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Methanex win Business House Challenge



Methanex proved to be the top team at the inaugural NPiS Business House Safety Challenge held during Safety NZ Week...but only just. The team narrowly beat Ballance Agrinutrients who had been in the lead until the quick fire quiz held at the end of the day.

The Business House Safety Challenge provided an opportunity for staff from a range of local businesses to compete in a number of practical activities designed to test their safety knowledge and skills. Challenges they faced included putting out a small kitchen fire, responding to a medical emergency, dealing with an 'aggressive customer', installing a child restraint into a car and selecting the appropriate PPE for a chemical spraying task. Other activities included hazard identification, a physical fitness test and a simulated driving activity.

The Challenge was held at the Taranaki HSE Centre, a practical workplace health & safety training centre in New Plymouth. However, rather than focusing on workplace safety, the event concentrated on safety issues within the home, reflecting the 'home safety' theme of this years Safety NZ Week.

Workplaces taking part on the day also included New Plymouth District Council, Taranaki District Health Board, Powerco and Scion (a Rotorua based company).

Safe at Home with Stratford Peaker Project



Workers at Stratford Peaker Project took time out during one of their lunch breaks during Safety NZ Week to take part in a safety event designed to highlight the links between home safety and workplace safety. Activities included a working at heights demonstration (pictured above), an ACC home safety quiz with spot prizes, and free health checks provided by the Occupational Health Nurse. Taranaki Cancer Society also attended to promote their outdoor workers sun safety kit.

Around 90 workers attended the lunchtime event which was organised by United Group's health and safety manager, Marcia Reynolds.

Stratford High win Gateway Challenge '09



A team of four students from Stratford High School (pictured left in the chemical handling activity) took away the 2009 Gateway Safety Challenge trophy after a neck and neck battle with Hawera High. Five teams of Gateway

students took part in the safety challenge, which is held each year at the Taranaki HSE Centre. The competition involves six practical activities focusing on home safety, road safety, fire safety, first aid, hazard identification and chemical handling. The competition is aimed at Gateway students as they prepare for their future careers in the trades industry.

The Gateway Challenge was the inspiration for our recent Business House Safety Challenge, we hope will become an annual event. For more info please contact Channa Perry on 06 753 7777 ext 8792.

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Dates for your diary...

Safety NZ Week may be over for another year, but there is still plenty happening in your Safe Community. Here are just a few dates for your diary...

Alternatively, you can keep up with what is going on all year round by logging on to the events page of our website - www.safetaranaki.org.nz/events.

International Day of the Older Person - 1st October 2009



Thursday 1st October will see our annual Jewel in the Crown event taking place once again with free boat rides, buggy rides, musical entertainment and a complimentary cup of tea or coffee in the Tea House (running 10am-2pm). However, activities will be taking place all week (28th Sept - 2nd Oct) including a Mayoral Bowling Challenge, a guided walk in the park and free taster sessions of Tai Chi. To find out more either visit www.safetaranaki.org.nz/events, contact Channa Perry on 06 753 7777 ext 8792 or ring the District Council on 06 759 6060. This is a partnership initiative between NPIS and Positive Ageing Trust.



Safe Community Website Launch - 27th October 2009

New Plymouth injury Safe are proud to announce the launch of our new 'Safe Community Website' which can be found at www.safetaranaki.org.nz. This website is intended to be a one-stop shop for all things safety - everything from information about injury, crime, family violence and road safety along with community news and events. The website contains links to other relevant websites but it also contains a wealth of information about local projects and organisations, including some of our smaller community safety groups and projects that may not have their own website.

Please join us at a formal launch of the Safe Community website on Tuesday 27th October, 10-11.30am (including morning tea) at the New Plymouth District Council Chambers, Liardet Street.

The launch will include a virtual tour of the website and a chance to find out more about its special features from designer David Apimerika (Treefish Ltd.). **RSVP on 06 753 7777 x 8792 or email npis@tdhb.org.nz**

Safety Solutions - Workplace Safety Expo - 29th October 2009



Taranaki Construction Safety Focus Group are planning a health and safety expo on 29th October, 4-7pm at the Tukapa Rugby Club, New Plymouth. The expo is aimed particularly at the local construction and engineering industry although everyone is welcome. Displays, demonstrations and presentations from local and national suppliers of health and safety equipment and training services are planned.

The event is free, and light refreshments/nibbles are provided. To register, or to find out about exhibiting at the event, please RSVP to **Alison Pitman on 06 759 0728 or alison.pitman@acc.co.nz**

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