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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 2013 and 2014 archived webinars, see the SCFNZ website.

Upcoming events

Third UN Global Road Safety Week 2015
Children and road safety
4-10 May 2015

Vulnerable Older Peoples' Symposium
15 May 2015
Auckland, NZ

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

Welcome to the autumn edition of our newsletter. We are pleased to report that planning for our National Forum is well underway and, based on your feedback on last year's forum, will be held over 2 days and include community presentations in addition to sessions on topics of interest. There has been some great work reported in your SC Annual Reports and we look forward to giving you the opportunity to share your experiences at the Forum. Many thanks to those of you who got your SC Annual Reports in by 31 March. A few Annual Reports are still to come in – we would appreciate these as soon as possible please.

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 'Home Safety & Safe Communities' webinar from March is now available for viewing through the SCFNZ website and includes presentations on chainsaw safety (Kerry Miles, Waimakariri), supporting our communities to be safe (Peter Crowley, Moonee Valley, Australia) and Safe as Houses (Liz Lambert, Napier).

Reminders:

- SCFNZ National Forum, 4-5 August 2015, Wellington. Please save the date, it is important for all designated communities to have representation. Email earl@scfnz.org to register your interest for email updates.
- Youth Initiatives & Safe Communities webinar, 1.30pm, 28 May 2015.
- Regional Forums – invitations to participate in these will be sent out soon

Preventing Violence in Maori Women

The Ministry of Women has published research which will provide a practical approach for service providers and policy makers to accommodate the specific perspectives and needs of Māori women and their whānau.

The research shows that whānau has been identified as a protective factor for some women, but a potential risk factor for others. In addition, education, employment and a positive association with Māori identity were supporting factors for well-being, but did not prevent violence occurring.

Clarity of gender roles and responsibilities was important for good relationships within whānau, hapū and iwi. Whether traditional or contemporary roles were prescribed to, the sense of understanding one's place, whether men or women, was crucial.

Primary prevention initiatives that appeared to be working had common characteristics that were holistic and inclusive, and were designed 'locally'. They were based on the strengths and values of the communities for which they were designed. Effective initiatives required sound training and support for service providers, robust evaluation and prevention and quality awareness campaigns.

For more information, see: [Wahine Maori](#), [Wahine Ora](#), [Wahine Kaha: preventing violence against Maori Women](#).

Preventing Home Falls: Impact of Small Changes

A study, including more than 800 homes in Taranaki, has shown that simple low-cost modifications around the home can reduce the rate of injuries related to falls by an estimated 26% annually. Moreover, there was a 39% reduction in injuries most relevant to the modifications.

European Seminar on Child Injury Prevention: a European challenge

14 October 2015

Milan, Italy

12th Australasian Injury Prevention and Safety Promotion Conference

Impact and Innovation: Preventing Injury in a Changing World
25-27 November 2015

Sydney, Australia

Note: abstract submissions are closing soon.

12th World Conference on Injury Prevention and Safety Promotion

- Safety 2016 – WHO co-organized

From research to implementation

18-21 September 2016

Tampere, Finland

Highlighted Resources

The Ministry of Justice has launched a new family justice website, and a telephone helpline. The website contains customer-focussed information about how to access family justice services, including those for domestic violence.

The Social Policy Evaluation and Research Unit (SuPERU), has published a 'What works paper' entitled 'Reducing the impact of alcohol on family violence'.

Police, with the help of Federated Farmers, have developed a 'rural hub' on the Police website which gives advice and links to related resources for reducing crime in rural NZ.

The Health Promotion Agency has launched the new Lowdown website for young people. Redesigned to reflect the way information is accessed by young people, it includes resources for healthy well-being and building resilience, where to get help and peer support.

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:

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These results show that even minor changes to the home environment, such as hand rails for steps and stairs, adequate outside lighting and slip-resistant edging for outside steps, can noticeably improve safety.

Each home was assessed for hazards and then a builder performed minor repairs and installed devices (maximum value of \$600 including labour) in 436 randomly selected homes.

For more information about the trial, see: [Home Injury Prevention Intervention](#).

Shade in Public Places: the Role of Councils

The Health Promotion Agency has published a fact sheet outlining New Zealander's expectations of their councils to provide shade in public places. The data were obtained from the 2013 Sun Exposure Survey (SES).

Key findings were:

- Almost 78% of respondents expected their council to use money from rates to provide shade in public places.
- A higher proportion of females (80%) than males (72%) agreed that their council should provide shade in public places.
- Higher proportions of 18-24 and 25-34-year-olds were more likely than 45 to 54-year-olds to agree that councils should provide shade in public places.

For more information, see: [Community perception of councils' role to provide shade in public places](#).

Reducing Injury Risk in Home Carers

'Supporting people to move at home – Practical tips and techniques for carer and support workers' is a new set of guidelines aimed at reducing injury risk to home carers, which has been launched by Nikki Kaye, ACC Minister.

The guidelines have been developed by ACC, Home and Community Health Association (HCHA) and Carers New Zealand, and will be promoted by ACC through a variety of channels during May.

For media release, see: [Reducing Home Injury Risk](#).

Welcomes and Goodbyes

Welcome to **Chris Webber**, Treasure Rotorua Safe Communities Co-ordinator. We look forward to working with you.

Goodbye and good luck to **Teresa Sullivan**, Safer Porirua Co-ordinator. We wish you well with your future endeavours.

It is with great sadness we acknowledge the recent passing of our friend and colleague, **Grenville Robinson**. He was a founding member of the 'Safe and Sound @ the Top' (SAS@TT) project group (Marlborough) and was heavily involved in promoting the Safe Community model to the wider community. He worked in ACC for 24 years and more recently, had taken up a new position at Lion as their Safety and Wellbeing Advisor. Grenville was involved in many other local programmes and projects in both his professional life and his many voluntary positions in the community. Some of these included being a founding member of the Marlborough Clued-up Kids programme and establishing the Marlborough Health and Safety Forum. During this time, we all came to appreciate him as a friend and a professional person who demonstrated integrity, loyalty and who had a wonderful sense of humour! Grenville will be missed by the many community groups, colleagues and friends he worked with. His legacy is molded in the fabric of Marlborough and he will long be remembered for his contributions to his community. Our sincere condolences are extended to his wife, children and extended family and friends.

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