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New community patrol launched in Mt Roskill

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Taki Tuhaka, Merrill Bourne, National MP Parmjeet Parmar and Glenn Cleaver following the launch of the Mount Roskill Community Patrol.

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Vandals, thieves and brawlers beware.

A group of residents are patrolling Mt Roskill streets on the lookout for suspicious activity.

The newly-formed Mount Roskill Community Patrol was launched at a ceremony held at St Giles Presbyterian Church on May 13.

The launch marks six months since the patrol was initiated by Mt Roskill resident Taki Tuhaka.

Among those in attendance at the event were Labour MP Phil Goff and National MP Parmjeet Parmar.

Parmar presented the patrollers with their ID badges before joining the group on their first patrol of the suburb.

Mount Roskill Community Patrol secretary Merrill Bourne says the group partners with the police to make the community safer.

"Patrols can be out there any day or night of the week acting as the eyes and ears for our community."

Volunteers are vetted and trained over three months before working in small groups to patrol the suburbs in cars, often at night.

While patrollers do not have police powers, they note any suspicious activity and inform the police immediately.

Miller says Community Patrols New Zealand is always looking for new members to join their local patrol.

Call Garry Miller on 027 272 1006 for more information.

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