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PPSCN Webinar Series

The webinars are designed to be of particular value to SC coalitions and co-ordinators. The following topics will be presented in 2016:

- Falls Prevention (12 April, 1.30pm)
- Injury Data/Needs Assessments (29 June, 1.30pm)
- Governance/Collaboration (31 Aug, 1.30pm)
- Family Violence & Alcohol as a Trigger (26 Oct, 1.30pm)

To view 2013-2016 archived webinars, see the SCFNZ website.

Contact Us

If you want to learn more about Safe Communities in New Zealand or want to become a Safe Community, visit our website or e-mail us:

www.safecommunities.org.nz
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SCFNZ is an International Safe Community Support Centre & an Accrediting Centre for the Pan Pacific Safe Community Network.



Welcome to the Safe Community Network News for 2017. This newsletter will be published quarterly and will focus on news from our Safe Communities. If you have something that you would like to share, please let us know.

Another way to share news is through social media. Safe Communities Foundation NZ now has a Face Book page and invites you and your organisation to 'like' it. We also invite you to view our webinars. In February, Dr Rod McClure presented a very interesting webinar – *Injury Prevention as Social Change*. If you missed it, you can view it on the [Safe Communities NZ website](#).

The webinar programme for 2017 is in the blue column on this page. We would love to hear from you if you or anyone you know would like to present at one of our webinars this year. We are happy to pre-record it if the presenter is unavailable on the respective date.

Safe Communities Foundation NZ looks forward to supporting your Safe Community and its activities during 2017. Please do not hesitate to contact us to discuss how we can best support you.

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Congratulations and Welcome Westland District

Accreditation

SCFNZ had the pleasure of accrediting Westland in February this year. At the community site visit, initiatives highlighted included: Youth Connections and Mentoring programme, Clued up Kids Safety Programme, School safety (positive behaviours initiative), fire, road and rural safety. The ceremony and a follow-up news article was a good example of the support by organisations and engagement with media and the wider community.



Westland Safe Community shows excellent collaborative governance - a major strength highlighted during the review process was the strong commitment from senior positions within key stakeholder's organisations. The ability to transition from a Safer Community Council to a Safe Community Model and keep community voice is a real asset to the governance structure in place, as is having Safe Communities as a key part of the Community Development role. They have demonstrated real systemic change in the approach to community safety within the Westland District.

[Click here to view Westland District's SC application and Hokitika Guardian article.](#)

Programmes

Westland has recently initiated the **Westland Youth Mentoring and Connections Project**. The aim of this collaborative project is to build capability and capacity of youth so that participants learn how to connect and contribute well to their communities. The project will mentor individuals and groups of young people with leadership abilities to develop

Community Action Linked to Global Campaigns

As part of our wider engagement in the Pan Pacific Safe Community Network (PPSCN) and with WHO we have been invited to join in global action with the following two campaigns - *UN Road Safety Week* and *April Falls Day*.

For more information on the respective campaigns, click on the logos:



PLEASE CONSIDER ACTION IN YOUR COMMUNITY – we want NZ to be part of these global campaigns. We have been asked to record NZ action so it can be part of the interational measures or engagement, so please share with us what you are doing with regard to these campaigns.

NZ Road Safety Week is the same week as UN Road Safety week. It's all about engaging the community to help get the road safety message out there. See the *Brake Aotearoa* website for ideas and tips.

World Health Day

The theme of World health Day on 7 April 2017 is depression.

For information on the campaign, see the WHO website.

initiatives they are passionate about in their schools and communities. Furthermore, the mentoring service will also support young people beyond the school setting through the transition into further education, training or work.

In addition, the **Westland Clued up Kids Programme** will be initiated later in March. Organised by the Fire Service, WestREAP and the Safe Community Coalition, the programme is designed to instil confidence and develop life skills in Year 5-6 students (10-12 year olds) in a safe environment. Children will circulate around a number of work stations about aspects of safety (personal fire, water, rail, vehicle, SAR, civil defence, basic first aid and 111 service). All primary schools in Westland District have been invited to participate.

For more information on Safe Community projects in Westland, contact Derek Blight (derek.blight@westlanddc.govt.nz)

'Be Safe, Be Seen' in Hastings

Many cyclists are well aware of the need to "lighten up", but a good number are not and run the risk of being in or causing a car accident. Many cyclists, walkers and runners are not even aware that without lights or reflective gear they are practically invisible during low light hours (dusk/dawn). Safer Hastings Partners teamed up to run a 'Be Safe, Be Seen' campaign for a week in June 2016. This region-wide campaign promoted the use of lights and hi-visibility clothing and reflective gear during the autumn and winter months. Five pit stops across Hastings (during 5 evenings and 1 morning), teams provided information on visibility and handed out 120 light sets, 100 high vis vests and 150 reflective sets. People were encouraged to use the gear to ensure there is no risk that they cannot be seen.



Partners including Hastings District Council, Sport Hawke's Bay, Understanding Strengthening Overcoming, Te Taiwhenua o Heretaunga and New Zealand Police all played a part in making this campaign a great success. Sport Hawkes Bay volunteered to report back to the Safer Hastings coalition on the collaborative project using the established RBA framework.

For more information on Safer Hastings programmes, see:

<http://www.hastingsdc.govt.nz/safer-hastings> or <https://www.facebook.com/Safer-Hastings-259009291144802/>

RBA and Safe Communities

Last year, the Safe Communities Foundation NZ (SCFNZ) completed a Results Based Accountability (RBA) pilot project with several Safe Communities. A Safe Communities Population Outcomes Framework template was developed during the project and SCFNZ is now introducing this to interested communities, supporting them its adoption and helping them on their RBA journey. So far, we have had the pleasure of working with Safe Hutt Valley and are looking forward to working with Taupo Safe District in April.

If your Safe Community is interested in some RBA training and support in the context of Safe Communities, please let Tracey know (earl@scfnz.org).