

Taupo District Safe Community

**Application for designation of
Taupō District as an International
Safe Community of the World Health
Organisation Collaborating Centre
on Community Safety Promotion**

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FROM THE MAYOR'S OFFICE



As Mayor of the Taupō district, I am pleased to support any initiative which promotes the safety and wellbeing of our people. Living in such a naturally beautiful, popular and active part of New Zealand brings its own unique set of challenges. Taupō is already internationally recognised as a world-class tourism destination, so I am fully behind the application to the World Health Organisation to become an internationally recognised 'Safe District'.

Taupō District Council plays a huge part in the safety of its residents and has many programmes in place to promote and encourage good health and safety practices.

Our many lakes and rivers mean that water safety is a key concern – one which we are breeding head on. Last year the AC Baths' aquatic programmes team won the inaugural New Zealand Water Safety Awareness Award for its 'Swim for Life' and 'Lake Taupō Water Safety' education programmes. This is a positive step forward towards our goal, which is ultimately that every child in the Taupō district becomes a competent swimmer.

Road safety is also a key area that we are taking a proactive approach to. With the huge number of visitors our district receives each year, traffic on our roads can swell to extreme numbers. Our aim is to reduce the number of serious road crashes in our district through the use of a number of local and national road safety campaigns in which the Taupō District Council works closely with local police through both passive and very active approaches.

The recently assembled Taupō Safer Community Trust has already had its share of successes in crime prevention in Taupō. Along with the donation of two Segway Patrolters to the Taupō Police to patrol our many events, the Trust also initiated the installation of a network of CCTV cameras in our CBD, giving police greater ability to monitor public areas.

These initiatives, as well as the presence of 'Taupō Community Ambassadors' in Taupō's popular public areas during the summer months, will provide locals and visitors with a greater sense of safety.

'Our Neighbourhood' community events, organised by Taupō District Council in conjunction with Neighbourhood Watch, are bringing residential communities together, instilling a sense of pride and belonging, and encouraging neighbours to look after one another.

I am proud of the work that is going on behind the scenes and would like to personally thank all of our partners involved in the Safe District programmes: ACC, Lakes District Health Board, New Zealand Police, for their help in making this district a safer place to live, work and play.

Rick Casper
MAYOR

April 2010



Monday 22 March 2010

Tēnā koutou i ngā āhuatanga o te wā,

The Tūwharetoa Māori Trust Board offer these words with regard to the Taupō District Council and it's partner agencies' application to the World Health Organisation for safer community accreditation.

Since 1926 with the formation of the first contemporary governance, Ngāti Tūwharetoa has always prioritised health and education as key employing skilled practitioners to work amongst the people. The initiatives highlighted within this document take that commitment a step further offering educational support to all, so as to fully appreciate their surroundings, whether they be at work or undertaking one of the many recreational activities this area is renowned for.

The foundations of our traditions and indeed our heritage lie in and around our 'taonga' or treasures namely Lake Taupō and the range of Tongariro with its World Heritage status. Ngāti Tūwharetoa are especially keen to see initiatives put in place to promote safety within these culturally significant areas.

This collective approach to care for people in and around the Taupō District will inevitably empower the people to foster the community spirit in making the Taupō District a safer place to Work, Live and Play.

Kia tau ngā manaakitanga o te runga rawa ki a koutou katoa.

Nāku iti nei,
Nā

Te Hokowhitu-a-Rakeipoho Taiaroa

Secretary
Tūwharetoa Māori Trust Board

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INTRODUCTION

Journey to Taupō Safe District

Following a meeting at Rotorua, in 2005 where Doctor Carolyn Coggan of Safe Communities Foundation New Zealand spoke on the concepts of designation as an International Safe Community, the Community Outcomes Bay of Plenty (COBoP) hosted a workshop in 2006 attended by a range of key stakeholders.

Initially it was mooted that Rotorua and Taupō would join together in making an application for accreditation. However further investigation revealed that there were sufficient differences and that they could continue the process independently.

In 2007 Taupō District Council gave the go ahead for The Taupō Safe District Project To be implemented. Funding partners included Accident Compensation Corporation, Lakes District Health Board and New Zealand Police.

In 2008 The Taupō Safe District Project Plan was instigated to bring to fruition the satisfying of requirements required for accreditation from the World Health Organisation, as an International Safe Community.

The World Health Organisation have developed a framework for communities to demonstrate a planned and sustainable approach towards a safer community.

In order to be designated as an International Safe Community the six criteria set out in the index are required to be met.

This report demonstrates how these criteria have been addressed for the Taupō District.



ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Without the able assistance of ACC, Lakes District Health Board, the New Zealand Police and Taupō District Council (funding partners) and the support of numerous agencies, government and non-government departments, volunteer groups, sports clubs, service clubs and organisations we could not have embarked on this journey toward the designation as an International Safe Community.

We acknowledge their valuable contributions to our quest for accreditation and in particular the Director and staff of Safe Communities Foundation New Zealand.

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TAUPŌ DISTRICT ... AN OVERVIEW

The Taupō District is a vibrant, exciting, and magical place to live, work, visit and play.

The local Tangata whenua (people of the land) Ngati Tūwharetoa have a history spanning centuries having arrived in the 13th Century aboard the Arawa, one of the canoes from the great migration. The high priest aboard the Arawa, Ngatoroirangi travelled from the Bay of Plenty coast inland to the Taupō region where he and other courageous ancestors secured the area for their kin. Historical references of that time continue to be celebrated through place names, oral histories of his descendants, and the traditional whakairo (carvings) that document the area's cultural foundation.

The District prides itself on being a world class tourist destination and an event location.

Geographically the District has Lake Taupō as a centre point with mountains to the south and the townships of Mangakino to the north/west, Turangi to the south, and Taupō on the northern bay of the lake. The Waikato River starts at Lake Taupō and winds its way north encompassing part of the Taupō District and Mangakino.

The surrounding rural landscape is ideal farming country and host to many walking and cycling tracks, through native bush and pastoral lands. The District is situated on the volcanic plateau, providing numerous energy outlets which continue to be tapped, and there are many tourist spots offering geothermal activity. The world renowned Huka Falls, and an abundance of sporting and recreational grounds, race tracks, (motor – A1GP, horse, motor cross, cycling) plus event centres, libraries, heated pool complexes and numerous cafes, restaurants, bars, reserves/parks, camping grounds, cater for both visitors and residents.

Our venues, in Taupō, include Owen Delany Park (to be used by Wales, South Africa and Ireland as training base for upcoming 2011 World Rugby Cup), AC Baths, and Events Centre, Great Lake Centre, Museum, Library, and other sports related facilities, such as 36 hole Taupō Golf Course,



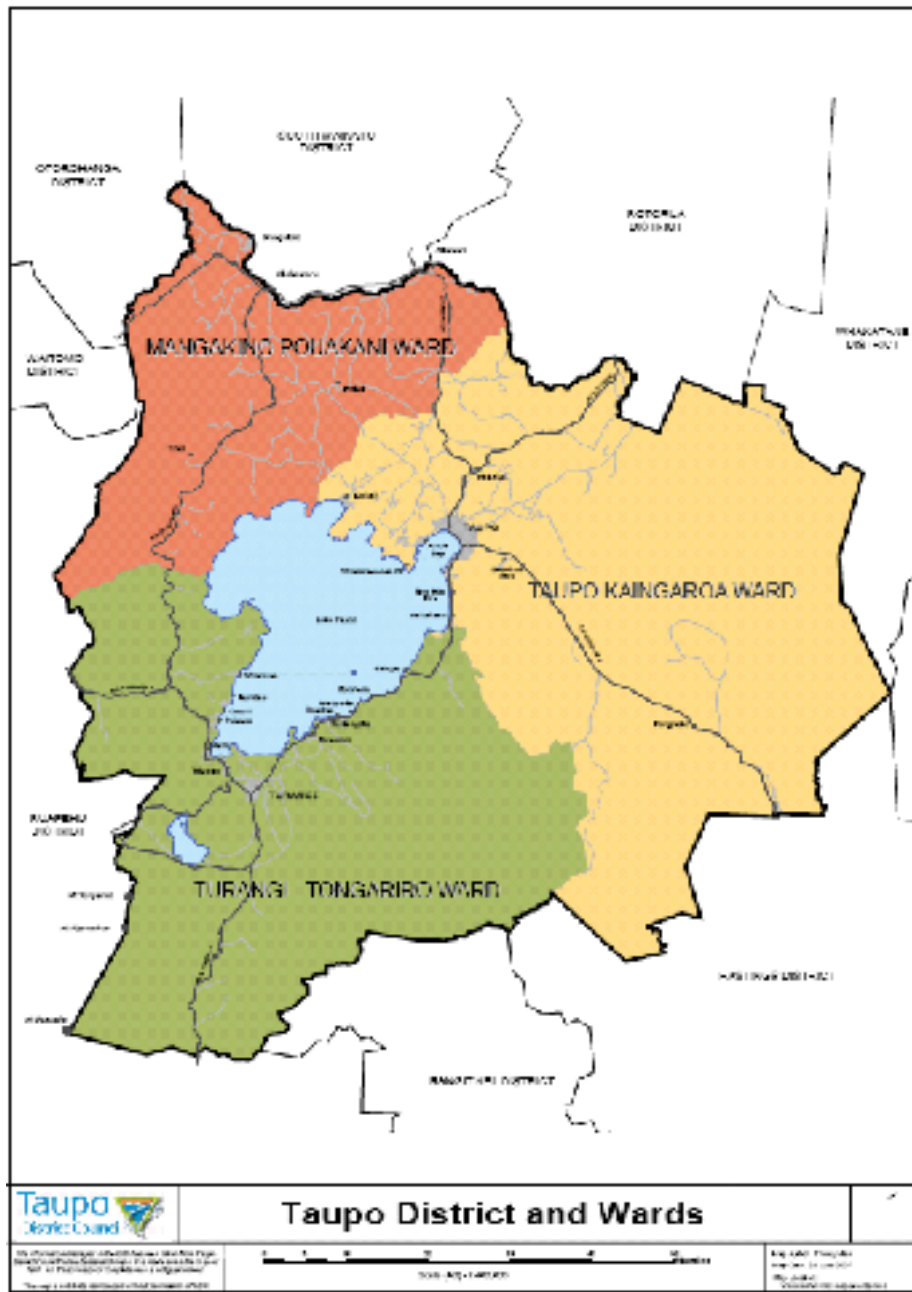
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world famous Wairakei Golf Course, all weather hockey ground, squash and tennis courts, skateboard park, grounds for netball, soccer, rugby, cricket and velodrome, to name but a few. The townships of Mangakino and Turangi also have their facilities catering for residents and visitors.

The lake and river offer many attractions from camping, boating, yachting, fishing, pleasure craft, swimming, kilometres of beaches etc, with Prawn Park, Huka Falls Jet ride, Bungee Jumping, Para Sailing, Adventure parks, Horse treks, Tandem Sky Diving, kayaking, trout hatchery, power station tours (geothermal and water) plus mountain activities are but some of the showcase things to do in our wonderful District.



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DEMOGRAPHICS

The current Taupō District Council area was established on 1 December 1989. Located in the Central North Island of New Zealand, the District includes the large catchment area of Lake Taupō, the hydroelectric dams on the Tongariro and upper Waikato rivers, and substantial geothermal resources.

The District contains expansive areas of exotic pine forests and farmlands - the predominant land uses - and includes native forests and parts of Tongariro National Park, the Central Plateau mountains, the Kaimanawa Range and Pureora Forest Park.

Taupō, Turangi and Mangakino are the three main urban areas in the District. There are many lakeside settlements around the shores of Lake Taupō and the Waikato River.

POPULATION

Taupō District has a usually resident population of 32,418 according to the 2006 Census. This is about 0.8% of New Zealand's population. It has increased by 3% from 2001 Census. Population estimates from Statistics New Zealand show minimal population growth since 1994 at a rate of less than 1% per year. On busy days during summer the number of people in the District including visitors can reach about 58,000.

The major ethnic group in Taupō District consists of European (68.3%) and Māori (28.2%). Only about 4% of the population are of other ethnicities including Asian, Pacific people and middle/eastern and Latin American/African.

Figure 2.1(i) shows that Taupō District has a young population with more than half of both male and female population below 40 years old and 22.2% are below 15 years old. The median age for the population is 37.5 years. There is also an almost equal proportion of male and female population. Around 13.6 percent of people the population are 65 years old and over.

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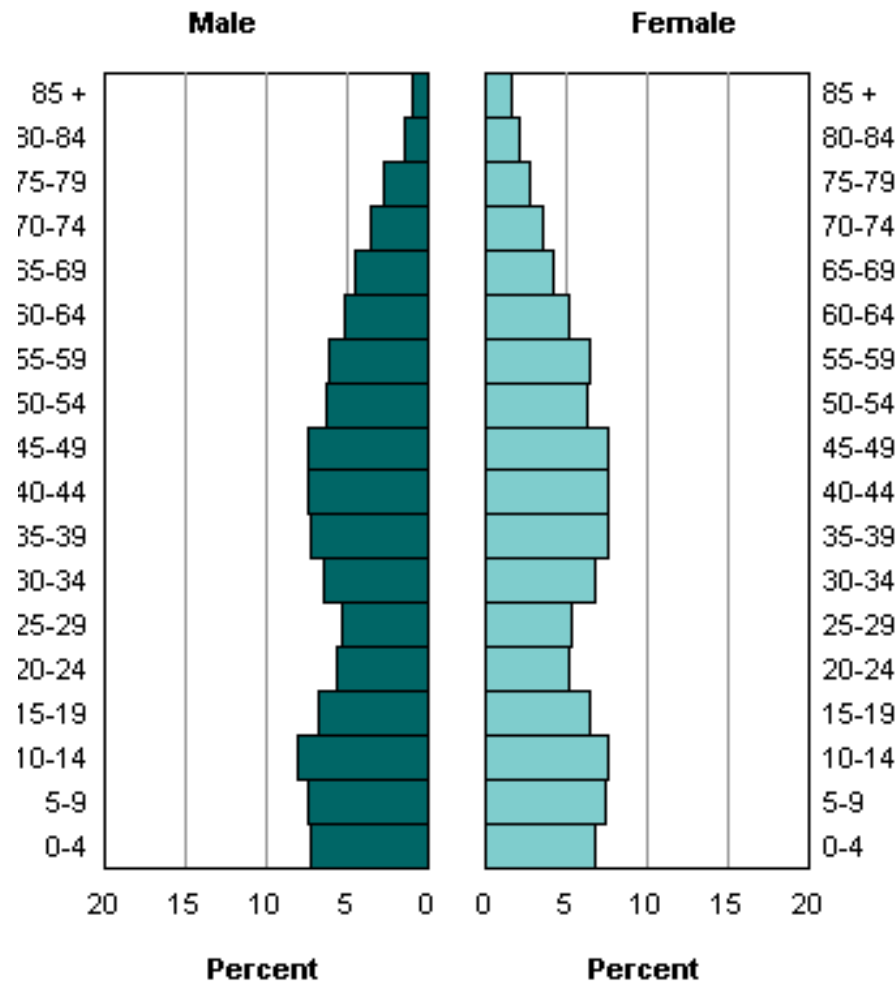


Figure 2.1(i) Population Distribution by age, Taupō District, 2006
Source: Statistics New Zealand Census 2006

Māori ethnic population

Out of 73 Districts in New Zealand Taupō has the 23rd highest population of Māori which equates to 1.5% of the country's Māori population at around 8,643 people. The District's Māori population is younger than the total population with about 33.9% at under-15 years. The Māori median age is 24.4 years. Just over 5% of the Māori population is aged 65 years and above.

Population estimate and projection

Statistics New Zealand estimated the District's population to be growing at a slow rate of less than 0.5% annually. This is even lower than the national average population growth rate of 1.1% per year. The estimate even declined by 0.3% from June 2007 (33,500 people) to June 2009 (33,400 people).

In more than 20 years the District's population is projected to reach 34,800, an increase of just 1,400 people from the 2009 level. The population is also seen to become older with the projected median age of 40 by 2011, reaching 47.2 years by 2031.

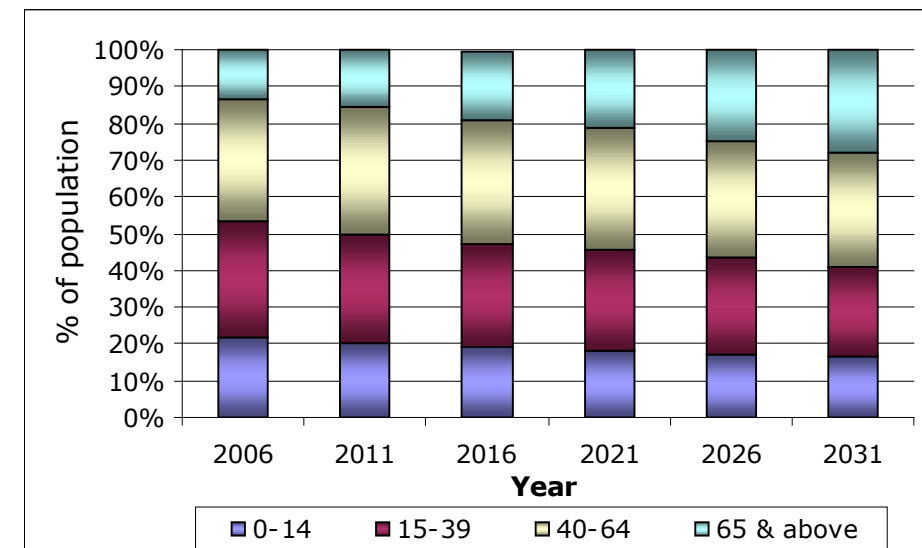


Figure 2.1(ii). Projected Population of Taupō District, 2006 to 2031
Source: Statistics New Zealand

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ECONOMY

The five major industries are the primary ones of forestry, geothermal production, and farming, which are reliant on the natural resources of the District; and the secondary industries of tourism, and retail, which also rely on the natural environment to attract people to the location. Predominately, tourism is the major driver of the economic growth of the Taupō town and tourist numbers in the District are expected to increase by 40% between 2006 and 2026. To service this increased growth the occupational composition in Taupō is expected to continue to be concentrated on the areas of accommodation, restaurants, and retail, whilst agriculture, construction business services and forestry will remain dominant. As the town's economy is based around these industries, the occupational structure matches employer's needs. Taupō District differs significantly from the national occupational structure, with the largest employers being traditionally lower paying industries. The proportion of workers in retail, accommodation, cafes and restaurants is much higher than national trends of occupational composition.

In 2006 the District's main industries for employment were as follows:
(sourced from New Zealand Census 2006)

- Accommodation and food services employed 12% of working residents (double National Average)
- The retail trade also employed 12% compared to 10% nationwide.
- Primary Industry was a more important employer in the District than across the country with agriculture, forestry, and fishing employing 11% of working residents a(7% nationally)
- The construction industry employed 10% of the workforce locally (8% nationally)
- That was followed by manufacturing 9% compared with 12% nationally
- Education employed 6% locally and 8% nationally
- Health care and social assistance employed 6% of local workforce compared with 9% across the country
- The last industry to employ a substantial proportion of Taupō's workers was professional,
- Scientific and technical services (5% in Taupō and 8% nationally.)



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HEALTHY, ACTIVE LIFESTYLE

The Taupō District population has a lower estimated life expectancy than the national average. This is due to a combination of preventable factors such as the relatively high proportion of the population who smoke and the increase in the number of deaths caused by ischemic heart disease; socio-economic factors such as the high prevalence of deprivation circumstances for pockets of the community; and demographic factors such as the fact that Māori residents (who make up a higher proportion of the District population than in other areas of the country) are estimated to have lower average life expectancy than non-Māori. Despite this trend, there is a positive trend at the other end of the spectrum where infant mortality rates are decreasing.

Mental health issues such as suicide and self harm and problem gambling are showing positive gains. Suicide rates in the Lakes DHB have been decreasing whilst the reduction in gaming machines and gambling expenditure throughout the District since 2003 suggests either a reduction in the number of problem gamblers or a reduction in the individual spend of gamblers throughout the District.

From the perspective of behaviours that provide health benefits, Taupō is renowned for its recreational opportunities which promote healthy and active lifestyles. This is reflected in the Council-owned recreational facility usage levels which are high as are satisfaction levels with the facilities. The high level of hectares of public open space per capita provides further opportunities to undertake recreation, sporting and leisure activities.

Changes in lifestyle behaviours have positive outcomes for residents in the District. The high level of sustained participation in physical activity and healthy eating practices by residents who have completed the Active and Well programme will reduce the risk factors of health issues for these participants. Work-life balance is also important to reducing risk factors such as stress and Taupō District residents have indicated they have a high level of satisfaction in their work-life balance.



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COMMUNITY BELONGING

Taupō District residents are very happy with their quality of life which suggests an overarching satisfaction with level of community spirit and perceptions of Taupō as a place to live and work. Despite this, voter turnout in local authority elections have continued to decline which may indicate a lack of knowledge or interest in the impacts Council may or may not have on their quality of life (through the provision of services and the like).

COMMUNITY SPIRIT

Overall community well-being or a sense of belonging contributes to community safety and a general sense of well-being. The level of community spirit also affects people's perceptions of Taupō as a place to live, work and visit.

WHAT ARE THE MEASURES?

- Perceived quality of life
- Percentage of voter turnout at local elections

Perceived quality of life

1. Why is this measure important?

The level of perceived quality of life provides an indication of the overall sense of wellbeing of members of a community.

2. Latest Data

The information for this indicator is sourced from the 2007 Choosing Futures Waikato perception survey. The next survey will be conducted in 2010.

The questionnaire measured a number of specific aspects of life in the District before respondents were asked 'Thinking in general about your

Quality of Life and using the scale where 0 = very unhappy and 10 = very happy, how happy are you with your Quality of Life?' The vast majority of the Waikato regional respondents (90%) were happy with 'their Quality of Life' (scores of 7 – 10). One quarter of the respondents (27%) rated their overall happiness with a score of 10, while 19% rated this with a score of 9. The Happiness Index (a weighted score across the happiness scale) for quality of life was 82.6, a result that implies the respondents are very happy with their quality of life. The Taupō District result was a score of 83.6.

Taupō District respondents are very happy with their quality of life. This corresponds with the findings of the Waikato Region respondents as a whole.

Perceived quality of life 2007 (Index score (0-100))

	Happiness Index 2007
Taupō District	83.6
Waikato Region	82.6

Source: 2007 Choosing Futures Waikato perception survey

Perceived level of community safety

1. Why is this measure important?

Taupō District Council together with key agencies put in place a plan to make Taupō District a safer community by reducing injury, preventing crime and improving safety in all areas. It is important for the community to feel safe as it is one measure that contributes to quality of life.

2. Latest data

Responses to the TDC Residents and Ratepayers Satisfaction Survey (2009) showed a perceived level of community safety to 74%. Mangakino/Poakani residents had a perceived level of community of 82% in 2009. Turangi-Tongariro and Taupō/Kaingaroa wards showed a perceived level of 78% in 2009; and Taupō/Kaingaroa of 71% in 2009.

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Perceived level of community safety 2009

Location	2005	2006	2009
Mangakino-Pouakani	74%	63%	82%
Turangi-Tongariro	70%	81%	78%
Taupō/Kaingaroa	79%	83%	71%
Taupō District total	77%	81%	74%

Source: TDC Resident and Ratepayers Satisfaction Survey 2009

3. Trend over time

According to responses to the 2009 TDC Residents and Ratepayers Satisfaction Survey, the perceived level of community safety of the respondents suggested, compared to the 2005 and 2006 surveys, an increase in perceived community safety in the Mangakino-Pouakani area; a stabilised perceived level of safety in Turangi-Tongariro; but a considerable drop in both the Taupō/Kaingaroa ward and across the Taupō District as a whole. This is an unfavourable trend overall but may have been influenced by the impact of the murder of a Tourist in Taupō in 2008

Perceived level of personal safety

1. Why is this measure important?

It is important for every member of the community to feel safe as it is important to individual's view of their living environment, their sense of well-being and overall quality of life.

2. Latest data

The information for this indicator is sourced from the 2007 Choosing Futures Waikato perception survey. The next survey will be conducted in 2010.

The respondents were asked 'Thinking now about issues of crime and safety, and using a scale where 0 = very unsafe and 10 = very safe; please tell me how safe or unsafe you would feel in the following situations'.

The majority of Waikato regional respondents (92%) felt safe in their community during the daytime (scores 6 – 10). Two thirds of the sample (66%) felt safe in their community after dark (scores 6 – 10) and 16% felt unsafe (scores 0 – 4). The daytime safety index for the Waikato Region was 82.8 and the after-dark safety index was 64.9. Comparable results for Taupō District were scores of 79.1 during the daytime and 64.3 after dark.

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SUPPORTING YOUNG PEOPLE

The Taupō District, through the provision of activities, facilities and events specifically for youth demonstrates the Communities commitment to young people and the acknowledgment that young people form a significant part of our community and have the same rights as everyone else, especially to be heard, to be included, to be protected and to live fulfilling lives.

The District can support young people by providing role models and acknowledging their achievements.

WHAT ARE THE MEASURES?

Youth activities and facilities: Events planned by, for and with young people

1. Why is this measure important?

Young people offer high levels of energy and ability and frequently make positive contributions to the Taupō District. Young people test society's values and norms, provide energy and new ideas and encourage change. They form a significant part of our community and have the same rights as everyone else, especially to be heard, to be included, to be protected and to live fulfilling lives. They have different needs and perspectives from those of adults and should be consulted on community development

2. Latest Data

Activities, events and facilities for young people in the Taupō District include:

- **Youth Festival** – Class of 2009 was held over eight days at the end of May as part of Youth Week. The event was planned by community groups and well-attended by young people. It involved performances, activities, workshops and educational experiences. Over 2000 young people participated in this event.
- **Big Music Day** - Annually the Taupō School of Music holds a big music day at the Great Lake Centre, where young musicians come together for the day and work with a well known conductor. It is a fun day where the level of performance changes greatly with the help of the conductor. By the end of the day a performance is held for the public.
- **Youth Talent Quest** – The Taupō Youth Arts Trust held the Youth Talent Quest in October. Young people aged between 8 and 18 were welcome to perform as a solo, duo or group in various categories. From this winners were selected and a concert held.
- **District Youth Awards** - Each year Taupō District Council in conjunction with Taupō Times holds the District Youth Awards where young people from intermediate to high school age are nominated in one of four categories. There are three age groups and the outstanding young person and runner up in each are acknowledged with a trophy/certificate and prize money. There is also an outstanding winner who is selected over all nominees.
- **Children's Day** was held in March 2009 where children and families participate in a festival of activities and events.
- **Department of Internal Affairs Project** - Funding was gained for three years to employ a Community Development Worker based at REAP to work with issues for young people in the District. The project addresses key issues for young people and brings various community partners together for initiatives for young people.
- **Ministry of Youth Development Young Peoples forums** were held in the District for young people to express their opinions and thoughts on youth issues. The event was facilitated by the Ministry of Youth Development.
- **Arts scholarships** – Creative Taupō, the Community Arts Council of the Taupō District, holds a youth arts scholarship. There are two scholarships open to young people under the age of 18. Each year there is \$1000 for both the performing and the visual arts category winners. Visual entrants need to bring along work they have completed in the 12 months prior to the scholarship, and performing entrants need to perform two contrasting pieces.

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- **After-school OSCAR approved programmes** and school holidays programmes are held at the Taupō Events Centre. Youthtown is now based in Taupō in a purpose build facility next to the Event Centre. Youthtown provides after school and holiday programmes for young people between the ages of 13 to 18 years.
- **Flipside 24/7** - This is an after school and holiday activity in Mangakino with funding provided by Ministry of Youth Development.
- **Taupō Museum** has an Education Officer who works with school groups through tours and themed exhibitions to develop interest in art and history.
- **Children and Young Persons' Librarian** - TDC employs a Children and Young Persons' Librarian who maintains regular contact with schools in the District to promote the library as a service and resource, to identify specific needs that could be met and provide support for the development of information literacy. This involves participating in school newsletters, carrying out professional development workshops with teachers and liaison with other organization.
- **Youth Education Driving Sessions** - During the year Taupō District Council in conjunction with Taupō MotorSport Park, Taupō Police and Taupō Colleges have hosted a series of Youth Education Driving Sessions that involve 13-19 year olds.
- **High School Formula One Challenge** - In conjunction with the Youth Festival Week in May 2009 Council ran a High School Formula One Challenge where 35 students attended a practical skills course. Council also ran a Driver Directions Practical Skills Course in July 2009 involving 35 students with their caregivers. There were 5 practical skill stations setup for students 13-19 years of age learning to drive. The Road Show from Auckland also provided assistance on learning opportunities and a crash case study for students to solve. This activity was repeated for two days in December 2009. Taupō Safe District - Strategy



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TAUPŌ SAFE DISTRICT - STRATEGY

The strategy is founded on the principles of collective action, collaboration, coordination and proactive responsiveness. The whole community and district is recognised as having a role to play in injury prevention and safety promotion.

In the past Taupō has had separate Safer Community Committees in Taupō, Turangi and Mangakino but with the introduction of the Steering Committee for our Safe District Project, and emergence of the Taupō Safer Community Trust, emphasis is now being directed and channelled in the right directions to collaborate and enhance the methodology recognised as paramount to achieve accreditation.

