

Caring for Our Community

The Right to Have Fun

"The name Birthright Kapiti comes from the idea that all children have the same rights at birth."

Contrary to popular assumption, Birthright Kapiti Inc is not an organisation about adoption, religion or genealogy. It's part of a national organisation that helps single parent families connect with their children and see the light at the end of the tunnel in difficult times. The organisation started as Heritage after the war to assist war widows. To accommodate all families, Kapiti Birthright welcomes single fathers too.



From left, Desiree Gear, Chris Hannan and Beth Patterson at El Rancho. One way Birthright Kapiti supports single parents and their children is by running affordable holiday camps. Last year a beardless Santa visited the camp, but didn't cause any confusion!



Leone Murch co-ordinates Birthright Kapiti because she "just loves people and likes to see results". She stands outside Birthright Kapiti's second hand shop in Ihakara St, Paraparaumu. "Donating to the shop is a good way for people to support the organisation," she says.



Activities include bus trips away, giving birthday presents, annual Christmas parties, and some financial assistance.

Leone Murch says "we do make a difference. And hopefully we prevent a lot of things. We listen. And we have a great laugh." For more information, contact (04) 904 0659.

What to do if your power goes off

What causes the power to go off?

Your power supply can be interrupted for a number of reasons including adverse weather conditions and electrical faults. These electrical faults may be in your own property, on Electra's network, or on Transpower's network.

No Power?

If the power goes off suddenly follow these simple steps:

- Check your mains switch is turned on at the switchboard
- Check all your fuses

If both appear to be working there might be something wrong with your electricity supply, so please phone Electra on 0800 567 876.

What if a fuse has blown?

- Check your fuse box to see which fuse has the lever turned off, which button has popped out, or which one is blown.
- Turn off all the power points or lights on that circuit before attempting to repair the fuse.
- Repair the fuse with appropriately sized fuse wire, turn the lever back to "on", or push the button in again.

What if neighbours or the local area obviously have no power?

It is easier to check this at night, but if the no power is wide spread, then there is a power cut in your area.

General power cuts are usually picked up quickly so it is likely that a fault crew will be on the job soon.

However, please call Electra if you think that the fault is unlikely to be picked up quickly.

If you live in a rural area it is a good idea to always call Electra to make sure the fault has been reported.

It is also a good idea to turn off all your appliances.

Heaters and stoves can be a fire hazard and some appliances such as TV's and computers may possibly be damaged when the power comes back on.



If you do not have a fridge magnet please call Electra 0800 353 2872 and we will send you one