

NPiS

New Plymouth
Injury Safe

COMMUNITY PROJECTS UPDATE

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New Plymouth's Injury Prevention projects are supported by ACC Thinksafe

New Plymouth iS working towards an injury free community

Thinksmart Sports Club of the Year Chosen

The Thinksmart Sports Clubs project was developed by a coalition aiming to reduce alcohol related harm to young people and launched in February 2004. The project challenges the links between sport and alcohol and works to support licensed sports clubs to achieve better host responsibility practices. To date 101 clubs have signed on to the two-level accreditation programme and ten nominees for the first Thinksmart Club of the Year were recently externally assessed by TOSHA. All the clubs were commended for the efforts they have made to adopt Thinksmart principles. The winners, **Inglewood United Rugby Football and Netball Club**, were presented with the trophy and \$2000 on 6 May. Since introducing Thinksmart, the club has swapped alcohol prizes for meal and petrol vouchers and bar staff have been trained to keep a closer eye on patrons. The Thinksmart Clubs project is a follow on from the Think Before You Buy under 18s Drink campaign.

It's All About Choice

Students at five Taranaki secondary schools had an opportunity to see first hand the devastating impact that excessive speed, combined with inexperience, can have when a trailer containing the wreckage of the vehicle in which four young boys died last year visited their schools. Poster boards introduce the boys and describe their achievements and dreams, then go on to analyse the stages and results of the crash that took their lives. The boys' mothers and a group of young friends were present at the schools to deliver a performance promoting safer driving. The wreck was also on display to the public at The Warehouse car park, Bell Block.



Taranaki HSE Centre



The Taranaki Health, Safety and Environment Centre was officially opened by the Prime Minister in March. The centre is the venue for regular meetings of the Taranaki H&S Network, an informal forum for occupational health and safety professionals. If you would like to join this group, contact Alison Pitman at ACC, 06 759 0728 for details of the next meeting.

Thinksafe Taranaki Agricultural Challenge

The eighth annual inter-school farm safety competition was held on 10 June. Congratulations to the winning team, **Francis Douglas Memorial College 5th Formers** who scored particularly well in the Working at Heights module and aced the Chemical Handling module to pip the school's 7th form team by one point.

The event was, as always, well supported by Agriculture New Zealand, Eltham Young Farmers' Club, New Plymouth Police and Occupational Safety and Health.

Child Restraints

An opportunity is available to parents & caregivers of babies & children aged under 7 years to have a free child restraint check carried out by qualified technicians.

The checking clinics will take place on

Thursday 23rd June, between 10am – 12pm, at New World Supermarket Courtenay Street car park and again on Friday 24th June, between 10am – 12pm, at The Warehouse Bell Block car park.

Child restraints can be tricky to fit and secure, so the free checks aim to ensure they are fitted correctly and are age-appropriate.

Vouchers for tether straps and bolt fitting will be given to those who require them and three new child restraints will be given away at each location.

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