

Safer Hastings

"An accredited Safer Community"

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A Safe Community is... a community where people can go about their daily activities in an environment without fear, risk of harm or injury.

Let's to celebrate in this quarter's newsletter! Welcome to our new coalition partners Emerge Aotearoa, Health Promotion Agency and Volunteering Hawke's Bay. We highlight several new initiatives including Safer Hastings going rural. Thanks everyone for helping make Hastings a safer place to work, live and play. Cr Eileen Lawson, Chair Safer Hastings



Connected Agencies & Communities

Volunteering Hawke's Bay breakfast meeting

Volunteering Hawke's Bay (VHB) is recognised as the hub for volunteer excellence and helps build community connections by providing services to organisations, volunteers and businesses.

VHB breakfast meetings are a new initiative that offer Coordinators and Managers who work alone a chance to come together in a fun, welcoming way to start the day with sharing knowledge and information.

VHB Manager Leanne Collins says the meetings provide a supportive environment for Managers and Coordinators to share their views, achievements and concerns.



Ngaia Richardson (PSEC), Leanne Collins (VHB), Sandie Speeden (Growing through Grief) and Karyn Teddy (Corrections)

Learning about the Safer Hastings coalition and opportunities to be involved!

"Our Managers often share about the organisation they work for and see where they align with other like-minded groups to develop a collaborative approach to issues in the community".

Safer Hastings was the topic for the March meeting, with attendees learning about the coalition and identifying opportunities for their organisations to be involved in our activities.



Safe in my home

Flaxmere Smoke Alarms for everyone (SAFE)

The new Flaxmere SAFE team have visited their first 100 homes and supplied 254 smoke alarms!

The team is made up of volunteer members of the Community Patrol and is based on the successful Taradale Brigade model that has now visited over 1500 homes in Taradale.

The work these two teams are doing is saving lives. The alarms they have fitted have already raised the alarm in three separate fires that have occurred, ensuring the families are alerted and they know what to do to keep themselves and their whanau safe from the devastation that fire can cause.

For your free home Fire Safety check call 0800 347 332.



Senior firefighter Rebecca Wright (left); Police Negotiation Team Commander, Sergeant Marie Marshall; St John's Ambulance paramedic and Central South territory support officer Susan Sharp. Photo: HB Today

International Women's Day 8th March

Safer Hastings proudly celebrated International Women's Day by bringing together our three emergency services partners to celebrate the diverse roles of women in the emergency services. The event gave the public the opportunity to check out emergency services equipment, and engage with career staff to hear about recruitment opportunities. We even made TV One news!

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Safe Roads

Driver Licence Symposium

This first Driver Licencing Symposium held in Hastings in November last year attracted over 35 participants, from accredited Driver Licencing organisations to educational organisations to individuals, all passionate about providing opportunities for our young people to gain their driver licences and be legal on the road.

Guest presenter was Rhys Gardener who has developed a driving simulator which gives participants the "hands on" experience of driving under a variety of road conditions. The day also involved a workshop session to look at the issues around the licencing process, ways to better coordinate the providers and suggestions for future funding for the programmes. The new ACC Community Drive Toolkit was also launched.

This work on Driver Licencing is part of the Matariki Action 2.4 regional development work which focusses on increasing the number of youth with driver licences thereby giving youth the opportunity to gain employment.



Safer Hastings is a coalition made up of people from a diverse group of government and community agencies and a wide network of supporting organisations, all working together in a co-ordinated and collaborative way to improve community safety.

Safer Hastings goes rural at the Maraekakaho Country Market Day



Safe in my community

One of the outcomes from our 2018 coalition workshop was to look at ways to share our safety messaging with our rural communities. We recently had the opportunity to share a site at the Maraekakaho Country Market Day with the local volunteer rural fire brigade.



We promoted "Farmstrong" wellbeing resources and fire safety for rural living including information on fire permits and burn offs, and how to make a household escape plan. The "Escape My House" virtual reality challenge and smoke house were really popular. Everyone who completed the Fire Safety quiz went into the draw to win a box of home fire safety goodies including smoke alarms and a fire extinguisher.



People are free from addiction-related harm



Hastings District Council has a Joint Alcohol Strategy (JAS) with Napier City Council. The strategy closely aligns with the goals of both Safer Napier and Safer Hastings who both have reducing alcohol related harm as a priority area.

As a result of an action under the JAS Action Plan, alcohol advertising will be removed from bus shelters in Napier and Hastings. Funding has been obtained from the Health Promotion Agency to identify youth driven alcohol harm prevention projects.

Work is underway to create an exciting new brand that will support existing alcohol-free events and encourage more events to go alcohol-free or to have an alcohol-free zone. The JAS Reference Group recently got together at the Napier Fiesta to test the new brand with the public. It is hoped to have the brand available later this year.




Members of the JAS Reference Group testing the new alcohol free branding at the Napier Fiesta.

Our focus areas

 **TARGET ENVIRONMENTS**
Home, road, public spaces

 **TARGET GROUPS**
Youth, older people, low income families

 **CONTRIBUTING FACTORS**
Alcohol, drugs & gambling addictions

How you can be involved

- Attend community workshops
- Join our information network to receive updates and newsletters
- Update Safer Hastings with your activities
- Work on a collaborative project aimed to address a specific issue.

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