

Nominated by: Kath Williamson – Fairway Ave, Mount Maunganui

Nominee: Sally Browne

Each day since lockdown started Sally has been displaying "Big Ted" in her front yard for the children. Each day "Big Ted" is dressed up doing some activity; climbing the neighbour's fence, yoga, fishing, lifeguard, Easter Bunny giving away eggs, bike riding, Birthday party, having a picnic with his toy family. Children and their parents ride past daily to see what he is up to on that day. Neighbours look to see what "Big Ted" is up to and there have been lots of cameras clicking. Sally has added a smile to lots of faces during this challenging time. Thanks Sal!



Nominated by: Shellee Davey – Rainey Crescent – Papamoa

Nominee: Jo Baker

Jo always has time for a smile and a chat with her neighbours, she drops off freshly baked bread and beautiful desserts when we had a baby. She thinks about others and would help out anyway she could if someone was in need.

Nominated by: Bronwyn Waters-Bright – Hayley Grove - Papamoa

Nominee: Debbie Martin

We have sold our house and settlement date was the 3rd of April and as we were heading overseas for a few weeks we hadn't found anywhere to live as we were going to my sisters for a short time. Being organised we had packed up 80 percent of our house and put it all into storage. So we had only 2 plates, mugs, glasses etc, a couple of small saucepans. Once we went into lock down we had very little things in the house, our wonderful neighbour Debbie lent us plates etc, offered blankets and anything else we may have needed. Also offered to do our shopping if we needed it. She has also kept a

couple of other neighbours and us supplied in home baking, Debbie is the Chocolate Eclair lady of Papamoa. She is amazing and always there for any of us when in need and totally deserves recognition for all she does for us all. We will certainly miss this awesome lady when we finally move after lock down is lifted.

**Nominated by:** Shirley Knight – Dickson Road – Papamoa

**Nominee:** Kerri Silvester

My husband and I have an angel who lives right next door to us. She is part of a family of four and is currently working from home. Just before lockdown she decided to go around the immediate neighbours (about six households) and get their names and contact details (which were then emailed to everyone) so that we could all support each other during lockdown. We have since been in contact with people who we have never spoken to before. This has made such a difference to us as we are a retired couple who are of course very restricted in what we can do or where we can go. In addition to this she gets our groceries every week – keeping social distance of course. Nothing is too much trouble and if we are short of something – say a product the supermarket is out of – she will say “I have some of that – you can have some of mine!” To say that is appreciated is an understatement! You can see why we have to nominate her for a neighbourhood award. Oh, and just as she was leaving our property after dropping the groceries on the porch the other day, I’m sure I saw some wings sprouting out of her back! Maybe I’ve been cooped up too long!

**Nominated by:** Jacqui Hutchinson – Sardinia Rise - Bethlehem

**Nominee:** Graham & Liz O’Riordan

Graham is always a great communicator and even more so during this time of lockdown. Graham started up a 5pm catch up for those that could make it - social distancing of course. This has been great for those in the street that perhaps felt isolated. Just a fantastic community spirit and Graham and Liz are a treasure in our street.

**Nominated by:** Patricia Wilkinson – Hamurana Road - Omokoroa

**Nominee:** The man at #19

I don’t know these people but the man at number 19 has been mowing a large kerb side grass area between Kaharoa ave and Hamurana Reserve with a push mower while we are in lock down. He’s been doing a beautiful job - awesome !

**Nominated by:** Jenny Arrowsmith – Catamaran Way - Papamoa

**Nominee:** Jim Miles

Jim is a wonderful neighbour he is also my "fix it man" I am 82 and recently lost my husband, he passed away in January. Jim has been my rock asks me if I need anything at the supermarket. Over these last 2 weeks of "lockdown" he has cooked 2 healthy meals plus has delivered hot cross buns twice, that he cooked himself, ( better than supermarket ones) each time he has given me 2 buns, he is a great cook. I highly recommend Jim to be nominated for Neighbourhood Support Good Neighbour. He also helps other people in our neighbourhood. Nothing is too much trouble for Jim.

**Nominated by:** Adrian Muller – Dickson Road - Papamoa

**Nominee:** Kerri Sylvester

Kerri decided to approach about a dozen immediate neighbours to ask if they minded giving her their contact details and asking them if they needed help with anything (like shopping) during the Level 4 Lock-down, She even responded when I told her of a couple of other neighbours around the corner in Longview Drive who seemed to be solo living women with no visitors, whom she visited and again offered help.

**Nominated by:** Debbie Spalding – Contour Ave – Pyes Pa

**Nominee:** Rick Meers

Rick is a total champion in the little community.. He has recently been responsible for completing the community gardens which have been a god send at this time. He also organises the following for the community: Food Bank runs/Community Food Parcels, as well as fundraising for many causes. He operates the 'Cyberlink' which is a communication page and sends this out most days. He was also instrumental in setting up the 'In This Together Community Group' which is actively supporting people in need in many different ways during the lockdown. He really deserves recognition for all he does. Thank you.

