

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

### NPiS REGIONAL SEMINAR

**“But no-one told me!”**

**Monday 31<sup>st</sup> March 2008**

**9.00am – 4.00pm**

**New Plymouth District Council Chambers**



**“Keeping Young Workers Safe” is the theme of a FREE regional seminar, titled “But no-one told me!”, organised by NPiS in partnership with the Safe Communities Foundation NZ (SCFNZ).**

The seminar, aimed at employers, schools, training organisations and anyone else with an interest in young workers safety; will explore some of the issues and solutions relating to the prevention of workplace injuries to young people.

Statistically, young people are three times more likely to be injured at work than adults. The seminar will present recent research carried out by Department of Labour into the knowledge and attitudes of young people in Taranaki secondary schools. There will also be an opportunity to hear from employers, first hand, how they have recognised and responded to the specific needs of their younger workers.

Key speakers include Ross Gilmour, Organisational Psychologist and Trainer, of Gilmour Consulting Ltd., Roanna Carran, whose company Coverstaff won the ACC Thinksafe Best Industry Sector Leadership prize in the Safeguard Awards 2005 and Dr Carolyn Coggan, Director of Safe Communities Foundation NZ who have secured rights to distribute the successful Passport to Safety (P2S) web-based learning and test programme for 15-24 year olds in New Zealand.

**To register, please contact Channa Perry on 06 753 7777 x8792 or email [npis@tdhb.org.nz](mailto:npis@tdhb.org.nz)**  
**Registrations close 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2008**

### NPiS Suicide Prevention Needs Assessment

Often when we speak about injury we have a tendency to think of unintentional, or so called ‘accidental’ injury. However, NPiS are also keen to support local initiatives that seek to reduce intentional injury, including self harm and suicide. Sadly, around 500 people die each year as a result of suicide and many more are hospitalised following self harm.

NPiS have recently begun work on a comprehensive Needs Assessment that will be used to inform and support future implementation of the NZ Suicide Prevention Strategy (2006-2016) across Taranaki.

The objectives of the Needs Assessment are to identify the rates of self harm and suicide across Taranaki; to identify key priority areas for local initiatives; and to identify target groups at risk of self-harm and suicide.

For the project to be successful, the input of many groups currently working to prevent self harm and suicide across Taranaki will be needed. We are keen to see as much of this work as possible.

**If you can provide input to this project in any way, please contact Channa Perry on 06 753 7777 x8792**

### BIKEWISE WEEK 2008: 23 Feb – 2 Mar 2008



This nationwide campaign, managed by Land Transport New Zealand, runs 23 February – 2 March and aims to encourage safe cycling for both transport and recreation.

This year, a number of activities are planned including:

- **South Taranaki District Council Mayoral Challenge – Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> February**
- **New Plymouth District Council Mayoral Challenge - Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> March**

Police Education Officers, Senior Constable Anna Duncan & Senior Constable Hine Sullivan will also be leading a number of cycle safety initiatives in local schools throughout BikeWise Week.

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