

# Part of Our Community



Chairman of Age Concern Horowhenua, Graham Smellie, is part of the Age Concern Horowhenua team.

## Horowhenua Age Concern Accredited Visiting Service



Age Concern Horowhenua Accredited Visiting Scheme coordinator Lynn Pettigrew believes there are people who would enjoy being a part of the service either as providers or receivers.

## LIKE A VISITOR?

If you are a senior citizen new to the district or just feel you would like someone to share a cuppa and a chat with on a weekly basis Age Concern Horowhenua would like to hear from you.

Age Concern Horowhenua's Accredited Visiting Service (AVS) is all about making friends. 'Visitors' are a variety of ages from a variety of backgrounds but all have one thing in common, they love people.

Visitors are given training, which is ongoing after accreditation. The person they are introduced to as their 'friend' is carefully matched and lives within the visitor's own area.

For some Senior's having a visitor for an hour a week makes a real



Lynn Pettigrew is Horowhenua Age Concern AVS coordinator and wearing her 'visitor' hat pops in for a chat with an old friend.

difference to their health and happiness. Volunteer visitors pop in each week for a catch up - just as any friend would do.

For both the rewards are many. Some visitors gain an adopted grandparent, those being visited develop real friendships spanning many years.

For more information on Age Concern or becoming a visitor, or to invite a visitor to your home contact Lynn Pettigrew, AVS Co-coordinator, Age Concern Horowhenua, 538 Queen Street, Levin. Ph 3672181 or email [admin@ageconcernhoro.co.nz](mailto:admin@ageconcernhoro.co.nz) or go to [www.ageconcern.org.nz](http://www.ageconcern.org.nz)

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