Our TSDPP outlines the means by which we are and have achieved our goals and by bringing together all the organisations and agencies in our District in an over arching theme we can gauge our effectiveness collaboratively as against the individual efforts of the past.

The Project Manager – Safe Communities sits on the committees of Turangi and Mangakino and by invitation speaks at the Taupō Safer Community Trust bi-monthly meeting, thus ensuring each is informed of the projects and initiatives being conducted across the district as a whole.

By keeping our processes simplified, we have been able to fulfil the criteria required in a collective but easily identifiable manner, thus using to our utmost benefit, the resources, personnel, and initiatives, implemented and available.

We are constantly looking for ways to improve the district in areas of health, safety, crime and injury prevention, and with four separate identified communities, Taupō, Turangi, Mangakino and rural within the district, our approach to fulfilling the criteria has had to be different from individual cities or metropolitan areas, now accredited.

Dialogue, discussion, debate, analysis, passion, dedication and action are but some of the underpinning strengths of the District and the volunteers and employees of the communities, as they continue to promote strong, healthy and safe environments to live work and play.





CRITERIA

1

An infrastructure based on partnership and collaboration governed by a cross-sectional group responsible for safety promotion in the community

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Taupō District (comprising the towns of Turangi, Mangakino, Taupō and rural countryside) recognised in developing the Long Term Council Community Plan, that safety, reduction of injury and crime were paramount for the residents and visitors alike.

By adopting the WHO Safe Community model and seeking accreditation as an International Safe Community, the District would ensure that there was an integrated approach to planning community safety using all available evidence. This meant involving all sectors of the community working together in a coordinated and collaborative way, forming partnerships to promote safety, manage risk and increase the overall safety of its residents and visitors. Being designated as an International Safe Community improves the quality of life for individuals, strengthens and supports community cohesion through increased participation in injury prevention and community safety initiatives, and provides a vehicle for involvement of the TLA, businesses, organisations, schools, sports and recreation groups, families and individuals to improve their own safety and the safety of others.

The Taupō District Council has now included Community Safety, in their LTCCP, as well as the designation and re-designation process as an International Safe Community on-going to 2019.

To ensure that the District met the criteria required, a coalition steering group of Taupō District Council, ACC, Lakes District Health Board and the New Zealand Police, with input from NZ Fire Service, St Johns Ambulance, Town Centre Taupō, NZ Land Transport, and NZ Water Safety was formed. This voluntary collaboration of key partner agencies drives the overall strategic direction for injury prevention, safety prevention and crime prevention within the Taupō district, through the Taupō Safe District Project. The coalition steering group meets on a monthly basis

The Taupō Safe District Coalition Steering Committee (TSDCSG) will contribute to the planning and implementation of injury and safety promotion projects within the Taupō District. The group aims to improve the quality of life of local residents and visitors to the district through its actions. Terms of reference are included in TSDPP (appendix).

This coalition steering committee produced the Taupō Safe District Safety Project Plan (a document forwarded to SCFNZ along with template notification of intention to make application for accreditation as an International Safe Community).(Appendix) Regular steering committee meetings have been held since, and will continue with initiatives and projects being implemented, including a comprehensive web site following designation, as we work within the parameters of the LTCCP to 2019.

A Project Manager – Safe Communities to oversee the accreditation process was project appointed in August 2008.

The following diagram demonstrates the relationship between the Taupō Safe District Project Plan and the working streams.



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TAUPŌ SAFE DISTRICT PROJECT PLAN

OUR VISION:

“Taupō Safe District to live, work and play”

OUR LOGO:

The logo design shows the three Central Plateau Mountains in the North Island, New Zealand, (Ruapehu, Ngauruhoe and Tongariro) which represent residents and visitors to the Taupō District. The long arm of Ruapehu encompasses Taupō as a protective measure, with “Safe” reflecting the injury, safety and crime prevention goals. The use of the macron over the word Taupō demonstrates recognition and incorporation of the various hapu in our District. The use of the colour Blue depicts the sparkling waters of the lakes and rivers; the use of the Green colour depicts the environmental aspects of the District; and the Orange/Red colour represents our vision.



3. Embrace safety through preventative and supportive crime prevention activities
 - a. Ensure the phased adoption of Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design principles into the district wide planning and policy
 - b. To promote Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design principle for application by owners and occupiers or existing buildings and space
 - c. To provide active support to locally led initiatives that make significant contributions to reducing the incidences and effect of crime.
4. Encourage and support safety and injury prevention through collaboration and co-ordination.
 - a. Ensure that there are collaborative relationships build between Central Government, local government, iwi, non-government organisations and the community sector.
 - b. Ensure effective injury prevention, road safety, and crime prevention activity through sustained funding arrangements.
 - c. Ensure the phased adoption of public awareness regarding the Taupō Safe District Project and its initiatives.
5. To gain accreditation as an International Safe Community.

The interaction between volunteer organisations, government and non government departments is a credit to the responsible leaders within our community, and augers well for the future of the district as we progress towards our goals within this application criteria.

GOALS:

1. Lower injury in the Taupō District by raising the awareness and commitment to injury prevention and safety promotion.
 - a. Provide active support to locally led initiatives that make significant contributions to reducing the incidences of injury
2. Improve safety on our road.
 - a. Support the implementation of the Taupō/South Waikato District Road Safety Strategy

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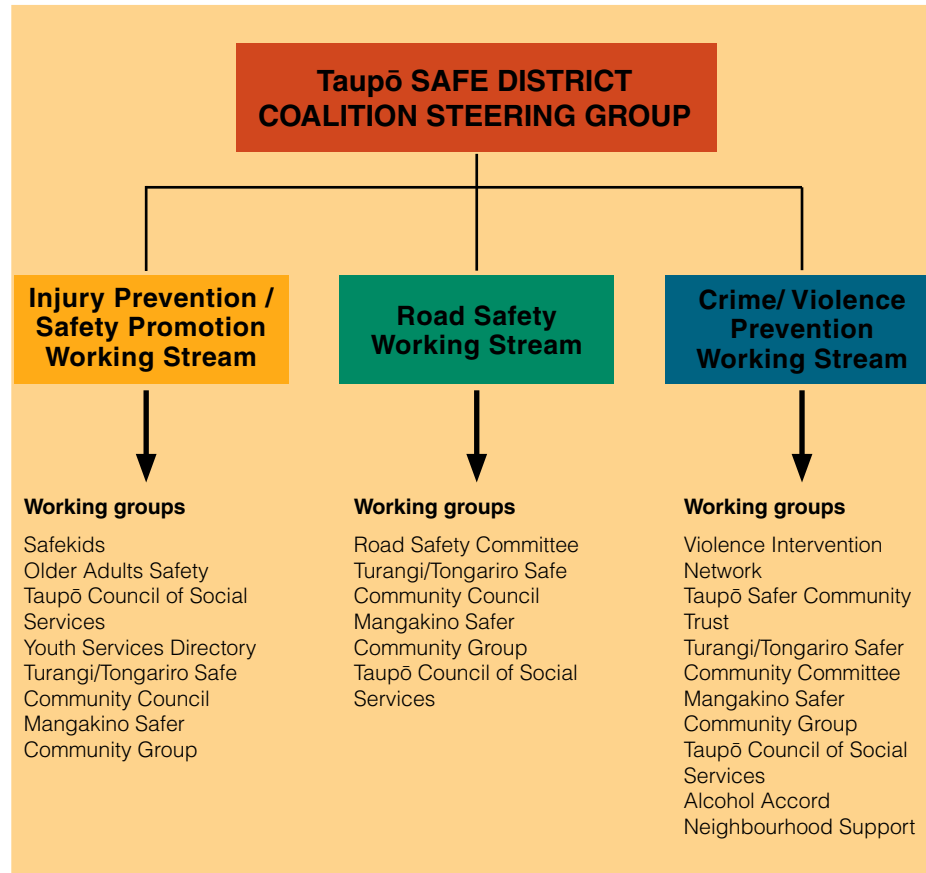
MEMBERS OF THE TAUPŌ SAFE DISTRICT COALITION STEERING GROUP

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Maria WOOD	Programme Leader Social Environments - Bay of Plenty District Health Board
Grant TULLOCK	Community Constable – Taupō Police Station
Tina JAKES	Community Manager – Taupō District Council
John RIDD	Community Policy and Planning Manager – Taupō District Council
Dylan TAHAU	Strategic Relationships Manager - Taupō District Council
Carole PARKER	Community Development Manager - Taupō District Council
Doug SCOTT	Programme Manager – Safe Communities



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The following diagram demonstrates the relationship between the Taupō Safe District Project Plan and the working streams.



The overarching theme being one of collaboration and co-operation between Government and non Government Departments, organisations, sports club, groups and individuals, to identify any gaps and implement strategies or projects to adequately cover same. This direction was strongly supported by all the partners in the coalition, and resulted in several different initiatives being put together (set out in detail under Criteria 2, 3, and 4 in this application)

Working streams focus on priority areas of delivery as identified by TSDCSG. The Project manager sits on these working groups and provides the formal link between the TSDCSG and individual working groups. With the majority of the organisations represented in the Taupō Safe District Plan also being involved in service delivery activities or in networks of providers, the Project links directly with working groups to ensure that priorities are being addressed, duplication avoided and gaps in service delivery identified.

The working streams meet regularly with the Project Manager to:

- Collect and analyse relevant data
- Identify high-risk and vulnerable populations and locations
- Identify existing services, programmes – stock take
- Identify existing formal and informal networks, forums and other collaborative issues
- Prioritise, support, advocate and participate in services and programmes
- Identify monitoring and evaluation mechanisms.

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The following is a summary of the working groups operating in the Taupō District. They are organised under the individual work streams. Groups that operate across one or more work stream are listed at the end.

INJURY PREVENTION/SAFETY PROMOTION STREAM

SafeKids

Safe Kids New Zealand is the injury prevention service of the Starship Children's Health and is a member of Safe kids worldwide. The Taupō has a very capable co-ordinator working on the projects aimed at Childrens safety, namely, Child Car Restraints, Booster Seats, Cutting and Piercing injury, Fire Safety, Burns, Poisoning. This group meets bi-monthly evaluating projects, and initiating road side checks for Child Car Restraints, and is fully reported on in Case Study 4 in this application.

Older Adult Safety/Age Concern

Taupō Age Concern is a social service dealing with the problems of elderly. They conducting their programmes and run their monthly meetings from the Spa Road, Waiora House. Included are referrals to classes of Tai-Chi for older adults for strengthening and balance. The elderly in Taupō District are catered for by a number of the volunteer services and other programmes run by Government Departments, encompassed under the TCOSS umbrella, and includes Mobility Safety on Scooters, Financial and Emotional Family Violence, Hardship, Prevention of Injury and Safety advice.

ROAD SAFETY STREAM

Road Safety Committee

The Road Safety Committee is made up of members of the Road Traffic Division of South Waikato and Taupō District Councils and Road Traffic Division of New Zealand Police. Meeting quarterly, they evaluate crash and road traffic accidents within the district covering State Highways and local roads. From the data analysis, programmes and initiatives are instigated to deal with current and re-occurring trends in driver behaviour. Projects around Speed, Keeping Left, Fatigue, Intersections, Alcohol/driving behaviour etc are some that have been put in place

in our district. This group is very pro-active in prevention methodology, including regular Bill Board changes on State Highways of current reminders. Case Studies on some of the programmes are reported on later in this application.

CRIME/VIOLENCE PREVENTION STREAM

Violence Intervention Network

This group has a strong membership in Taupō District. Well led by a former victim of family violence, and in collaboration with the Family Violence Unit from New Zealand Police.

This committee meets monthly with a variety of guest speakers on pertinent subjects, programmes initiated, including "White Ribbon Day" and emphasis on getting the message out into the public "Its not ok" or "Never ever shake a baby" A sharp rise in reported offences, is indicative of the positive reaction to the messages. Reported fully in Case Study 26.

Alcohol Accord

Taupō has in place an Alcohol Accord and an Off-Licence Accord, with regular meeting taking place. Each accord is aimed at current law and host responsibility. The collaboration between owners of licensed premises with relation to alcohol fuelled behaviour and harm, is but one of the many benefits arising from the accords. Supply of alcohol to minors, the prohibiting of entry for anti social and intoxicated behaviour on patrons from all bars means the hosts are fulfilling their obligations under present law. Initiatives and projects are included in Case Study 23 in this application.

Neighbourhood Support

In Taupō, Turangi and Mangakino responsible residents of particular suburbs have formed Neighbourhood Support Groups. A full time co-ordinator works with the elected representative of each suburban group, and in collaboration with Intel Section of New Zealand Police they collate information on Graffiti, anti social behaviour, known or suspected drug or criminal residences, safety issues such as overhanging trees, unsafe footpaths, lighting, abandoned vehicles etc. Monthly newsletters are issued setting out safety initiatives for prevention of injury and crime, or to bring to the other residents notice subjects of importance such as anti-

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social behaviour, crime patterns and matters of concern. Reported in full under Case Study 20.

Taupō Safer Community Trust

Following the murder of Karen Aims in Taupō in 2008, strong local government lobbying culminated with the formation of the Taupō Safer Community Trust. (Trust deed attached as appendix.)

Since inception the Trust has concentrated on Crime Prevention activities in the Central Business area of Taupō and has been successful in increasing the number of security cameras installed in the CBD. These are very useful in identifying possible breaches of the peace, in determining identity of offenders for disorderly behaviour and violence. The monitor is situated in the Watch-house at the Taupō Police Station, and this is manned during the relevant late evening and early morning troublesome times. Alcohol related harm has been reduced as result of the cameras, which in themselves are a deterrent to some of the offending.

The Trust has sourced funding and obtained two Segway mobility vehicles. These have been modified and had sign writing, blue and red flashing lights installed, and are used by the local Police as a means of integrating with the community. There are moves afoot to change the current by-laws re allowing these on footpaths and roads in and around the Taupō Township. The Trust has also arranged the purchase of two mountain cycles for use by Police in central Taupō for patrolling beaches, public places and local cycle tracks. The Police see these two initiatives as further means of engaging with the community.

The Trust are currently negotiating with local Landlords concerning under-veranda lighting and security lighting at rear of commercial premises.

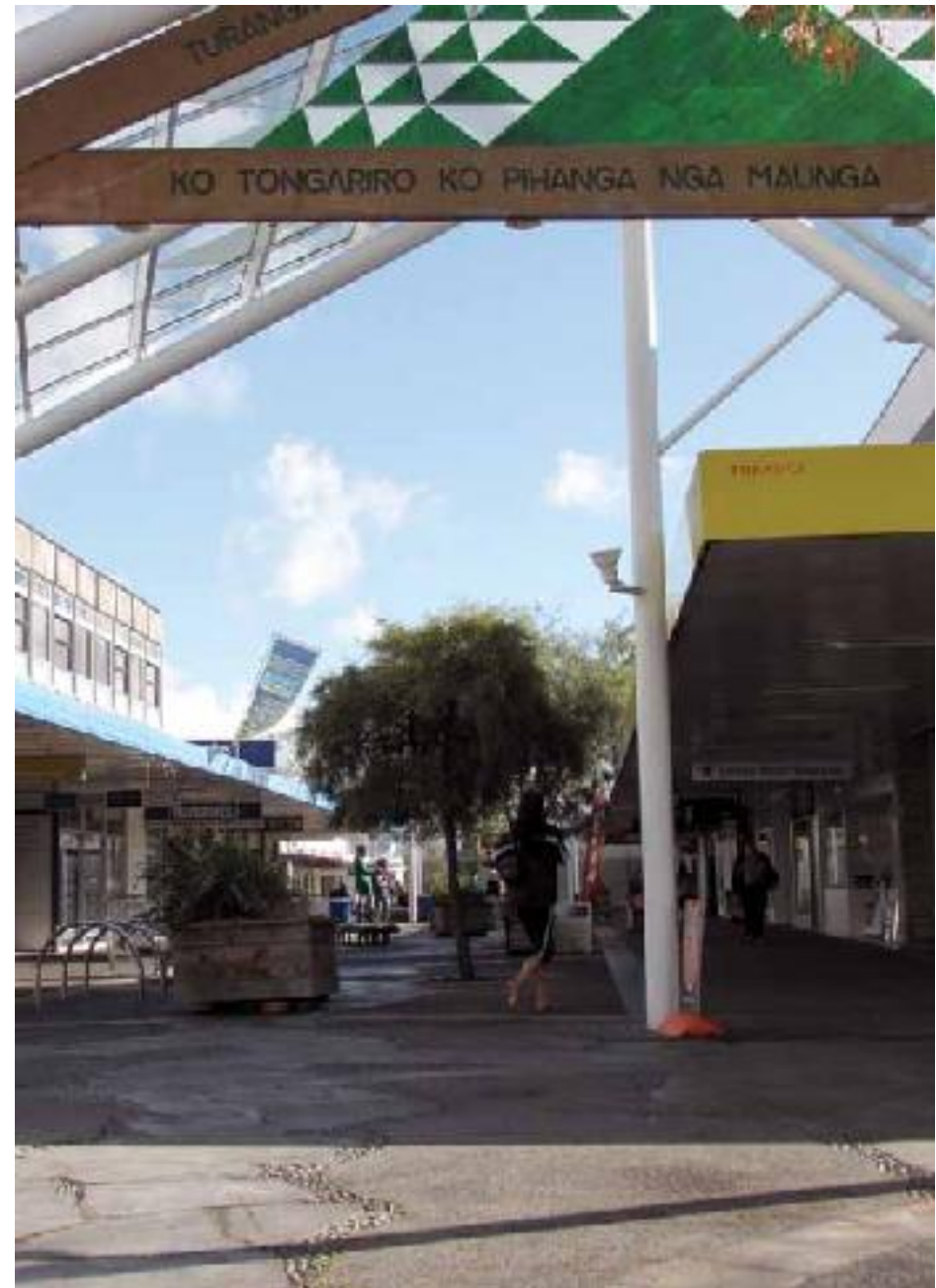
Taupō Safe District Project, also used the Trust as a vehicle for obtaining funding to implement the highly successful project run over the Holiday Festive Season, namely Taupō Community Ambassadors. Money was sourced by the Taupō Safer Community Trust from the Craters of the Moon Charitable Trust, and the project is on-going. The Trust is another example of collaboration by the community in seeking to prevent crime and alcohol related harm, and to make the residents and visitors to Taupō alike, feel safe.

MULTIPLE STREAMS FOCUS

TURANGI TONGARIRO & MANGAKINO SAFE COMMUNITY GROUPS

Turangi operates “Turangi/Tongariro Safer Community Council” and “Mangakino Safer Community Group” this work across all three working streams. These organisations meet bi-monthly, and membership is made up from social, volunteer, government departments, and interested groups working in their respective towns. Agenda items include projects on safety, injury and crime prevention issues current, such as Graffiti removal, youth activities, elderly health issues, alcohol harm, family violence, crime, road safety, fire safety etc. The Project Manager – Safe Communities is a member of both organisations.

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Youth Services Directory (2009)

The Youth Services Directory is for Community Groups, organisations, government agencies and individuals who work with young people (aged 12-24) and their families in the Taupō, Turangi, and Mangakino District. This directory is an up to date resource that includes the contact details and service description of over 60 such providers. It has been developed to assist with effective service delivery and increase young people's awareness to services in this district. It is to be updated annually.

It is aimed at providing the pathway to the correct agency for whatever the scenario including safety, injury and crime prevention issues, and includes:

ARC Counselling Services
Advance Christian Outreach Centre
Awhina Society Inc (Taupō Women's Refuge)
Birthright Taupō Inc
Bainbridge House Charitable Trust
Cafe for Youth Health
CCS Disability Action
Central North Island Prisoner Aid and Rehabilitation
Child Youth and Family Services
Community health and Disabilities Service
Community Mental Health Service
Community Development Worker (youth)
Family Start Taupō

Family Works Northern
Healthcare New Zealand
Heartland Services
Hilltop School
Karlton Trust
Lakeland Learning Company Limited
Lake Taupō Primary Health Organisation
Lakes Pasifika Trust
Mafutaga a Matua Tokelau
Mangakino Area School
Mangakino Community Agency
Mangakino Family Services
Mangakino Health Services
Ministry of Education
Ministry of Youth Development
Mountview Primary School

New Zealand Police: Cultural Liaison Officer, Community Constable, Youth Aid & Education Officers
Open Homes Foundation
Parents as First Teachers
Pregnancy Help
Premier Personnel Development
Ruia Te Hua Oranga – Taupō/Turangi Rural Community Mental Health Service
Relationship Services
St Patricks School
Strengthening Families
Supporting families in Mental Health
Tauhara College
Taupō Baptist Church
Taupō Budget Advisory Service
Taupō Citizens Advice Bureau
Taupō Community Foodbank
Taupō based – Central Plateau REAP
Taupō District Violence Intervention Network

Taupō He Ara Tika – The Right Path Mentoring Programme
Taupō Intermediate School
Taupō-nui-a-Tia College
Taupō Therapy Centre inc – Counselling and Support Services.
Te Korowai Roopu Tautoko Inc
Te Kura o Hirangi
Te Kura Kaupapa Māori Ki Tūwharetoa
Te Whare Oranga Wairua inc – Māori Womens Refuge
Te Utahina Manaakitanga Trust
Tongariro School
Turangi Citizens Advice Bureau
Tūwharetoa Health Services Ltd
Towharetoa Social Services
Victim Support
Waiariki Institute of Technology
Work and Income
Youthtown

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Taupō Council Of Social Services

Taupō District has the benefit of a wonderful community spirit, including the amalgamation of a large number of organisations both volunteer and funded named “Taupō Council of Social Services” (TCOSS). Monthly meetings are well attended by representatives of the membership organisations, and a paid co-ordinator ensures continuous excellent service, by way of meeting minutes, financials, and topical speakers.

The over arching, and collaborative response from attendees has several benefits including safety, and injury prevention for residents and visitors alike. Within this Council of Social Services, one can find the appropriate group to assist with what ever the subject, from Family Start to Falls Prevention for the elderly; food bank to Café for youth Health; Primary Health Organisation to Victim Support. (See list of participants)

The programmes cover a wide range of community safety, and are inclusive of all ages, gender and reach out across the wider district and community. Without these agencies providing social services Taupō District would not now be in a position to consider the many projects and services that assist to make it a safe place to live, work, visit and play. Many of the safety initiatives have demonstrated sustainability over many years, through changes in Government, in funding and in the population and in the way people live and work. Others have been developed more recently as a deliberate response by Taupō Safe District Project to safety priorities established through data analysis.

On a similar theme are the benefits provided out of Taupō Heartland Service Centre. Again meeting on a bi monthly basis, representatives of Government Departments, with no office in Taupō District, gather to freely discuss trends, new law, concerns, advice, and assistance where needed to residents of our District. People can make appointments to speak with the correct agency personnel, upon their visits to Taupō, thus saving on expenses of travel to Rotorua or in some cases, Hamilton and or Auckland. Again the welfare of our residents and visitors alike is paramount, including safety and injury prevention methodology from these Government Departments.

The combination of TCOSS and Heartlands is looked upon with envy by some other Territorial Local Authorities within New Zealand.

List Of TCOSS Member Organisations

Addiction Resource Centre
Age Concern
Alzheimer's Society, Taupō Inc.
Arthritis New Zealand
Asthma
Awhina Society Inc. (Women's Refuge)
Birthright (Taupō) Inc.
Brain Injury Association Rotorua
CAFE - For Youth Health
CCS Disability Action Bay Of Plenty
Central North Island Prisoner Aid & Rehabilitation Society Inc.
Citizens Advice Bureau
Child Youth & Family Services, Taupō
Community Constable / New Zealand Police
Community Foodbank
Community Mental Health Service (Taupō/Turangi)
Daycare Centre For The Elderly & Disabled Taupō Trust
Enliven Positive Ageing Service
Epilepsy New Zealand
E.S.O.L Tutor Scheme (Taupō) Inc.
Family Start
Family Works Northern
Growing Through Grief
Heartland Services (Taupō)
Hospital Social Worker (Taupō)
Idea (Intellectual Disability Empowerment In Action)
Independent Living Choices
Interchurch Welfare Society
Lakeland Learning
Lakeland Loss & Grief Support Group
Lake Taupō Hospice Trust

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Lake Taupō Primary Health Organisation Ltd.
La Leche League Taupō
Literacy Taupō Inc.
Mafutaga A Matua Tokelau Taupō
Ministry Of Education -Special Education
Multiple Sclerosis Society (Rotorua & Districts)
National Heart Foundation
Nationwide Health & Disability advocacy Service
New Zealand Police - Youth Aid Services
New Zealand Red Cross (Taupō Branch)
PAFT - Parents As First Teachers
Parent To Parent Central Lakes District
Parkinson Support Group
The Personal Advocacy Trust
Pregnancy Help Inc.
Progress To Health
Public Health Nurses & Vision & Hearing Technicians
Reap – Central Plateau
(Rural Education Activities Programme)
Relationship Services – Whakawhanaungatanga
Royal New Zealand Foundation Of The Blind
Salvation Army
Specialist Education Services
St. Andrews Anglican Church
Strengthening Families
Stroke Foundation
Supported Employment Agency (Sea)
Supporting Families In Mental Health
Taupō Baptist Church
Taupō Budget Advisory Service Inc.
Taupō Council Of Social Services (TCOSS)
Taupō Community Playgroup Inc.
Taupō Homebirth Support Group

Taupō Hospital Health Society Inc.
Taupō Parents Centre Inc.
Taupō Plunket
Taupō District Group Riding For The Disabled
Taupō Senior Citizens Association Inc.
Taupō Stroke Club
Taupō Therapy Centre Inc.
Taupō Transport Group
Taupō/Turangi Victim Support
Te Korowai Roopu Tautoko Inc.
Te Whare Oranga Wairua
Tūwharetoa Health Services
Tūwharetoa Social Services
Waiora Community House
Wera Consultants
Workbridge
ADDI (Advocating For Diversity, Difference And Inclusion)
Community Development Worker (Youth)
Counselling & Support Services
English Language Partners Taupō Inc
Family Financial Solutions Trust
Footsteps
Health Consumer Service Trust
Inland Revenue Department
Jacqui Gregory
Krishna Gotty
Pathways Counselling
REAP – Breastfeeding Support Advocate
REAP – Central Plateau Early Childhood Services
Relationship Service
Resource Teacher – Learning & Behaviour
Shine Programme
Stroke Foundation

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Taupō Autistic Spectrum Disorder (ASD) Support Group

Taupō Budget Advisory Service

Taupō Citizen's Advice Bureau

Taupō Maternity

Taupō Violence Intervention Network

Taupō-Nui-a-Tia College

Te Utuhina Manaakitanga Trust



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OUR FUTURE

With the increasing collaboration and overarching of activities within the safety, injury and crime prevention initiatives in place, accreditation and being identified and awarded the International Safe Community designation, enhances and reinforces the goals set, thus showing residents and visitors to the district alike, that we are a caring, healthy, safe, and mindful district in which to live work and play...

On going strengthening of partnerships, forging of new relationships within organisations, and implementing of new initiatives, including establishment of web site, newsletters, communications, media releases, and attention to detail, will ensure that our progress is robust, strong, and in line with the World Health Organization criteria for sustainability and eventual re-accreditation....

The Taupō Safe District Project Plan is fully endorsed by the Taupō District Council and has access to project funding where applicable. i.e. Parent Pack, Off-Licence Accord – Taupō Community Ambassadors etc.

Excerpts from LTCCP (Page 78, and 79) of Taupō District Council)

INTERNATIONAL SAFE COMMUNITIES ACCREDITATION

“Communities throughout the world have recognised the benefits of identifying and implementing injury, safety and crime prevention strategies. These benefits include reducing the cost of unsafe environments and ensuring a safer place to live, work, travel, learn and play for residents and visitors.

Local authorities can apply for accreditation as an International Safe Community and in doing so will join over 140 others in the world. The accreditation process usually takes about 2 years, so we plan on completing this process in 2010. Once in place the community (including government

departments, businesses and community groups) will continue to work together to reduce both intentional and unintentional injury in the Taupō District.”

KEY ACTIONS, PROJECTS AND SERVICES

- 2010-2012 International Safe Communities Accreditation obtained 2010
- 2012-2019 International Safe Communities Accreditation maintained

By being involved with the numerous committees, groups, organisations, and projects, the Taupō Safe District Plan, has brought the community closer in their endeavours to showcase an all encompassing protective aura of safety, injury and crime prevention measures, thus fulfilling our vision as depicted in our logo.....

Attached to this application, following Criteria 6, are letters of support from the partners in the Coalition and other leading agencies, committed to the goals of the Taupō Safe District Project Plan.



CRITERIA 2

**Long-term, sustainable programmes
covering both genders and all ages,
environments and situations**

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Taupō District is fortunate to have a wide range of community safety programmes in place which are inclusive of all ages, and gender. While these programmes can be long term if the need remains, the Taupō Safe District Project strategy is to monitor progress and ensure that all groups, regardless of age and or gender have sustainable projects in place for high risk areas of injury, safety and crime prevention. Taupō District has a long history of volunteer work providing social services and community work. Without these agencies and organisations, the Taupō Safe District Project Steering Committee could not have proceeded toward the goal of applying for accreditation as an International Safe Community.

The following list portrays a cross section of Safety, Injury and Crime Prevention initiatives and programmes currently in place in the Taupō Safe District Project. It is not exhaustive or complete by any means, but merely illustrates the magnitude of the subjects of safety, injury and crime prevention. To fulfil the criteria requirements of the application for accreditation, examples have been chosen as Case Studies, and expanded upon. Because a particular programme has not been singled out as a Case Study, does not detract from the strength and importance of the same.



