



CENTRAL HAWKE'S BAY REACCREDITED AS AN INTERNATIONAL SAFE COMMUNITY

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Central Hawke's Bay was formally reaccredited as an International Safe Community by the Safe Communities Foundation NZ (SCFNZ) at an official ceremony held on 17 April 2018.

As part of the ceremony, SCFNZ handed over a Safe Community plaque, flag and letter of congratulations from the co-chairs of the International Pan Pacific Safe Communities Network.

Safe communities is a concept that recognises safety as a universal concern and a responsibility for all. A Safe Community is a liveable community, where people can go about their daily activities in an environment without fear, risk of harm or injury.

"Central Hawke's Bay is an excellent example of a community that has undertaken analysis of information, identified best practice programmes, incorporated appropriate processes to identify key stakeholders to participate in the leadership group and produced a comprehensive application for reaccreditation," said Tania Peters, Director of Safe Communities Foundation NZ.

Central Hawke's Bay was first designated an International Safe Community in June 2012. "The recent reaccreditation was made possible through the continuous hard work and dedication from representatives of Safer CHB" says Christine Renata, Community Development Co-ordinator at CHB District Council.

Safer CHB is a collaboration of government, non-government and community organisations working together across various evolving working streams including fire prevention, fall prevention, Violence intervention, Youth Development and Suicide prevention. Every year the stakeholder involvement has increased and the actions plans have evolved pending the community needs and stakeholders.

Tania Peters said "Safer CHB continues to maintain a high level of engagement with a range of organisations and individuals. They work well together, and support each other's efforts in a collaborative working approach. This was evident from reports, meetings and visits to Central Hawke's Bay over the past six years."

"Additionally Central Hawke's Bay has successfully demonstrated the implementation of community safety promotion initiatives within their hubs of safer homes and safer people. Central Hawke's Bay has shown a continuous growth model with adapting to emerging issues and injury trends."

Central Hawke's Bay District Council recognises that it plays a significant role in promoting the wellbeing of its community. The recent adoption of the CHB Community Wellbeing Strategy which includes the Safer CHB Action Plan demonstrates Council's commitment to ensuring our communities are resilient into the future.

For more details on the initiatives and activities undertaken by Safer CHB please refer to the Council website www.chbdc.govt.nz



Photo: Safer CHB Members at the official Safe Community Reaccreditation in the Council Chambers

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