**Nominated by:** Cosima Ray – Matua Road - Tauranga

**Nominee:** Dorothy Van der Hoven

Even before this Covid-19 Virus Lockdown she has always been helping people with their day-to-day needs - providing second hand clothes, food, computer help, cleaning, and photographing special events like Birthdays for them. Since the Lockdown she has been Supermarket shopping regularly for at least 6 elderly people including me (I am 84 and live alone) and delivering it to addresses all over Tauranga - her latest shopping expedition took over 3 hours! She has also arranged the delivery of loads of firewood to several people who depend on it to keep warm in the Winter months. Having come originally from Holland she is a member of the Dutch Club and keeps in touch regularly with a number of the members to have a chat and find out if they need any help. It seems that no request is too much for her - she can tackle anything and certainly deserves to be recognised with an award. I will attach a photo separately as requested.



**Nominated by:** Margaret Paton – Kaharoa Ave - Omokoroa

**Nominee:** Louise & Lee Roberts

Louise & Lee looked out for me last year when I was gravely ill. They gave away to me their load of firewood, even stacked it into my wood shed for me. Lee, without me asking, regularly mowed my lawn. They checked on me regularly and did errands for me. Each week they put my rubbish out for collection. During the current lockdown they have continued with their neighborly support, even going grocery shopping for me. Lee still continues to now mow my lawn. I am in my seventies, still recovering from my illness and deeply appreciate having such wonderful, helpful neighbours.

**Nominated by:** Fleur Clarke – Marjorie Lane - Papamoa

**Nominee:** Tiffany McMasters

It was my son's 8th birthday and he was very disappointed we would be in lockdown and he wouldn't be able to have his friends around. Tiffany organised the street to decorate their fences and houses like a birthday party so we could take him out. He felt super special and appreciated.

Nominated by: Matthew Farrell - Omokoroa

Nominee: Rick Peers

Rick arranged volunteers to save the day when the supermarket was over-run by panic buying, and has helped the church to set up a support network for the vulnerable in the days since.

Nominated by: Seanna Higgs – Selliera Place - Papamoa

Nominee: Sarah Cooper

Sarah is a teacher. She used her skills and love for kids by creating craft packs for children to keep busy during the lockdown, including a sock bunny craft for my daughter. On our son's birthday, she and other neighbour kids drew a big "Happy Birthday" in chalk on our street and rallied for neighbours to come sing happy birthday at a specific time. She makes an effort to check on the neighbourhood kids while they are out riding their bikes and scooters and welcomes them to play in their backyard (normally, not at this time during the lockdown) She is truly the most friendly and caring neighbour I have ever had.



Nominated by: Maree Thomas – Domain Road - Papamoa

Nominee: Kyle & Rachel Berridge

My washing machine broke down the day before lockdown and they have lent me one. I was not looking forward to weeks of hand washing. They are wonderful neighbours.

Nominated by: Trudy Richards – Hinewa Road - Otumoetai

Nominee: Rose Martin-Bain

Rose has gone above and beyond setting up teddy bears on her front lawn to entertain all the neighbourhood kids during lockdown. Every few days she changes the scene, but she has made a teddy bear's playground, supermarket, easter egg hunt, classroom - it is incredible the amount of effort she puts in. Everyone loves going past Rosie's to see what her bears are up to next.



Nominated by: Janet Conn – Vivian Drive - Omokoroa

Nominee: Bruce from Omokoroa Pharmacy

Bruce is working hard for the community behind closed doors and not noticed as he is not out and about. Keeping unwell people safe managing the pharmacy by only allowing one person at a time and delivering medications to vulnerable people free of charge.

Nominated by: Steph & Jeremy MacDonald – Darraghs Road - Tauranga

Nominee: Andre & Tanya

Before lockdown, they were already great neighbours sharing a key with us so we could take our kids swimming in their pool. During lockdown they regularly are in touch to ask if we need a hand, but have also been busy creating tracks in the bush area in front of their house so once this is all over our kids can play there. Andre's even planning to build a wee hut for them.

**Nominated by:** Stacey Cryer – Gloucester Road - Papamoa

**Nominee:** Jenny Oliver

Jenny has been the most amazing neighbour. she checks in everyday to make sure we're all ok, she messages me and some of the other neighbours to check if we need anything like groceries - and drops off what we need with a lovely smile and distance chat. Jenny is always there for a chat and making it easy to get through this lock down period. Would love her to be considered for this she deserves every bit of thanks that we can give her.

**Nominated by:** Martin & Cindy Beadle – Te Puna Road - Tauranga

**Nominee:** Andrew, Debbie & Josh Patterson

My wife and I went into lock down a week prior to the 4 week lock down as I was scheduled to go into Hospital for major operation. Since this time and after coming out of hospital our neighbours have gone out of their way to make sure firstly that my wife was safe while I was away in hospital and have since helped by doing our shopping and have been mowing our lawns around the house and even mowing in our orchard. They are in constant communication with us to make sure we have everything we need and are coping with my recovery and the lock down. They have gone out of their way to make us feel safe and cared for.

**Nominated by:** Fran Donaldson – Whakamarama Road- Tauranga

**Nominee:** Alana March

To help occupy & educate kids during lockdown Alana put together a series of French lessons with materials and activities!!

