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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). Once again this year, our international colleagues were a welcome addition and the interactive programme provided participants with opportunities for building capability and capacity, as well as sharing and establishing new contacts to extend their networks.

Our webinars also provide opportunities for learning and sharing – the next one will focus on [Mental Wellbeing and Resilience](#) on Thursday 27 September (1.30pm).

With the change in season and daylight saving starting soon, it's time to consider what safety messages need to be promoted – for example, [checking smoke alarms](#), [preventing sports injuries](#), [home safety](#) during spring cleaning, [water safety](#) and being [sun smart](#). Enjoy the new season!

SCFNZ National Forum 2018

The Safe Communities Foundation NZ (SCFNZ) National Forum was held in Wellington on 24th and 25th July 2018. It was attended by 45 community participants, from 24 territorial authorities in New Zealand and 1 in Australia, 3 facilitators, and Jonathon Passmore (Technical Lead, Violence & Injury Prevention, Western Pacific Region), a WHO official. More than 12 speakers, including representatives from local and central government and non-government organisations in addition to academic researchers, attended part of the forum.

Jonathon Passmore's presentation included the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and unpacking the evidence of WHO programmes. In addition, Meegan Brotherton (Australian Safe Communities Foundation) shared her experience in Bangladesh as an example of fostering international partnership through SCs.



Other presentations focused on the key themes of road safety, youth and safety, and water safety. There was a skills-based workshop on creating communication tools on a budget, and updates from national agencies on their priorities and initiatives: Ministry of Social Development, ACC, Ministry of Youth Development,

Health Promotion Agency (alcohol-related harm), NZ Police (communication and mental health). Key Safe Community updates from the previous year and from the Pan Pacific Safe Communities Network were included, and each day there were community sharing presentations, based on one or more aspects of the SC model.

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Webinars

The PPSCN webinars are designed to be of particular value to SC coalitions and coordinators. Register for remaining webinars in the 2018 series now:

Mental Wellbeing and Resilience

1.30pm, Thursday 27 September

Effective Governance and Community Engagement

1.30pm, Thursday 22 November

To view archived webinars, see the SCFNZ website. Latest webinar now available to view: Injury Prevention as Social Change by Dr Rod McClure

Other webinars

Tools for Change: PATH (11am-12pm, Monday 24 September)
Kataraina Pipi and NGO colleagues present on Planning Alternative Tomorrows with Hope (PATH), a visual planning tool being successfully used in different contexts for individuals, whānau and organisations in NZ.

Research Opportunities for Community Organisations
John Stansfield presents on the research process and shares NGO stories of learning and innovation and tips on how to access free research expertise.

SC Leadership and Support Acknowledged

Safe Communities Foundation NZ 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 (SC) movement within NZ. These were announced at the SC annual National Forum. Congratulations to:

- **Lauren Tamehana** (Whanganui) who was presented The Carolyn Coggan Safe Community Award in recognition of her outstanding leadership and support for SCs at the national level.
- **Monica McKone** (Marlborough) and **Natasha Carswell** (Napier) 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.



Natasha Carswell receives her award from George Fairbairn (SCFNZ Board Chair)



Lauren Tamehana



Monica McKone

Sustainable Development Goals and SCs

The New Zealand Safe Community Network actively supports the 2030 Sustainable Development Agenda – particularly the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) directly related to injury and violence prevention and those that address the risk factors of injury and violence.

The 17 SDG goals and 169 targets set out a universal agenda to achieve sustainable development globally, known as Agenda 2030. The broad goals are interrelated though each has its own targets to achieve. They bring together the three dimensions of sustainable development: economic, social and environmental. They apply to all countries. The SDGs cover a broad range of social and economic development issues. These include poverty, hunger, health, education, climate change, gender equality, water, sanitation, energy, urbanization, environment and social justice.

The SDGs were featured in several presentations at the SC National Forum last year. They were the focus of presentations by Jonathon Passmore and were included in presentations on the SDG-related Health Targets of the MoH (Natasha Murray and Peter Burt) which demonstrated the links to Better Public Service Targets. Subsequent discussion indicated that there was virtually no awareness of SDGs within the SC network and attendees were interested in getting further information and training on the topic.

Resources

[Families and Whanau Status Report 2018, the 6th in a series of reports from Superu](#)

[Atu-Mai, the first ever violence prevention programme for young Pasifika, has been launched.](#)

[Impact of low census response rates on public health](#)

[Mental Health Foundation's submissions to the Mental Health and Addiction Inquiry](#)

[Mental Health Foundation's prevention resource Connecting through Kōrero for parents, caregivers, teachers, counsellors and other whanau who need tautoko/support and guidance to kōrero with taiohi/young people about suicide.](#)

[Volunteering NZ has released LeadMe, an innovative digital tool to help leaders of volunteers to be more effective in their roles.](#)

[HPA has released Te Kaveinga – Mental health and wellbeing of Pacific peoples: Results from the New Zealand Mental Health Monitor & Health and Lifestyles Survey](#)

[NZ regions with the most alcohol-related deaths have been revealed. See the news article and television interviews here](#)

[The Christchurch Alcohol Action Plan has been launched in response to community concerns about harmful use of alcohol. This is being led by the Christchurch City Council, Canterbury District Health Board and New Zealand Police.](#)

[An extended Sparklers wellbeing toolkit for teachers of year 1-8 students has been launched by the All Right? Wellbeing campaign.](#)

[The Business Working To End Family Violence website provides support for workplaces to develop and implement a family violence workplace policy.](#)

SCFNZ has delivered SDG workshops around the country, with the aim of providing SCs with sufficient knowledge of SDGs to be able to identify SDG-related violence and injury prevention targets.

