

New Plymouth iS an International Safe Community working towards being injury free

We need more space!!!

We always try to keep our newsletter to just one page – but this month there is so much happening that we have just had to break our own golden rule! With a range of community seminars coming up, focusing on topics such as sports injuries, reducing infant death and promoting workplace safety culture; we are sure there will be something of interest to everyone...

Construction Manager's Breakfast Forum:

"Together we can make a difference"

NPiS have teamed up with the Taranaki Construction Safety Focus Group to host a Construction Manager's breakfast forum that will focus on building safety into contractor management systems. The forum will include a range of speakers, including local employers and the Department of Labour, and is aimed at managers, contractors & construction trades workers.

Date: Tuesday 24th March

Time: 7.00am – 7.30am Eat & Greet
7.30 am – 10.30am Managers Forum



Where: New Plymouth Club, Gill Street, NP

Cost: FREE

Registrations: Channa Perry, 753 7777 x8792
Or email npis@tdhb.org.nz

*****TDHB Sports Injury Seminar*****

Taranaki DHB's injury prevention team will present the findings from their recent Sports & Recreation Scoping Project at an upcoming Sports Injury Seminar. The project set out to identify common causes of sport and recreation injuries in children aged 5-14 years.

Date: Wednesday 18th March

Time: 9.30am - 12noon (Morning Tea provided)

Venue: New Plymouth District Council



Please RSVP by 13th March 2009
to Hokipera Ruakere
Tel: 06 753 7777 ext 7485 or email
Hokipera.Ruakere@tdhb.org.nz

Feedback: Alcohol & Community Safety Forum

NPiS, Safe Communities Foundation NZ and the Alcohol Advisory Council hosted an Alcohol & Community Safety Forum on 12th February. Around fifty people took part in the forum, contributing valuable feedback towards the development of a local Alcohol Strategy. Participants at the forum raised a number of concerns including young people's access to alcohol, the need for tougher enforcement of legislation and the importance of involving Maori in the future development of the strategy.



Workshop participants at the Alcohol & Community Safety Forum

Home Safety Study Findings Released



The findings of a study into home injury hazards were presented at a summer school hosted by Wellington School of Medicine (WSM) on 17th February. The ACC funded study, carried out in partnership with WSM and Better Homes, recruited participants and evaluated their houses for injury hazards using a Healthy Housing Index questionnaire.

Participants who had experienced a home injury were then interviewed to establish whether the injury had been linked to a home hazard. Data from the study was used to identify low-cost injury hazard remediations which were costed out at an estimate of \$400 per house.

Steve Wharehoka, General Manager of Better Homes, and Pounamu Skelton, the researcher who interviewed the study participants (pictured below), were among those who presented at the summer school.

For more information visit:

[www.betterhomes.co.nz/
project.asp](http://www.betterhomes.co.nz/project.asp)



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COMMUNITY PROJECTS UPDATE

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Safe Community Website Workshop

Are you interested in shaping the development of a "Safe Community Website" for our district?



New Plymouth District - An International Safe Community

WHAT IS A SAFE COMMUNITY?
Safe Communities is a World Health Organisation (WHO) concept that recognises safety as a "universal concern" and a responsibility for all. The Safe Communities model creates an infrastructure in local communities to increase action on injury prevention and safety promotion through the building of local partnerships.
Over 100 communities throughout the world are designated as an International Safe Community of the WHO Safe Community Network. Six of these are in NZ (Waiakare, Waikakare, New Plymouth, Whangarei, Wellington & North Shore) and a number of other areas are supporting injury prevention activities to achieve accreditation.
Accreditation is important as it provides recognition for the efforts of the various organisations and individuals working together to design and implement strategies to promote safety and reduce the incidence and/or severity of injury in their population. It serves as an indication of a level of achievement within the field of safety promotion and injury prevention.

Our current website (www.npis.org.nz) which is about to be updated

Our Website Workshop planned for 27th February will provide an early preview of our new Safe Community website and give you an opportunity to give feedback on the future development of this project. The new site will replace our existing site and will be structured around national and local community safety priorities.

Our vision is for the website to be a comprehensive source of injury prevention information for our Safe Community, serving as a resource for all local community safety organisations and networks.

To achieve this we need input from partners working in all aspects of community safety including injury prevention, crime prevention, road safety, family violence, workplace safety, alcohol harm reduction, and more... We hope to see you there!

Date: 27th February

Time: 10am-12noon (followed by lunch)

Venue: New Plymouth District Council Chambers

Registrations: 753 7777 x8792 / npis@tdhb.org.nz

Suicide Prevention Update

A meeting to discuss the outcomes of the NPiS Suicide Prevention Needs Assessment and to explore opportunities for improved co-ordination in this area will be held 2nd March, 10am-12noon in the Child & Adolescent Centre Meeting Room, Tabor Building, Base Hospital, Tukapa St. **All Welcome...**

Poututangata Wahakura Wananga



Naumai Haeremai,

Help us follow our moemoea: reduce our rate of infant deaths among our people. Statistics show that we have more pepes die than other cultures per capita.

Poututangata is keen to help this kaupapa – to be strong in its belief about reducing death among our Māori people.

Haeremai, pikimai, naumai ki to tatou Wananga.

Where: Te Niho o Te Atiawa Meeting House, Parihaka, Taranaki

When: Powhiri 4pm, Friday 27 – Sunday 29 February
Why raranga wahakura me whakarongo atu ki te korero e pa ana ki to tatou matenga o nga pepe i te wa e moe ana.

Cost: \$75 per adult

Contact: Maata Wharehoka, 06 763 8701, 027 380 6262, parihaka@kol.co.nz, or Edith Tito, 06 754 6730, randetito@xtra.co.nz

Kaumatua Wellbeing Day

Owae Marae, Waitara

Thursday 2nd April, 10am – 2pm

Organisations working with older people are warmly invited to participate in a *Wellbeing Day* to raise awareness of how keeping fit and well contributes to falls prevention. Activities planned so far include exercise sessions, mirimiri, footcare, medication advice and a cookery demonstration.



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