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INJURY TO MAORI ...

Why is it happening and what can we do? - A Participatory Action Research project



NPiS are pleased to report the success of a recent funding application that will enable local Maori to lead a participatory research project that seeks to identify the key injury prevention and community safety priorities for Maori living in Taranaki.

The project, to be led by Tui Ora, will use an innovative research approach called Participatory Appraisal. This approach emphasises the value of lay knowledge and expertise held within communities. It enables local people to share their perceptions and identify, prioritise and appraise issues from their knowledge of local conditions. In other words, local people are seen as experts on their own lives and their views should become the starting point for local planning and action.

NPiS and Tui Ora recently met with Manaaki Oranga, who have agreed to provide support with project management and community linkage. We are in the process of appointing a Maori researcher and hope to be on track to start this exciting project in August.

For more information contact Channa Perry on 06 753 7777 x8792 or Matiu Julian on 06 759 4064.

NZ COMMUNITY SAFETY AND INJURY PREVENTION AWARDS 2007

Last call for local individuals, organisations and businesses to enter the NZ Community Safety and Injury Prevention Awards 2007. The awards recognise, reward and promote best practice in community-based injury prevention and safety promotion in New Zealand and are open to all.

Winners receive \$2000 towards professional development, and/ or the development of their safety initiative.

Entries close 5pm, Wednesday 8th August 2007

**Application forms can be downloaded from
www.safecommunities.co.nz/safeawds/**

Schools Agricultural Safety Team Challenge 2007



Once again, teams from six Taranaki High Schools braved the rain to take the Agricultural Safety Team Challenge, testing their farm safety skills and knowledge. The annual event, which was held on 27th July at Francis Douglas Memorial College, tested students on their tractor and quad bike skills as well as handling of cattle, firearms, chemicals and scaffolding. This years winners were Hawera High School, taking the cup from FDMC who have held it for the last two years.



Taranaki Older Persons Falls Prevention Strategy Group – UPDATE

After a successful Falls Strategy Workshop on 26th July, we now plan to move forward with the development of a Falls Strategy that will support coordination and development of local falls prevention services for local older people in the future. If you would like to be part of the group that takes this work forward please contact **Channa Perry on 753 7777 x 8792**

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