



Safe Community Network News

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Upcoming webinars

PPSCN Webinar Series
Designed to be of particular value to Safe Community Coordinators and coalitions. Webinar includes topic experts and community presentations from Australia and NZ. For free registration, click on the titles below –

- Injury Data & Your Safe Community 21 August
- Child Safety New date 18 September, please email
- Alcohol Related Harm in the Community 16 October

Upcoming conferences

Suicide Prevention 2013: Lifespan Perspective
10th September, 2013
Auckland

21st International Safe Community Conference
21st-23rd October, 2013
Merida, Mexico

11th Australian Injury & Safety Promotion Conference,
11th-13th November 2013
Fremantle, Western Australia

Welcome to our first newsletter

This bi-monthly newsletter is deliberately succinct. To make it helpful and relevant to your Safe Community work we ask you all to provide content for future issues and/or to provide ideas on what you would like to see covered.

Reminders:

- 2012 Annual Report Feedback was emailed on 25 July, if not received, let us know.
- Email your ideas for and interest in hosting a regional forum by end of August.
- The Community Coalition survey should have been received in the post, if not, let us know. These are due back by 15 September.

Waimakariri, Reaccredited 27th June, 2013, Population 50,000

Waimakariri has retained 'International Safe Community' status for over 16 years, and was the second NZ Council to achieve this. Reviewers found that *"Effective collaboration at local levels has encouraged a continuous-improvement approach, in the development of a positive safety culture and the creation of safer environments"*. Tessa Sturley, Community Team Leader, said using different medium to raise awareness of safety is important. Search "Waimakariri Community" on facebook.



Mayor David Ayers & Tessa Sturley

Before cutting a rainbow cake that represented the Spectrum of Prevention – an internationally recognised 'best practice' model, the Mayor *"thanked all partners for their contribution towards making the Waimakariri a Safer, Happier, Healthier District"*.

Waitaki District, Accredited 19th March, 2013, Population 20,200



Safer Waitaki was initiated as a way to identify the key community safety priorities for the Waitaki district. Safer Waitaki co-chair Paul Olsen said *"when everyone came together, they became much more powerful"*. The vision is to improve and maintain safety in the community and the Waitaki district.



Safer Waitaki coordinator
Helen Algar

Efforts to date include, the Alliance Group Pukeuri Plant achieving, a 30% reduction in incidents and a 47% decrease in major workplace accidents. Coordinator Helen Algar stated *"while it was exciting to be at this stage, it's very sobering too. It's a large responsibility for all of us but I'm looking forward to the challenge"*.

Safety Week 2013: just fine!

This year's Safety Week is a bit different. ACC plans to raise awareness of the impact of injuries related to sport and recreation, while drinking alcohol and when using steps and stairs. Using a fun TV weather presentation, ACC will broadcast nationwide and print regional "injury forecasts". Resources to help raise safety awareness will be available from mid-August at www.safetyweek.co.nz. Register your interest at safetyweek@acc.co.nz.

Highlighted Resources

ACC Community Profiles *Injury comparison reports (updated annually) are compiled from data supplied by ACC, Statistics New Zealand, New Zealand Transport Agency and the Police. They are designed to help TLAs identify areas for improving safety.*

Health Promotion Agency *The HPA leads and delivers innovative, high quality, cost-effective programmes. Resources are free, order online. HPA also publishes monthly electronic newsletters to keep readers informed about upcoming events and happenings in the alcohol environment.*

Ministry of Justice - Alcohol *The alcohol section of MOJ website contains updated information and factsheets. It is the official source of information for what's changing, when the changes are happening, who will be affected, and how the new system will work. You can also subscribe to the Alcohol Reform Newsletter.*

NZ Police - Crime Statistics *Statistics NZ now provide the ability to query the NZ Police Statistics – allowing for detailed 10 year crime information about your local area. This service complements the official pre-formatted reports. A subset of provisional indicator statistics are also available (see Monthly Statistical Indicators).*

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SCFNZ is an International Safe Community Support Centre to the World Health Organisation Collaborating Centre on Community Safety Promotion & Accrediting Centre for the Pan Pacific Safe Community Network.



Scholarships Available

World Injury Prevention and Safety Promotion Conference, Atlanta, Georgia, USA 19-23 October 2014.

Building upon New Zealand's successful hosting of Safety 2012 ACC, SCFNZ and the IPRU invite New Zealand residents active in safety promotion and/or injury prevention to apply for funding. Approximately 15 scholarships of up \$2,500 are available as a result of the small surplus made from Safety 2012. The full list of eligibility criteria and conditions are available on both the SCFNZ and ACC websites. Applications close on 31 March 2014.

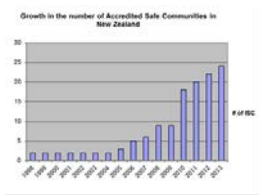


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Overview of Safe Communities in New Zealand

A Safe Community is a place that is attractive to live, work and visit. A Safe Community is a liveable community, where people can go about their daily activities in an environment without fear, risk of harm, assault or injury. Perceptions of community safety, real or perceived, impact on the way people feel and interact in their community. Community safety is not only about reducing and preventing injury and crime. It is about building strong, cohesive, vibrant participatory communities.



Since 2005, there has been significant growth in both the number of accredited Safe Communities and the number of New Zealanders living in them. Currently, 24 communities have been accredited: Waitakere (1999,2006) now Safer West (2013); Waimakariri (1999,2006,2013); New Plymouth (2005,2010); Whangarei (2005,2011); Wellington (2006,2012); North Shore (2008); Tauranga (2008); Porirua (2008); Christchurch (2008); Wairarapa (Masterton, Carterton and South Wairarapa) (2010); Taupo (2010); Rotorua (2010); Hutt Valley (Lower Hutt and Upper Hutt) (2010); Napier (2010); Whanganui (2010); Nelson/Tasman (2011); Tairāwhiti (2012); Central Hawkes Bay (2012); Hastings (2013) and Waitaki (2013).

In 2005, the Safe Communities Foundation New Zealand (SCFNZ) became the first organisation globally to receive designation as a certifying centre, providing it with the ability to perform assessments, certifications and on-going capacity building. As the NZ arm of the WHO Collaborating Centre on Community Safety Promotion, SCFNZ encourages and supports those communities aspiring to be accredited Safe Communities. Learn more [online](#).

Results Based Accountability (RBA)

RBA is ultimately about two questions: Population Accountability: "How do we improve the lives of the people in our community?" and Performance Accountability: "How do we improve the performance of our programmes?"

As highlighted at the national forum, in NZ, overall rates of crime, injury and road fatalities are declining with levels of alcohol consumption decreasing. There have been no changes in ACC entitlement claim and injury hospitalisation rates.

We hope that you are finding the RBA Safe Communities guidelines, alcohol related performance measures and the information provided by Sharon Shea at the national forum workshop useful. Further resources and guidelines are available on the [Ministry of Social Development Family Services website](#).