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TRANSPORT SAFETY

Keep Left Lives are on the Line
Intersections “Spin don’t spin it’s your call”
Fatigue
Speed Trailer – Indicator device, and active warning signs around schools
Drive to the Conditions
Back to school speed trailers
Walk to School
Walking School Bus
Cycle and Pedestrian Safety including puppet vision
Kids n Cars Child Restraints
Driver Training Programme (Taupō Motorsport Park)
Cycle Mania
Reuben Safety Bear visits
Booster Rooster (Child restraints)
SWATT 2010 Speed/inattention campaign
A1 Grand Prix downward speed campaign
Who’s driving you home tonight?” drink driving campaign
Students think campaign
SADD
ETA around Taupō
Street Lighting
Defensive Driving Courses
Alcohol related driving
Child restraint check points
Road Safety Action Plan
Road Safety Education Plan
Police Road Education Officer
Local Traffic Management Schemes
Event management
Warrant of Fitness, Drivers Licence, Registrations check points

Seat Belt Campaigns
Footpath surveys/Mobility scooters for disabled and elderly
Crash investigations, and black spot studies
Bill board projects rotation
Police Road Safety Liaison
Youth Drivers
Mayoral Challenge, family fun cycle night, Share with care campaign
Walk to work day
SH 5 footpath construction
Footpath programmes
Total Mobility Reference Groups, scooter workshops

HOME AND LEISURE SAFETY

Age Concern
Birthright
Citizens Advice Bureau
Community Constable
Family Start
Heartland Services
Lake Taupō Primary Health Organisation
Mafutaga a Matua Tokelau Taupō
New Zealand Police
Progress to Health
REAP
Relationship Services – Whakawhanaungatanga
Strengthening Families
Taupō Homebirth support group
Taupō Parents Centre
Taupō Plunket
Taupō/Turangi Victim Support
Te Korowai Roopu Tautoko Inc

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Te Whare Oranga Wairua
Tūwharetoaa Health Services
Tūwharetoaa Social Servicers
Waiora Community House
Counselling and support services
Footsteps
Relationship Service
Taupō Violence Intervention network
Taupō Walk group
Green Prescription
Sport Waikato
Les Mills Gym
Push play
Tai Chi
Sports body safety initiatives.
Fire Safety in the Home
Safe Homes advisory initiatives

CHILDRENS SAFETY

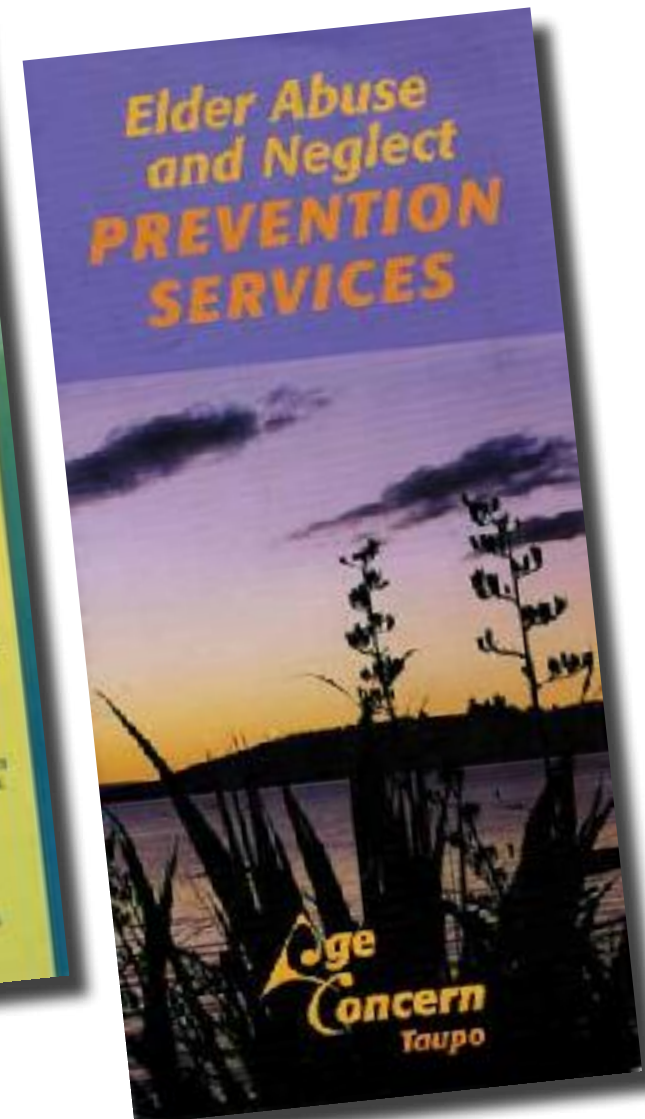
CAFÉ for youth health
Child youth and family services
Family start
Kidz 4 Life
Ministry of Education – special education
Youth aid services (New Zealand Police)
Blue Light
Parents as first teachers
Pregnancy Help
Safekids
Taupō Plunket
Community Development Worker (youth)

Footsteps
Be Firewise and Pre-School Fire Safety
Central Plateau Early Childhood Services
Active Schools
Graffiti
Health n Physical Education
Kid's bike day
Playground assessment Project
Pre school safety initiatives
Preventing falls 0-5 years
Safe playgrounds
Student Safety
Truancy
Taupō Youth Card
Internet Safety
Texting
Youth offending programmes.
Brainwave Trust
Youth Emergency Accommodation
Skip programme
Swim for Life
Water Safety
Lake and River safety programmes
Youth week activities]
Mental Health Services
Young Mums
Youth town
Our neighbourhood our future
Parent Pack
Youth Directory

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OLDER PERSONS SAFETY

Tai Chi Classes
Stay safe on your feet
Otago Exercise Programme
Mental Health Seminar
Stroke Foundation'
Age Concern
Alzheimers Society
Arthritis Society
Brain Injury Association
CCS Disability action for BOP
C'mon Seniors Get Firewise
Community Foodbank
Daycare centre for elderly and disabled Taupō Trust.
Enliven positive ageing service
Growing through grief
Hospital Social Workers
Independent Living Choices
Lakeland loss and grief support group
Lake Taupō Hospice
Multiple Sclerosis Society
National Heart Foundation
Nationwide Health and Disability Advocacy Service
Parkinson Support Group
Public Health Nurses & Vision & Hearing Technicians
Royal New Zealand Foundation for the Blind
Salvation Army
Taupō Budget advisory services
Taupō Senior Citizens Association
Taupō Stroke Club
Taupō Therapy Centre
Tūwharetoa Health and Social Services



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OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY

Fire Smart
Farm Fire Safe
Get active at Work
Health and Safety week
Health and Safety Seminars
Health and Safety Conferences
Mobility
Safety at Work
Wellness programmes
Hazard Management
Health and Safety Awards

Examples of some of the brochures available on safety, injury and crime prevention include:

Safe Cycling
Helping Hands
The Minder
Rural safely Home
Safely Home
Staying Safe in Rural New Zealand
The Parent Pack
Business Crime Prevention
Security for Seniors
Safety in Taxis
Think Safe
Keep Safe in Taupō
Beat that Thief
Community Patrols
What can Neighbourhood Support do for me?

Stop Bullying (advice for young people)
Stop Bullying (advice for parents and caregivers)
Txt Bullying
Keeping ourselves Safe
Confident Kids
Child Booster Seats
Safety in the Workplace
Crime Prevention Armed Robbery and Cash in Transit
Crime Prevention Stolen Bikes
Crime Prevention Fraudulent Cheques and Credit Cards
Crime Prevention Shop Theft
Web Health
Keeping Safe in New Zealand
Keeping safe as a visitor in New Zealand
Keeping Kiwi Kids Safer in Cyberspace
Putting the Brakes on Motor Vehicle Crime
Net Safe Electronic Crime
Safety on Public Transport
What is Tagging?
Telecom Call Investigation Centre
You Me Us Community Policing
Arms Code Safety
A Madness called Meth
Shoplifting a Community Problem
What are your Rights as a Retailer?
Electronic Crime Strategy to 2010
Better Justice for Youth
Breaking the Ice (Understanding methamphetamine)
Reducing the Risk of Handbag, Briefcase and Laptop theft
Family Violence How Friends and Family can Help
Serial Number Recording – a Wise Precaution
Cheque Fraud
Credit and Eftpos Card Fraud
Protecting your Vehicle

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Reducing the Burglar's Opportunities

Give a Good Description

Who Burgles a House and Why?

How to Deal with Noisy Neighbours

Safe with Age

Are you OK?

Keeping Kids Safe

Violence – Do Something – Report It

Don't Deface my Space

Hello Campers

Age Concern

Elder Abuse and Neglect Prevention Services

Farm Fire Safe

Inform (sexual health parent pack)

Taupō Community Support Card

Turangi Community Support Card

Mangakino Community Support Card

Safe Communities Foundation New Zealand

Seat Belts and Child Restraints

Child Safety in your Driveway

Holiday Safety

Water Safety

Harassment and Bullying

Internet Safety

Helping Teenagers Celebrate Safely

Young Workers Safety

Rights and Responsibilities for Safety in the Workplace

Preventing Falls

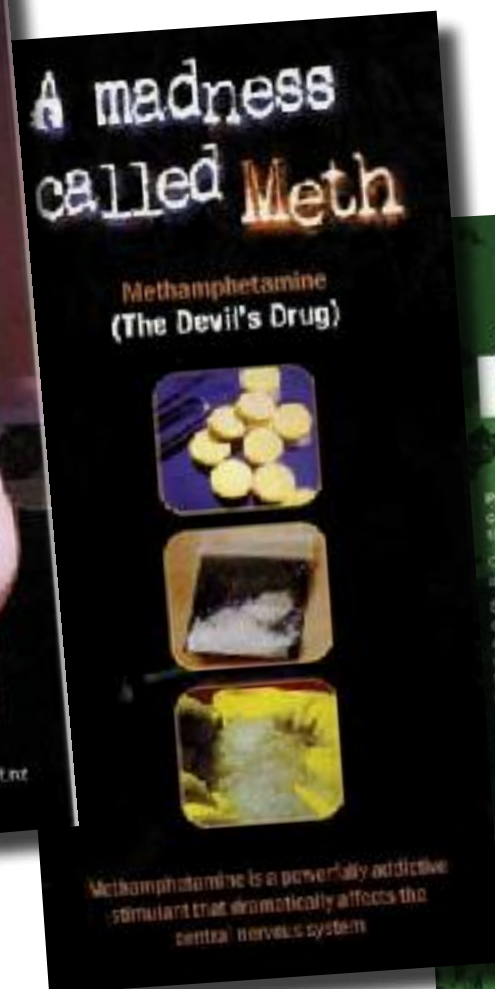
Poison Prevention

Fire Safety (inc. Burns and Scolds)

Dog Safety

Child Farm Safety

Home Safety Checklist



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Programmes are strength-based and aim for proactive community empowerment. They assist in changing the nature of communities through a ripple effect, drawing on the skills and abilities that exist in the community. Programmes are developed by building relationships and strategic alliances e.g New Zealand Police, ACC, Taupō District Council and Land Transport New Zealand, have combined their resources and developed road safety programmes that meet each of their agencies requirements, but are far more sustainable because of the strategic alliances and collaboration developed in administering the projects.

These partnerships between government agencies and local authorities and the Taupō Safe District community add strength that working alone would not achieve.

Programmes are able to leverage off the monitoring and priorities of central government agencies working in the Taupō District. Their resources help support the safety and injury prevention goals of the community, and in particular through the provision of secure and significant funding. The government agencies involved in the Taupō Safe District Project have demonstrated this by their commitment to being part of the local community and working towards community safety goals in that partnership.

Examples of current long term sustainable programmes in the Taupō Safe District in using collaboration and cooperation between various government departments, organisations and groups are:

- Programmes for children's safety
- Programmes for youth activities
- Programmes for road safety
- Programmes for elderly safety, community leisure and sport
- Programmes for crime prevention, alcohol and violence
- Programmes for safer communities
- Programmes for self harm and occupational safety
- Programmes for fire safety

Taupō District Council has constantly sourced funding from charitable trusts and organisations, funding arms of business enterprises, government

agencies, and local service clubs. The Taupō Safe District Project has been involved in securing funding since inception in August 2008. Ongoing programmes where funding has been obtained, include Parent Pack (tool for parents of teenagers), Road Safety Committee for preventative projects as mentioned above, Taupō Community Ambassadors programme (see below), Alcohol Accords, CBD Security Cameras, Mountain Bikes and Segways for New Zealand Police, youth initiatives, such as Youth Awards, Youth Council, Emergency Youth Accommodation, Community Development Worker (youth), Alternative Action for youth, Ministry of Youth Development funding for Mangakino after school and holiday programmes, and the partnership with Youthtown, REAP, TCOSS, CAFÉ etc.

The New Zealand Injury Prevention Strategy (2003) is working in the Taupō Safe District where there are a number of initiatives being supported through collaboration.

Examples include the focus on improving strength and balance in older persons – linked to a priority area of hospitalization in Taupō – falls. ACC and Lakes District Health Board (partners in the coalition) assist in the running of this programme, including Tai Chi classes and the Otago Exercise Programme for older people now being conducted over a 16 week course.

Other organisations including health workers, social workers, volunteers are active in areas of health, physical exercise, healthy eating, recreational facilities, alcohol related harm, family violence, and safety initiatives to prevent injury to all walks of life. This includes pre-school exercising for children 2-5 yrs of age, sport and recreational injury prevention, work related injury and accidents, elderly balance, and driving, for both genders and ethnicity.

In 2008 the Community Development Team gathered information from young people and youth workers around gaps in services for our youth in the Taupō District. A lot of work has been achieved and is being worked towards from this information and planning. We are continuing to promote evidence based solutions to enhance youth development; improve collaboration between organisations; continue to learn what works best to improve outcomes; assist our youth to make better choices; increase the capacity of the community. Case Studies 8-12 are illustrations of these initiatives.

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Case study examples of Long Term Sustainable Programmes follow.

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PROGRAMMES FOR CHILDREN'S SAFETY

Programme Name & Supplier	What it addresses	Population it targets	Length of operation	Reach of programme	Results	Partners
DOWN THE BACK PADDOCK Mangakino Safer Community Council – Road Transport – Project Manager – Safe Communities	Rural safety for children	Children in rural areas	Ongoing	All students at school in rural Taupō District	Reduction in accidents on farms with 4 wheel bikes, tractors, machinery, water troughs, animal caused injury, poisoning, firearms, farmyard safety	Police, Taupō District Council, School Principals, ACC, LDHB, NZ Fire Service, parents, scholars.
SWIM FOR LIFE Staff at AC Baths, Turangi and Mangakino Pools	Learning to swim	All students in Taupō District	Ongoing	All students 5-19yrs old	All children able to swim, thus reduction in number of drownings.	AC Baths, Taupō. Turtle Pool in Turangi, Mangakino Swimming Baths, Schools, TDC staff, pupils.
5 MOUNTAIN CYCLE CHALLENGE Road Transport MOE	Cycle safety, road safety, road rules, basic cycle maintenance	Schools in Mangakino, Turangi, Tokoroa, Taumarunui, and Taupō	Yearly challenge	All students in primary schools in the wider district	Elimination process whereby each school creates champion for ride off at Taupō in November.	MOE, Schools, Police, TDC, Land Transport
CHILD VEHICLE RESTRAINTS Safe Kids committee	Children under 148 cm in height Travelling in motor cars	Children in District	Ongoing check points	District Wide campaign, aimed at safety for children in motor vehicles	Reduction in jury of child passengers involved in accidents	Plunket, ACC, TDC, Police, Land Transport
WALK TO SCHOOL Road Safety Committee	Profile of variable option of travel. Healthy, promote school walking bus	Children at several schools	During the 4 terms	Cuts down on car numbers pulling up at school, prevents congestion and adds to safety.	Schools thoroughly integrated parents teachers students involved,. Physical exercise and safety issues.	TDC. Police, Safekids coalition, school staff and students.
BELT UP CAMPAIGN Road Safety Committees TDC	Children at Taupō Primary School	All students at school	One off project (October 2009)	Aimed at Safety instruction to all at school	Made headlines in media, Largest Seat Belt, where all 360 pupils enveloped in giant seat belt.	Police. TDC, School Teachers Fire Service.
PARENT PACK Project Manager – Safe Communities	Numerous articles on raising of teenage children	Year 9 Students at all schools	Re-Issue of highly successful book, changed after evaluation by ALAC and parents.	Posted to parents of all Year 9 Students at all schools in the Taupō District.	Encouraging compliments A very useful tool for teenager's parents giving advice on drugs, alcohol, school stand downs, bullying, depression, violence, std's, smoking, peer pressure, parties, self esteem etc computer links.	ACC, TDC, Police, Taupō Safe District Project. College staff, pupils.

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CASE STUDIES OF PROGRAMMES FOR CHILDREN'S SAFETY

1. DOWN THE BACK Paddock (RURAL SAFETY)

Children's Day 7 March 2010

Taupō Safe District has a vast rural sector. In keeping with safety for children a "Down the Back Paddock" day aimed at children from the farming community was held in Mangakino.

During the Christmas School Holiday period, part of the programme for the children was to make up posters depicting areas of safety for rural children.

Here the subjects covered included:

- Water Safety (troughs, streams, culverts, ditches, water races, lake and river)
- Poisons (safe storage on farms) (Identity)
- Firearms (safe storage on farms, ammunition, safety catches, bolt removal – parent responsibility)
- Rural Fires
- 4 Wheel Bikes (quads)
- Other Machinery including Tractors, Bailers, Farm yard vehicles, motor bikes
- Rural Road Safety
- Animals including dogs, horses, cattle, sheep, pigs and deer.
- Dog control
- Civil Defence
- Home emergency plan

Programme for the day included between the hours of 11am and 2pm



- Music.
- Games for children; egg & spoon races, sack races, musical chairs, lolly scrambles
- Food Stalls (sausage sizzle, hangi, chips, fruit etc)
- Boat Safety quiz conducted by MC at lakeside
- Quad bike safety displays
- Water Safety hints on crossing rivers, where to swim etc,
- Civil Defence display
- Rural Fire Brigade
- St Johns Ambulance
- New Zealand Police

The theme "Down in the Back Paddock" adopted from the very successful internationally accredited Waimakariri District Council, was embraced by the principal of the Local Area School and the neighbouring Whakamaru Primary School.

They used their newsletters as a means to advertise the day to parents and children, and also included in the curriculum topical subjects from the project.

A very successful day with the safety messages to children paramount in all proceedings.

Evaluation will endorse a further day in Turangi in 2010, and then the programme will be introduced to the schools in Taupō for direction to their rural students.

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2. SWIM FOR LIFE

Is a programme run out of the AC baths in Taupō, the Community Pool baths in Mangakino and in the Genesis Energy Turangi Aquatic Centre.

It is essentially a teaching series of lessons aimed at having all students up to age of 18, able to swim, have water safety knowledge, confidence in and around rivers, lakes, sea and baths.

Funding from the Lake Taupō Sports Advisory Council enables all schools to bus their students to the respective baths for these series of lessons, conducted by suitably qualified coaches in NZ Water Safety.

A Lake Taupō Water Safety Programme introduced in 2008 has been well received by the schools with more than 2600 students participating so far. It has a river-safe component and gives students the opportunity to develop skills using rafts, kayaks, snorkels and surf boards.

Rivers and Lakes are much more common in our District for Taupō locals and visitors to swim, and skills are no less important just because we are not coastal.

(Provisional Drowning Report for 2009 issued by Water Safety New Zealand attached as Appendix)

The AC Baths Aquatic Team took out the inaugural New Zealand Water Safety Awareness

Award for its Swim for Life and Lake Taupō Water Safety programmes in the national awards presented in November 2009.

There were three categories – and our representatives at the awards received high praise for the other two categories, such was the excellence attributed to the skilled team of dedicated workers involved in these projects – what a euphoric buzz that must have given those who attended.

Again, this demonstrates the strength of our commitment to safety of children in the Taupō Safe District Project. (What a goal, to have very student up to age 18 able to swim.)

3. FIVE MOUNTAIN CYCLE CHALLENGE

This is a project run over the last term each year in the primary schools, of Taupō, Turangi, Mangakino, Taumarunui, and Tokoroa.

Each school has an elimination contest to find their top male and female from Years 7 and 8. The aim of the challenge is to seek, by practical and written exams, the most competent cyclist. The testing is conducted by the Education NZ Road Sense Facilitator with the assistance of staff at the various schools, and assisted by Road Safety Committee co-ordinator for Taupō and Tokoroa.

The tests are theory on road code, cycle maintenance, road user savvy, and a practical test as to ability to keep balance, indicate turns, stop, give way, proper apparel, and safety issues such as braking for emergency, awareness of surrounding traffic etc.

Once the finalist from each school has been found there is an elimination held to find the overall champion male and female from each of the 5 mountain regions.

These 10 young people are then invited to Taupō for an elimination theory written test and then a practical riding exam on the purpose built Land Transport cycle Park at the rear of Tauhara Primary School, on Crown Road Taupō.

Here, by a process of elimination the top boy and top girl are found and an overall champion declared. At a presentation in the Mayoral Chambers, each of the contestants receives a certificate from the Mayor of Taupō and the District Area Commander of New Zealand Police. A cup and suitably engraved Trophy is presented to the overall champion and that are invited to a luncheon to celebrate their successes.

Evaluation of this project has seen it plotted into the 4th term timetables again this year of the participating schools.

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Media Release

30 November 2009



AC Baths wins national water safety award

The AC Baths' Aquatic Programmes Team won the inaugural New Zealand Water Safety Awareness Award for its Swim for Life and Lake Taupo Water Safety programmes.

Water Safety New Zealand General Manager Matt Clendage says the programmes have dramatically improved the water safety awareness and skills of Taupo school children. He says community support, professional management and highly skilled trainers all contribute to its success – and helped secure its win.

"We received a lot of very strong nominations for these awards, however AC Baths' really stood out," says Mr Clendage. "The programme feedback from participants, parents and principals speaks volumes about the caliber of the training provided. We also noted the strong financial support it receives from Taupo District Council and the local community – another indication of the programme's value and reputation."

"We are very proud to present this award to AC Baths," he says. "These programmes and the way they are run are excellent role models for other facilities and trainers across the country. A lot of hard work goes into preparing and managing these programmes, but the results are worth it."

With local support, AC Baths' Swim for Life programme has been running for five years and has received more than 40,000 student attendances. The programme enables students between five and 18 years, including those with special needs, to receive 10 free (or subsidised) swimming lessons. Swim instructor training is provided free of charge to teacher aides, special needs caregivers and parents, to support the student's learning.

AC Baths' Aquatic Programmes Supervisor, Li Hancock, reports a strong relationship with local schools – all of whom are eager participants and regularly book their student in for Swim for Life swimming lessons.

AC Baths Manager Virginia Hurro says she is very proud of her team's achievements. "We were made aware we had to win the award, but I couldn't be happier. It's great to receive this level of appreciation and recognition for the hard work that our aquatic team has put in over the years."

Ms Hurro also praises the work of the Lake Taupo Sports Advisory Council (LTSAC), whose funding makes the swim programmes attainable for the entire community. "Our aim is that every

23 December 2009
Media Release
For immediate release



Will the Holiday Season be Drowning Season Again?

Water Safety New Zealand (WSNZ) is encouraging all New Zealanders to take care and be mindful of water safety precautions when on holiday over the festive season. Last year's 11 people drowned during the Christmas/New Year Holiday period, up by one from the 2007 toll of 10.

Over the last 10 years the holiday period drowning toll has averaged 8 deaths. This year's holiday period commenced at 4:00 pm on Thursday the 24th of December and ends at 6:00 am on Tuesday the 5th of January.

The summer holiday season is an obvious time of year for an increase in recreational activity in, on or under the water, due to so many New Zealanders being on holiday. It is also a predictable time of year for drowning deaths to occur.

WSNZ General Manager, Matt Clendage says: "The holiday season is a relaxing time for many people getting back to the boat, doing some diving and fishing, or just being near the water. Activities will provide a great deal of enjoyment for most, however, for too many families result in an outcome for which some basic attention to safety equipment, knowing your swimming small children would have prevented a tragedy."

Age groups 15-45 are the most at risk group as they rush to enjoy fishing, diving, and water-based pursuits. To often, poor decision making or a lack of preparation

and Pacific ethnic groups have been a prominent feature of the last two years, more so than the already disproportionate statistics."

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The general consensus is one of overall excitement for the children, right from the first elimination contests at their own schools to the winner's speech upon acceptance of the trophy, as being awesome and a project worth repeating, hence the repeat of the contest in 2010.

Lessons learnt by all on the correct range of cycle apparel, cycle helmet, road code, awareness of surroundings, and other traffic, visibility and correct signalling, will ensure safer cycling by those involved and ongoing to other school pupils.

4. CHILD CAR RESTRAINTS

Safekids New Zealand is the injury prevention service of Starship Children's Health and a member of Safekids world wide.

They have a mission to reduce the incidence and severity of unintentional injuries to New Zealand's children aged 0-14 years.

Safekids New Zealand encourages the involvement of government, community, industry, decision makers and families in child safety.

Taupō has a very capable co-ordinator working for Safekids New Zealand, out of the REAP building. A committee meets bi-monthly to advocate and implement projects aimed at children's safety. Road Traffic Police, Acc, Road Transport Safety Committee, Plunket, Water Safety, Kidstart, Barnados, Taupō District Road Safety Educator, Sport Waikato, Family Start, Police Education Officer, Tūwharetoa Health Services, Project Manager- Safe Communities, Lake Taupō Public Health Office, Fire Service, are attendees at these meetings.

Nationally the Safekids New Zealand sets out projects and strategies to follow, and in the time that the Taupō Safe District Project has been going, we have been involved in

- Cutting and piercing injury
- Random check points with Police and Plunket on Child Car Restraints, and Booster Seats.
- Burns
- Fire Safety at home and school
- Trampoline safety (nets)
- Te Reo Māori "The higher you sit the safer the fit."
- NZ's biggest buckle up (Taupō owned and reported later in Criteria 3)
- Rural Bus Shelters
- Driveway run over – community responsibility – education
- Child Car Restraints (tether bolt) and Car seat hire

These meetings are well attended with competent people in responsible positions to implement the projects in vogue. The projects are ongoing and funding is sourced from each of the attendee organisations. Children's safety is paramount and early education to the child and parent is a preventative measure in our drive to reduce injury and have a safe district.

The Safekids team also work in Turangi, Mangakino and other rural sectors of the Taupō district.

Likewise attendance at Kids Start, Pre-School Centres, Play Centres, Kindergartens, Primary and Secondary Schools, by the various participants of the Safekids Committee.

Incorporating their particular safety message enhances the overall theme of prevention of injury of children, including awareness of falls, and what to look out for.

Children's safety against unintentional injury is a high priority for the Taupō Safe District Project Plan.

- Child Car Restraints (ongoing)
- Booster Seats (If you are not over 148cm)

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5. WALK TO SCHOOL

Several schools in the Taupō District have adopted the “Walk to School” School Bus Campaign. To begin with children were encouraged to walk with parents to school on one day of the week, and from here it has progressed to some schools walking most days of the week. School Bus idea uses the same route each day, and at each intersection or designated point, children meet and then wait for the “Bus” of walking children and parents to reach them. They then join in and move onto the next “stop” where they collect the next group of children and parents. Teachers join in and the overall benefit is one of safety, physical exercise, interaction between children and parents, and teachers, and of course eliminates the congestion outside the school at peak times, when cars are double parked dropping off or picking up students.

The reduction in vehicles around the school entrance, because of the School Walking Bus, is a safety and injury prevention project, readily seen as cutting down on risk of accidents due to overcrowding.

It is thoroughly endorsed by the PTA, Board of Trustees and Staff of the participating Schools, and by the Police Education Officer and Road Traffic Police.



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6. BELT UP CAMPAIGN

In October 2009, Christine Hutchison (Road Traffic Co-ordinator) at the Taupō District Council, with support from the Mayor, Project Manager – Safe Communities, Safe Kids NZ committee members, set out to create the record for the biggest “Belt Up” of children in New Zealand. A huge length of seat belt type webbing was sourced and buckles fitted to the two ends. Well over 300 metres in length it was laid out around the school class rooms and play ground area of the Taupō Primary School.

The pupils were encouraged to stand on the inside of the large loop made by the belt, and then to pick it up on command. 360 pupils completed this task and the Mayor then invited a student to click the belt shut, thus encircling 360 pupils with one giant seat belt.

On show was a V8 racing car. The driver told the children that safety was very important and he likened the belt to the one he had to wear whilst racing. The New Zealand Fire Service, New Zealand Police and St John's Ambulance were also in attendance along with “Booster Rooster” and height charts enabling parents to see the actual height of 148cm and the necessity for booster seats if their children were smaller.

A very impactful safety lesson was taught to the children who participated, on safety, the law and requirement to wear child safety restraint when travelling in motor vehicles.



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7. PARENT PACK

Following a very successful introduction of a Parent Pack (Tool for parents of teenagers) in Taupō some years ago, evaluation by ALAC, Parents, and Community Development Team of the Taupō District Council, revealed shortcomings in the existing publication.

The Project Manager – Safe Communities sourced similar type booklets from other neighbouring cities, towns, and World Health Organisation accredited TLA's.

