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Welcome to the spring edition of our newsletter.

We are pleased to report that we had another very successful Safe Communities National Forum in July (see report below). Our international participants were a welcome addition this year and the interactive programme provided participants with new ideas and contacts to incorporate into their Safe Communities (SCs) work.

Other ways of improving your knowledge and awareness in the SC context is by viewing our webinars and following our Facebook posts (use button below). There is one webinar left in the programme for the rest of 2017 (see blue column on left of next page). Webinars from previous years and earlier this year can be viewed through the [Safe Communities Foundation NZ website](#).

Connect with us on Facebook to stay current with news, funding opportunities, global and national campaigns and other events of interest to Safe Communities. If there is any news from your Safe Community that you would like to share in this newsletter, Tracey would love to hear from you (earl@scfnz.org). The next newsletter will be published late November.

SCFNZ National Forum 2017

The Safe Communities Foundation NZ (SCFNZ) National Forum was held in Wellington on 24th and 25th July 2017. It was attended by 43 community participants, covering 32 territorial authorities in New Zealand and 2 Safe Communities (SCs) in Australia, three facilitators, and Jonathon Passmore (Technical Lead, Violence & Injury Prevention, Western Pacific Region), a World Health Organization (WHO) official. A further 15 speakers from Government agencies and non-government organisations attended part of the forum.

Jonathon Passmore's 2 presentations included the 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and how these translate into the Regional Action Plan for Injury and Violence Prevention in the Western Pacific 2016-2020, in addition to the role and recommendations of WHO for the SC approach. Other presentations included SC key updates from the previous year, iwi-led crime prevention and community safety, philanthropic funding in Aotearoa, SDGs and the Ministry of Health priority areas related to violence & injury prevention, effective communication, key updates from the Pan Pacific Safe Communities Network, updates from the ACC portfolios of violence prevention and falls prevention, community & alcohol needs analysis, Family Harm Initiative (NZ Police), and the Health Promotion Agency 5-year alcohol plan.



Webinars

The PPSCN webinars are designed to be of particular value to SC coalitions and co-ordinators. The last webinar for 2017 is:

- Family Violence & Alcohol as a Trigger (26 Oct, 1.30pm)

To view 2013-2017 archived webinars, see the SCFNZ website.

A trilogy of Results-Based Accountability webinars presented by Sharon Shea: 'Introduction to RBA', 'The Art of Mapping and Gapping' and 'Great Data Collection and Making Sense of Your Data' is available for viewing on the [Community Research website](#).

In addition, there were community sharing sessions, highlighting different aspects Safe Community model in action and opportunities for networking and discussion throughout the forum.

Early evaluation demonstrates the value of this annual forum with overall findings suggesting there was a high level of satisfaction with the forum. All ratings were positive, with most respondents (86%) rating their satisfaction as 'excellent' or 'very good'. In addition, all respondents said they had learnt something new relevant to their Safe Community work.

SC Leadership and Support Acknowledged

Safe Communities Foundation New Zealand annually provides awards to recognise the contribution and leadership shown by individuals who are committed to furthering the objectives and goals of the organisation and the Safe Community movement within NZ. These were announced at the SC annual National Forum. Congratulations to:

- **Tessa Sturley** (Waimakariri) who was presented The Carolyn Coggan Safe Community Award in recognition of her outstanding leadership and support for SCs at the national level.
- **Teresa Gordon** (New Plymouth) and **Hellmuth Hartung** who were presented the SCFNZ Safe Community Award in recognition of their outstanding leadership and support for Safe Communities at the regional and local levels.



We are proud to work with all 3 of you and look forward to your continued involvement in the New Zealand SC network.

Safer Napier Show Case

Safer Napier hosted Jonathon Passmore (WHO) and SCFNZ staff for a day in late July to demonstrate how Napier applies the principles of the Safe Communities model to reduce injuries and violence at the local level.

The day started with a welcome at Pukemokimoki marae followed by presentations, including the 'Safe as Houses' and 'Family Violence Bystander' campaigns. There were discussions with Safer Napier members, such as Napier Community patrol and NZ Police, and the day concluded with an afternoon tea meeting hosted by Councillor Kirsten Wise.



"Safer Napier is a tremendous example of all sectors of society partnering to achieve common objectives of a healthy and safe community. Local leadership of evidence based and data driven approaches remain key to saving lives and preventing injuries in Napier," said Mr Passmore.

Last year, Safer Napier was awarded WHO's Western Pacific Regional Office

Resources

Sexual Violence Helpline Nationwide Roadshow (1-20 Sep)

In Our Own Words report on tertiary students' experiences of sexual violence.

Report on the Family Violence Summit (June 2017)

An update to Cabinet's Social Policy committee on the work programme to the Ministerial Group on Family Violence & Sexual Violence

Preventing adolescent relationship abuse and promoting healthy relationships, a NZ Family Violence Clearing house issues paper

A new report analysing data on family violence deaths from the Family Violence Death Review Committee

Guidelines: Supporting young people with stress, anxiety has been published.

