

# ShoreSafe –North Shore City New Zealand One year after designation



On the 25<sup>th</sup> July 2008 ShoreSafe North Shore City celebrated the first year anniversary of achieving International Safe Community status. ShoreSafe made this a momentous occasion by bringing together businesses and organisations keen to embrace and enhance safety within their community. ShoreSafe decided that while five organisations, Accident Compensation Corporation, Waitemata District Health Board, North Shore City Police, Enterprise North Shore and North Shore City Council had been signatories to the original Safe Community Agreement at the time of designation, they would like to extend this to other organisations on the North Shore. Consequently they developed a ‘ShoreSafe Safe Community Agreement’ and invited organisations prepared to commit to:

- Work in partnerships with other organisations to minimise injury in North Shore City
- Develop and action initiatives to enhance safety within their own organisation
- Communicate injury and crime prevention activities and outcomes to ShoreSafe for advancing a positive safety culture and safer environments
- Value and respect the contributions of each partner
- Support ShoreSafe’s strategic role of monitoring and planning to maintain International Safe Community accreditation
- Disseminate ShoreSafe newsletters and other injury prevention information
- Contribute time, resources, feedback and ideas to ShoreSafe

This is a first for New Zealand and perhaps also internationally. Representatives from 14 organisations attended the celebratory Mayor’s forum to sign their agreements and were presented with a framed certificate acknowledging their commitment to ShoreSafe. The original signatories were also presented with framed certificates acknowledging their ongoing commitment to ShoreSafe. It is envisaged that over time other organisations will join the list of signatories committed to the above agreement. Already the ShoreSafe coordinator has had other community groups showing interest in making this commitment.

After addresses from the mayor Andrew Williams, chairperson of ShoreSafe Teresa Stanley, and Safe Communities Foundation Dr Carolyn Coggan, all present shared refreshments and a piece of the ShoreSafe’s first birthday cake.

Further information can be found by visiting the Safe Communities Foundation NZ web site [www.safecommunities.org.nz/sc/ns](http://www.safecommunities.org.nz/sc/ns) or North Shore City Council website [http://www.northshorecity.govt.nz/?src=/about\\_the\\_city/safe-city.htm](http://www.northshorecity.govt.nz/?src=/about_the_city/safe-city.htm)

