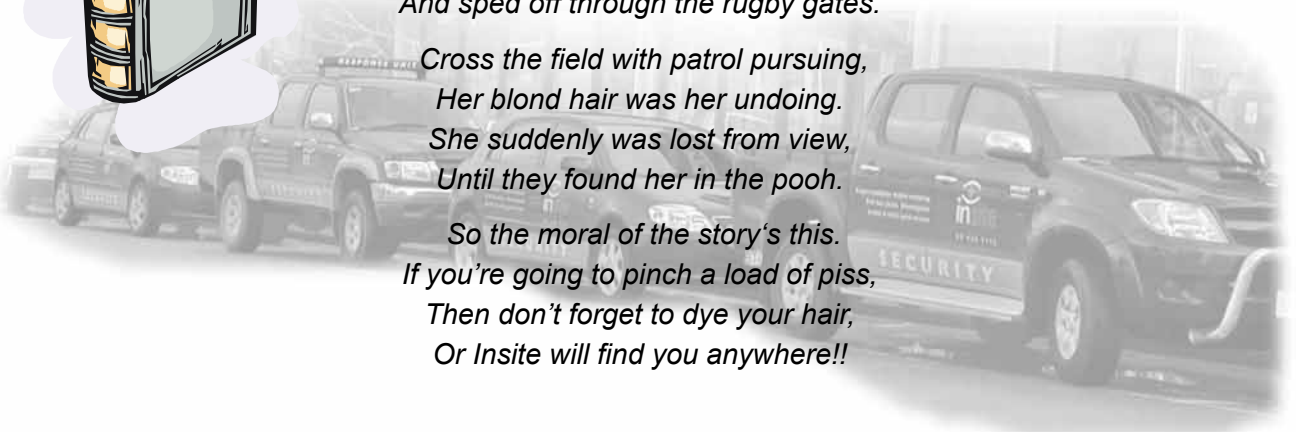


*Blondie visited the Rugby Club,  
To steal some grog; - cut out the pub.  
But the silly chook forgot one thing,  
Insite Security were in the wing.*

*The alarm was silent, she didn't know,  
Insite appeared, -- she wasn't slow.  
She jumped the barrier with her mates,  
And sped off through the rugby gates.*

*Cross the field with patrol pursuing,  
Her blond hair was her undoing.  
She suddenly was lost from view,  
Until they found her in the pooh.*

*So the moral of the story's this.  
If you're going to pinch a load of piss,  
Then don't forget to dye your hair,  
Or Insite will find you anywhere!!*



## **Undercover Agents/ Covert Camera Surveillance**

It would seem that another side effect of the present economic conditions is an increase in theft and fraud offending within businesses. Sadly a lot of these offences are being committed by employees rather than persons who were previously unknown to the business.

We have had about ½ a dozen 'local' issues in recent months and have had great success in the use of hidden cameras to detect offenders – resulting in significant ongoing savings to these businesses.

Another service that Insite can now provide is in the deployment of Undercover operatives into business environments where several employees are colluding in the theft of goods or carrying out other fraudulent activities. Collusion at this level can make it very difficult to detect or prove offences

Our operative would effectively become just another member of your staff while he covertly investigates any criminal offending while working alongside those who may be suspects?

We have two members of our staff, both former NZ Police Officers, who are trained Undercover investigators and who in their previous careers were deployed in very successful 18 month long Police investigations by infiltrating major Drug and Criminal networks. The skills and experience of these staff members are now available to our Customers, wherever your business may be based?

If you feel that there may be an issue with Staff Theft in your Company, please give me a call (in total Confidence) and I am very confident that we will be able to provide a long-term solution to your problem?

# LOCKSMITH

## **Locksmith and Alarm SPECIAL for the month of May!!!**

Adam our Locksmith has been flat out at Omaha installing new Marine grade lock systems and servicing conventional locks from the harsh effects of our salty environment. He is also carrying out a lot of Handyman type work for absentee owners.

With winter on the way (and the inevitable power cuts) it is a great time to get both your locks and alarm system serviced.

To make this affordable and easy to manage for everyone, we are offering a 'two for one' package that represents some great value for money!

For only \$150.00 + GST we will carry out a full service of your alarm system (new Main Control battery upgrade included) and a full service of all of your household door locks. (applies to an average 3 bedroom sized home and new Parts not included)

Adam also has another Special running on having all of your Omaha Household Locks keyed alike at \$20.00 + GST per lock. So much easier to have one key that opens all of your doors rather than having to carry around a bunch! Please give Adam a call on 09-425-7113 and he can then inspect your property and advise you what is possible?

Well that's me for another few months. We are keeping very busy here at Insite with lots of good things happening. I also have a few more great War Stories to bore you with if I get to see you around the Beach!

All the very best  
Chris



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