A comprehensive spread sheet of contents from some 10 other parent packs, revealed strengths and weaknesses, and a new booklet aimed at Taupō Safe District Project was drafted.

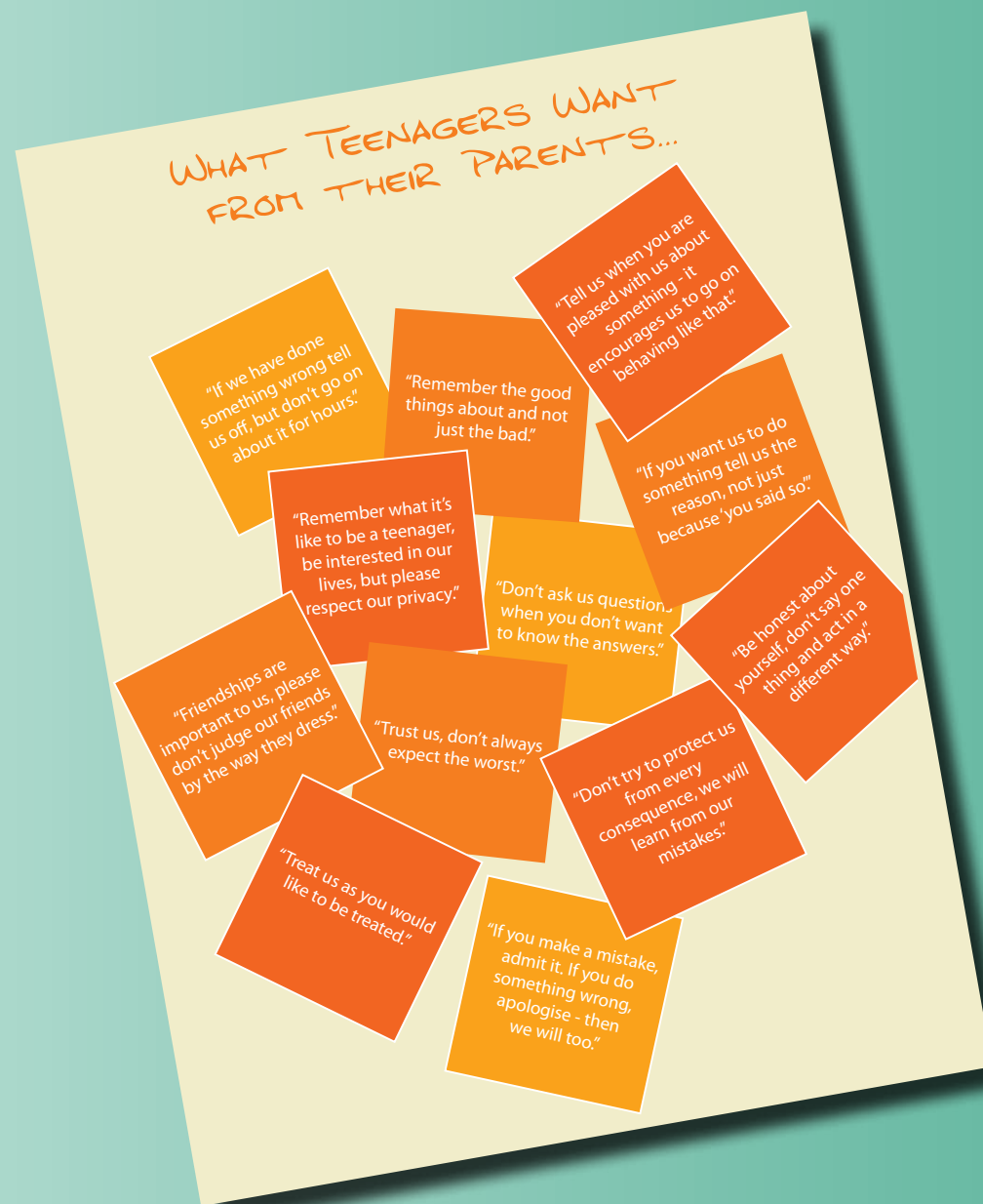
Because of impending changes to the law on Driving Licence Age, Road Rules in relation to Boy Racers, and the Law Commission submissions on alcohol, as it relates to minors, purchase age, drink driving, violence, advertising, costs, and inherent damage, the binge drinking culture displayed by the youth of today, possibly bringing law changes later in the year, these subjects were purposely left out of the booklet. However we aim to re-print again within 2 years, once the law changes are in place.

These booklets are full of handy hints to parents on subjects of bullying, school suspensions, internet safety, graffiti, drug and alcohol awareness, parties, smoking, safe sex, depressions, self esteem, local resources, legal age limits, and "what the teenager wants vs what the parent wants".

They will be posted out early in the first term of 2010 to all Year 9 students (3rd Form) at all relevant schools in the Taupō Safe District. (copy in appendix)

We will conduct an evaluation by questionnaire sometime later in the year before we re-print with the updated laws.

However, from past experiences the Community fully support the re-introduction of this worthy project, funded from Taupō District Council, and thoroughly endorsed by our Taupō Safe District Project Plan Steering Committee as fitting methodology for prevention of injury, and the safety of our young adults.



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"MEMOS FROM THE PARENTS..."

- Let us know where you are and how to contact you. We need to know that you're safe and OK. We need to know that you won't be abusing drugs or alcohol and getting in the car with a drunk driver. If you need a ride home, just call.
- Remember that we like you to think we're cool parents. This is a two-way street involving mutual respect and clear communication, so if it isn't working, let's talk about it.
- Let us know that you understand our values. It's important to know where we are coming from when we put boundaries in place. Everything we do is because we care about you. Think about it.
- Don't judge us too harshly. You may not fully agree with what we do, so let's talk about it some more before you judge us.
- Let us know that you have heard our opinions, and had a think about what we said. If we can validate from another's perspective, we will be able to communicate more freely.
- Let us know what is happening in your life. Tell us about your friends, school, what's cool, what's not. We need to understand what life is like as a teenager today as it's a bit different from how it was in our day. Let's talk about the difference.
- Let us know that you know about the dangers of abusing drugs and alcohol and sex. We know you may experiment and take risks – this is part of growing up – what we need to know is that you understand the consequences and how to protect yourself.
- If it isn't working, let's talk about it and come up with some ideas for improvement on both sides.
- Talk to us if you are feeling down. This is a normal part of growing up and we want to be there for you when the going gets rough.
- Never forget that we love you."

WHAT DO PARENTS
EXPECT FROM THEIR
TEENAGERS?

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"MEMOS FROM THE KIDS..."

- Testing you is part of my job description; don't be afraid to say no if I'm unreasonable.
- Help me to communicate clearly with you. I'm only learning and your role modelling and patience is important to my development.
- If we have done something wrong tell us off, but don't go on about it for hours.
- Remember the good things about us and not just the bad. Help us to do the same.
- If you want us to do something or not to do something, tell us the reason, not just because 'you said so'.
- Tell us when you are pleased about something – it encourages us to go on behaving like that.
- Teach me to apologise when I'm wrong by doing so yourself.
- Remember what it's like to be a teenager.
- Be interested in our lives but please respect our privacy.
- Friendships are important to us; please don't judge our friends by the way they dress.
- Don't ask us questions when you don't want to know the answers.
- Trust us, don't always expect the worst.
- I'm more than just my mistakes, but don't protect me from the consequences. I need to learn. Show me how to do better next time."

WHAT DO TEENAGERS
EXPECT FROM THEIR
PARENTS?

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PROGRAMMES FOR YOUTH ACTIVITIES

Programme Name & Supplier	What it addresses	Population target	Length of operation	Reach of programme	Results	Partners
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROJECT WORKER (YOUTH)	Collaborative solutions to issues faced by young people and those that work with young people	Youth 12 - 24	3 year funded role	Working with community groups/ organisations, researchers and youth towards sustainable, collaborative solutions to raised issues	Established youth advisory groups in Taupō and Turangi, Established Community Advisory group, completed youth services directory, a youth card, monthly newsletters, mental health awareness training, working towards collating info re youth gangs and completing a strengths analysis.	TDC, REAP, DIA, Community groups and organisations, youth.
YOUTH EMERGENCY ACCOMMODATION STEERING GROUP	Issues and numbers of young people needing to access emergency accommodation	Youth 10 - 24	Ongoing	To provide a dedicated resource to oversee developments in youth emergency accommodation and ensure all interventions are interlinked and fit with identified needs from recently completed feasibility study.	Have developed a data analysis tool to identify the real numbers and issues for young people needing access to emergency accommodation over a one year period by community groups and organisations that work with young people. Results will inform future work.	TDC, Steering group members, TCOSS
BIG BROTHERS BIG SISTERS OF TAUPŌ TRUST	Mentoring for children	Children aged 6 – 12 years old	Ongoing	Mentoring as an intervention to promote positive outcomes for our children.	Trust established to oversee this nationally and internationally recognised mentoring organisation. Working towards securing funds for a co-ordinator position to oversee mentor/ mentee relationships	Big Brothers Big Sisters Trust Taupō, TDC, REAP, Big Brothers Big Sisters National
YOUTHTOWN TAUPŌ	Programmes and events for youth	Youth 13 – 18 year olds	Ongoing	To offer opportunities for young people to grow and learn skills after school and in the holidays in a safe smoke, alcohol and drug free environment.	Providing a low cost range of physical, social, and creative experiences for youth encouraging a positive outlook for their future and self confidence.	Youthtown, TDC, Schools, Families, Youth groups, Community groups, tutors

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CASE STUDIES OF PROGRAMMES FOR YOUTH ACTIVITIES

8. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROJECT WORKER (YOUTH)

Position established in 2009 (3 year funded project) saw Sarah CLARKE appointed.

Her job entails working with youth advisory groups in Taupō, Turangi and Mangakino to collaborate solutions to issues faced by young people and the people who work with them. Predominately working with the 12-24 year age group, Sarah has been instrumental in setting up a Youth Services Directory, a Youth Card, Monthly Newsletters on topics of interest, safety, injury prevention, and imminent projects. Mental Health issues, Gang problems, and completing a strengths analysis are but some of the tasks to be addressed in the first year. Progress is very favourably reported on and by working from the REAP offices, Sarah is able to collaborate with other organisations dealing with youth, their safety and positive progress within the community.

9. YOUTH EMERGENCY ACCOMODATION STEERING COMMITTEE

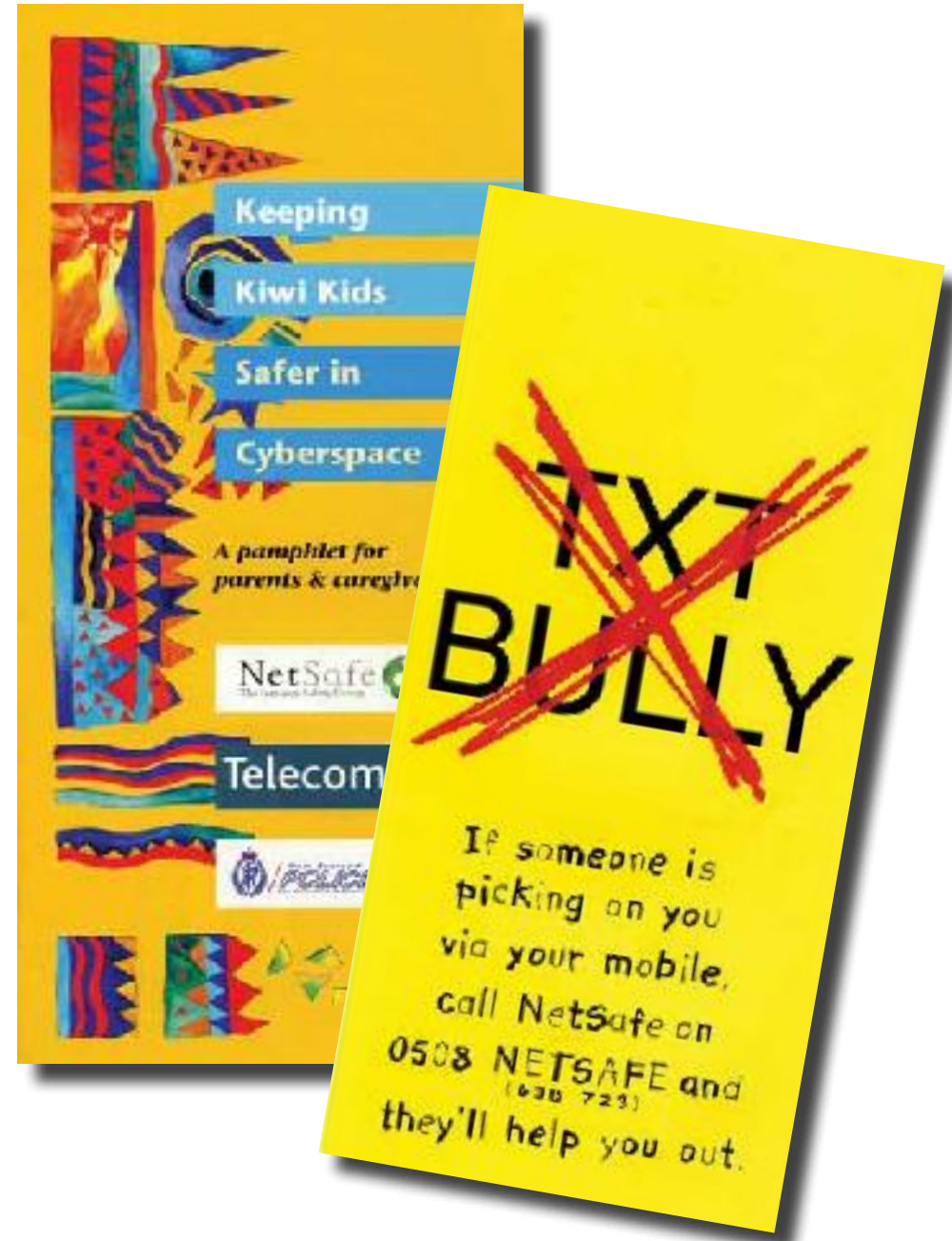
Set up to deal with youth aged 10 – 24 years of age, the Youth Emergency Accommodation Committee is tasked to providing a resource to oversee developments and to ensure that all interventions are interlinked, fitting with the feasibility study recently completed. i.e.

Needing emergency accommodation due to family violence and interpersonal conflict.

Seeking independence/needing independence

Involved in issues of crime and legality

Needing support with alcohol, drugs, or mental health issues



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The study has found that there is a lack of data set collecting information about young people needing emergency accommodation.

The Data Analysis Tool will be utilised by community groups who work with young people and their families/whanau to evidence youth emergency accommodation needs in identified strands.

- Provide evidence necessary to determine most needed intervention
- Provide the ability to analyse information
- Provide information to assist prevention and early intervention measures that can be taken
- Profile young people needing emergency accommodation and their uptake of referral options
- Be a useful tool for informing emergency accommodation hubs and government groups

The data collection results will assist the steering committee and community to find comprehensive and sustainable solutions to the identified issues for our youth around emergency accommodation which in turn will benefit the community.

10. BIG BROTHERS BIG SISTERS OF TAUPŌ TRUST



Introduction

Big Brothers Big Sisters (BBBS) is an international mentoring organisation that has been operating throughout America since 1904 and started in New Zealand in 1997. The BBBS model is primarily about fun and friendship, with a time commitment for both mentors and mentees of 1 - 4 hours per week for at least a year, either as a school or community based programme.

Mentors are adult volunteers and come from all walks of life. Mentors are thoroughly vetted in a process that includes police checks, referees and in-depth interviews. They are trained and supported in their role by a co-ordinator, to ensure the safety and care of both mentee and mentor. Mentees are children aged between 8 – 12 years old who would benefit from the friendship of an adult, and experiencing fun activities together.

Background

In 2008 the Community Development Team within Council gathered information from young people and youth workers about the gaps in services for youth in the Taupō district. One of the identified gaps was a lack of mentoring available for our children. So, when Dave Marshall from Big Brothers Big Sisters National Office made a presentation to The Taupō Youth Offending Team forum in October 2008 it stimulated a lot of interest.

The Big Brothers Big Sisters of Taupō Trust is now established and registered with the Charities Commission. Members of the Trust include: Kevin Taylor, Peter Blanks, Steve Bignell, Belinda Coulter, Judith Asher, Sharon Opai and Alan Vane all well known for their work for the community.

An Affiliation Agreement between National BBBS and BBBS Taupō has been signed, so our local Trust has access to best practice, professional, national and international policies and procedure guidelines. Our next step is to employ a Co-ordinator.

The Co-ordinator is responsible for monitoring and supporting all mentee/mentor relationships. Extensive eligibility screening of potential mentors will be undertaken by the co-ordinator to ensure maximum success. The matching strategy is based on criteria such as gender (males mentor boys, females mentor girls), age, language, availability and interests and aims to be at least a year long.

An orientation and training curriculum will be provided for mentors including communication skills, cultural/heritage sensitivity and the do's and don'ts of a mentor relationship.

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The Advisory Group are an informal group made up from a range of people (from the original Steering Group) who have helped with the establishment of BBBS in Taupō. They will give the trust feedback and input at quarterly meetings. They will help source potential mentors and support the co-ordinator to make the right connections in the community.

Summary

Children and young people need trustworthy adults in their lives who will listen, take an interest in them and spend some time with them. The BBBS model ensures the support and coaching is there for the mentors who are monitored by a professional co-ordinator to ensure the safety of the mentors and mentees.

The BBBS of Taupō Trust affiliation to National BBBS means that policies, procedures, training of co-ordinators and being part of a network of professionals both in New Zealand and overseas will assist with credibility, recognition and support of this best practice model of mentoring children in our own Taupō community. The BBBS of Taupō Trust will provide governance to the co-ordinator position.

We believe this is an opportunity for other local organisations to be part of a positive response to the needs of some of the children in our community as a practical expression of your values. There will be media acknowledgement of our sponsors in all of our advertising.

Participation in BBBS will help motivate our children to reach their goals and to make healthy choices for themselves, their whanau, each other and our community.

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11. YOUTHTOWN TAUPŌ

Taupō District Council is in partnership with Youth Town Taupō.

A purpose built porta-com facility has been erected by Youthtown in the AC Baths Reserve in Taupō, and business manager appointed.

Dealing with 12-18 year olds, Youthtown provides high quality programmes, activities and events for young people to participate in after school and at weekends and holidays.

National and international research supports the outcomes associated with regular participation in high quality activities and programmes provided for young people which includes; improvements in self concept, school achievement, school attendance and aspirations for further learning, decrease in anti-social behaviour – less likely to use alcohol and drugs, increase in feelings of effectiveness and success and being connected to the environment they live in.

Therefore there is an educational, development, preventative and cultural benefit to regular participation in high quality programmes.

Programmes currently include Makeup artistry, cooking classes, fitness, indoor sports league, golf, short film challenge, my tunes, duathlon, and disrupt the floor. Programmes and initiative are developed with consultation with the youth advisory group, who also consult with other young people on the activities and programmes that they want.

Because of location, outdoor activities are built into the programmes to utilise the green spaces of Centennial Park, AC baths.

This facility filled a much needed project in connecting with youth, offering them alternatives to alcohol and drugs, anti social behaviour, gang affiliations, and gave the participating youth, a sense of purpose, safety and direction.



12. YOUTH TRANSITION SERVICES

Background

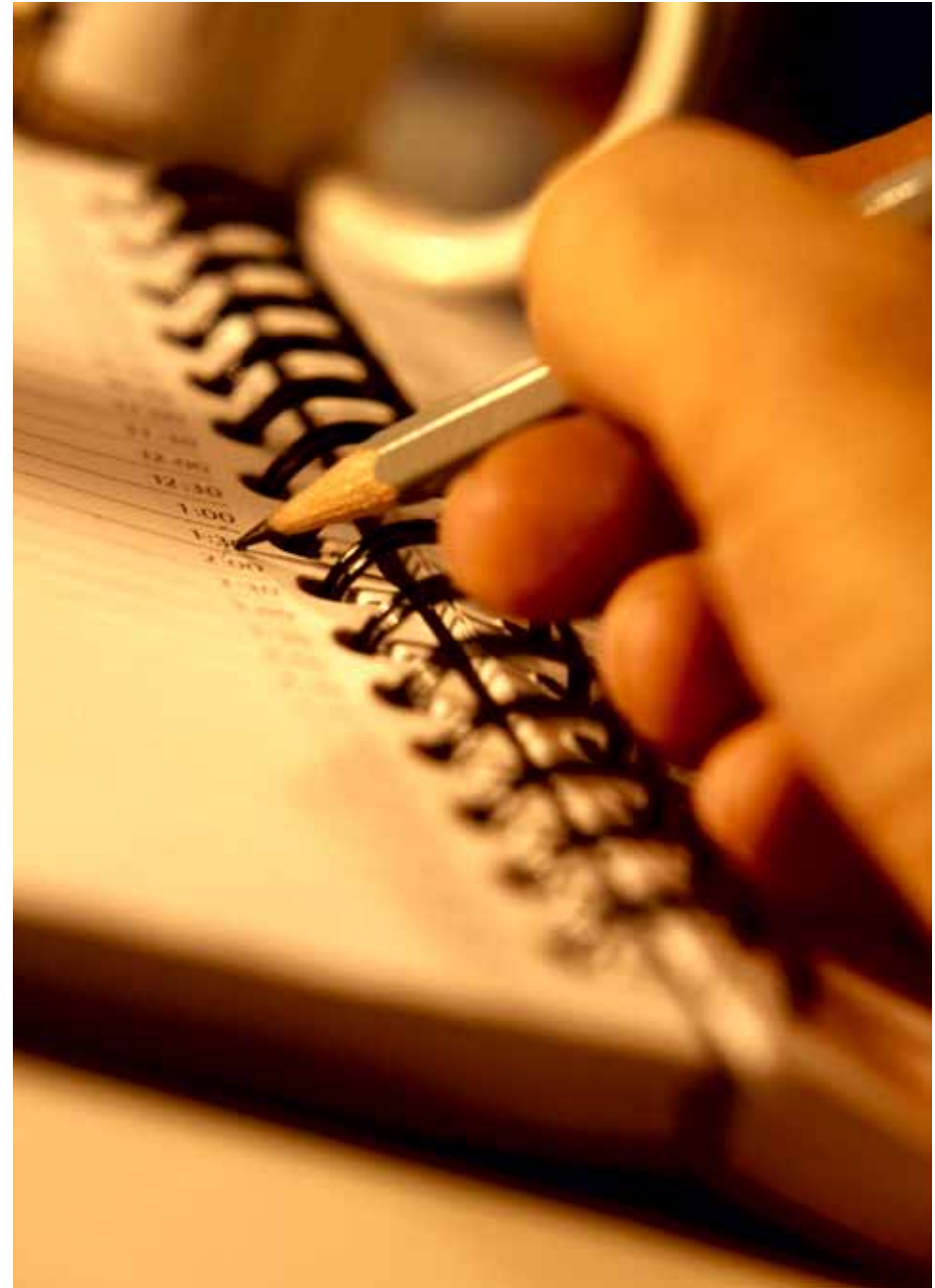
The Taupō District community have identified a gap in services provided in our community for young people who have disengaged or who are planning to disengage from education. Currently there is no organisation responsible for monitoring the outcomes for the young people who are not legally required to be at school yet are ineligible for income support (16 – 18 year olds).

The young people who do not successfully transition from the school environment into further education, training or work are at risk of experiencing a range of poor lifetime outcomes. These young people need support to improve their well-being and long-term independence.

Executive Secretary Jan Francis from Mayors Taskforce for Jobs, and a range of community groups, organisations and individuals have had a series of forums focusing on issues relating to employment and skills training which face the young people of our district.

The vision for the Mayors Taskforce for Jobs is “that all young people under 25 years be engaged in appropriate education, training, work or other activities that contribute to their long-term economic independence and well-being” and that “every school leaver has the support to connect to opportunities within their own community”.

Forums were held on 25th June in Taupō with Celia Lashlie, Jan Francis, 100 young people and 30 people from community groups and organizations. The next meeting was on 6th August in Taupō and then in both the Taupō and Turangi communities on 7th September. (Please see meeting notes attached). Jan and Celia were back in Turangi in October to further assist the collaboration in this community.



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Outcome of the forums

The Taupō and Turangi communities need a Youth Transition Service available to our young people. After looking at several possible models or variations for one that would suit our community, the group decided a Co-ordination Model was the best option; providing support from a youth worker, access to funding and support in tracking from the nearest YTS (Youth Transition Service). Also discussed was the recently released Youth Opportunities package which the group commented on and was encouraged to participate in. These comments have been fed back to Jan Francis and also to Louise Upston our local Member of Parliament. Council is currently working towards a project that may include 4 young people under the Community Max scheme.

Three members from the group met with Laurie Durand and Diana Beattie from the Rotorua Youth in Transition Group to discuss the possibility of Taupō and Turangi having their young people tracked by the Te Waiariki Purea Trust who deliver the Rotorua YTS contract. This idea was well received and both expressed an interest in being involved:

This model would track all young people from a certain age to ensure they are either in education, work or training and those needing customised support referred on to the Turangi or Taupō youth worker

- The youth worker will then make contact with the young person
- If necessary the young person is also referred on to other appropriate organisations for help.
- The number of school leavers in 2008 in Years 11, 12 and 13 in Taupō was 407 and in Turangi there were 40.
- Taupō and Turangi currently have 52 young people from 16-24 who are registered either on the unemployment benefit, unemployment benefit training or independent youth benefit who may be able to be part of this system. There are also young people who are not registered that could also be included.

Other tasks of the Youth worker working within the YTS may include:

- Career advice
- CV development
- Early identification of 'at-risk' young people - refer to other agencies

if needed e.g. for alcohol and drug assessment/counselling, literacy and numeracy assessment/training.

- Raise aspirations of families/whanau re their young person,
- Develop strong inter-agency networks
- Provide up to date information to young people and providers re employment, training and work opportunities
- Identify gaps in service provision in the community and assist to identify best practise models that may be implemented
- Work in a culturally aware manner in all dealings.

There would be a Youth Transitions Advisory Group established from agencies and organisations that have an interest and working relationship with young people. The Advisory Group would oversee and give advice to the youth worker. They would provide governance and direction on any issues raised and gaps identified. This group could link into the Rotorua Youth in Transition Strategy Implementation Group for additional support and expertise. There will be a need to develop the appropriate Strategic documents to help inform the work of all involved in the project.

There could be an opportunity to be part of the new Community Links being developed in Turangi by the end of 2009 and in Taupō early 2010. Community Links is a new approach by WINZ service centres where people can get help for a range of needs from a variety of social services and agencies located in the one place. The YTS co-ordinator could have the opportunity to work out of the Community Link centre. This would help support the young person to reach their goals and have access to the range of other services provided through the centre that may include; counselling, financial assistance and health assessments.

Conclusion

Taupō and Turangi require a Youth Transitions Service to fill an identified gap in our community. The community feels strongly about empowering our young people to achieve positive outcomes and the need to provide support for those who require it.

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Having a YTS in the Taupō and Turangi communities will assist our young people with engagement in education, training or work. Establishing the YTS co-ordinators in the Community Links centres will enable young people to receive comprehensive assessments and information to assist with reaching their goals. The Rotorua YTS provider could track the young people for the youth workers who would then connect them with the appropriate opportunities in both the Turangi and Taupō communities. Using Rotorua's database and systems would assist to keep costs down as would use of an office in Community Links.

Communication and strategic planning will be implemented to increase community awareness and support for the project.

This project will enable ongoing multi-faceted, comprehensive, strength-based responses to young people, achieved by a collaborative approach between the YTS worker, the young person, the young person's families, whanau, hapu, iwi, agencies, schools, education facilities and the community.

The main benefit will be that young people will be supported and encouraged to realise their full potential, make positive choices and be active participants of their own future.



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PROGRAMMES FOR ROAD SAFETY

Programme Name & Supplier	What it addresses	Population it targets	Length of operation	Reach of programme	Results	Partners
KEEP LEFT LIVES ARE ON THE LINE New Zealand Police – Road Safety Committee of South Waikato and Taupō District Councils	Drivers to keep to the left of the centre line to avoid crashes.	All ages of drivers of all vehicles on the roads	All year with extra signs, bill boards and advertising from media throughout the year.	To all motorists and users of road.	Road crashes and injury accidents are on the decline as result of this and other initiatives	New Zealand Police, Road Transport Division of both Councils.
INTERSECTIONS New Zealand Police and Road Safety Committee of South Waikato and Taupō District Councils.	Absolute patience, decision making and correct signalling and driving at all controlled and uncontrolled intersections.	All drivers of all ages, gender and ethnicity.	Ongoing all year with signs changed and Grim Reaper, with spinning wheel allocated to various intersections during the campaigns.	Has had a decided impact on drivers in and around NZ. The Grim Reaper and the Spinning Wheel have certainly hit home to the driving population.	Intersection driving behaviour is showing improvement, especially controlled intersections, message is getting out there.	New Zealand Police, Road Transport Division of both Councils. The "Grim Reaper" and Media for publicity.
FATIGUE New Zealand Police Councils. +	Tiredness is a major cause of accidents, along with other distractions like texting, talking etc.	All ages of drivers, both genders and ethnicity.	Campaigns intermittent and changed with others mentioned above during the year.	New Law of no texting and talking on mobiles when driving has had vast effect. Fatigue still of concern, especially long haul truck drivers.	Police Statistics too early for exact result but evidence to date suggests that distractions causing less accidents, and fatigue message is being taken heed of.	New Zealand Police Road Transport Division of both Councils,
SPEED New Zealand Police and Road Safety Committee of both Councils.	Excessive speed on h/ways, built up area and around schools	Again all drivers, of all ages, gender and ethnicity	Ongoing annual campaign.	Targets persistent offenders exceeding the area speed limit. Cameras and Patrol Cars and speed warning signs used in this campaign.	Speed continues to be a large contributor to fatal and serious injury crashes. The faster you go the bigger the mess message is not getting out there in its entirety.	New Zealand Police Transport Divisions of both Councils.

