

New Plymouth iS a WHO safe community working towards being injury free

Regional Injury Prevention Forum

Due to bad weather, the New Plymouth Regional Forum was held over two days, the 19th June and 3rd of July. There was an overwhelming response from people wanting to attend the forum with 68 enrolling and despite the atrocious weather 60 turning up on the first day. The spread of organisations in attendance was impressive, especially the strong turn out of employer and industry representatives and members of the Pacific and Chinese communities.

The workshops produced some useful outcomes including:

- An extensive list of opportunities and issues that impact on improving co-ordination of injury prevention activity in New Plymouth and across Taranaki.
- About two thirds of the attendees had limited knowledge of the New Zealand Injury Prevention Strategy (NZIPS) and arising from this a number of ideas were identified on how NZIPS could help guide their work and provide support. See www.nzips.govt.nz
- Opportunities were identified relating to the promotion of safety across work and non-work situations.

For a full copy of the Regional Forum Report, contact Kath Forde, 06 759 0730 or kath.forde@acc.co.nz

Reassessing the Need

The 2001 research that underpinned the establishment of New Plymouth injurySafe and the safe community programme is in the process of being updated. With funding from the Ministry of Health, NPiS has commissioned the same research group to provide a current injury profile for the district along with stakeholder consultation on progress and priorities. The report is expected in late September and will be widely circulated.

IP News

A two-monthly e-newsletter has just been launched to keep those involved in the injury prevention sector informed about relevant events and issues that are happening in New Zealand and overseas, and provide an opportunity for injury prevention practitioners to promote their activities and share their news.

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Taranaki Scoops Safety Awardsagain!

New Plymouth injurySafe and Shell Todd Oil Services were presented with New Zealand Community Safety and Injury Prevention Awards in Wellington this month by Minister for ACC Hon Ruth Dyson. Two other Taranaki nominees, the Youth Access to Alcohol group and the New Plymouth District Council were highly commended by the judges of the awards. This builds on the success of last year when four entries from Taranaki won commendations at the inaugural safety awards. Congratulations to all involved!



Members of Taranaki organisations recognised at the New Zealand Community Safety and Injury Prevention Awards with the Minister.

Passport to Safety

Passport to Safety is a self-paced learning and test programme aimed at young people who are preparing to enter the part-time/casual work force for the first time. Recognising that young people are three times more likely to be injured at work than adults, the Safe Community Foundation is introducing the Canadian programme to New Zealand. The web-based P2S programme enables students to complete the programme at school or work sites through the issuing of a personal log-on and password. Once the young person has successfully completed the programme they are issued with a "Passport to Safety" acknowledging their effort. Discussions are underway with ACC, the Department of Labour and CApENZ to pilot the programme in Taranaki and link it to follow-up training at the HSE Centre. For more information see

www.safecommunities.org.nz/p2s/gen

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