To date, 5 workshops have been delivered and several more are planned for the rest of 2018. Participant surveys have shown that the workshops increased awareness of SDGs in all respondents and that at least 80% of respondents intended to use what they had learnt in their SC work. Further support to continue delivering the workshops was provided by participant comments.



Whanganui – Toowoomba Sister Cities

One way to network and engage with other communities on safety is to utilise the already established Sister City Network. Safer Whanganui demonstrated this earlier this year when [Whanganui District Council](#) and [Whanganui and Partners](#) hosted visitors from Toowoomba Regional Council (Queensland, Australia). This was part of a visit to New Zealand to learn about tourism, business, mining and agriculture. Whanganui District Councillors, Whanganui and Partners, and Council staff, including Safer Whanganui members, joined their Toowoomba guests on visits to the New Zealand International Commercial Pilot Academy, New Zealand Glassworks and Sarjeant Gallery Te Whare O Rehua Whanganui. Previous visits have focussed mainly on gardens and flower festivals so this was a great chance to step up our relationship and share knowledge.

This is not the first instance where Whanganui and Toowoomba have met and discussed SCs. Earlier this year, Lauren Tamehana, Manager Safer Whanganui, met with the Toowoomba Mayor and council volunteers to promote the SC model and share her experiences and knowledge. Whanganui and Toowoomba have been sister cities since 1983. Whanganui has been a SC since 2010 and Toowoomba gained SC accreditation earlier this year.



For more information, contact Lauren (Lauren.Tamehana@whanganui.govt.nz)

Submissions

Stats NZ is seeking feedback on the development of [Indicators Aotearoa New Zealand](#) which are wellbeing indicators. The online submission process is open until **30 September 2018**

Congratulations Palmerston North

LGNZ Awards

Congratulations to Palmerston North City Council which was awarded 3 local government NZ (LGNZ) Excellence awards earlier this year: :

1. **Creative New Zealand Excellence Award - Best Creative Place** for Palmerston North City Council – Public Art Programme
2. **Excellence Award for Best Practice in Governance, Leadership and Strategy** for Palmerston North City Council – Framing the Big Picture
3. **Martin Jenkins Judges' Choice Award for Performance Excellence & Community Outcomes** jointly awarded and sharing the honours with Rotorua Lakes Council

The Palmerston North City Council was also a **Finalist in the Fulton Hogan Excellence Award for Community Engagement** for the Palmerston North Junior Road Safety Park (*Creating a place for Palmerston North's children to learn road safety in a simulated traffic environment brought community, Council and local business together to create a fun and functional park*).

These awards recognise and celebrate excellent performance by councils with regard to best practice governance, asset management, community engagement, environmental impact, economic development, cultural vibrancy, and overall performance excellence and community outcomes.

In late July, Palmerston North Safe Community hosted a successful visit of colleagues from Blacktown City, New South Wales, Australia. The visitors found the visit most worthwhile and welcomed the opportunity to share information and learn from each other. Commonalities between the two councils and learnings from the Safe Communities National Forum were discussed with Mayor Grant Smith. In addition, there was a visit to the Youth Space to find out how 'safe' space for young people was created and developed. A walk around the city showcased the [place making](#) that has occurred, and meeting with members of the community services team allowed sharing about their roles and the respective councils.

"We were very thankful to the Council for allowing us to visit and spending time with us. I commend them and the important work they are doing. We learned a lot!" (Carol Ashworth, Team Leader Social Planning, Blacktown City Council)



Global Campaigns in 2018

Upcoming campaigns your Safe Community may like to participate in this year include:

2 October
International Day of Non Violence

10 October
World Mental Health Day

25 November
White Ribbon Day
International Day for Elimination of Violence Against Women

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From the World Health Organization

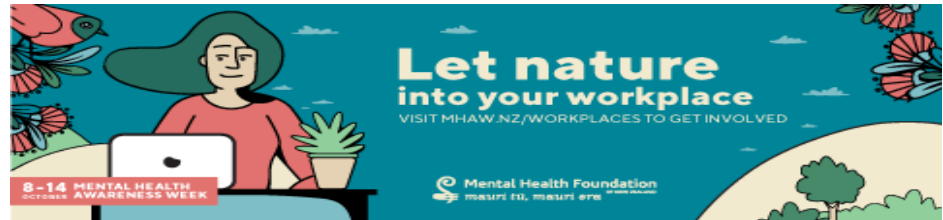
[A new study](#), led by WHO experts and published in *Lancet Global Health*, reports that over 1.4 billion adults worldwide are inactive.

WHO and Google are working together as part of WHO's aim of promoting and protecting the health of all people through the digital world. Specifically, [WHO is aiming to get its recommendations on physical activity to more people using the Google Fit app](#). This follows on from WHO's launch of the [Global Action Plan on Physical Activity](#) earlier in 2018 and works to advance the Sustainable Development Goals.

[The INSPIRE handbook: action for implementing the seven strategies for ending violence against children](#) has been released by WHO and partners.

Upcoming Campaigns

2018 Mental Health Awareness Week is 8-14 October. Find out what's on around NZ and order or [download resources](#). Let nature in, strengthen your wellbeing – Mā te taiao kia whakapakari tōu oranga!



New Zealand ShakeOut, our national earthquake drill and tsunami hīkoi, is taking place on Thursday 18 October 2018 at 9:30am. Go to the [ShakeOut website](#) to sign up and for information and resources.