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13. KEEP LEFT LIVES ARE ON THE LINE

50 crashes were caused in by vehicles “fail to keep to left” on rural roads in the Taupō District from 2003 to 2007. Nine crashes occurred on local roads, and 41 on State Highways.

1103 crashes occurred on rural roads in Taupō District Area between 2003 and 2007.

The objective of the campaign was

- To reduce the number of crashes caused by crossing the centre line.
- To educate drivers about the risk of crossing the centre line and to be a pre-cursor for the enforcement campaign to be rolled out by the Taupō Police over in September 2008.
- To target key areas where the centre line is often crossed including rural road, main arteries and state highways.
- To create awareness around the contributing factors crossing the centreline.

The targeted audience were Taupō and Waikato communities particularly road-users, which included the wider Police Districts, and drivers travelling through Taupō and South Waikato.

Key Message relayed in this ongoing campaign:

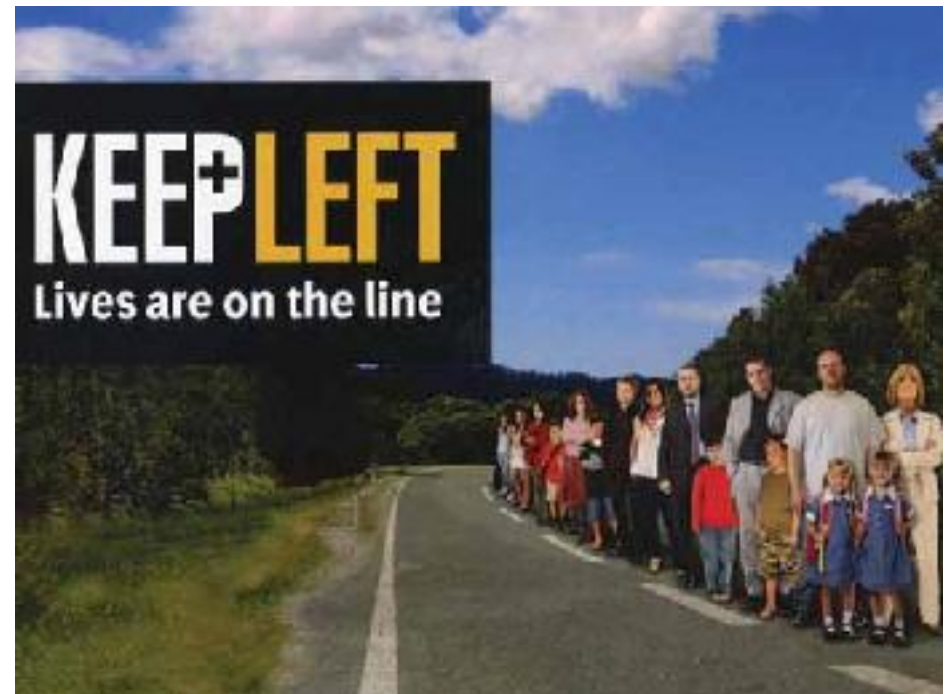
***Don't cross the centreline – it causes fatal crashes.
Keep LEFT at ALL TIMES***

“Lives are on the Line”

51% of our rural crashes involved drivers crossing the centre line and to be aware of inattention, fatigue, alcohol, loss of control, too fast for conditions, poor handling and poor observation, failed to stop and poor judgement,.

Enforcement was undertaken October 2008 to January 2009 and over those 4 months 59 offences were detected and ticketed. The campaign has again been rolled out in June 2009 and is programmed for 2010.

Feedback from the billboards was well received



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14. INTERSECTIONS (“SPIN, DON’T SPIN” INTERSECTIONS - IT’S YOUR CALL)

Several intersections were identified in Taupō District as high crash sites.

A 4 week campaign was implemented to raise awareness of safety required at intersections, using the spinning wheel (as seen on TV ads) to great effect.

Key messages included:

- “Spin, Don’t Spin” Intersections – It’s your call
- Stop means Stop
- Stress of running late

Crash statistics showed top three intersections in Taupō as

- HeuHeu/Titiraupenga : 16 crashes 2003 – 2007
- Tamamutu/Kaimanawa: 12 crashes 2003 – 2007
- Tamamutu/Titiraupenga: 12 crashes 2003 – 2007

Media releases prior to commencement of campaign, weekly media briefs as to reminder messages, intersection spinning wheel resource, Radio advertising and 4 weeks of ads.

Advertisement created by Radioworks using spinning wheel music approved by NZTA.

Contest held by Radio Station over final 5 days of campaign. Six x Billboards, plus key rings as giveaway, and chocolates. Police and TDC Road Transport Division Staff giving out handouts at intersections. Well supported by local media. Campaign included in Community Road Safety Programme for 2010 (ongoing).

Achievements included high number of participants in quiz, long term reduction in number of crashes at intersections, well received adverts, spinning wheel well received by community at key sites. Police enforcement

highlighted the need for continuation of education to motorists on intersection driver behaviour, including signalling, roundabouts, and stop signs.



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15. FATIGUE (INATTENTION TO ROAD SAFETY)

South Waikato and Taupō Target (SWATT) 2010 Safety Campaign is based on the theme of Inattention to Road Safety. The overarching goal for 2010 is to reduce trauma on the 200km of State Highway 1 from Piarere in the north to the summit of the Desert Road in the south. They wish to see fatal accidents reduced by 10%.

To do this the education team is concentrating on Driver Distraction, and to improve road user behaviour.

- The fatigue module aims to increase public awareness of fatigue as a crash risk on SH1
- To achieve a fatigue campaign message recall of 70% amongst local drivers
- To achieve understanding of what a power nap is amongst 40% of local drivers
- To achieve understanding of what a micro-sleep is amongst 25% of local drivers

Evaluation of drivers regarding fatigue, micro-sleep and power-nap understanding is contained in the SWATT Evaluation Report 2009. Billboard erection and on-going campaigns will continue in the Taupō District during the 2010 year, and indications to date are positive in that the message distraction (fatigue) is being far more readily understood by drivers on the roads in our area.

A 20 MINUTE POWER NAP CAN:

- Boost energy levels
- Increase alertness
- Improve memory
- Help concentration



**Pull over and take
a 'power nap'**

Fatigue: Wake up to the danger

Go to www.acc.co.nz/roadsafety for more
information on how to beat fatigue.

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16. SPEED

In January 2009, TDC Road Safety Committee introduced their Speed Campaign to coincide with the A1GP at Taupō Motorsport Park. With approx 40,000 people converging on Taupō over the Xmas period, speed was identified as a major contributor to crashes in the area.

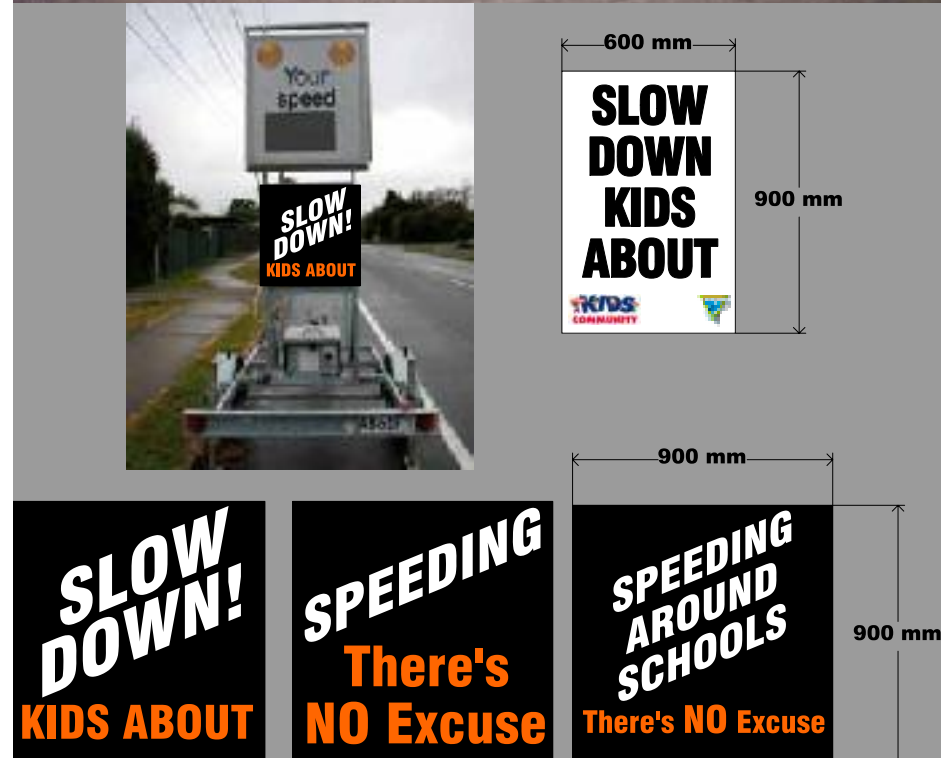
Key messages on billboards and radio and paper advertising:

- “The higher the speed the bigger the risk – Slow Down”
- “Speeding – There is no excuse”
- “Taupō wants to see you again – Slow down.”

Speed trailers were deployed, along with static speed indicators, in and around Taupō, and along with Billboards sighted at entry to Taupō and prominent key sites advertising the message was put out to the drivers and community. Radio advertising by well known and local racing car drivers was also used as a means of putting out our concerns and pointing out the risks of speeding.

The Speed campaign was again used in June 2009, on the theme of Operation Downward Speed around town and schools.

The objectives of this particular campaign were to reduce the number of crashes caused by speeding in the urban area and highlight the dangers of speeding outside schools. And to target areas already pin-pointed as speed zones. Again the use of the speed indicators around the schools and town was relevant and certainly had the desired effect, where drivers reduced speed considerably upon sighting same. The trailer is now being put out by a Community co-ordinator in the areas identified as high risk and this is an on-going activity, thus sending the message of excess speed to drivers in the community.



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PROGRAMMES FOR ELDERLY SAFETY, COMMUNITY LEISURE AND SPORT

Programme Name & Supplier	What it addresses	Population it targets	Length of operation	Reach of programme	Results	Partners
TAUPŌ SPORT HOUSE Sport Waikato KC Rugby Taupō Netball ACC	Sport injury and prevention thereof	All sporting codes and ages	Ongoing	Combined sports forum held October 2009	Sport injury and prevention thereof	All sporting codes and ages
TAI CHI CLASSES ACC, Health	Balance, strength stretching exercises	Elderly people	16 week course run by ACC	By referral from doctor, to elderly to prevent falls	Decrease in number of hospital admissions for falls of elderly.	LDHB, ACC, Social Services, Age Concern etc.
COMMUNITY PATROLS New Zealand Police.	Assists Police by patrolling known trouble spots, manning of security cameras, extra eyes and ears for crime prevention.	Offenders of all ages	Ongoing, 24/7	All offenders, disorderly behaviour, theft, theft x cars, Unlawful taking, alcohol related harm, violence, liquor bans,	Marked increase in apprehensions for offences, due to more eyes and ears on the ground, plus monitoring security cameras.	Responsible approved citizens, New Zealand Police, Licencees, Bar Managers, Security Co Staff.
NEIGHBOURHOOD SUPPORT Residents of streets in area	Crime, observation theft, u/taking of m/vehicles, property damage Anti-social behaviour, plus security for neighbours property in absence.	All house owners in the street, and area. Town appointed controller allocates areas and appoints a local co-ordinator	This is ongoing, and full records kept.	Locations of concern are identified and New Zealand Police advised for further investigation. Pamphlets and signs ensure crime prevention message out there.	Since inception, this very useful crime fighting arm of the community has grown from strength to strength.	New Zealand Police. Local Town Controller and area co-ordinators and residents.

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CASE STUDIES PROGRAMMES FOR ELDERLY SAFETY, COMMUNITY AND SPORT

17. TAUPŌ SPORTS HOUSE

Situated close to the Centre of Taupō Town, this building hosts Taupō Sports Advisory co-ordinator, committee, King Country Rugby personnel, Taupō Netball Association personnel, Sport Waikato employees, and is the lead distributor of Sports Injury Preventative programmes, “Club mark” “Green Prescription” “Push play”, “Think safe” and sport smart stretching and prevention programmes.

Coaches of various codes following a combined sports forum in October 2009, now, following an examination, gain qualification in the running of sports injury prevention, and the physical programmes around safety, such as attention to proper warm up etc.

ACC call with updates on their injury prevention initiatives. Medical Profession liaise with the Taupō Sports House on rehabilitation and recovery programmes to sports people injured during their chosen activity.

It is a one stop shop facility catering for all sportsmen and sportswomen of all ages and ethnicity, offering advice, treatment, programmes, referrals on any aspect of injury through sport and the safety measures for prevention.

18. TAI-CHI CLASSES

With falls having been identified as the major cause of injury and of hospital admission in this area, programmes to reduce falls are in place in the Taupō Safe District Area.

Balance, Strengthening and exercise, especially for persons over 65 years of age is prevalent, there being private clinics run at local churches and a revised Otago University Exercise programme, plus classes in Tai-Chi (16 x once a week) funded by ACC.

Research shows that improving strength and balance reduces the risk of falling and the severity of falling by 47%

Doctors are able to refer patients to Tai Chi classes and the aim of these is to reduce the number of hospital admissions as result of falls, trips or slips.

There are similar type falls prevention classes held in Pre-school, Playschools and Kindergartens in the area.

Included in the Physical Education classes at Primary, Intermediate and Secondary Schools, are programmes aimed at correct balance, strengthening, and handy hints for in the playground, around the school buildings, on stairs and at home.

At a meeting of people associated with Fall Prevention activities in November 2009, causes of falls were discussed in full. Uneven Footpaths, deep crossings, pumice country prone to earthquakes causing paving stones to be upturned, berms and footpath construction, slippery mats and stairs were the main causes of falls in our area.

Council notified re new suburban construction of footpaths, and alleyways.

Upright and Active and Tai Chi classes, plus a supplement dietary programme have been instrumental in reducing the number of falls. A falls prevention day is planned for mid 2010 for Taupō.

There is no record kept at admission time in the local hospitals, of the affect of alcohol on the patient, but inquiries suggest that there is a significant number of admissions for falls related injury, where the patient had consumed alcohol, preceding the fall.

Other classes in the district included those by Sport Waikato who conduct sessions at the AC baths Event Centre in Taupō on falls prevention, for elderly.



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19. COMMUNITY PATROLS

Run in Taupō by volunteers, this worthy addition to security, safety, injury and crime prevention, has assisted the New Zealand Police over the past 2-3 decades. The group is made up of dedicated community minded men and woman, each only too happy to spend some hours on patrol during the week and weekends. Many offer to work night shifts, and others man kiosks at major tourist venues.

They are virtually extra eyes and ears of the Police, advising per radio and mobile phone, of incidents of anti social behaviour, violence, and alcohol impaired people, in and around the Town Central Business Area, and at known gathering spots of youth in vehicles. They also man the display screens at the Watchhouse in the Taupō Police Station of the closed circuit cameras mounted in strategic places in and around the town, boat harbour and lake front. A national conference in June 2010 already has more than 400 registered to attend.

Community Patrols have grown from small beginnings to a large-coordinated group, able to adhere to rosters, and assist the Police and community where and when required. Their presence and vigilance endorses the safety, injury and crime prevention interventions in our Taupō Safe District. There is no move afoot not to continue their wonderful contribution to the communities.

20. NEIGHBOURHOOD SUPPORT

This dedicated group of local residents have been carrying out the functions of Neighbourhood Support in and around Taupō, Turangi and Mangakino for a considerable number of years. Each has their own coordinator.

In Taupō they have a co-ordinator who has the task of meeting with the street wardens in the various suburbs. Discussion on crime, wilful damage, graffiti, anti social behaviour, boy racers, loud vehicles, noisy neighbours, dogs, obstruction of power lines and alleyways by foliage and trees, blocked drains, lighting visibility, discarded rubbish and the general

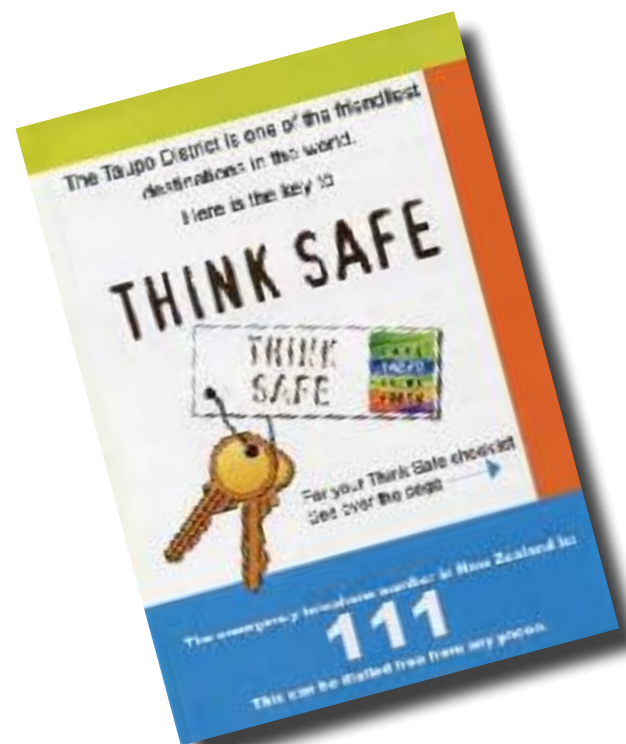
safety and well being of all residents of the street, is discussed.

The co-ordinator meets with the Intel Section of Police on a weekly basis. This meeting is also attended by the Project Manager – Safe Communities.

There topics of interest, persons of interest and crime trends are discussed.

Newsletters are put out on a regular basis to the residents in each suburb, setting out topics of interest, upcoming events affecting the community and other newsworthy items.

Crime Prevention, safety and injury prevention is paramount and the wellbeing of the occupiers of dwellings in the suburbs, including the children is a focussed area for the Neighbourhood Support personnel.



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IT TAKES A WHOLE VILLAGE TO RAISE A CHILD

BE AWARE



Neighbourhood Support
New Zealand

NEIGHBOURHOOD SUPPORT AREA

NEIGHBOURS WHO CAN SEE DO!

TOGETHER WE CREATE SAFE NEIGHBOURHOODS 4 KIDS

Neighbourhood Support
New Zealand
Taupo



DO YOU REMEMBER THE SESAME STREET SONG?






Do you know the people in your neighbourhood? If not, you'll soon have a chance to meet them at a fun get-together in your local reserve. From December to February, community events will be held around Taupo with the aim of promoting community spirit and pride. A range of activities are planned including a BBQ, live music and fun activities by Sport Wairarapa.

EVENTS - 5PM TO 7PM

LAKEWATER RESERVE
Fri 12th Feb 2010
Listen to More FM for weather postponements

WAIKAREKARE RESERVE
Fri 26th Feb 2010
Listen to More FM for weather postponements

our neighbourhood
OUR FUTURE



Community Patrols of New Zealand

COMMUNITY PATROLS
CPNZ
NEW ZEALAND

Do you want to work alongside New Zealand Police to help build safer communities?

Community Patrols of New Zealand are making a real difference and you can help.

Patrols are made up of people who want to give back to their community.

always welcome.

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PROGRAMMES FOR CRIME PREVENTION, ALCOHOL AND VIOLENCE

Programme Name & Supplier	What it addresses	Population it targets	Length of operation	Reach of programme	Results	Partners
LOCK IT OR LOSE IT CAMPAIGN TDC, Police, Project Manager – Safe Communities	Theft x car and U/Takings.	All motor vehicle owners.	Ongoing – signs replaced as they are damaged or removed.	Signs put up in public places, supermarket car parks, beach front, harbour, and sports grounds	Decline in number of theft x cars, and u/ Takings. Signs are a warning to owners to lock away valuables out of sight and secure vehicle.	New Zealand Police, Community Patrols, Night Owls, Security Firms...
TAUPŌ TAXIS Taxi Co and Project Manager – Safe Communities	Pre booked Taxi Trips, accounts, chits,	Shift Workers and late night requirements	Ongoing	Gives parents of teenagers, guaranteed safe trip home – by pre-arranged payments.	Young persons out on the town at night can seek guaranteed trip home having pre arranged payments of cost of taxi hire.	Taupō Taxi Companies, Project Manager – Safe Communities
TAUPŌ OFF-LICENCE ACCORD Licensing Sgt NZ Police, Licensing Inspector TDC. Project Manager – Safe Communities	Supply of alcohol to Under 18 year olds.	Minors and persons supplying minors	Ongoing project with Licence holders of Bottle Stores and liquor outlets.	By signing up to an accord, each Off-Licence Owner, reaffirms his intentions of sale and/or supply of alcohol to minors	Encouraging, in that Police have held random underage purchase operations, with negligible sales.	New Zealand Police, Off Licence Owners, and employees
ALCOHOLACTION NZ Professor Sellman	10 things industry wont tell you about alcohol	Youth and Adults	2009-2010	To submissions by law commission for law change re advertising, hours, price, purchase age, outlets, drink driving	Gaining momentum especially alcohol related violence law changes forthcoming, and blood alcohol limits, purchase age,. Pricing etc.	Police, Law Commission, TSDPP Licensees, Managers /staff.
GRAFFITI PREVENTION Council and Police	Wilful damage of public and private property by "tagging"	Residential and Business areas of District as a whole	Programmes in place for removal and reporting.	Council Web site clear information re removal, reporting, prevention, cleaning, offenders, types etc.	Plan to remove within 24-48 hours of reporting. Programmes in place in Turangi, Mangakino and Taupō, for TDC staff to clean, and if located offenders to paint over.	Police and Council Staff and owners of graffiti properties.
TAUPŌ VIOLENCE INTERVENTION NETWORK	Family Violence	All walks of life	Ongoing	Strong support to family violence victims and families at risk.	The "Its not OK" campaign is working in Taupō. More and more offences being reported by victims, with many volunteer groups offering support. Police, News media, white ribbon day, people speaking out have publically identified this unsavoury trait in our society.	Police, Social Workers, Victim Support, TVIN co-ordinator, various govt and volunteer organisations
WHITE RIBBON DAY TVIN, Men's support group, Police.	Family Violence Not OK campaign	Men's support in the community against the offenders of this crime.	One day a year breakfast, wearing of white ribbons, adverts now on Police Stations and prominent public places.	Putting the message out there that "Its Not OK". Family violence issues are now out in the open, not kept quiet as they once were.	More prosecutions – more offenders seeking help and assistance from various organisations. Many past offenders now prepared to talk about experiences.	TVIN co-ordinator, New Zealand Police Family Violence Squad Other Govt agencies, including Courts, Justice, LDHB, Iwi support, victim support etc.

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CASE STUDIES FOR CRIME PREVENTION, ALCOHOL AND VIOLENCE

LOCK IT OR LOSE IT CAMPAIGN

As a crime preventative measure, and working in tandem with the local Police, the Taupō Safe District Project through the Project Manager – Safe Communities, conducted a survey of the town, lakefront, boat harbour, supermarket car parks, public places and picnic and tourist spots in and around Taupō.

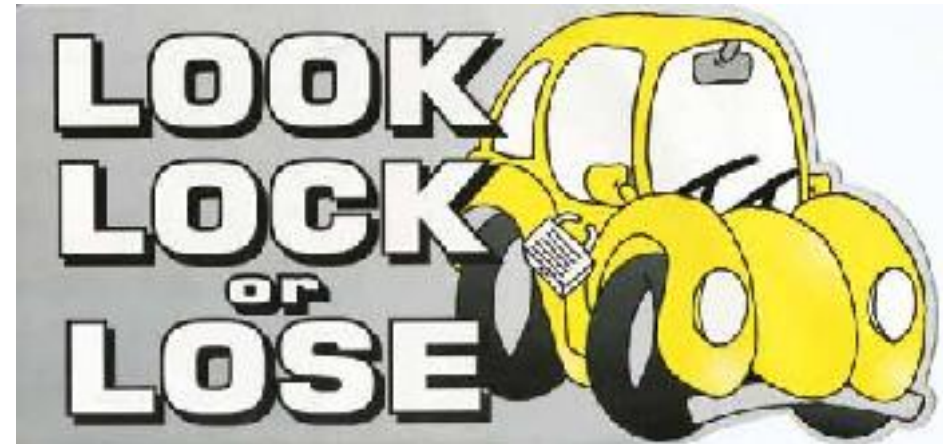
Having identified salient positions, some 80 “Lock it or Lose it” brightly coloured signs were securely fixed to rubbish tins, fences, walls, and posts.

The message was to highlight to the owners and drivers of vehicles parking there to

- Lock the vehicle
- Put valuables out of sight.
- Take care and be aware.

The resulting feedback from residents and visitors alike was one of constructive approval, in that the message was taken as a positive crime prevention reminder, rather than a negative message that the town is deemed to be a crime ridden area, for theft ex cars and unlawful taking of cars.

These signs are in addition to the volunteer personnel who man the kiosks at many of the local tourists attractions in and around Taupō, and convey a strong message to the criminal that their behaviour is not acceptable. Visitors commented to the Taupō Community Ambassadors over the Christmas period that the signs were a good healthy signal that the community cared about the well-being and possessions of their fellow citizens.



22. TAUPŌ TAXIS

A survey of the local taxi companies in Taupō revealed that the Management and Drivers employed were safety conscious in making available a variety of payment methods, and credit facilities for customers to use in settling of fares when using Taxis to travel.

Of main concern was the safety of young women in the early hours of the morning, when after a long night out fraternising the local hotels and restaurants, they need a secure and safe means of travelling from their destination to home. Parents were encouraged to take up the offers of the Taxi Companies to run accounts for their children, using a pin number, or a pre-paid chit service to ensure safe journey home.

Two of the Companies, when questioned, indicated that although the drivers were normally the owners of the particular taxi, they would, to ensure safety, deposit the passenger at their homes, and collect the fare the following day, if the occasion warranted.

News Media publicity from the Project Manager – Safe Communities (Local paper) and Council Newsletters including Town Centre Taupō, put this message out to the parents and people of Taupō. Late shift workers have taken advantage of the systems offered, as have many parents. We received back very positive comments on the service on offer. The only concern now is that at peak times, following the hotels and restaurants closing, there are not enough taxis to service the patrons wanting to use them as means of transport home. This is a different issue, and is being looked at by Town Centre Taupō, The Licensing Accord (Group of Bar and Restaurant Owners) with a view to providing a courtesy van for peak times.



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23. OFF-LICENCE ACCORD

Other WHO accredited Safe Communities have put in place an Off-Licence Accord.

Project Manager – Safe Communities in Taupō attended several meetings of neighbouring TLA's where these are in place.

As result, and despite the Law Commission calling for submissions to present changes of the law to the Government surrounding alcohol and alcohol related harm, Taupō called a meeting of Off Licence Owners in 2009. Well over 70% of owners were present and voted to commence an accord for Off-Licence owners only.

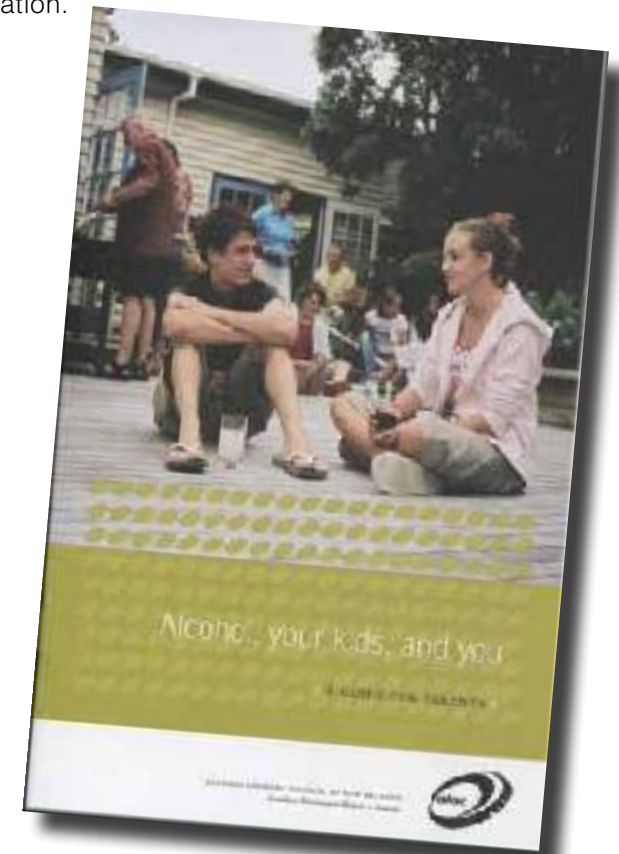
There is in place in Taupō a Licensing Accord, although many of the signatories have changed, the objectives remain, and after any impending law changes, this accord will be re-visited and updated,

The main objective of the Off-Licence Accord was to eliminate the sale and supply of alcohol to minors and persons under-18 years of age. A steering committee has formulated a set of rules and functions of the Accord, designed and introduced a logo, and is in the process of sourcing further funding for supply of coasters, brochures, signs and other projects contemplated.

