

How well are we connected?

Your Situation

How well is your household connected to the internet? Can your household connect to the mobile network? If the answer is 'yes' to both these questions, then you're fortunate.

Studies in Aotearoa and globally show that poor digital connectivity impacts negatively on the well-being outcomes for people.

We would like to know how well our community is connected to the internet and mobile networks. Connections have improved markedly over recent years, but for some people their connectivity journey is still ongoing.

History

In 1983 the Internet was launched, the Web followed in 1989, invented by Tim Berners-Lee while working at CERN. For the last 30+ years information has migrated to the Web. Most organisations have a digital strategy, elections can be won or lost based on digital marketing. As a resource the web is now a very integral part of most peoples' lives. The Tasman District Council has released a guide, "A Blueprint for Tasman's Digital Future", 2024 - 2034.

Your Feedback

In order to lobby for better connectivity, we need to know the extent of our community's connectivity problem. Do we even have a problem? We're seeking your input via a brief survey - online, on paper, or by phone.

It will only take a few minutes to complete:

- if you have great connectivity we want to know;
- if you have connectivity issues we want to know;
- if you cannot connect we want to know;
- if you can get the internet but no mobile we want to know.

We would like feedback from every household in our community, at least **635** - the **Informer** circulation.

Flyer

See the flyer in this issue 'Community Connectivity Survey' to see how your household can provide feedback. If you have a connection, please do it **now**, or give me a call and I can complete a form on your behalf over the phone - 5224 458.

One Form per Household

In order not to skew the statistics, please, only one form per household. If the responses indicate there are 100 households at Tui the council might be interested!

Confidentiality

All individual returns will remain confidential to Tapawera Connect and people working on their behalf - me, for example. Results will be in the public domain and made available to relevant parties, such as Rural Connectivity Group (RCG), TDCC, TDC.

Results

Results will be in the October edition of the Informer and on the Community Website.

Any Questions?

Give me a call (Mike Drake, 5224 458), preferably in the evenings. If I cannot answer directly I'll find someone who can.



Mike Drake (the guy on the bike)

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