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## Celebrating our Safety Success

Our re-accreditation as an International Safe Community was the not the only reason for celebration at our Re-Designation Ceremony held in September. The event also provided an opportunity to personally thank some of the individuals in our community who we believe go the 'extra mile' to promote safety in New Plymouth. A total of twenty-one individuals and group representatives were nominated by members of the community for their safety promotion work and what a diverse group they were!



The work they were recognised for ranged from front line delivery of safety projects through to education, strategy and policy development, and local media coverage. Their focus included areas such as home safety, family violence, workplace safety, road safety, youth work and older people. An amazing group of people who highlight why our district deserves recognition as an International Safe Community. A big "THANK YOU" to you all.

## Taranaki Projects Go Global



Safety representatives from around the world will have a chance to find out about two Taranaki projects at the World Safety Conference being held in London this week. NPiS Safe Community Programme manager, Channa Perry, will present on the Taranaki

Trades Apprentice Safety Challenge and the KIDDS Road Safety Project. Channa is pictured above with Dr Carolyn Coggan (Safe Communities Foundation NZ) and Glen Dobson (Christchurch Safe Community Co-ordinator).

## Trades Challenge wins Gold at 3M Awards

Organisers of the annual Trades Apprentice Safety Challenge are celebrating after the project won the 2010 3M Award for Innovation in Health & Safety. The Taranaki Construction Safety Group who organise the event each year found out they had won at the NZOHNZ/NZISM Workplace Safety conference dinner after Bruce Duggan



(BCITO) and Ian Morris (Fletchers) gave a presentation on the Trades Challenge to a packed conference audience earlier that day. The group have won \$3000 to support health and safety development in future.

However they were not the only Taranaki project acknowledged at the awards. Methanex scooped third place for their work to address human factors in the promotion of workplace safety.

## World Suicide Prevention Day seminar highlights stories behind statistics



This year's World Suicide Prevention Day (10th September) provided a unique opportunity to combine technology and personal stories to highlight the individual impacts that are often hidden in suicide statistics. A seminar held at New Plymouth District Council Chamber provided an opportunity for local people to watch live streaming of the SPINZ (Suicide Prevention

Information NZ) seminar in Auckland in which researchers spoke of their latest findings relating to suicide prevention. The seminar was followed by presentations from Fiona Perez, a local woman who lost her husband to suicide in 2008, and Kerry Babbage who runs a personal development and support programme (MATES) for men in Taranaki. Fiona launched 16 balloons after the seminar, acknowledging the 16 individuals, on average, who die by suicide in Taranaki each year.

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## EnergyWorks Apprentices show that they know their stuff!



When they first turned up, we did wonder if they had come to the right place, particularly as the Trades Apprentice Safety Challenge had already taken place 3 months ago! However, the four apprentices who made up the EnergyWorks team entered into this year's Business House Safety Challenge, soon showed that they were a force to be reckoned with. After a tight competition, with only a few points between first and last place, the apprentices walked away with the 2010 Business Challenge trophy. The Challenge, held on 31st August at the Taranaki HSE Centre, is an annual event held during NZ Safety Week. Teams complete activities that raise awareness of how workplace health and safety practice can be transferred into the home environment.

The apprentices were presented with their trophy at their workplace the following week. Pictured left are Alison Pitman (ACC), Manu Hay-Vega, Dallas Chadwick (Managing Director), Daniel O'Leary, Allen Clarke (General Manager) (Absent: Craig Mason, Tom Martle)

## In Pictures ... Safe Community Re-Designation ... 3rd September 2010



## 2012 World Safety Conference to be held in New Zealand



The 10th World Safety Conference, currently running in London, has provided a fantastic opportunity to promote the 11th World Safety Conference...particularly as it is going to be held in Wellington, 1-5th October 2012. With the theme of "connecting pathways for a vibrant and safer future", the conference will bring together the world's leading injury prevention and safety researchers, practitioners and advocates. The conference will be organised by ACC, SCFNZ and IPRU, and co-sponsored by the World Health Organisation.

The conference will explore the development of safer environments and positive safety culture while balancing economic, social and rehabilitation goals. Consideration will also be given to how we can weave specific areas of injury prevention into a more comprehensive focus on promoting safety.

Channa Perry (NPiS) and Rebecca Brookland (IPRU, University of Otago) are pictured left at the 2012 World Safety Conference stand at the London conference encouraging delegates to come to New Zealand in 2012!