



# Safe Community Network News

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## PPSCN Webinar Series

*The last webinar for 2015 will be: Working with Minority Groups within Safe Communities (5 Nov, 1.30pm)*

*To view archived webinars from 2013, 2014 and 2015, see the SCFNZ website.*

## Upcoming events

**12th Australasian Injury Prevention and Safety Promotion Conference**  
**Impact and Innovation: Preventing Injury in a Changing World**  
**25-27 November 2015**  
**Sydney, Australia**

**12<sup>th</sup> World Conference on Injury Prevention and Safety Promotion - Safety 2016 – WHO co-organized From research to implementation**  
**18-21 September 2016**  
**Tampere, Finland**

**Note: registration and call for abstracts are now open. Deadline for abstract submission is 1 November 2015.**

## Highlighted Resources

HPA has recently developed two guides designed to assist those preparing for a District Licensing Committee hearing. The first is for people applying for a new or renewed licence, and the second is for people who are concerned about an application for a licence in their community.

The WHO has released a resource book to support reducing alcohol-related harm in young people. It is designed for use in the Western Pacific region.

Superu has published the following:

- In Focus: Family Resilience – a literature review which explores the protective resources families use to

Welcome to the spring edition of our newsletter. It's hard to believe that we only have one more edition to go before its Christmas! As the weather warms up and the party season kicks in, it's time to plan and promote safety initiatives inherent in the new season to ensure our communities are safer places to live, work and play.

You will find some useful resources, including previous webinars, on the new [SCFNZ website](#) which was launched in August. If you have not already looked at it, we invite you to do so. We are continuing to develop content for it, so would be interested in any feedback.

Our last quarterly **webinar** for the year is focussed on working with minority groups in Safe Communities - use the link in 'Reminders' below to register. If you would like to share your SC experiences at one of our quarterly webinars, do let us know. Also, we are planning the webinar series for next year, so would welcome your feedback on topics of interest.

## Reminders:

- Working with [Minority Groups within Safe Communities webinar](#), 1.30pm, 5 November 2015.
- Coalition surveys have been e-mailed out to SC co-ordinators for distribution to their coalitions and need to be completed by mid October. No paper this year – we've gone high tech with SurveyMonkey!

## SCFNZ National Forum 2015

The SCFNZ National Forum was held in Wellington on the 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> August 2015. It was attended by 47 participants covering 30 TAs. A further 11 speakers from Government agencies and non-government organisations attended part of the forum.

The purpose of the forum was to reduce New Zealand's injury toll and increase the adoption of safety behaviours through strengthening the capacity of all existing New Zealand accredited Safe Communities (SCs) to improve the:

- Effectiveness of local Safe Community coalitions.
- Reach of effective community safety programme delivery.
- Building of effective local, regional, and national Safe Community networks.
- Longevity of the positive effects of community safety programmes.

Attendees were given an overview on the SC highlights from the previous year, updated on government agencies national priorities, and learnt about why councils should care about SCs, civil defence and emergency management, workplace safety and the implications of the Health and Safety Reform Bill, and how to use storytelling to inform and inspire others. They also had an opportunity to identify creative solutions to SC issues in round table discussions.

Community sharing was a popular feature of the forum again this year, as shown by the forum survey. It gave the communities an opportunity to learn from each others' experiences, including building and sustaining coalitions.

In addition, forum evaluation showed that 88% of survey respondents rated their satisfaction with the forum content as 'excellent' or 'very good' and expectations were met for all respondents. In addition, all survey respondents increased their knowledge of SCFNZ activities, workplace safety and the use of storytelling. Most (99%) respondents increased their knowledge of national priorities and emergency management. Thanks to everyone who provided comments in the forum survey. We

- cope with adversity and how these can be used with vulnerable families.
- Reducing the Impact of Alcohol on Family Violence. This is the second in the 'What Works' series.