The very successful South Auckland manufactured DVD's on the effects of alcohol supplied to under 18 year olds, showing fighting, kicking, weapons in alcohol related violence, underage females affected by liquor powerless to stop unwanted attention from males taking advantage of their condition, and the drink/drive/crash scenario by youth, is a powerful tool and is to be offered to the members of the accord one signed up. These play constantly through a Display Unit on the counter by the till, and run for about 45 second each. They are immensely effective, well acted, and dramatic in presentation. The message is loud and clear – Look was happens when you supply or sell alcohol to under 18 year olds..

Collaboration and co-operation between Off-Licence staff is a way of ensuring safety, and preventing injury and alcohol anti social behaviour in our young, so regardless of law changes, on purchase ages, cost, advertising, hours and outlets, continued support of the Off Licence establishments, must have an overall positive outcome for the community.

Police have completed 5 or more under age sting operations in the Town over the past 2 years, and the very small number of outlets who did sell to the obvious underage purchaser, was encouraging, although a nil result would have been ideal. Similar sting operations have been carried out in Turangi, Mangakino and rural off licence establishments within the district. The Police and Off-Licence Owners/Managers/Staff do enjoy a good healthy relationship in the Taupō Safe District, and the "Accord" corroborates and compliments this situation.



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24. ALCOHOL ACTION NZ

This is a group of concerned people throughout New Zealand, led by a Professor Doug Sellman from Christchurch.

He has toured the country over the latter part of 2009 and early 2010, giving addresses on “The 5 + Solution to the national alcohol crisis” and “Ten Things The Alcohol Industry Won’t Tell You About Alcohol”.

His group have encouraged responsible citizens to write submission to the Law Commission; with a view to having the Government change certain laws on Alcohol.

His 5 steps solution includes:

1. Raise Alcohol Prices

- Introduce a minimum price per unit of alcohol (primarily to reduce harmful drinking)
- Increase the current level of exercise tax on alcohol (to compensate for the harm)

2. Raise the purchase age

- Restore the minimum age for purchasing alcohol from any licensed premises to 20

3. Reduce the alcohol accessibility

- Outlets - Return Supermarkets and convenience stores to alcohol-free
- Hours - Restrict opening hours of all off-licences on a nationwide

basis from 10 am to 10 pm

- Restrict on-license premises from selling alcohol after 1am
- Provide for a standing extension to serve alcohol until 3am if the premises operate a one-way door policy, whereby patrons can remain on the premises, but new patrons cannot enter after 1:00am

4. Reduce marketing and advertising

- No alcohol promotion permitted through TV, radio, cinema, billboard or internet advertising.
- No alcohol promotion permitted through sponsorship or cultural or sporting events
- Limited advertising is permitted in printed media, but must be limited to messages that provide information directly related to the product rather than selling values or a lifestyle.
- Marketing of alcohol to youth is explicitly prohibited.

5. Increase drink-driving counter measures

- Lower the BAC limit from 0.08 to 0.05 for those 20 years and over.
- Lower the BAC limit to zero for those under-20 years.
- PLUS Increase treatment opportunities for heavy drinkers.

The Alcohol Action NZ put out regular newsletters and e-mail to members, and Press releases to newspapers, emphasising their point of view, and their most recent thrust is that Alcohol causes Violence and they are to hold a one day seminar in Wellington on the 23 March 2010. Binge or heavy drinking culture is unfortunately a fact of life in our communities and until we can change this, then the example we give to our youth will not alter, and their next generation will follow the leader etc. Taupō Safe District Project endorsed the 5 + Solutions, and the Project Manager – Safe Communities elected spokesman for Taupō, hence the inclusion of this forum as a Case Study.

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Alcohol is a mitigating factor in all silos of safety, injury and crime prevention methodology in place and to be instigated in the Taupō Safe District.

Like many other Cities, Towns and areas, Taupō Safe District Coalition is waiting the outcome of the Law Commission submissions to Government and to evaluate the changes to the law indicated as forthcoming. Once these have been made public, we can then adjust our programmes and initiatives accordingly to incorporate the new law, and set out to implement new projects emphasising the changes as a crime preventative, injury and safety measure where applicable.

We as a responsible, caring and overarching committee are looking forward to the challenge these changes will bring. We are confident that they will impact on the safety, injury and crime statistics, with the ultimate reduction our intended aspiration. No doubt the rest of New Zealand will hold similar views.



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25. GRAFFITI

This form of wilful damage ebbs and flows in the Taupō towns of Turangi, Mangakino and surrounding rural areas. Likewise, Taupō Town, business area and residential properties are targeted infrequently by the taggers.

Far more stringent security measures on Spray Paint Cans, (locking behind mesh grills in most shops), law on selling to minors and school driven education, has seen the incidence of graffiti drop over recent times.

However, there is no complacency, and in fact we have sourced funding to support a Graffiti Removal Project in Turangi, titled “No Tags Turangi” implemented this month.

Community response to graffiti is quick, with offences being reported within 24 hours of tagging, and the Council response is to have it removed off Council Property and Business Premises within 2 days, thus depriving the offender of their notoriety.

A comprehensive, but clear directional section on Graffiti is displayed in the Web Site of the Taupō District Council, including instructions on reporting and removal.

Police response to this anti social crime, has seen a data base set up with photos of tagging and areas tagged, being plotted. Offenders when apprehended are then interviewed and in many incidences, several graffiti offences are cleared up, by admission, and by similarity of handwriting. (The tagger has a built in pride to admire his or her handiwork)

Retail paint shops offer advice on removal of graffiti, and of alternative preventative graffiti resistant paints to customers and public alike.

The Ministry of Justice publication on How to STOP Graffiti Guide, has been well received by Schools as an educational tool. Copies are available to business owners who have a problem with graffiti on their premises. The Neighbourhood Support Group has access to this resource for affected residents.

Prevention of graffiti is seen as the most effective means of eradicating this anti-social crime against society, and publicity on types of protective coatings to buildings, fences etc has been done in our district. We have also sent out messages, via the Master Builders and Certified Builders Association plus Education Department (teachers) advising on security of their felt pens and marking pens. Forestry, logging contractors, and Rural Sectors have had advice on security of spray cans.

Graffiti happens, but certain measures can be taken to reduce this, and in our District, these are implemented, and the relative publicity generated.

Taupō District Council are currently revising the Web Site, re-printing brochures, updating data bases, and in liaison with Police, working on sustainable on-going programmes to reduce if not eliminate graffiti.

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TAKE ACTION AGAINST TAGGING

Graffiti vandalism is a crime. Graffiti vandals, or 'taggers', want recognition. They deface public and private property to get status amongst their peers.

Tagging is not a minor issue. It can change the face of a neighbourhood, lower property values and lead to more serious crimes.

You can do something about graffiti vandalism. Make a commitment to keep your neighbourhood clean, attractive and graffiti-free by

- **protecting** surfaces
- **reporting** tags
- **restoring** surfaces that have been vandalised.

Graffiti vandalism is the act of a person damaging or defacing any building, structure, road, tree, property or other thing by writing, drawing, painting, spraying or etching on it, or otherwise marking it, without lawful authority and without the consent of the occupier or owner.

Summary Offences Act 1981

For more information on how to deal with graffiti vandalism, go to www.taupo.govt.nz or call 0800 ASK TDC (0800 275 832)



PROTECT

You don't want a tagger to see your fence or wall as a blank canvas.

- Grow large plants in front of fences and walls, or plant climbers to cover them and make access difficult
- Use roughcast materials
- Paint surfaces in dark colours
- Improve lighting close to any structure that might be a target
- Talk to your local paint distributor about anti-graffiti products

REPORT

A graffiti vandal can be fined and/or required to do some community work.

- Call 111 if you see someone tagging
- Take a photo of the damage – the tag is like a signature and may help police identify the vandal
- Contact the police if you have any information about taggers
 - Taupo 378 6060
 - Turangi 386 7709
 - Mangakino 882 9070

RESTORE

Show taggers that you value your neighbourhood and will not put up with vandalism.

- Get rid of any tags as soon as you can. A tagged structure attracts other tags.
- Talk to a supplier about removal products. What you use depends on what the vandals have used, and what the fence/wall is made of.

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26. TAUPŌ VIOLENCE INTERVENTION NETWORK

Led by a coordinator, who was herself a victim of family violence, this ongoing and sustainable programme in Taupō, with branches in Turangi and Mangakino, is probably one of our strongest and active projects.

Monthly meetings are very well attended, where guest speakers from a variety of different organisations address the group and discuss various projects being undertaken in the district, as we move forward in unison implementing numerous initiatives to address family violence.

The Police have recognised the seriousness of this crime and appointed a full time Detective Sergeant to run the Family Violence Squad at Taupō, and seconded a 2nd Constable to assist.

A change in attitude and reporting of Family Violence as a crime, rather than treating it as a minor offence of “domestic” has seen the number of reported offences rise dramatically over the last 24 months. However this is to be seen as a positive, in that Police Practise now is to attend all complaints of family violence, no matter how trivial, and where applicable either the offender, or victim, or children are removed from the property, thus alleviating the obvious continuance of assault, once Police had left.

The “It’s Not OK” project on Family Violence has been very well received within the community, and Police Stations in our district now have a large banner displaying this, affixed to the front of their buildings.

A Taupō Community Support Card is available setting out services available to victims of family violence, be it physical assault or intimidation, emotional, bullying, or threatening behaviour. It also has messages of support including “Remember – you are not alone” and definitions of domestic violence, and contact numbers. These are left at incidents attended by the Police.

A further tool is the DVD produced “Family Violence” It’s your business” A Workplace Tool”. This is very powerful in messaging the facts of family violence and a valuable guide to employees as well as individual victims.

We have had public meetings addressed by former Gang Members, Vic Tamati and Jude Simpson, and from children who have themselves been witnesses and victims, plus visits from the ‘Super Māori Fullas’ (a group of 4 Māori men riding around the country, spreading the word on family violence Not OK – talking from experience,)

A Book entitled “Its time we started telling these stories” has been produced and is in the Libraries in our district, and is but one further tool of getting the story out into the public that domestic violence is no longer the hush up don’t say anything type incident that was not spoken about, but very evident in society.

“How can I tell” - Recognising when a child or family needs help – Booklet was released in 2009, and distributed by the TSDPP to all Schools, Medical Centre Waiting Rooms, Doctors Surgeries in our District. A very practical book on advice and signs to look for in determining child abuse and family violence, and well received in the Communities.

Recently the Brainwave Trust has given a series of lectures in Taupō, Turangi and Mangakino on the effects of shaking a baby, and a campaign is currently underway with publicity, publically displayed brochures, new media releases on this very topical issue of infant mortality and serious brain injury.

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A national web site for family violence www.areyouok.org.nz put out a two page publication on recent statistics.

RECENT STATISTICS (NATIONAL)

- Nearly half of all homicides in New Zealand are family violence
- There were 44 family violence homicides in New Zealand in 2008 (includes murder, manslaughter and attempted murder)
- On average 14 women, 6 men and 10 children are killed by a member of their family every year.

POLICE STATISTICS

- Police recorded 86,545 family violence incidents and offences in 2008.
- Police are called to around 200 family violence situations a day – one every 7 minutes
- Police estimate only 18% of family violence incidents are reported – (This is improving)
- Half of all violent crime in New Zealand is family violence. In 2008 this was
 - 42% of kidnappings and abductions
 - 44% of grievous assaults
 - 64% of serious assaults
- At least 74,785 children and young people aged under-17 were present at family violence situations attended by the Police.
- 84% of those arrested for family violence are men; 16% are woman.

CHILD ABUSE

- About 10 children are killed every year in New Zealand by member(s) of their own family
- Child Youth and Family received 49063 reports of abuse that required further action in 2006
- Around 1 in 4 girls and 1 in 10 boys in New Zealand have experienced sexual abuse

PARTNER ABUSE

- 1 in 3 woman experienced physical or sexual violence from a partner in their lifetime

- (WHO study in Auckland and Waikato)
- 14% of men reported being assaulted by a partner in their lifetime (NZ Crime & Safety Survey in 2006)
- Women's Refuge received around 50,000 crisis calls in 2007/08, and provided services to 11,295 woman and 6,996 children,
- 85% of sexual violence in committed by someone known to the victim.

HOSPITAL STATISTICS

- 523 woman and 53 men were admitted to hospital in 2006 due to assault or abuse by their partner.
- 239 children under 15 were admitted to hospital in 2006 due to assault, abuse or neglect.
- 156 people over 65 years old were admitted to hospital in 2006 due to assault, abuse or neglect.

WHANAU VIOLENCE STATISTICS

- Half of all children killed by caregivers are Māori.
- Seven times more young Māori woman and four times more Māori children are hospitalised from assault compared to pakeha woman and children.
- 49% of Māori woman experienced partner abuse at some time of their life, compared to 24% of pakeha and 23% of pacifica women.

COURT STATISTICS

- There were 4511 applications for protection orders in 2007
- Each day the Courts deal with around 21 Prosecutions of assault on women by men.
- There were 863 prosecution for assault on a child and a further 96 prosecutions for cruelty to children in 2008

ECONOMIC COST

The economic cost of family violence was estimated at \$1.2 to \$5.8 Billion per year by economist Suzanne Snively in 1994. In today's figures that would rise to over \$8 billion.

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There are numerous websites available to victims and families of domestic violence and we work closely with Māori and other ethnicities in this community, in relation to this.

Family Violence happens, and it is our Taupō Safe District Project Plan's goal to reduce this. We work in collaboration with the Taupō Violence Intervention Network, supporting and introducing measures in addressing the issues. A very worthwhile project accepted in the community with pride and active participation.

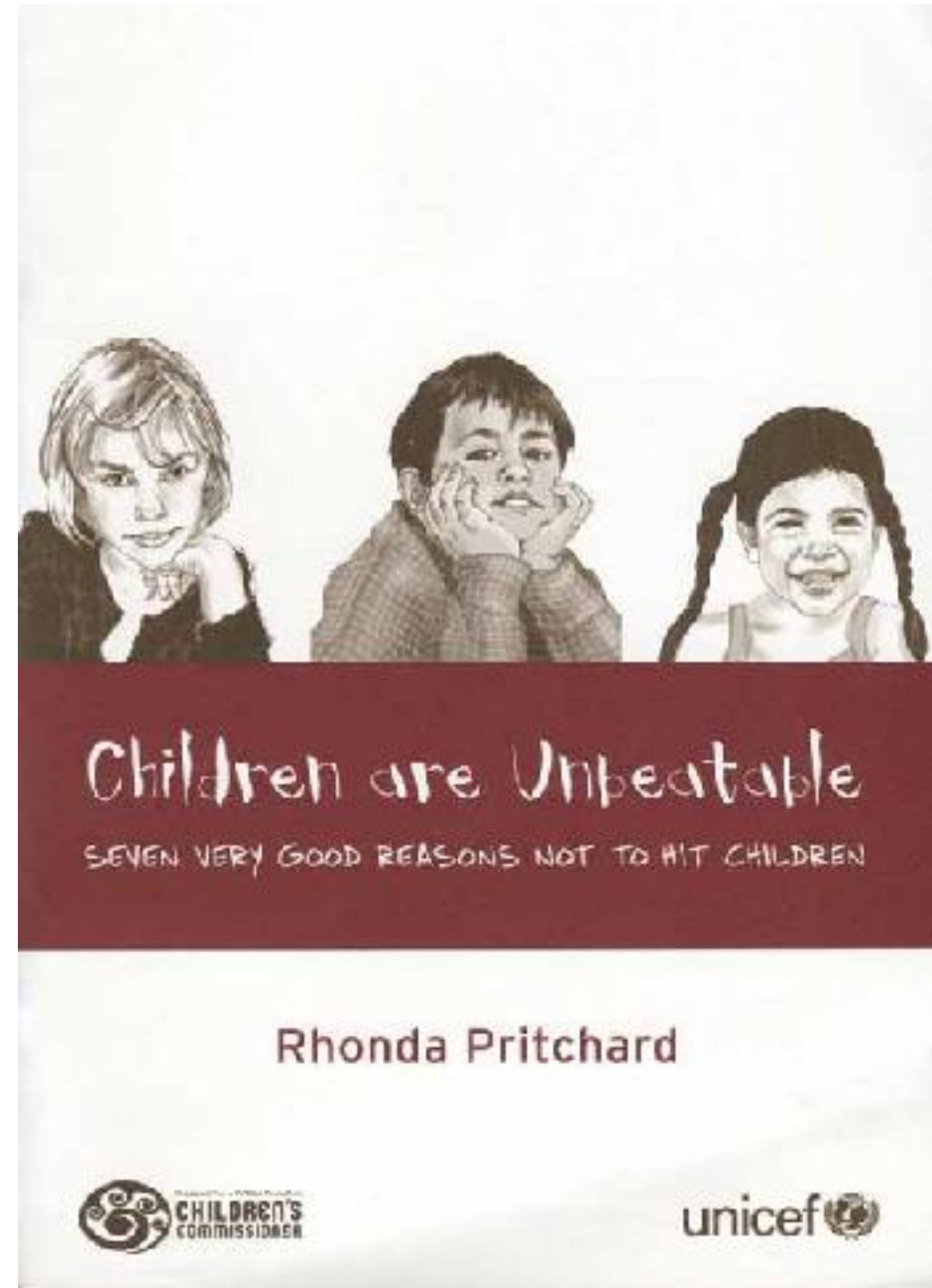
27. WHITE RIBBON DAY

Following on with Family Violence initiatives, the Taupō Violence Intervention Network delegated the Men's Support Group in Taupō to organise and put on a Breakfast outside Whitcoulls in Taupō in recognition of "White Ribbon Day".

Some 50 plus men from all walks of life, including many Police, Fire Service, Council employees and retailers, each wearing a white ribbon as recognition of support in condoning and reducing family violence, were supplied with a scrumptious breakfast, and a coin collection held to raise funds for anti family violence projects.

The co-ordinator of TVIN in reporting back to her group was most appreciative of the turn out of men, indicating that the message was getting out that domestic/family violence was not being accepted by the community and that attendees were in total support of initiatives introduced to combat this crime.

Whilst this was a "one-off" project, the number of men attending was encouraging, and showed the support that preventative measures and reporting of family violence is gaining momentum.



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PROGRAMMES FOR SAFER COMMUNITIES

Programme Name & Supplier	What it addresses	Population it targets	Length of operation	Reach of programme	Results	Partners
TAUPŌ COUNCIL OF SOCIAL SERVICES Co-ordinator	All aspects of volunteer groups and organizations	All ages	All year	Meeting monthly for sharing of concerns, ideas, methodology, actions, new innovations, projects, initiatives, and successes.	Collaboration, and sharing has given community an overarching feeling of caring, healthy living and safety.	See List in main body of Criteria 1.
TURANGI/ TONGARIRO SAFER COMMUNITY COUNCIL Committee	Safety issues, graffiti, youth activity, alcohol, town centre security, vehicle movement,	The social fabric of the community of Turangi and surrounding rural area.	Ongoing	As with the Taupō Council of Social Services, Turangi meets its own challenges, involving youth, alcohol, driving, crime, social activities, and general wellbeing of residents,	Anti graffiti removal team set up, blue light and Police Youth Aid Section encouraging social activities in the town. Health and Welfare groups in close liaison with all services in this community.	Police, Security Firms, TDC, Retail shop owners, Volunteer community groups
MANGAKINO SAFER COMMUNITY GROUP Committee	Graffiti, youth, alcohol issues, security of town centre, social issues	All of Mangakino and surrounding rural area including Whakamaru.	Ongoing	Meeting bi monthly to address issues of the day, youth workers, after school programmes for youth, unemployment, and crime	With advent of youth workers, young people of Mangakino are being directed into sport, activities away from crime	Police, Youth Workers, ACC Health workers, TDC staff and volunteer groups.
TAUPŌ SAFER COMMUNITY TRUST Trustees	Crime Prevention Activities in Taupō Town Centre	Visitors, Residents and local retail shop owners	Commenced in 2008 and ongoing,.	Addressing issues of anti social and alcohol influenced behaviour, installation of security cameras in the CBD, issue of Mountain Bike and Segways for Police, Security Lighting	Cameras are identifying trouble makers and Police able to prevent anti social behaviour and violence. Bikes give Police more mobility to integrate with community.	TDC Staff, Security Firms, New Zealand Police, Town Centre Taupō, Retail shop owners, Restaurant and Bar Owners/Managers.
TAUPŌ COMMUNITY AMBASSADORS Taupō Safe District Project	Safety, Injury and crime prevention methodology in Taupō Town Centre	All residents, visitors, and retail shop owners, staff in the CBD	Dec 20 2009 to Feb 6 2010.	High Viz Uniform, Hats, and vests gave the volunteer ambassadors a safety, caring presence in the CBD.	Numerous contacts made with visitors and residents alike, greatly appreciated as information, ambassadorial role presence	TDC – Project Manager – Safe Communities, Co-ordinator Neil Peterson (Retired Sgt. of Police from Taupō)

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CASE STUDIES FOR SAFER COMMUNITIES

28. TAUPŌ COUNCIL OF SOCIAL SERVICES

This very worthwhile organisation is reported on in full in Criteria 1, but singled out for inclusion in Criteria 2 as an ongoing and sustainable example of programmes, groups, initiatives, and programmes that are in use in the communities of Taupō Turangi and Mangakino.

TCOSS thrives on being current on all applications, projects and programmes, run by its member organisations. The overarching of collaboration and co-operation between the differing and various groups within TCOSS benefits the community as a whole, regardless of where the individual project, initiative or programme sits within the gambits of Injury, Safety and Crime Prevention.

A very dedicated co-ordinator ensures up to date publicity on forthcoming events, seminars, conferences, is conveyed to intended attendees, and by working in the same building as many of the groups in TCOSS, word of mouth, and close association augers for speedy implementation of what has to be done. Taupō is very fortunate to have this group. Of course the individual members attend where applicable the Turangi and Mangakino Safer Community Council/Committee meetings, again offering their support to the matter at hand.

29. TURANGI/TONGARIRO SAFER COMMUNITY COUNCIL & MANGAKINO SAFER COMMUNITY GROUP

These two committees service the two townships in our district. Membership is made up of council employees, including a Taupō District Councillor on each committee. Also attending are representatives of social and government departments, each with agendas for their respective communities.

From these bi-monthly meetings arise issues concerning the welfare, safety and health of the residents.

Projects are formulated and put into practice, an example being Security Cameras in Turangi and the setting up of a graffiti removal team. In Mangakino emphasis is on youth, and they have employed a full time youth worker to assist with children with projects after school, thus steering the children away from tagging, and anti social behaviour.

Again of concern in these two communities are the effects of alcohol on youth, and the setting up of projects to keep youth off the streets (work in progress).

Because of the large number of Māori living in these areas, Social Service Groups including Public Health, Tūwharetoa Health and Social Services, etc are very active in supporting their locals and ensuring safety and injury prevention projects are endorsed.

The Taupō Safe District Project embraces these two organisations and assists in the setting up of initiatives to reduce injury from alcohol and drugs, blue light activities in association with local Police, cycle helmet use, clean up projects, and giving the youth a sense of responsibility and choice.

Elderly in these towns are likewise catered for by use of these committees, and community spirit fostered by combined activities.

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30. TAUPŌ SAFER COMMUNITY TRUST

Reported on in full in Criteria 1, this Trust is tasked with crime prevention methodology in the central business area of Taupō town.

To date they have been successful in increasing the number and quality of the security cameras in and around the town, boat harbour and lake front.

They have sourced two Segways for use by Police and two Mountain Bikes, thus giving the Police the opportunity to integrate with the community they serve.

The Trust has been used as a vehicle for the sourcing of funding for the very successful Taupō Community Ambassadors Programme run from 20 December 2009 to 6 February 2010, and planned to be ongoing.

Trust members are on the combined committees looking at Alcohol, The Accords, and the anti-social behaviour this drug brings to the town.

They are engaged in crime prevention methodology through environmental design projects and the Taupō Urban, Commercial and Industrial Structure Plan (Copy attached as appendix) concentrating on the alleyways, pedestrian safety, and visibility, giving a better understanding to safety and injury prevention. With correct design, lighting, foliage, and construction material, comes a sense of pride, ownership, leading to a downturn in crime thus fulfilling goals of the Taupō Safe District Project Plan.

The structure plan incorporates the opportunities to create a safer, crime free community and central business area in keeping with the objectives of the Trust.



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31. TAUPŌ COMMUNITY AMBASSADORS

In line with Walkwise Project in Wellington, The Porirua Community Guardians and Christchurch Safety officers, the Taupō Safe District Project – through Project Manager – Safe Communities conducted a survey and research into the feasibility of committing funding to a similar type operation here in Taupō.

Funding applications were declined by the Taupō District Council and ALAC. However in late 2009, using the Taupō Safer Community Trust as the vehicle, we were able to obtain funding from The Craters of the Moon Charitable Trust (Taupō).

Retired Sergeant of Police at Taupō, Neil Peterson was recruited to be the co-ordinator working on recruiting volunteers for the project and scoped with finding uniforms, setting up a job description, vetting applicants, and monitoring of rosters.

From 24 December 2009 to 6 February 2010 a total of 8 volunteer ambassadors were deployed in the Central Business Area of Taupō, plus the Boat Harbour, and Lake Front.

Wearing a distinctive high-visibility blue shirt, and reflected vest with the name “Taupō Community Ambassadors” emblazoned on the back, plus plenty of sun screen and a large straw hat, these worthy citizens patrolled the town from a base at the Public Library.

Their task was basically one of being extra eyes and ears for increased security, assisting members of the public, visitors and residents alike, giving directions to tourist attractions, and in general answering any questions directed to them.

Each ambassador was subject to Police scrutiny, had received OSH training, and conformed with employer/employee paper work from the Taupō District Council.



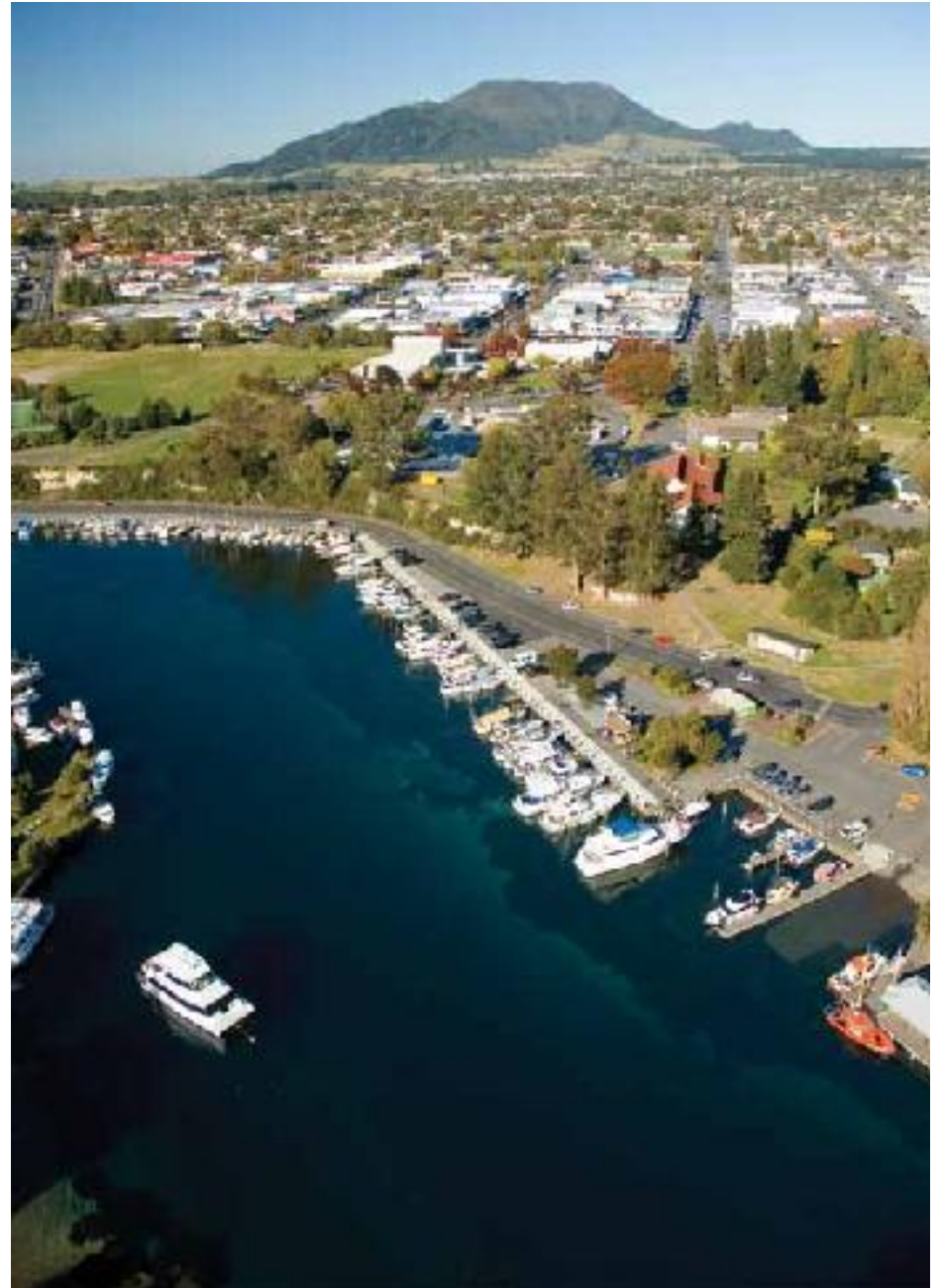
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In the short eight week period, statistics showed that they had spoken with over 400 people, giving advice on all sorts of questions from whereabouts of toilets, banks, restaurants, doctor's rooms, petrol stations, to discussions on camping facilities for motor vans, festival activities, upcoming events, etc. They were responsible for stopping a serious car accident by stepping out onto the road and signalling traffic after Police vehicles travelling at speed, with sirens and lights flashing had been completely ignored by an older driver. They extinguished a fire, assisted Police with identifying possible offenders, and developed a good rapport with retailers, restaurant owners etc.

