

New Plymouth is a WHO Safe Community working towards being injury free

NPiS Highly Commended at national Safety Awards

New Plymouth Injury Safe shone again at this year's NZ Injury Prevention & Community Safety awards, picking up a *Highly Commended* award for our use of the New Zealand Injury Prevention Strategy in guiding the development of our injury prevention programmes. Our trip to the awards, held in Wellington on 6th September was great fun and gave us the opportunity to spend time with our fellow finalists, Liz and Pat from Rhapsody Rest Home.



Pictured: Channa Perry & Kath Forde (NPiS), Liz Greenbank (Rhapsody Rest Home) and other finalists with Hon. Ruth Dyson

The awards also offered an opportunity to find out more about some of the excellent injury prevention work being carried out across the country. It's great to see such innovative work recognised nationally.

Celebration of our Safe Community

Inspired by the national Safety Awards, NPiS decided it was time to host our own local celebration – to acknowledge some of the good work going on in our district. After all, it is the support of our many partners that is behind our recent Highly Commended award. The Safe Community Celebration, held 17th September, was our chance to thank them.

Mayor Peter Tennent opened the event, which included presentations on agricultural safety, falls prevention, road safety, Maori injury and Passport 2 Safety. The highlight of the morning was the launch of the new NPiS website: www.npis.org.nz



Mayor Peter & Samuel Varley

Samuel Varley, from NP Boys High, has spent recent weeks designing our new website as part of a school computer science project. He was among several people recognised with award certificates presented by Mayor Peter Tennent.

Tom Scott to speak on Positive Fatherhood

As one of a number of local domestic violence prevention initiatives, Tom Scott has been invited to speak in New Plymouth on positive fatherhood and living without violence. Tom, known nationally and internationally for his cartoons, is New Zealand's leading satirical cartoonist as well as an award winning author, film director and playwright.



Tom Scott

Tom Scott appears at the NPDC chambers on Friday 5th October, 7pm until 8pm.

Gold coin donation with proceeds to Taranaki Women's Refuge.

For more information, please ring **Megan Jackson on 758 5037**

KIDSAFE WEEK 12-19th October



Kidsafe Taranaki are planning a number of activities across Taranaki during Kidsafe Week to highlight this year's themes of cycle safety and drowning prevention.

Cycle injuries are a key cause of hospital admission in Taranaki with 11-13 year olds at highest risk. For water related injuries 0-5 year olds are at greatest risk with most cases of drowning occurring in the home.

For more information on this year's Kidsafe activities call **Emma Hope, Health Promoter, on 753 7777 x8502**

Central School leads RoadSense Re-launch



Harry Duynhoven & students

Central School students led a local re-launch of the national \$2 million RoadSense - Ata Haere school road safety strategy this month with a police education event at Pukekura Raceway focusing on speed and stopping distances.

RoadSense will eventually reach all schools but will first be taken to those schools that have recorded high rates of road injuries suffered by children.

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