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New Plymouth prepares for Re-Accreditation



Believe it or not, it is nearly 5 years since we were accredited as an International Safe Community! Which can only mean one thing - re-accreditation is the next step on our Safe Community journey. There has been a lot of work behind the scenes over the last 18 months, with the development of an overarching Safe Community Strategy for the District, due to be formally launched later this year. The information that has been gathered in the development of this Strategy will largely inform the re-accreditation application and will ensure that the wide range of exciting and innovative safety work that is happening in our district will be acknowledged in the process. Our re-accreditation ceremony is planned for Friday 3rd September, 3pm at the Council Chambers. To book your place please ring 06 759 6060 and join us in our celebration of our Safe Community.

QPR - Suicide Prevention Training available

Those of you who attended our Suicide Prevention Seminar with Dr Paul Quinnett in March will know that QPR - Question, Persuade, Refer - is an on-line training package that can help you identify those at risk of suicide and assist the person at risk to access appropriate help. Thanks to funding from NPIs and Otago University we have several hundred FREE QPR Level 1 training licenses available. The Level 1 course takes about 1-2 hours and can be completed at any time...all you need is access to a PC. If you, or your organisation, would like to access this free training please contact Kris Ramsamy at kris.ramsamy@otago.ac.nz or Channa Perry at npis@tdhb.org.nz. Visit www.qpr.org.nz for more info.

FDMC Students Get Ready2Drive!



Year 10 Students from Francis Douglas Memorial College took part in a day of practical activities designed to raise their awareness of road safety issues affecting young drivers. Activities offered during the day included an on-line theory test, a 'ride' on the seatbelt simulator, a visit to the police 'booze bus' and a chance to navigate an obstacle course while wearing fatal vision 'beer' goggles (pictured above). Other activities included an on-line scooter safety activity and a session with emergency services to find out more about how they respond in the event of a car crash. At the end of the event students were treated to a sausage sizzle, music from ZM Hits and the chance to watch one of their fellow students 'rescued' from a crashed car in a vehicle extraction demonstration by fire and ambulance crews.



New Plymouth to become Model Community



The NZ Transport Agency has just announced that \$3.7 million will be invested over the next two years to help New Plymouth become one of New Zealand's first walking and cycling model communities. The investment aims to create an environment that will make walking and cycling easy transport choices for people in the district. In selecting New Plymouth, NZTA noted the leadership already evident within the community and their ability to deliver the greatest benefits over the two year period. We look forward to the impacts that this funding will have at a local level to make walking and cycling an easier, and safer, choice for our community.

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

There are lots of things planned over the next few months so make sure your calendar is up to date and you don't miss out!

Safekids Campaign Information & Planning Workshop * 19th July, 9.30am-12.30pm

New Plymouth Safekids Campaign Information and Planning workshop is scheduled for Monday 19th July. This is a free workshop where you will receive the latest data and information on child vehicle passengers safety and fire safety/burns prevention, along with the opportunity to network with colleagues and collaboratively plan for local projects. A light lunch is also provided. To book in please call Eloise on 06 753 7777 ext. 8121 or email Eloise.Pollard@tdhb.org.nz.

Taranaki Secondary Schools Agricultural Safety Team Challenge * 6th August, 9am-2pm



Once again local agricultural students will be put through their paces in the annual Agricultural Safety Team Challenge to be held at the Francis Douglas Memorial College working farm.

The event includes a number of practical hands-on challenges including tractor & ATV driving, cattle handling, fire safety and chemical handling. Students are marked on their safety knowledge and skills along with their team work.

If your school has not already registered for the Challenge and you would like to take part please contact Gerard Karalus, Agriculture New Zealand on 06 278 0395 ext 60395.

Climb to the Challenge - Workplace Health & Safety Conference * 1-3rd Sept * New Plymouth



The New Zealand Occupational Health Nurses Association and New Zealand Institute of Safety Management present their annual joint conference to be held at the TSB Showplace, New Plymouth. The theme of the conference is "Climb to the Challenge for an Energised Future". The programme will energise and engage you with innovative ideas to extend your learning, and the line up of speakers will challenge your thinking and create discussion. Information and registrations are available on <http://www.auaha.co.nz/nzohna-nzism2010/programme-3.html>.

This conference concludes with our Safe Community Re-Accreditation Ceremony which will take place in the NPDC Council Chambers. We hope that conference delegates, including those who live outside the district, will come and join our celebration! Carry on reading for more information...

A Celebration of our Safe Community - Re-Accreditation Ceremony * 3rd September, 3pm



You are invited to join us in an afternoon of celebration as we look back at the achievements of our community over the last five years and acknowledge the amazing individuals, groups and networks that contribute towards safety in our district. We will also be celebrating our future journey as a Safe Community as our key signatories to the International Safe Community Agreement formally pledge their support for another five years.

The Celebration Ceremony will be held on Friday 3rd September, 3pm-5pm at the New Plymouth District Council Chambers, Liardet St, New Plymouth. The event will include entertainment, drinks and a light buffet. To book your place please ring 06 759 6060.

TRAINING : Child Protection Studies Programme coming to Taranaki * 23-27 August 2010



The Child Protection Studies Programme is a 5-day course providing communities with the skills, confidence, advice and support to keep children safe. It also provides an excellent opportunity for networking and collaboration with others who work with children in the community.

Participants who undertake the training will understand what abuse is and why it occurs, be able to recognise children at risk of abuse, know how to respond appropriately and know what to do immediately.

The course is subsidised and costs \$600 for the 5 day programme. It runs 23-27 August, 9am - 5pm each day, and will be held in Inglewood. To find out more either ring Mark Gallagher (CPS) on 07 838 3370 or visit www.cps.org.nz

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