New Zealand Family Violence Clearinghouse has published 'Creating Change: Mobilising New Zealand Communities to Prevent Family Violence'.

Parliament has passed the following:

- Health and Safety at Work Act on 27 August. It is effective 4 April 2016.
- Sale and Supply of Alcohol (Rugby World Cup 2015 Extended Trading Hours) Amendment Act 2015.

Support Groups for Suicide Loss: A handbook for Aotearoa New Zealand, a new suicide support group handbook, has been published by the Mental Health Foundation of NZ. It is the first of its kind and provides practical steps for starting and running a support group.

Healthy Families NZ, a new website, is a large-scale government initiative that highlights programmes in 10 regions around NZ with the aim of bringing community leaders together to achieve better health for New Zealanders.

Now that daylight saving has started, the Sun Protection Alert (SPA) is available. It provides the times sun protection is required throughout New Zealand.

'The Cost of Injury in Canada Report' provides data on the financial and societal burden on the population, the healthcare system and the economy in Canada.

The 'Move Improve Remove' initiative has been launched by Stay On Your Feet® in Western Australia. It is aimed at preventing falls in older people.

Recorded Crime Offenders Statistics (RCOS), first released at the end of May 2015, and victim statistics (RCVS), first released in November 2014, are available on the Statistics NZ website.

**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](http://www.safecommunities.org.nz)  
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will endeavour to include these suggestions to have an even better National Forum next year. Many thanks to all our participants who made this year's forum so successful.

## SC Leadership and Support Acknowledged

SC leadership and support at the national, regional and local levels were acknowledged during the National Forum dinner by the presentation of SCFNZ awards. Congratulations to:

Sally Patrick (Whanganui) who was presented The Carolyn Coggan Safe Community Award in recognition of her outstanding leadership and support for SCs at the national level.



Liz Lambert (Napier) who was presented the SCFNZ Safe Community Award in recognition of her outstanding leadership and support for Safe Communities at the regional and local levels.



We are proud to work with both of you and look forward to your continued involvement in the New Zealand SC network.

## New NZ National Drug Policy

The honorable Peter Dunne launched the new National Drug Policy (2015-2020) on 26 August. Its overall aim is to "minimise alcohol and other drug-related harm and promote and protect health and wellbeing". The 4 objectives in the new policy framework are:

- Delaying update of alcohol or other drugs by young people
- Reducing alcohol or other drug-related illness and injury
- Reducing hazardous drinking of alcohol
- Shifting our attitudes towards alcohol and other drugs

The 3 key strategies are:

- problem limitation (reducing harm that is already occurring)
- demand Reduction (reducing desire to use alcohol and other drugs)
- supply control (preventing or reducing availability of alcohol and other drugs)

*For more detail, see: [NZ National Drug Policy](#).*

## New SC Co-Ordinators: Welcome!

We are pleased to welcome two new SC co-ordinators since our last newsletter: Jo Perrett (Safe at the Top, Nelson/Tasman) and Rebecca MacKay (Tauranga Moana Safe City). It was great to meet Jo at our National Forum and we look forward to meeting Rebecca soon. We look forward to working with you both!

## Taupo Safe District (Reaccredited July 2015)

In their reaccreditation application, Taupo Safe District has successfully demonstrated the implementation of community safety promotion initiatives within their four priority areas (injury prevention, crime prevention, road safety and reducing alcohol-related harm). These are aimed at people across the life-span covering the road, home, school, public spaces, work and leisure environments, as well as interpersonal violence and suicide prevention.

Taupo Safe District is an excellent example of collaborative leadership and networks, with a diverse range of stakeholders on the coalition and the inclusion of a youth representative - a first for a New Zealand Safe Community. Particular strengths highlighted during the review process included the long history and strong commitment from Taupo City Council and the NZ Police, and utilising a community-led principles in the integration of the Safe Community criteria/guiding principles. Congratulations to all those involved on this well-deserved reaccreditation.

*For further information or to see their application [click here](#)*