The 'After a Suicide' website has been launched by the Mental Health Foundation. It provides support, guidance and practical information to people who have lost someone to suicide.

The MYRIVR app gives access to over 6800 social service providers, including emergency helplines, youth services, and Maori & ethnic services.

Road Safety Shorts with Dr Bridie provides a range of road safety tips in small chunks.

A new health & safety performance improvement toolkit has been developed by ACC, Worsksafe and MBIE.

Healthy Cities Recognition for Violence and Injury Prevention (Safe Cities). Safer Napier's winning entry demonstrated leadership and collaboration in areas including road safety, injury prevention, civil defence preparedness, crime prevention and reducing alcohol-related harm.

To read the Napier City Council press release on the Safer Napier visit, [click here](#).

For more information, contact Liz Lambert (lizbell3@hotmail.com).

Family Violence Prevention a Focus in Waitaki

Family violence prevention is part of the Safe Communities role in Waitaki, North Otago.

Safer Waitaki Community Safety and Development Facilitator Helen Algar (pictured) is passionate about preventing family violence and has led activities in Waitaki over the last five years as part of her Council role.



"Community safety is about a whole lot of things that happen in a community where we live, work and play. We use a broader definition here, including what happens inside homes."

The decision to include family violence prevention activities in Helen's role came from a community survey five years ago where local people and organisations identified issues in the community. Road safety had previously been the primary focus.

Survey results showed a high level of concern about violence:

- 22% (extremely high), 38% (high)
- 19% (moderate), 8% (low).

"We looked at Police statistics and it became clear that they were quite high at a local level. We picked it up from there."

"If you can make a difference in terms of family violence, you are changing the culture of the community." Activities have included community debates, White Ribbon events and partnering with the national It's not OK campaign to design and deliver a local campaign.

Written by Sarah Edmondson, Senior Advisor, It's not OK Campaign. For further information on the activities referred to above, contact Helen Algar (halgar@waitaki.govt.nz)

HPA Updates on Alcohol

Smashed 'n Stoned? Programme – Facilitator Training

Two-day facilitator training courses for the Smashed 'n Stoned? programme are being conducted around NZ during the rest of this year and in 2018. This small-group early intervention programme has been designed for 13- to 18-year-olds with alcohol and drug use issues.

[Click here for more information and to register.](#)

FASD Awareness Day

September is FASD awareness month,
support alcohol-free pregnancies



September 9th is International Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD) Awareness Day (September - the 9th month of the year is FASD month). The above banner has been developed by HPA to use as an email signature image during September. [Click here to download the image and for](#)

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www.safecommunities.org.nz

contact@scfnz.org



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[instructions on how to use it in an email signature.](#)

A range of events to raise awareness about FASD and the importance of alcohol-free pregnancy are being held during September – for more information about these events [go to Alcohol Healthwatch's website.](#)

ServeWise wins Award

[ServeWise](#), an online training tool for frontline sellers and servers of alcohol, from HPA, won a Gold Winner Award for Best Game Design at the [2017 LearnX Impact Awards](#).

Resources

- See [alcohol.org.nz website](http://alcohol.org.nz) for advice, information, research and resources about preventing and reducing alcohol-related harm.
- Four reports from HPA's Attitudes and Behaviours towards Alcohol Surveys (ABAS), a national survey of people aged 15 years and over about alcohol consumption patterns, alcohol-related behaviour, consequences of consuming alcohol and attitudes. The reports are:
 - [Supply of alcohol to young people aged under 18 years](#)
 - [Attitudes to drinking in pregnancy](#)
 - [Attitudes to and awareness of alcohol pregnancy warning labels](#)
 - [Key results: Young people aged 15 to 24 years](#)

Funding for Youth Initiatives

Applications close on 29 Sep for [Youth Fund](#), which supports youth-led projects for those aged 12 to 24 years. Projects must focus on young people contributing positively to the community through leadership, mentoring or volunteering opportunities.

See the [Ministry of Youth Development website](#) for other funding opportunities for youth initiatives.

Global Campaigns

Upcoming global campaigns your SC may like to participate in include:

- [World Suicide Prevention Day 'take a minute, change a life'](#) (10 September)
- [International Day of Non Violence](#) (2 October)
- [World Mental Health Day](#) (10 October)

If your SC participates in any of these campaigns, let us know what you are doing – we'd love to hear about it!

In NZ, [Mental Health Awareness Week](#) (9-15 October) coincides with World Mental Health Day, with the theme of 'Nature is Key'. [Order free resources](#) now – these include promotional posters for use in communities and workplaces, stickers for office keyboards to remind people to take a break during their work day, and an eco-friendly keyrings.

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

