

Thriving Communities
Newsletter - November 2017
Update from East Taieri Church Community Facilitator

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Living as the people of God in everyday life.
Looking to see what God is doing and joining in.
Our vision statement outlines — *Together we will work alongside others to develop thriving communities where people feel connected, known, loved and valued.*



Welcome to our second quarterly Newsletter

Each quarter we will profile a particular area. Next time we will feature our association with Taieri Christian Care Foodbank, and update you on our new work over at Brighton, "Community on the Coast".

EMERGENCY RESPONSE

After the 2015 Taieri floods, and in response to an appeal to the community from Snr Sgt Al Dickie, the Community Facilitator (Joy Davis) and Community Support Worker (Jackie Dickison) joined the Emergency Response Planning Group. Over time a data base of local assets has been researched and put together. The group has identified vulnerable areas in our communities, and in conjunction with Neighbourhood Support and Southern DHB is able to identify at-risk residents.

The group is now led and guided by Civil Defence Emergency Management, and Mosgiel Taieri Community Board.

This group continues to meet monthly to develop a comprehensive 'Emergency Response Plan' for our area. This will be available to all residents sometime next year (2018).

In the last Taieri flood event (July 2017) it was encouraging to see so many East Taieri people involved. From the 'Planning Team', to drivers of 4WD vehicles, to catering support.



SANDBAGGING AT THE YOUTH EAST TAIERI HUB JULY 2017 FLOODS

TURNING POINT CHRISTIAN COUNSELLING



Turning Point was established in 2005 and for the past 12-years has provided professional affordable counselling to people of all ages and backgrounds, particularly those less able to afford such services. The service has grown in response to the increasing challenges around mental health issues in our communities.

Christian counselling is based on a Christ-centred view of a person which tells us we are created in God's image. We work towards helping people reach their God-given potential. We see people from any faith and non-faith background, prayer is available if the person requests it.

The service has established a trusted reputation and maintains links with other health professionals & agencies, and local businesses — averaging 300 appointments annually.

East Taieri church supports Turning Point by providing a counselling room, administrative support, and leadership from Community Facilitator (Joy Davis). Counsellors offer different appointment times & can see clients in Dunedin.

Our community is privileged to be served by a high calibre team:

- **Paul Reet:** registered mental health nurse & counsellor, who also offers both clinical/professional supervision and ministry/spiritual supervision
- **Elaine Gough:** registered counsellor, trained in alcohol/drugs, psychotherapy, supervision, and offers couples counselling.
- **Deborah Taylor:** provisional registered as a Christian Counsellor, experienced in individual counselling in a variety of areas

The team also offers Community Education Programmes such as the one in this photograph.

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