



# Safe Community Network News

December 2015

New Zealand, Issue 13

## In This Issue

- SC Re-accreditations
- 12<sup>th</sup> AIPSP Conference
- NZ Crime & Safety Survey; Latest Results
- 'It's Not OK' Campaign
- Safer Napier Commitment Ceremony
- PPSCN Webinar Series
- Upcoming Events
- Links to Resources

## PPSCN Webinar Series

To view archived webinars from 2013, 2014 and 2015, see the SCFNZ website.

The 2016 webinar series is under development.

## Upcoming Events

**International Conference of Traffic and Transport Psychology**  
**UN Decade of Action for Road Safety: The Half-Way Point**  
2-5 August 2016  
Brisbane, Australia

**Australasian Road Safety Conference**

**Agility, Innovation, IMPACT**  
6-8 September 2016  
Canberra, Australia  
Abstract submission is now open.

**12<sup>th</sup> World Conference on Injury Prevention and Safety Promotion - Safety 2016** – WHO co-organised  
From research to implementation  
18-21 September 2016  
Tampere, Finland

**15<sup>th</sup> World Congress on Public Health**  
3-7 April 2017  
Melbourne, Australia

## Highlighted Resources

[Wellplace.nz](#) is a website for people leading wellbeing action in their workplaces to find ideas and useful resources to address wellbeing topics.

Like Minds, Like Mine has launched a new website which includes tips on what workplaces, communities, the media, and everyday Kiwis can do to create a healthier, more supportive NZ.

Seasons greetings and welcome to the last issue of the Safe Community Network News for 2015. Many thanks to you to all for your dedication and innovation in making your communities a safe, vibrant, resilient and connected.

We look forward to working with you all again next year and wish you all a happy, healthy and safe Christmas and holiday season.

Reminders:

- 2015 Community Coalition Surveys are being analysed and the reports will be sent to the Safe Community chairs and co-ordinators, if they haven't already.
- 2015 Annual Safe Community surveys need to be e-mailed to SCFNZ by 31 March 2016.
- The SCFNZ office will be closed 23 December to mid January. If you have an urgent request during this time, please e-mail us and a staff member will respond to you.

## SC Re-accreditations

Congratulations to Rotorua and Hutt Valley Safe Communities who have been re-accredited as Safe Communities in the last few months.

Rotorua was re-accredited in November and Hutt Valley in December. The re-accreditation process gives Safe Communities an opportunity to show what a coalition of key government and community stakeholders can achieve in terms of reducing harm and improving community safety.

*[Click here](#) for further information on the Rotorua accreditation and [click here](#) for further information on the Hutt Valley accreditation.*

## 12<sup>th</sup> AIPSP Conference

The 12<sup>th</sup> Australasian Injury Prevention and Safety Promotion (AIPSP) conference, held in Sydney (25-27 November), provided many opportunities, including sharing research-focused work and practice, building relationships, learning from Australian approaches to injury prevention, particularly in indigenous populations, and about the power of social media in communication. The importance of collaboration and learning from the community, particularly in terms of what will work for them, were strong themes running through many presentations.

Teresa Gordon (New Plymouth injury Safe), Chris Webber (Treasure Rotorua) and Graeme Barber (Waimakariri SC) won SCFNZ scholarships to attend the conference, and Tessa Sturley (Waimakariri SC) attended as the NZ community representative of the Pan Pacific Safe Communities Network. Chris, Tessa, Graeme and Tania Peters (Director, SCFNZ) also presented.

*For further information on the conference, to view the presentations, and read about the key learnings from the SCFNZ scholarship attendees, [click here](#).*

## NZ Crime and Safety Survey: Latest Results

Rates of personal and household crime have decreased by one-third between 2008 and 2013, according to results from the New Zealand Crime and Safety Survey (NZCASS) released in October. Furthermore,

WHO released a new manual: 'Preventing youth violence: an overview of the evidence' on 27 October. The manual highlights the health burden of youth violence and provides an overview about how to prevent it.

