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RWNZ take safety message into schools



The Central Taranaki branch of Rural Women NZ provided country schools with an opportunity to find out more about rural safety through a fun and interactive safety day hosted by Toko School.

The day included a range of practical activities and demonstrations focusing on cycle safety (pictured above), firearms, ATVs, school buses and fire safety.



Children from 4 central district primary schools took part at the fun day. They were treated to a BBQ lunch, and finished the day with a visit from Fire Safety heroes 'Amber & Flint'.

Living Works ASIST Course - Update

Registrations for the Living Works ASIST (Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training) workshops planned for 9-10 November and 12-13 November are now closed as both workshops are full and a waiting list is in place.

NPiS would like to thank the TSB Community Trust for subsidising the cost of the workshops allowing us to offer places at a reduced price, as well as some free places for volunteers and community representatives.

Expo provides some 'Safety Solutions'

The Taranaki Construction Safety Group have been busy once again, providing practical safety tips and advice through their Safety Solutions Expo held on 29th October at Tukapa Rugby Club.



Suppliers of health & safety equipment and training services came along to demonstrate their products to local construction industry workers. As well as information stands, the event included guest speakers, presentations and product demonstrations. ACC and Dept of Labour staff were also on hand to provide information and advice on workplace safety issues.

Methanex give trophy a warm welcome



A team of safety conscious staff were presented with the winners' trophy after winning the 2009 Business Safety House Challenge, held at Taranaki HSE Centre as part

of this years' Safety Week celebrations. Safe Community Programme Manager, Channa Perry, travelled out to the Methanex site to present the team with the trophy which is now sitting proudly on their front reception desk. Our congratulations to Methanex!

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DATE FOR YOUR DIARY...

School Bus Safety Conference (26th November)

Those of you who attended the KIDDS (Kids Involved in Driving Down Speed) mini conference in 2007 will probably agree that it was very different from your typical conference! Having a conference led by children meant that visitors were treated to multi-media presentations, models, photographs, artwork, plenty of toy cars and a unique perspective on road safety around the school gates!

The years' School Bus Safety Conference on Thursday 26th November promises to be no different! Seven schools will present their findings following several months of research into safety issues affecting children who use school buses. Mangorei, Welbourn, Oakura, Seventh Day Adventist, Kaimata, Inglewood and Tikorangi Schools invite you to come along and find out more!

Date/Time: Thursday 26th November 2009, 10am - Midday (followed by light lunch)

Venue: New Plymouth Club, Gill Street, New Plymouth

RSVP: Channa Perry on 06 753 7777 ext 8792 or email npis@tdhb.org.nz

Rain doesn't stop play!



A week of wet weather did not stop local older people from joining in with this year's International Day of the Older Person activities. Events included a guided walk in Pukekura Park via the Fernery (pictured above), exercises at the weekly Active in Age session and a free taster session of Modified Tai Chi.

Fortunately the weather managed to dry up in time for 1st October ensuring that the annual Jewel in the Crown event in Pukekura Park was not a wash out! Visitors to the park were treated to free buggy rides with Friends of the Park, orienteering with Sport Taranaki and a free cup of tea or coffee in the Tea House.

Unfortunately the Mayoral Bowling Challenge was a casualty of the rain with a soggy bowling green that looked more like a swimming pool!

5+ Plan for Alcohol?



Professor Doug Sellman visited New Plymouth during October as part of a nationwide tour raising awareness of alcohol-related harm. The visit also launched Alcohol Action New Plymouth, a regional branch of the national Alcohol Action group.

Professor Sellman's lecture, titled 'Ten things the alcohol industry won't tell you about alcohol' highlighted the negative health and social impacts of alcohol in our society.

Sellman outlined a 5+ Plan at the centre of the Alcohol Action NZ campaign. The plan suggests raising alcohol prices, raising the legal purchasing age, reducing alcohol accessibility, reduced marketing and increased drink-driving counter measures. More information about Alcohol Action NZ can be found on by visiting www.alcoholaction.co.nz.

Safe Website Launch



Around 40 people from local safety groups turned up to celebrate the launch of a 'one stop shop' website for New Plymouth Safe Community.

The website, developed by Treefish Ltd, is designed to be an accessible resource for all local groups working in injury prevention and community safety across our district and beyond. Safety topics within the website include injury prevention, crime prevention, alcohol, family violence and road safety. The site also includes broad safety themes such as cyber safety and sun safety.

Visitors were given a 'virtual' tour of the website from the comfort of their seats and shown its special features. It is hoped that local safety groups will become involved in managing and updating their own pages on the site. The website address is www.safetaranaki.org.nz.

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