In essence they were very good ambassadors for the town of Taupō and comments heard were very positive, visitors and residents welcoming the concept of the ambassadors, who were patrolling in pairs, phone and notebook ready, satchel full of maps, things to do brochures, the ever ready smile, courteous reply and professional approach and appearance. They really stood out and made a difference.

At a closing function the Mayor of Taupō presented each ambassador with a framed Certificate of Appreciation for services rendered to the community.

The Trusts involved were more than ready to further their contribution, and evaluation revealed that there is a need and use for these Ambassadors throughout the year, at busy weekends, and big events, and as we gear up to next Xmas Festive Season, we will advertise for more volunteers to further promote the Safety, Injury and Crime Prevention aspect of this project. We would look at utilizing more volunteers for shorter patrol periods, but covering more hours.



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PROGRAMMES FOR SELF HARM AND OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY

Programme Name & Supplier	What it addresses	Population it targets	Length of operation	Reach of programme	Results	Partners
SUICIDE PREVENTION INFORMATION NEW ZEALAND	Suicide Prevention	All ages, genders, ethnicity	Ongoing	Into the community by advising of the various agencies who can assist persons with depression and relatives and friends.	Hard to evaluate. Conferences on this subject are seldom successful. It remains to advise and show links to web sites for affected people.	SPINZ LDHB BOPDHB – Police, Acc and other social agencies...
HEALTH & SAFETY TDC, ACC SAFETY OFFICER	Health and Safety in workplace	All employees and employers	Seminars x 6 monthly	Invitation to attend, guest speakers on variety of health and safety issues aimed at reducing workplace injury	Held at Taupō. Rotorua, Hamilton and Tauranga – same speakers – well attended by cross section of workforce	All responsible employers, staff,

CASE STUDIES OF PROGRAMMES FOR SELF HARM AND OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY

32. SUICIDE PREVENTION

Suicide prevention by reason of the very subject is a sensitive and sometimes difficult project to be implementing.

The Lakes District Health Board incorporating our area, have appointed Wiremu Keepa as the Suicide Prevention Co-ordinator for the Lakes District. He is one of five DHB to have a co-ordinator appointed. This is a pilot plan, funded for two years. The evaluation at completion will determine if this Suicide Prevention Co-ordinators will be rolled out to the other 16 DHB.

The Ministry of Health NZ Suicide Prevention Action Plan 2008-2012 (in appendix) lists 5 goals:

- Promote mental health and wellbeing, and prevent mental health problems.
- Improve the care of people who are experiencing mental disorder associated with suicidal behaviour.
- Improve the care of people who make non-fatal suicide attempts.
- Reduce access to the means of suicide.
- Promote safe reporting and portrayal of suicidal behaviour by the media.

In 2008 the Lakes District Health Board produced a Suicide Prevention Needs Analysis Report. This has now been followed up with the Action Plan 2009-2012. Terms of reference Suicide Prevention – Inter Agency Steering Group (IASG) (all attached as appendix)

The coordinator is to address selected inter agency personnel in near future.



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His focus will be on setting up the right people to address and commit the plan to practice. He has to report back to the Ministry by November 2010, so time is of the essence and activity imminent. Our district will be involved in this process and ongoing programmes will form part of the re-application process for re-accreditation in 2015.

In September 2009 part of a SCFNZ workshop held in Auckland, included an address from Merryn Stratham Director of SPINZ. This was on the QPR training course on suicide prevention.

A Seminar on Suicide Prevention is to be held in Rotorua on the 30 March 2010, where the action plan will be outlined.

Meantime work is in progress.

33. HEALTH AND SAFETY

TDC Health & Safety

Taupō District Council (TDC) operates under the ACC Workplace Safety Management Practices program. TDC is currently accredited with Secondary Level.

The value of Health and Safety to Council is that:

“We will Endeavour to ensure the environment in which we work is safe for ALL (Community, Contractors, Family, Friends, Neighbours, Visitors, Workmates) so that we ALL can return home without injury each day”

This is achieved through:

- Training & Education
- Encouraging innovation
- ID hazards & establish controls
- Use the right equipment for the job
- By taking ownership
- Monitoring & Review

How Taupō District Council implements the “value” of Health & Safety.

Our aim is to reduce injury, accidents and property damage by:

- Ensuring that training/education requirements are identified
- Ensuring that appropriate training/education and refresher training/education is conducted
- Encouraging hazard control through innovation
- Encouraging reporting of accidents and near misses
- Applying hazard controls to those identified hazards
- Identifying/purchasing the correct equipment for the job
- Staff and contractors taking ownership of their working environment
- Applying robust systems to monitor and review our work environment.

Training & Education

Taupō District Council is committed to ensuring that its activities are carried out in a manner that protects its employees, clients, contractors and members of the public from harm to health and property at all times, and shall ensure that all statutory requirements, accepted work standards and its own safety standards are complied with. To this end Taupō District Council will establish healthy and safe working practices and conditions, define and promote safe work procedures, and provide training and supervision to maintain the highest standards. Councils training policy identifies the training requirements for each role and prioritises training and education of staff. Refresher training is also programmed and conducted.

Hazard Management

Taupō District Council has implemented a system called “Workplace Safety Awards”. Workplace Safety Awards is a reward based system through the recognition of achievement for reporting hazards in the workplace and

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innovation. There have been many reward based systems that have failed because they have rewarded for low or nil accident reports. This only encourages non reporting of accidents which of course leads to more problems in the workplace and increases the potential for serious harm. Workplace Safety Awards is designed to act as a catalyst to encourage reporting of hazards, solve problems through innovation, develop behaviours, attitudes, values and beliefs with an aim of reducing the potential for injury, illness and property damage.

Workplace Safety Awards generates a move toward a positive safe and healthy culture (World Class) through developing staff behaviours to take ownership and be proud of their working environment through hazard management. This in turn, improves the work places and public places around Council and the District. The intent is to encourage staff, to come to work with a positive outlook toward work and with a view that Taupō District Council as a whole, considers everyone to be a valuable asset, and that everyone will ensure, to the best of their ability, that they will look out for each other.

Workplace Safety Awards provides recognition of individuals and sections that have been proactive in Health and Safety. The criteria for awards are through accident/near miss reporting, innovation, hazard management, and participation/input at regular team meetings.

Contractor Management

In pursuing continual improvement in health & safety the Taupō District Council requires a standard of health & safety management for contractors providing services to the council. A comprehensive health & safety package is available for contractors who are conducting major works or day-to-day maintenance.

Contractors conducting regular works are assessed on their health and safety practices. On completion they may be eligible for inclusion (for a two year period) on the “Approved Contractors Register”. Taupō District Council is willing to provide assistance and advice to contractors who wish to achieve a standard in health & safety. Contractors are aware that contracts are monitored and reviewed. Failure to maintain good health and

safety practices may mean the removal from the register and the ability for Taupō District Council to recommend them for future work.

Community Projects

Taupō District council has been proactive in promoting aspects of health & safety by working with various groups to involve the local community; these include working with ACC, DHB, DoL, Sitesafe and other Councils.

Council has been actively involved in the organisation and support of the Safety Seminar Road shows which have invited the community, local businesses and contractors to participate. The seminars include professional speakers and workshops promoting health and safety related material. The seminars are now being held in Taupō, Rotorua, Tauranga and Hamilton. The Project Manager – Safe Communities assists in the setting up and running of these seminars, which have been well received and the subject of positive feedback as to content and quality of presenters.

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NZ FIRE SAFETY PROGRAMMES

Programme Name & Supplier	What it addresses	Population it targets	Length of operation	Reach of programme	Results	Partners
Be Firewise NZ Fire Service	Fire Safety Messages Years 1 & 2 Years 7 & 8 and Pre-School	Various programmes aimed at differing ages of community from pre school to youth, to teenager	This is an ongoing fire prevention strategy	Need of people to react in fire situations What to do and what not to do.	Examples of youth alerting parents to the need to react. Safety Inspections.	NZ Fire Service
Kitchen Fire Safety NZ Fire Service	No 1 Danger – Targets everyone	Children – Teenagers and adults and elderly	Ongoing	30 minute programme using mobile demonstrator – used a sporting and social venues and gatherings	Very forceful and impactful - gets the message out there.	NZ Fire Service, Communities
Fire Smart NZ Fire Service	Preventing our communities from Interface Fires – tells people how to develop fire prevention plans through five step process	All environments suburbs, farms, rural towns and commercial area	Ongoing	Fire safety awareness	Increased safety for people, homes and business. Increased public awareness of fire service roles, and improved protections for natural resources	Property owners, residents, Rural Fire authorities, TLAs utility companies, designers, developers and builders.
Fire Awareness Intervention Programme NZ Fire Service	Unsafe fire play in juvenile and at risk adults.	2-18 years of age and families	Ongoing nationally for a number of years	Based on consequences, awareness and education delivered in the home by fire-fighters	Reduction of incidence and consequences. Making at risk safer in the homes.	Community

No case studies as programmes are self explanatory



CRITERIA 3

Programmes that target high-risk groups and environments and programmes that promote safety for vulnerable groups

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Taupō District has in place a vast number of safety and injury preventative initiatives.

These are in general aimed at the high-risk groups and include:

- Children, not restrained in motor vehicles and at risk as pedestrians
- People with poor mobility
- Older adults at risk of falls (65 years and over)
- Vulnerable families (family violence)
- Youth
- Lower socio-economic residential areas of Taupō, Turangi and Mangakino
- State Highway 1 traversing the district (Fatal accidents and crashes)
- Lake Taupō and Waikato River and other water users
- Alcohol related harm and behaviour including drink/driving
- Rural safety (Logging/farm/hunting/mountains)
- Areas of risk – home, playgrounds, workplace and sports fields.

Analysis of data sourced from New Zealand Police Crime Statistics, NZ Health Information Services (NZHIS) Accident Compensation Corporation (ACC) Injury Prevention Information Centre (IPIC) Ministry of Transport, and other data holding agencies indicate that the following are the highest at risk groups and environments in the Taupō District.

Injury and Safety Prevention	-	Falls in elderly
	-	Safety of Children
Road Safety	-	Driving, Crashes, SH1
	-	Drink Driving
Crime/Violence Prevention	-	Violence, alcohol related harm and behaviour
	-	Home, work and sport

Injury and Safety Prevention

- Elderly Falls Prevention (Tai Chi)
- Kidz n Cars Safety Programmes
- Boat Harbour, Lake and River Safety Programmes
- Think Smart, Think Safe Sports injury prevention for youth and adults - sports shop
- ACC Work place Safety Seminars

Road Safety

- Driving Programmes for youth and elderly'
- Driving is the Riskiest Thing That You Do – New initiative for SH 1 crashes and accidents

Crime/Violence Prevention

- Family Start aimed at "At risk" families as result of family violence
- New Zealand Police Family Violence Unit
- Liquor Bans and Accords

A random selection of programmes under this criteria are listed as case studies under the heading Safety Promotion Programmes and other identifiable programmes follow in table headed miscellaneous but no case studies.

As with Criteria 2 there are many programmes in place which would adequately fit within the gambits of this criteria, and the fact that they are not itemised or expanded upon, is not a reflection of their status, equally important in our quest for reducing injury and crime and making the Taupō District a safer area.

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A random summary of such initiatives would encompass the following:

- High-risk industry groups generate high ACC claim rates and high costs, particularly the residential care and construction sectors, timber related industries within the district, such as logging, log transportation on the road, the various saw mills, plus ongoing road maintenance and construction including the new Eastern Arterial Route.
- Taupō District Council Health and Safety Officer and the Labour Department, plus ACC and business leaders in the community implement and facilitate industry seminars, forums and conferences plus normal health and safety ongoing training.
- SafeKids Taupō has worked on a number of safety themes over recent years in the district including burns prevention, cutting and piercing injury prevention, poisoning prevention, child car restraints, water safety, pedestrian and cycle safety.
- We are part of the Lakes District Health Board and sit within the parameters of the Suicide Prevention Needs Analysis report of 2008 and the Action Plan of 2009. We also adhere to the criteria issued by SPINZ in their action place of 2008-2012. (Copies in Appendices)
- Water safety is of vital importance in our area – confidence, ability to swim, knowledge of inherent dangers of lake and rivers, including recreational and competitive use of same. (See Case Study No 39 on Boat Harbour, Lake and River Safety)
- Home safety is important in this district with the high risk of falls, slips and trips. ACC regularly promotes seminars, media releases, and safety tips aimed at preventing home injuries throughout our towns and district.



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Ladder safety information is obtainable at point of retail sale, and regular ACC publications on all types of injury prevention, including radio and press are a feature of their concerted drive to bring down the injury, and accidents.

Road Safety is paramount hence the Case Study of “Driving is the Riskiest thing you do”.

However, we need to couple this with ongoing campaigns relating to speed, keeping left, fatigue, intersections, alcohol related driving, school awareness, cycle and pedestrian initiatives, all aimed at the high-risk groups and encompassing children, youth and adults of both genders.

TSDPP works in collaboration with our neighbouring councils. New Zealand Police, ACC, LDHB, NZ Fire Service, St John Ambulance and combined Road Safety Committees to address all these issues. With State Highway 1 traversing the district from north to south, we have a higher than national average of fatal and serious crashes, so monitoring, programmes, and initiatives are vitally important in our efforts to reduce these trends.

Alcohol is a common and predominant adverse feature in a high percentage of accident and injury causation, and there are many programmes in place in our district to stem this abysmal national failure in society. Family Violence Intervention Network, Alcohol Bans, Alcohol Accords, Security Cameras in the Central Business District, Police Breathalyser Operations, Government Departments and social service organisation programmes are at present trying to stem the Booze Binge Culture our Society has emulated. Hopefully the NZ Law Commission's submission to government this year will result in changes to the law, in the areas of purchasing age, price, advertising, outlets, and hours, and that this will help reduce the harm that this drug is causing, and in turn reduce the number of falls, accidents, crashes and injuries alcohol impaired people suffer.

The following tables outline some of the programmes that have been instigated or in place in our District and deal with the areas pertinent to this criteria. These are the subjects of Case Studies in Criteria 2 and 3



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Media Release

23 December 2009



Don't let alcohol ruin your Christmas presence
Taupo residents and visitors will be getting a blunt reminder over the next few days that drinking and driving don't mix.

Taupo District Council, in conjunction with Taupo Police, will be running a road safety campaign focusing on preventing crashes which occur as a result of drink driving. Alcohol is seen as a major contributing factor to the fatal and serious crashes in the Taupo District.

80 people have died on Taupo District roads since January this year, with two of the dead accounting for road deaths.

With messages like "Don't ruin your Christmas presence", "Be home for Christmas" and "It needs you", the campaign is intended to strike a personal note at a time of year when social gatherings are most frequent.

Sergeant Timmins, Assistant Area Commander for Central Lakes Five, supports the campaign. He says it's simply a case of don't drink AND drive, but rather drink OR drive. "If you will live to see another Christmas. Merry Christmas everyone and safe driving."

Taupo District Council Road Safety Co-ordinator Christine Hutchison says that road safety these days is a shared responsibility. "The idea is simple, plan your celebration, ensure a safe ride home and look after your family and friends."

The campaign will run through December and early January 2010.

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Media Release

13 October 2009



Drivers take care around schools

The school holidays are over and kids throughout Taupo headed back to school last week. Taupo District Council want to remind motorists to drive with caution around schools, and to be aware of active warning signs.

Media Release

15 July 2009



Keep left message to continue

Operation Centreline, a road safety campaign designed to remind drivers of the consequences of crossing the centreline, has been rolled out again.

The campaign slogan "Keep Left: I am on the line" urges drivers to stay in their own lane. The campaign was first launched in September last year as a joint venture with Taupo District Council and South Waikato District Council.

Taupo District Council has decided to continue with the campaign after the last year's run appeared to have an immediate impact on drivers.

The original campaign was a response to statistics that suggest that more than half of all road crashes occur when drivers cross the centreline, so it has been rolled out again within the Taupo District as a reminder to drivers about the consequences of such actions. The main factors causing drivers to cross the centre line are believed to be inattention, fatigue, not driving to the conditions, and speed.

"As soon as drivers cross the centreline they are placing themselves and others at risk of serious or fatal injuries. We will be targeting people who are not keeping left, or driving within their lane, as these actions lead to injury and fatal crashes," says Senior Sergeant Mark Troy of the Taupo Police.

The campaign once again includes newspaper and radio advertising, and signs and billboards in and around the Taupo district, including some new additions in Tairāwhiti and Māngahau. Also look out for the Keep Left, centreline.

Operation Centreline will continue to run until the end of this month.

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and if necessary road were activated again for children when passing schools in morning and afternoon when the children are at school.

Christine Hutchison says there has been some work with their flashing lights, provides an extra level of required to slow to 40km/hr, we can only hope signs."

schools when the signs clearly have the 40 speed limit is in operation. "Taupo District Council is in the near future along with more active warning signs on the road and not just around schools as they

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SAFETY PROMOTION PROGRAMMES

Programme Name & Supplier	What it addresses	Population it targets	Length of operation	Reach of programme	Results	Partners
DRIVING PROGRAMMES Police, Age Concern Road Safety Committee	Driving ability of youth and elderly on our roads in the district.	Young and old Learner Licences and Over 80 licences.	Ongoing.	Aimed at teaching youth and elderly defensive driving skills and safe practises.	More confidence by applicants, thus reducing likelihood of crashes.	Reap, Age Concern, New Zealand Police, Land Transport.
DRIVING IS THE RISKIEST THING YOU DO Road Safety Committee	Speed, Driver Distraction, Drugs and Alcohol, Restraints, Driver Fatigue, HMV restraints, Visibility	All drivers all types of road vehicles in the district	2009-2010	Aimed at bringing awareness to causes of crashes on road in the district.	Projects around the salient risk areas will be put in place during 2010, Billboard, Advertising Evaluation aiming to reduce crashes by education of causes	New Zealand Police Taupō and South Waikato District Council Road Safety Committees
FAMILY START	is an intensive home visiting service for families/whanau with newborn babies where difficulty and destructive life habits have potential to impact negatively on the life chances of the children in their care, including risk of intentional and unintentional injury.	Infants and their families identified at risk.	Families are enrolled for 18 months.	In 2009 Family Start is contracted to deal with 82 but working and providing service to between 92-100 families at anyone time and this includes Children in this district.	This organisation combined with Strengthening Families and Pregnancy Help offer a highly valued service to families and children in the Taupō District.	MSD, Child Youth and Families, MOH, LDHB.
LIQUOR BANS TDC and Police	Drinking or open alcohol bottles/cans in designated areas to reduce anti social behaviour and alcohol related injury	Under age and youth drinkers	24/7 hour ban in central business area. district over the xmas period. Extended to beaches, picnic areas, lake front, boat harbour, and other public places.	To prevent alcohol fuelled people gathering and the propensity for violence, wilful damage, and other crime, and to prevent injury and promote safety.	Police report dramatic drop in alcohol fuelled violence, behaviour, less injury and safer areas for residents and visitors alike.	TDC, Turangi, Mangakino Safer Committees, TSDPP, New Zealand Police
BOAT HARBOUR, LAKE AND RIVER SAFETY	Safety of residents and visitors in the rivers and lakes in the district. Fishing swimming or boating.	All users of Lake Taupō, the rivers and beaches in the district.	Ongoing but emphasis on holiday period	Boat owners and users, water skiing, Motorised surf skis, pleasure and chartered motor craft users and owners, swimmers, leisure and commercial boats, sailing boats and fishermen.	Drowning is down, but boat accidents and skiing accidents	Harbour Master DOI. Police, TDC, owners of boats, residents and visitors.
ACC WORKPLACE SAFETY SEMINARS ACC Health and Safety	Six monthly safety workshops with guest speakers.	Workers in all industries.	Commenced 2009 and ongoing	Business management, staff with Health and Safety or HR responsibilities, elected Health and Safety employee reps, training organisations, health professionals and other interested parties across a variety of industries	Attendees positive about content, well worth while and to be staged 6 monthly with invited guest speakers.	ACC, Health and Safety Officers, Management, Staff from all types of industry.

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34. DRIVING PROGRAMMES

Many young people start to driver by having unqualified individuals instructing them. By having qualified instructors teach them there is a strong likelihood that the skills they are first taught will stay with them as they progress through the driving system,

Project Drive was implemented by the Road Safety committee for student drivers at Taupō Nui a Tia College in Taupō. It offers students the opportunity to learn the Road Code in the computer suite, progress to their learner licence and have a number of driving lessons with a qualified instructor. After holding their restricted, there is also an opportunity to take a defensive driving course, for a reduced fee.

The road safety plan for this area has identified crashes involving young drivers (15-24) as being 20% of all crashes. The suggestion is that young drivers should have at least 120 hours of supervised driving before they get to drive on their own. By assisting caregivers with some of the first lessons it is hoped the message will be spread and young drivers will get a lot more practice before taking a restricted licence.

Students at Taupō Nui a Tia College have taken advantage of both driving lessons offered and the defensive driving course and feedback from caregivers have been very positive indicating their children have improved their driving skills and display good habits.

The programme suffers through lack of funding, and this is an ongoing concern for all.

It must remain an ongoing course as the feedback has been positive and skills learnt by students have meant avoidance of serious crashes in the district.

In Mangakino a low socio-economic town there are many drivers with no licence or the incorrect licence to drive. This is mainly due to the cost factor and lack of confidence to sit their licence. By bringing the drivers licence course Mangakino we were able to assist drivers to get their licences.

The contracted person to deliver this programme was well respected in the community and achieved a successful result. Local Police and St John Ambulance staff were involved, with demonstrations of Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation, and this got students involved in what to do if they cam across a crash. Police spoke on licensing laws, the consequence of driving with no licence or incorrect licence (ACC, Insurance being declined). They also showed some very graphic serious accident photos. 11 persons took part five learners, four restricted and two full.

The outcome was to create and awareness of driver responsibility, thus encouraging a positive change in road safety attitudes. Further programmes are contemplated in these areas.

The fact that we have our course in a group of all ages and from all walks of life, helps build confidence, offers support and also helps those of limited literacy abilities.

The majority have passed the relevant exams so the course was a huge success, and we have increased road safety awareness and driver responsibility with participants gaining their correct licences. This project will be repeated.

35. DRIVING IS THE RISKIEST THING YOU DO

This new initiative from the Land Transport and combined Road Safety Committees of South Waikato and Taupō Districts is welcomed as a new tool in the ongoing promotion of safety and injury prevention projects facing users of the roads in our area.

It compliments the other projects highlighted in Criteria 2 as Long Term Sustainable, and compliments the No 3 criteria of High Risk and safety promotion.

The hard hitting photo images contained in the promotion, really emphasise the subject matter i.e. Speed, Driver Distraction, Drugs and Alcohol, Restraints, Driver Fatigue, Heavy Motor Vehicle Restraints, and Visibility.

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When you drive you are responsible for the lives of everyone in your vehicle, every one in every vehicle you drive past, every motorcyclist, every pedestrian, and every cyclist. And if you drive in the Waikato Taupō District you are more likely to be involved in a serious injury or fatal crash than you are in any other region in New Zealand.

The campaign is a battle against complacency. Driving is the most dangerous thing that most of us regularly do. It isn't enough to be aware that people die in motor accident. We need to make it clear that YOU might DIE, that YOU might KILL someone, and that in most cases the word accident is not accurate as use of the word accident sugar-coats reality. The reality of the situation is that most road deaths are result of wilful negligence

- We know we shouldn't drive too fast "BUT WE DO"
- We know we shouldn't drive are drinking "BUT WE DO"
- We know we shouldn't use our phone while driving "BUT WE DO"

Every time we engage in one or more of these behaviours we place ourselves, our passengers and everyone on the road around us in danger.

36. FAMILY START

For families at risk of unintentional or intentional injury to babies and young children, by reason of alcohol or drugs, or propensity towards family violence, Family Start, along with Strengthening Families and Pregnancy Help are three programmes available in the Taupō District. Trained counsellors integrate into the families' right from pre-birth if circumstances so warrant, and initiatives are introduced to alleviate or prevent the possibility of injury or harm coming to the baby or child.

This programme has an injury and safety prevention orientation, and one where the measuring of success is limited, except a knowledge that intervention has prevented serious injury or harm to unprotected babies/ children.

The three member organisations in this group belong to TCOSS in Taupō

and work also in Turangi and Mangakino or where required in the district. They are contracted to provide service and assistance to 82 families but work with between 90 to 100 families at anyone time.

They are manned by qualified social workers and professional people with the required skills to negotiate, administer behavioural change to potential offenders, and also able to give victim support where necessary.

The aim of the agency is to improve health, education and social outcomes for children. To improve parent's parenting capabilities and practise through the Ahuru/Mowai/Born to Learn Education curriculum.

They offer support in Parenting, Housing, Budgeting, Education, Child Health and Relationships, basically with pregnant mothers and children up to 5 years of age.

37. LIQUOR BANS

As an initiative to reduce alcohol related harm, injury and behaviour, Taupō District Council by laws, have been invoked banning the consumption of alcohol, or carrying of open receptacles containing alcohol, in the Central Business Areas of Taupō, Turangi and Mangakino, and other rural area, lake front, beaches and reserves in the district,

The ban is in effect from 4pm every Thursday until 7am on the following Monday and on all public holidays, and from 12 noon on the 27th December to 7 am on the 4 January each year.

Since the inception of the ban some years ago, crime has dropped significantly, and with the closing of the camping ground on the Control Gates Reserve in Taupō a number of years ago, the town now enjoys a violence free, anti-social behaviour free, and has vanquished the 100's of youth who with copious quantities of alcohol consumed, set out and ruined many a resident and visitors trip into the Town Centre to welcome in the New Year. Police arrests have dropped from over 400 to 10-20 on New Years Night, since the inception of the Liquor Ban.

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It has also brought about a more responsible reaction from our binge drinking cultured young, in that they are now aware of the consequences of being apprehended breaking this by-law. The reduction in broken bottles, glasses and rubbish in the Town and reserves is testament to the Liquor Ban producing the right result, thus cutting down on the opportunities for injury from broken glass, and making the area a safer place to traverse.

Couple this with the re vitalised attitude of the owner of Bars and Restaurants, the implementation of the Alcohol Accord, and the soon to be introduced Off-Licence Accord, the co-operation between the liquor industry and the Police, and we are moving in a positive direction for safety and prevention of injury and crime in our wonderful district.

38. BOAT HARBOUR, LAKE AND RIVER SAFETY

The Waikato River commences from Lake at Taupō and meanders its way north through our district, affording many opportunities en route at the lakes behind the Hydro Dams, from Huka Falls, right through to Maraetai at Mangakino. In addition we have numerous rivers and streams flowing into Lake Taupō and with the beach frontages afforded by the lake, water is a predominant feature in our geographical topography.

Being a holiday and event destination, the district affords plentiful space and safe conditions for residents and visitors alike to enjoy water activities. Be it, fishing, swimming, snorkelling, diving, kayaking, canoeing, yachting, power boating, sail boating, water skiing, jet skiing, para-sailing or simply relaxing on the edge of the lakes or rivers, Taupō District offers it all.

However, complacency cannot be accommodated. We have rules and by-laws for boat users, plus areas of speed restrictions, designated ski lanes, and no-go areas. (See Lake Taupō Navigation Safety Bylaw 2009 attached as Appendix)

Discussion with the Harbour Master who has the task of administering rules and regulations governing the Lakes and Rivers, reveal many deficiencies in safety and injury preventative practises.



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For instance, you do not have to register or licence a boat, only the trailer for travel on the road. There are no regulations surrounding the drinking of alcohol and driving of a boat, although one would expect common sense to prevail. There are speed limits and safety distances from shore. These are published for the information of boat users.

Wearing of life jackets should be compulsory but is not.

Owners of commercial boats for hire are required to pass exhaustive exams on navigation, safety measures, speed, knowledge of rules and regulations governing the lake and river, but private boat owners can turn up, launch the boat, open the throttle and or the bottle and go for it – no questions asked.

The harbour master is of the view that the maritime industry will look at the issues around boats and alcohol, but not in the near future. In the meantime near misses are accepted even in the case of the boat driver being under the influence of alcohol or drugs - no breath testing.

Each summer press releases, media publicity and items generated from the Harbour Master's Office, highlight the inherent dangers of the Lake and Rivers, encouraging the users to think safety, and behave in a responsible manner. Drowning statistics are used to emphasize the salient points, and Taupō Coast Guard monitors the lake and beaches with a view to apprehending the “cowboy” who has no respect for speed limits, distances from shore and presence of others in the water. The Coast Guard has regular patrols and inspections of boat users, checking on fishing licences, wearing of life jackets by children, ski lane behaviour. Adequately covering the vast area of the lake is a concern for the limited staff tasked with administering the regulations, but the sight of the Harbour Master's Patrol Boat, is itself a safety and injury prevention message.



