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## Fighting fatigue over the holidays



In terrible weather conditions, Roadsaf e Tarankai co-ordinated a driver fatigue stop at Mokau on the last Sunday before Christmas. Although the stop had to be cut short after a couple of hours, an estimated 300 plus drivers

passed through the checkpoints in the pouring rain. Roadsaf e co-ordinator, Marion Webby said that with the wet weather it did look like people wanted to just keep driving rather than stopping and taking a much needed break, so this may be something road safety partners need to take a serious look at for future education. Worryingly, of the 131 drivers who participated in the roadside survey, 40% believed it's okay to drive for more than two hours without a break. Mokau cafe owners were happy with the number of drivers who did stop after receiving a discount voucher, and Roadsaf e Tarankai will continue to work at reminding drivers of the dangers of driving tired.

## Alcohol related harm reduced

An annual report has been released detailing the achievements made in reducing alcohol related harm within the district, following the adoption of a Council Community alcohol strategy in December 2009. The great progress is the result of many agencies working closely together. Read the full report online at [www.safetaranaki.org.nz](http://www.safetaranaki.org.nz) under the alcohol section in documents.

## Construction Safety Seminar

The Taranaki Construction Safety Group is hosting a Breakfast Seminar on Friday 18th February. Tackling the Barriers to Health and Safety will provide a kick off to 2011 with a coach's view of getting a team to the top; how a small construction business has achieved success and Ross Gilmour will give some valuable insights into changing behaviours. For further information please see: [www.safetaranaki.org.nz/workplace/events/tackling-the-barriers-to-health-and-safety](http://www.safetaranaki.org.nz/workplace/events/tackling-the-barriers-to-health-and-safety)

## Whanau Stand-Up at Waitara Fun Day



Following the successful December launch of the youth project *E Tu! Stand up against abuse, help protect our future*, a family fun day took place on Saturday 22 January at Marine Park, Waitara. 300+ whanau attended and took part in a host of activities from a scavenger hunt to Ripper Rugby, Ki o Rahi, basketball, uni-hockey, whanau karaoke and the very popular Maori Zumba. There was a free sausage sizzle, water, fruit and lots of prizes for whanau.

Despite it being "... a tough and often uncomfortable message that we convey..." Bry Kopu, Tu Tama Wahine o Taranaki Project Leader of E Tu! "... is heartened by the generous support received from the Waitara community for the E Tu! Project ...We have many people to thank and also are proud to be working with other like-minded organizations..."

## Spreading Workplace Safety all year



Wells Group has produced a colourful and personalised calendar for 2011 to distribute to staff, clients and families. The monthly pages feature activities of the group with a focus on some of the health and safety initiatives the company promotes and some motivating safety messages. Safety isn't expensive - its priceless....