



# Safe Community Network News

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## PPSCN Webinar Series

*The webinars are designed to be of particular value to SC coalitions and co-ordinators. The following topics will be presented in 2015:*

- *Home Safety & Safe Communities (12 Mar, 1.30pm)*
- *Youth Initiatives & Safe Communities (28 May, 1.30pm)*
- *Alcohol & Drugs & Safe Communities (13 Aug, 1.30pm)*
- *Working with Minority Groups within Safe Communities (5 Nov, 1.30pm)*

*To view archived webinars from 2013, 2014 and the first half of 2015, see the SCFNZ website.*

## Upcoming events

European Seminar on Child Injury Prevention: a European challenge  
14 October 2015  
Milan, Italy

22nd International Safe Communities Conference  
From Grassroots Stepping Stone Through Global Vision  
23-25 November 2015  
Nan, Thailand

12th Australasian Injury Prevention and Safety Promotion Conference  
Impact and Innovation: Preventing Injury in a Changing World  
25-27 November 2015  
Sydney, Australia

Welcome to the winter edition of our newsletter. There is only a month to go to our National Forum and we are looking forward to 2 days of what we hope will be an enlightening and interactive programme which will equip you with new ideas and contacts to incorporate into your Safe Communities (SCs) work. We are particularly looking forward to the community presentations – providing an opportunity to learn from what others are doing and to network with other NZ SCs. If you are planning to attend our National Forum and have not registered or talked to Tracey about your community presentation, please do so as soon as possible. Tracey can be contacted at [earl@scfnz.org](mailto:earl@scfnz.org). If she has not heard from you by Friday 3 July, she will be in touch.

Another way to share your SC experiences is to present at one of our quarterly webinars (see panel on left for dates and topics). The 'Youth Initiatives & Safe Communities' webinar from May is now available for viewing through the SCFNZ website and includes presentations on a population health approach to bullying (Mike Mills, Tauranga Moana Safe City, NZ) and engaging diverse youth communities (Barney Wilson, Melbourne, Australia).

## Reminders:

- SCFNZ National Forum, 4-5 August 2015, Wellington. If you are attending and have not registered, please do so by the end of this week (3 July). It is important for all designated communities to have representation. E-mail Tracey ([earl@scfnz.org](mailto:earl@scfnz.org)) to register or discuss attendance.
- Alcohol & Drugs & Safe Communities webinar, 1.30pm, 13 August 2015.
- Annual Report feedback letters are being sent out to individual SCs. If you submitted an annual report and have not received your letter from us during the next week, please let Tracey know.
- Coalition surveys will be sent out in September.

## Active Healthy Strong Community Partnerships

Grants supporting community-led initiatives that encourage families and whānau to be active are being offered by the HPA (Health Promotion Agency).

The aim of these Active Healthy Strong Community Partnerships is to enable communities to develop and implement family and whanau opportunities to be active together. The one-off grants (up to \$5000) are available to community-based groups and organisations. Applications on Friday 24 July 2015 at 12 noon.

*For more information and to download the application form, see: <http://www.hpa.org.nz/what-we-do/nutrition-and-physical-activity/active-healthy-strong-community-partnerships-0>*

## Farmstrong – Healthy Thinking for Farmers

Farmstrong – Healthy Thinking for Farmers has been launched by the Mental Health Foundation and rural insurer FMG. It aims to help farmers look after themselves by giving them the skills and resources to live well, farm well and get the most out of life.

*To view the website, see: <http://farmstrong.co.nz>*

12<sup>th</sup> World Conference on Injury Prevention and Safety Promotion - Safety 2016 – WHO co-organized From research to implementation 18-21 September 2016 Tampere, Finland  
**Note:** registration and call for abstracts are now open. Deadline for abstract submission is 1 November 2015.

## Highlighted Resources

Managing Sport provides resources that support the development of a safe and positive physical activity environment. This includes improving how a sporting organisation works, and identifying good practice, advice and research.

Updated 2015 Bullying Prevention Guidelines were released on Pink Shirt Day. These guidelines, developed by the Bullying Prevention Advisory Group, provides practical advice for schools on preventing and how to deal with bullying.

LGNZ has published guidance for local authorities on the development of Local Alcohol Policies. This focuses on the outcomes of the first LAP appeals.

Engage and give local and central government feedback on their plans before they make decisions.

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 to the World Health Organization Collaborating Centre on Community Safety Promotion & Accrediting Centre for the Pan Pacific Safe Community Network.



## Sharing School Success Stories

NZ Police's School Portal will share stories of interventions in schools, providing Police and schools nationwide with a database of evidence-based case studies which have addressed issues. Themes will include travelling safely, dealing with bullying and abuse and living in a safe community. As the database grows, it will provide ongoing evidence of the impact the partnering of School Community Officers and schools has on prevention. The School Portal is an online resource for school staff, parents, students and Police to find out how best to work together to achieve educational and community safety goals. [For more information see: http://www.police.govt.nz/advice/personal-and-community-advice/school-portal](http://www.police.govt.nz/advice/personal-and-community-advice/school-portal)

## Focus on Vulnerable Older People

SCFNZ recently had the pleasure of participating in a Vulnerable Older Peoples' Symposium, held by Age Concern North Shore in Auckland. The focus of the symposium was vulnerable older people living independently in the community or with family/whanau. Participants identified gaps in services and products available for these people and an action planning session identified how these gaps could be addressed, resulting in the following workstreams: education/social marketing, emergency housing, policy work, intergenerational actions, media campaign, and local connections. Age Concern will continue to use this information for future planning.

The action planning section was preceded by presentations on the challenges and opportunities for older peoples' wellbeing as the population ages, community support services and current initiatives, home-based support services, support services available from Alzheimers Auckland and new technologies.

*To view these presentations, see: [http://www.agewell.org.nz/new\\_articles.html](http://www.agewell.org.nz/new_articles.html)*

## Congratulations Geoff Wilson



Congratulations to Geoff Wilson, SCFNZ trustee, who was awarded the Lifetime Achievement Award at the New Zealand Workplace Health & Safety Awards.

The award acknowledges Geoff's achievements during his 50-year career, including leading the working party which developed the One Act, One Authority concept, prepared the

initial framework for the HSE Act, helped support the creation of Site Safe NZ, developed ACC's injury prevention programmes for high risk industries, and implemented the first NZ injury prevention strategy.

Geoff is a former General Manager of Membership & Policy at Site Safe NZ.

*For more information, see the Safeguard*

*website: <http://safeguard.co.nz/databases/modus/events/new-zealand-workplace-health-safety-awards-2015>*

## New SC Co-ordinators: Welcome!

We are pleased to welcome two new SC co-ordinators since our last newsletter: Tracey Mackie in Wairarapa and Angie Smith in Wairoa.

SCFNZ had the pleasure of meeting these ladies and some of our other newer co-ordinators at the New SC Co-ordinators Induction Meeting held last week. All our new co-ordinators will be attending National Forum next month, so you will get an opportunity to meet them then.