World Health Organization's Global status report on road safety 2015 provides evidence, facts and best practices and presents conclusions from analysis of data from 180 countries. This report is the official monitoring tool of the Decade of Action for Road Safety 2011.

[Keep Him Here](#) is a website from Alberta Canada which includes public information about suicide prevention and awareness, as well as campaign information and resources for communities and partners.

The Mental Health Foundation has released 2 new suicide prevention resources:

[Are you worried someone is thinking of suicide?](#) is a booklet which provides advice for families, whānau and friends supporting a loved one. It includes conversation starters, warning signs, and different ways to support people when they are in distress or recovering.

[Takatāpui](#): Part of the Whānau' provides information about suicide prevention, identity and wellbeing for takatāpui (Māori who are whakawāhine, tangata ira tāne, lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, intersex and queer). It is a collaboration between the Mental Health Foundation and Wellington-based Tiwhanawhana Trust.

[Surviving the storm](#) is a website which was developed to help Pacific families talk about suicide, grief, loss and surviving. It is administered by Pasifikology, a network of people dedicated to Pasifika psychology in NZ.

The Ministry of Health has published the Annual Update of Key Results 2014/2015: NZ Health Survey. This provides a snapshot of NZ's health according to key indicators.

**If you want to learn more about Safe Communities in New Zealand or want to become a Safe Community, visit our website or e-mail us:**

[www.safecommunities.org.nz](http://www.safecommunities.org.nz)  
[contact@scfnz.org](mailto:contact@scfnz.org)

*SCFNZ is an International Safe Community Support Centre & an Accrediting Centre for the Pan Pacific Safe Community Network.*

people appear to feel safer in their neighbourhoods; 69% of people reported that they did not think there was a crime problem in their area and 72% felt safe walking alone after dark.

The survey provides valuable information about victimisation in New Zealand which will further assist in placing victims at the centre of the justice sector, said Amy Adams, Justice Minister. "This information can now be used by public sector organisations, particularly those in the justice sector, to ensure services are targeted where there are needed most" she said.

[For the full results of the survey, click here.](#)

---

## It's Not OK' Campaign

NZ communities and organisations are taking ownership of reducing and preventing family violence. It happens in homes, businesses, neighbourhoods and communities throughout NZ. Crisis services, such as Police and social services usually get involved after violence has occurred. Communities and organisations have a significant role to play in preventing violence and making it not OK, just as they have with smoking and drink driving. These campaigns can bring family violence out into the open through media, billboards, posters, street events, community champions or signs on buses.

Together, communities, sports clubs, businesses and councils can take a stand and make family violence not OK, declare themselves violence free, and move forward to be vibrant and safe places to live in.

The 'It's not OK' campaign can support organisations, networks and communities to find local solutions to standing up to family violence together. Campaign staff can help with idea formulation, grant funding, networking, research and toolkits, training, as well as showing what other community-led solutions have looked like.

For access to free resources and to research, please visit [www.areyouok.org.nz](http://www.areyouok.org.nz), and to talk about ideas for your community get in touch at [areyouok@msd.govt.nz](mailto:areyouok@msd.govt.nz)

---

## Safer Napier Commitment Ceremony

As part of its re-accreditation process, the Safer Napier team organised a recommitment ceremony for the organisations involved in the programme.

On Friday November 6, over 40 organisations signed a new Memorandum of Commitment – over double the number that were part of the original accreditation application. Mayor Bill Dalton, Safer Napier's Ambassador, congratulated all of the signatories for the work they do to contribute to a safer Napier and spoke of the value the Safe Communities model is as a vehicle to work together.

Micheal Mills represented SCFNZ and commended the Safer Napier coalition for the leadership and drive it shows in the implementation of the programme. The ceremony offered another great opportunity for groups to network and and connect with each other.

[For further information on Safer Napier, click here.](#)