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39. ACC WORKPLACE SAFETY SEMINARS

Representatives from ACC, Department of Labour, Lakes DHB and Taupō District Council, in collaboration with the Taupō Safe District Project Plan, identified a gap in positive Workplace safety and injury prevention issues and led by ACC instigated a series of Health and Safety workshop type seminars. These started in Taupō in mid 2009 and are now being conducted 6 monthly in Taupō, Rotorua, Tauranga and Hamilton.

Guest Speakers included:

- Channa Perry from New Plymouth Injury Prevention Coalition, speaking on New Plymouth's path to accreditation.
- Chris Polaczuk Work and Safety Programme Manager ACC, speaking on preventing or managing pain and injury.
- Wing Commander Nigel Sainsbury RNZAF, speaking on human factors in Health and Safety.
- Nick Short NZDAA speaking on Drugs and Alcohol in the workplace and how to manage the issue.
- Doctor John Wallaart from ACC, speaking on Noise Induced Hearing Loss.
- Mark Taylor from Fletchers Construction speaking on managing employee and contractor safety on the Harbour Link Project.
- Workshops included Falls Prevention for the elderly run by Liz Van Wellie of ACC.
- Accident Investigation run by Dave Osborne and Graham Bates of Dept of Labour.
- John Skudder of ACC on Metal Industry on interactive guidelines and how they fit in workplace safety training programme.

Positive feedback from attendees, including suggestions on future topics, has ensured the continuation of this positive injury and safety prevention initiative. The seminars are ongoing, and fulfil Criteria 3, targeting high risk groups and environments, and programmes that promote safety for vulnerable groups i.e. workers.



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MISCELLANEOUS PROGRAMMES

Programme Name & Supplier	What it addresses	Population it targets	Length of operation	Reach of programme	Results	Partners
SAW MILLING SAFETY CULTURE PROJECT Acc Saw Mills	Establishing a safety climate in Saw Mills in the District.	Saw Millers, Logging workers.	Pilot Project commenced Jan 2010	Saw Mills and other timber processing businesses.	To be evaluated in March 2010 and then in 12 months.	Tenon Saw Mills Staff, ACC, and Timber Industry.
OUR NEIGHBOURHOOD OUR FUTURE TDC	Gathering of residents of suburb, street etc, at community reserve, fostering of getting to know neighbours, install pride and spirit.	All residents in the particular area	Runs from 5pm to 7 pm on selected Friday nights at different reserves in the whole district.	Children, Parents, Visitors, shop keepers, residents of the suburb.	Definite advantage, with more people signing up for neighbourhood support groups, meeting of neighbours, identifying risk areas, and aimed at prevention of injury and safety.	TDC Neighbourhood Support 93.5 More FM Sport Waikato Life Education Trust Lake Taupo PHO Plunket CAFE for youth health
THINK SAFE THINK SMART ACC Schools and Sporting Teams	Advice on safe environments being aware of surrounding, risk, and prevention of sports injuries	Both gender, students and sports team members.	Ongoing.	To work with groups of children in schools on injury preventative principals through expert advisors, and coaches of sport teams for injury prevention exercises and when playing the particular sport.	Definite drop off in Sport Injury as result of preventative measures, and school initiatives Revealing less injury being reported whilst pupil at school.	ACC, Sport Waikato, MOE.
ELDERLY FALLS PREVENTION Acc, Upright n Active	Falls in elderly people, major cause of hospital admission and injury.	Persons over 50, referred by GP and persons over aged 80.	Courses of Tai Chi, and Upright n Active run for 16 weeks in part funded by ACC	To all elderly needing exercise for balance and strength both gender and ethnicity.	Reduction in injury caused by trips, falls, slips, reduces burden on Health System, thus saving \$.	ACC, Upright n Active, Otago Exercise Programme, Sport Waikato.
FALLS PREVENTION KINDERGARTEN PROGRAMME Acc, MOE	Falls are a major cause of childhood injury	Pre-Schoolers attending kindergartens	Ongoing	All kindergartens, playschools, preschools in the District.	Good feedback, with improved understanding of causes and prevention of children falls.	ACC and the Kindergartens involved.
SLIPS, TRIPS, FALLS, LADDER SAFETY, PLAYGROUND SAFETY Retailers, Local Colleges, Schools, Churches and community groups	Ladder safety, playground falls, Prevention methodology	Students and all home handyman/ woman on use of ladders	Ongoing	Schools, Retailers, Residents,	By Preventative instruction, the reduction in falls, slips and trips, brings down the injury toll.	Schools, Churches, Hardware Retailers, Residents.

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Programme Name & Supplier	What it addresses	Population it targets	Length of operation	Reach of programme	Results	Partners
MOBILITY SCOOTER WORKSHOPS	Safety issues on access, visibility and preventing of accidents for owners of mobility scooters and wheelchairs.	Disabled and riders of mobility scooters and wheelchair owners	Ongoing – 2 x year work shops	To owners of mobility scooters, and wheelchairs, teaching safety prevention, road crossing skills, speeding, visibility, access, and other injury preventative issues.	Upgrading of road crossings ongoing, pavement repairs, paving stones re-laid, access in Town Centres available, retailers ensure wheelchair and scooter access available.	TDC, Parks and Reserves, New Zealand Police, Mobility Scooter Retailers, Residents and Visitors riding
CAR SEAT RENTAL and PURCHASE Plunket	Addresses affordability of car restraints for parents. Designed to raise awareness of legislation and correct use of car seats	Lower social-economic group, large families,	Operating for a number of years	Service all people and ethnicity in the Taupō District	Educating all parents of necessity for car restraints means of payment, availability, and n correct use.	ACC, Safe Kids New Zealand Police, REAP.
KIDZ IN CARZ Road Safety Committee, Police	Random check points for correct use of child restraints in cars	All families, parents, drivers, and ethnicity.	Ongoing	The whole district, Turangi, Mangakino, Rural, State Highways and Taupō.	Message becoming evident that child restraints are affordable, necessary and compulsory.	New Zealand Police, Plunket Land Transport
New Zealand Police FAMILY VIOLENCE UNIT Police in Taupō Turangi and Mangakino	Family violence in all forms	Victims of family, domestic violence	Specialised Unit in Taupō (Det/Sgt and Const) Commenced 2008 and ongoing.	To all families, victims, offenders, support persons, medical staff, police staff, social service agencies.	Because of change of attitude and law, Police now reporting all incidents, the crime stats have risen. The “Its not OK” campaign is working	New Zealand Police Family Violence Unit, Police, Medical profession, Victim Support, and other social service agencies.

No case studies as programmes are self explanatory

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Injury and Statistical data is available from ALAC, Lakes District Health Board, Taupō Hospital, Department of Labour, ACC, New Zealand Police, NZ Fire Service, St Johns Ambulance, New Zealand Injury Prevention Strategy (NZIPS) Injury and Prevention Information Centre (IPIC) Injury Prevention Research Unit (IPRU) Ministries of Consumer Affairs, Health, Social Development, Education, Internal Affairs, Justice, Transport, and Site-safe NZ, Safe Community Foundation NZ (SCFNZ), Safe-kids NZ, Suicide Prevention information NZ (SPINZ) Statistic New Zealand, Water Safety New Zealand, Rural Women, New Zealand Family Violence Clearing House (NZFVC) plus many other organisations.

Statistics and data in relation to this criteria has been sourced from the following:

- New Zealand Police Crime Statistics for Bay of Plenty 2009
- Ministry of Transport Road Safety Action Plan
- Environment Waikato Regional Transport Safety Strategy
- Hospital Admissions in Taupō (IPRU)
- Accident Compensation Corporation
- New Zealand Health Information Services – Injury and Morbidity Data (ICD 10)
- Waikato District Water Safety Education Plan 2009-2012
- Taupō State of the District Report on subjects of
- Suicide
- Lake Navigation Safety Bylaws

The Taupō Safe District Project has identified through their working groups the various statistics and data in relation to injury, mortality, safety and analysis has given them a clearer picture of the environments, the type of injury, the outcomes and indication of where to implement programmes and strategies of prevention. In no particular order we summarise the frequency and cases of injuries.

SUICIDE

SUICIDE RATES AND INTENTIONAL SELF-HARM

1. Why is this measure important?

The cost of suicide and intentional self-harm to society can be classified into economic costs and non-economic costs. The economic costs include services used in cases of suicides, attempted suicides and intentional self-harm as well as lost production due to exit or absence from the workforce. The non-economic costs include lost years of disability-free life and grief of the affected families, whanau and others.

Data suggests that suicide is the sixth-highest cause of avoidable deaths in those aged less than 75 years, accounting for approximately 6 percent of avoidable deaths. Male youth between the ages of 15-24 years of age are the highest risk group.

In addition, there are more than 2,500 admissions to hospital every year for intentional self-harm where the admitted person stayed longer than 48 hours and was admitted via the emergency department.

2. Latest Data

Each year approximately 500 New Zealanders die by suicide – more than those who die from motor vehicle accidents.

The suicide rates and intentional self-harm data for the Taupō District are included within the Lakes DHB statistics. The Lakes DHB¹ suicide rate was in the average range.

According to the Ministry of Health 2006 report “Suicide Facts: Deaths and intentional self-harm hospitalisations”, for the five years 2002-2006 the average suicide rate over 21 District Health Boards was 12 deaths per 100,000 population per year.

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Approximately one third of the population lives in the Taupō region and two thirds live in the Rotorua region

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3. Trend over time

According to the Ministry of Health 2006 report “Suicide Facts: Deaths and intentional self-harm hospitalisations”, suicide rates in the Lakes DHB are in the average range with decreases in the incidences of suicide rates and intentional self harm between 1998 and 2006.

Whilst the state of suicide rates and intentional self harm remains unsatisfactory, there has been a significant decrease in the incidences of both between 1998 and 2006 which is a favourable trend.

Information source:

MOH – Suicide Facts: Deaths and intentional self-harm hospitalisations 2006

*LDHB - Suicide Prevention Needs Analysis Report 2008

*LDHB - Suicide Prevention Action Plan 2009-2012

* Attached in Appendices



Taupō District Safe Community

COMMUNITY SAFETY

Taupō District communities have said they want to encourage respect for people and property.

1. Why are the measures important?

Numbers of reported offences² are useful measures of overall crime and victimisation in the District. Crime is a topic of concern to Taupō communities, not only because people want to feel safe in their communities and homes but also because they want visitors to feel welcome and secure in the District.

2. Latest data

A 'recorded offence' is any incident reported to or discovered by Police where it is believed an offence is likely to have been committed. A recorded offence is considered to be a 'resolved offence' by Police when an offender has been identified and dealt with (e.g. warned, cautioned or prosecuted). This measure shows reported criminal offences per 10,000 population for total crime, violence and sexual offences, drug and anti-social offences, dishonesty, property damage and administrative offences.

Reported offences in the Taupō District per 10,000 of the population have been consistently higher than those of the Bay of Plenty Region and New Zealand as a whole. In the year ended June 2009 there were 6,890 reported offences in the Taupō District.

3. Trend over time

Between 1999 and 2009, the total rate of reported offences in the Taupō District has declined by 12.5%. The highest rate of offences was recorded in 2001 at 1,453 per 10,000 of the population. Among the offences

dishonesty consistently has the biggest share of 40% to 60%, followed by property damage and abuse and drugs and anti-social offences. Sexual offences have the least share in the total number of crimes committed over the ten year period.

The highest increase in offences was in the areas of violence which was more than double the 1999 figures. Drugs and anti-social offences have also increased by 8% and 27%, respectively. Declines were recorded for dishonesty (42%) and administrative offences (22%).

Source: New Zealand Police, Bay of Plenty Crime Statistics

Crime in Taupō has shown a remarkable decrease over recent years, the exception being family violence. Because of the proactive approach by New Zealand Police to this blight on society, stats are showing a marked increase in reported cases. This however is a reflection on how the Police now perceive the incidences of family violence. In one sense it is rewarding to see the stats higher as it shows that the campaign "It's not OK" has reached into the communities and more and more offences are being reported. In the past, emotional, threatening behaviour, and non physical confrontations were not recorded, but with a more robust and comprehensive reporting system now in place, and a new direction for resolving 100% of reported family violence, it is obvious that the number of incidents would increase. However, complacency is not recognised by the community, and encouragement to report is the main thrust of TVIN programmes within the District. Our Taupō Violence Intervention Network is strong, robust and the monthly meetings, well attended by the various organisations involved in curbing this unsavoury crime. Alcohol is still the fuelling agent in the vast majority of reported and un-reported family violence incidents.

² Classified into violence, drugs and anti-social, property abuse, property damage, dishonesty and administrative offences. Violent crimes include robbery, grievous assault, serious assault, minor assaults and intimidation/threats. Drugs and anti-social offences include drugs and disorder, family offences, sale of liquor, and gaming and vagrancy. Property damage consists of destruction of property and endangering life. Property abuse offences relate to trespassing, littering, animals, postal/rail/fire service abuses and Arms Act offences. Dishonesty category offences are theft, burglary, vehicle related offences, fraud and receiving. Administrative offences are those committed against judicial offices or judicial procedures, offences after sentencing, failure to answer bail, police complaints, and breaches of miscellaneous statutes.

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From the Bay of Plenty Police District Crime Statistics for the 12 calendar months of 2009, (attached as Appendix) we have listed

- Overall reported Crime for 12 months and clearances
- Family Violence and clearances
- All traffic ticketing
- Alcohol ticketing
- Speed ticketing
- Restraints ticketing
- School speed ticketing

The rewarding aspect of majority of these statistics is the downward trend, showing that programmes in place are having the desired effect. The exception is the family violence data, and we have reported elsewhere on the causation for this.



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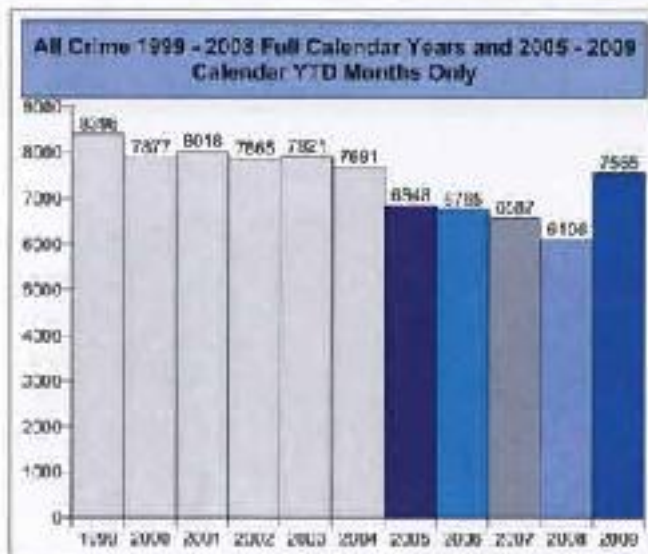
Bay of Plenty Areas All Crime

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Taupo

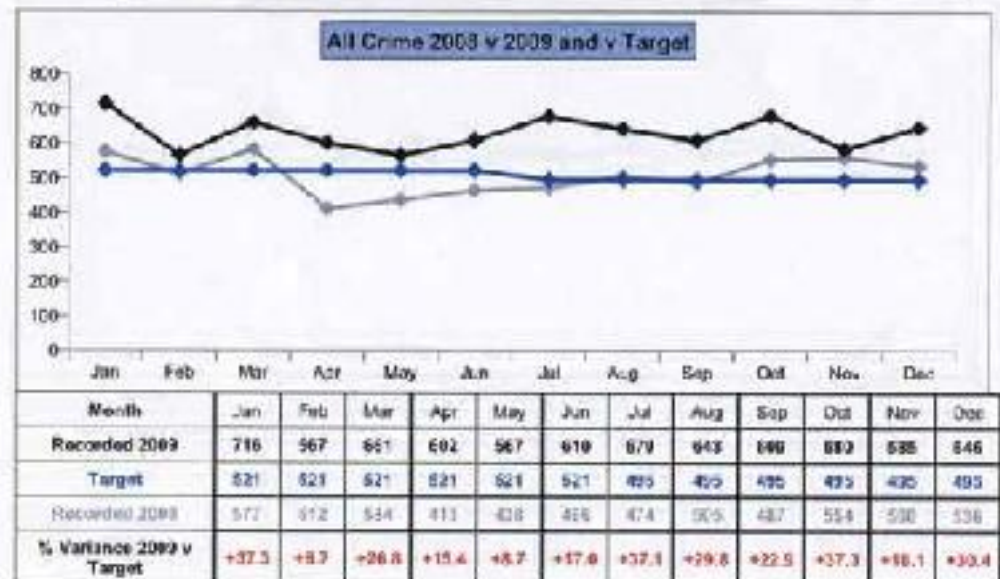
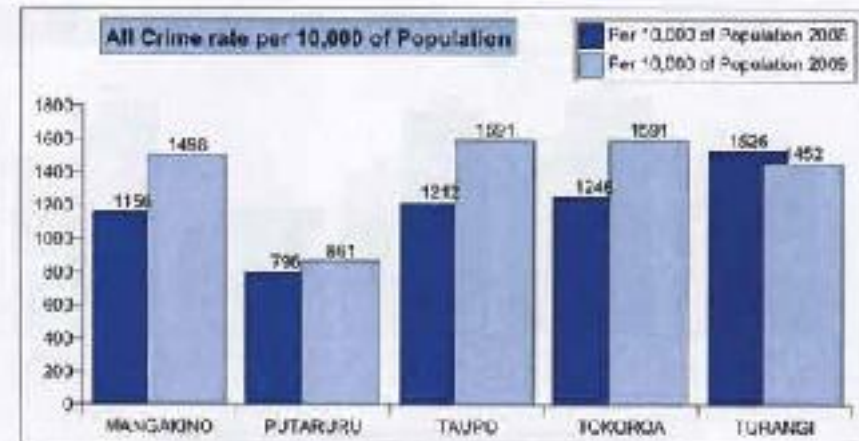
Area Description	Recorded 2009 YTD	Recorded 2008 YTD	2008 v 2009 % Variance	Target YTD	YTD Total v Target (%)
Taupo	7565	6106	+23.9	6101	+24.8

Stations	Recorded 2009 YTD	Recorded 2008 YTD	2008 v 2009 % Variance	Target YTD	YTD Total v Target (%)
MANGAKINO	276	213	+29.6	200	+32.4
PUTARURU	662	612	+8.2	590	+12.2
TAUPO	3390	2056	+31.3	2317	+33.0
TKKOROA	2100	1645	+27.7	1657	+26.7
TURANGI	647	580	+11.4	729	-11.2



BOP District Per 10,000 Population 2009	BOP District Per 10,000 Population 2008
1,194	1,060

Nationally Per 10,000 Population 2009	Nationally Per 10,000 Population 2008
1,046	1,011



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Bay of Plenty Area All Crime

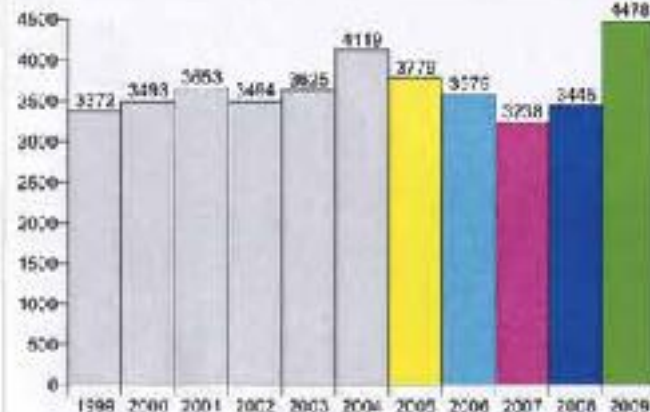
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Taupo

Area	Resolved 2009 YTD	% Resolved 2009 YTD	Resolved 2008 YTD	% Resolved 2008 YTD
Taupo	4478	59.2 %	3485	56.4 %

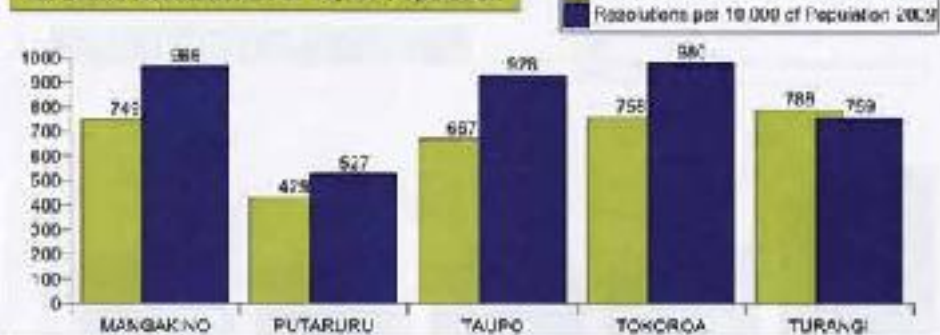
Stations	Resolved 2009 YTD	% Resolved 2009 YTD	Resolved 2008 YTD	% Resolved 2008 YTD
MANGAKINO	178	64.5 %	138	64.6 %
PUTARURU	466	61.2 %	330	63.9 %
TAUPO	2263	58.3 %	1626	55.0 %
TOKOROA	1294	61.6 %	1000	60.8 %
TURANGI	338	52.2 %	351	51.6 %

All Crime Resolutions 1999-2008 Full Calendar Years and 2005 - 2009 Calendar YTD Months Only

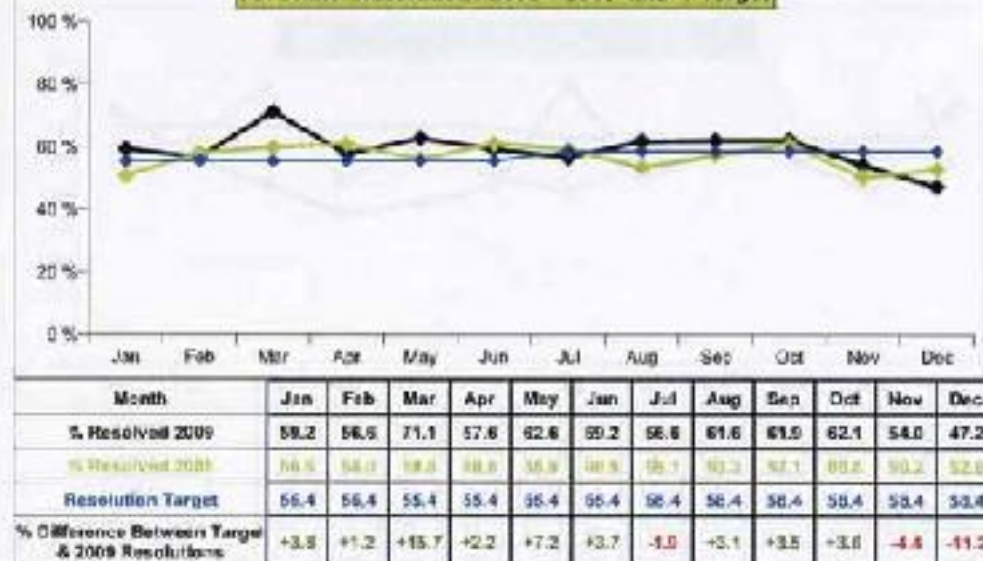


BOP District Per 10,000 Population 2009	BOP District Per 10,000 Population 2008	Nationally Per 10,000 Population 2009	Nationally Per 10,000 Population 2008
693	563	498	472

All Crime Resolutions Per 10,000 Population



All Crime Resolutions 2008 v 2009 and v Target



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Bay of Plenty Areas Family Violence

Last Refreshed 14/1/2010

BOP District Per 10,000 Population 2009	BOP District Per 10,000 Population 2008
159	120

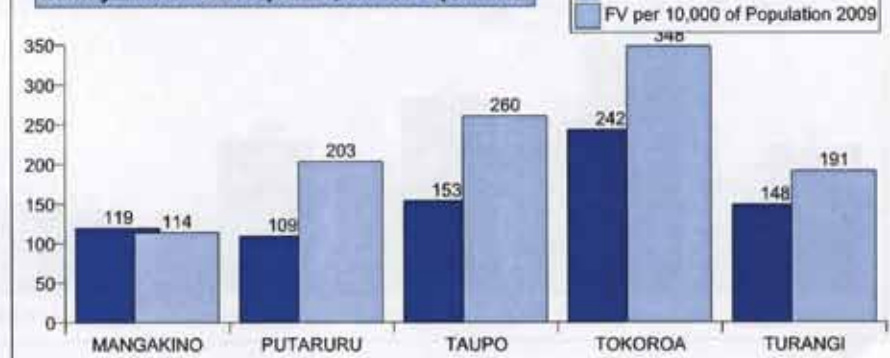
Nationally Per 10,000 Population 2009	Nationally Per 10,000 Population 2008
122	105

Taupo

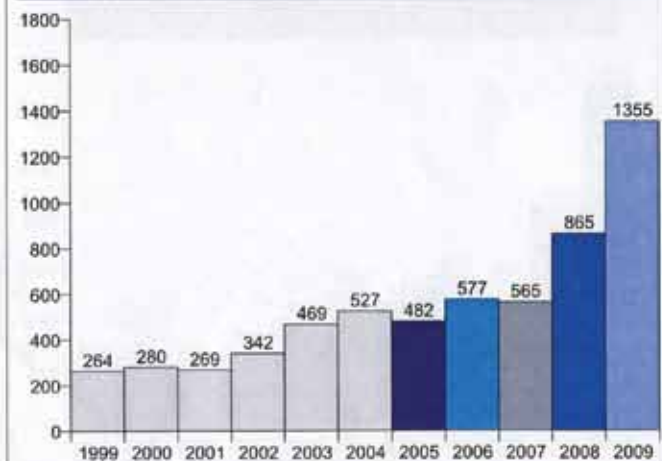
Areas	Recorded 2009 YTD	Recorded 2008 YTD	2008 v 2009 % Variance	Target YTD	YTD Total v Target (%)
Taupo	1355	865	+56.6	522	+159.4

Stations	Recorded 2009 YTD	Recorded 2008 YTD	2008 v 2009 % Variance	Target YTD	YTD Total v Target (%)
MANGAKINO	21	22	-4.5	24	-12.8
PUTARURU	156	84	+85.7	61	+155.2
TAUPO	634	373	+70.0	232	+173.8
TOKOROA	459	320	+43.4	168	+173.8
TURANGI	85	66	+28.8	38	+123.8

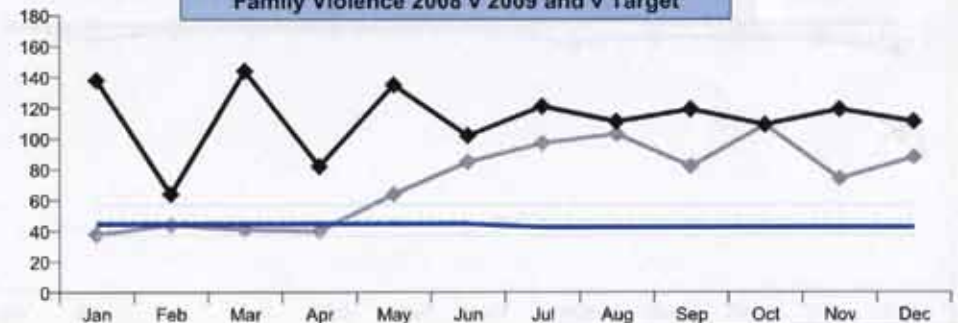
Family Violence rate per 10,000 of Population



Family Violence 1999 - 2008 Full Calendar Years and 2005 - 2009 Calendar YTD Months Only



Family Violence 2008 v 2009 and v Target



Month	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Recorded 2009	138	64	144	82	135	102	121	111	119	109	119	111
Target	45	45	45	45	45	45	42	42	42	42	42	42
Recorded 2008	38	44	41	40	64	65	97	103	82	109	74	88
% Variance 2009 v Target	+209	+43	+223	+84	+202	+128	+185	+162	+181	+157	+181	+162

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Bay of Plenty Areas Family Violence

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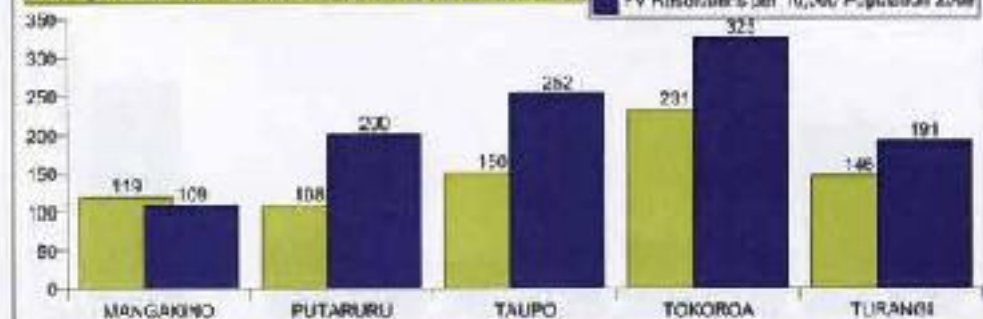
Taupo

Areas	Resolved 2009 YTD	% Resolved 2009 YTD	Resolved 2008 YTD	% Resolved 2008 YTD
Taupo	1303	96.2 %	841	97.2 %

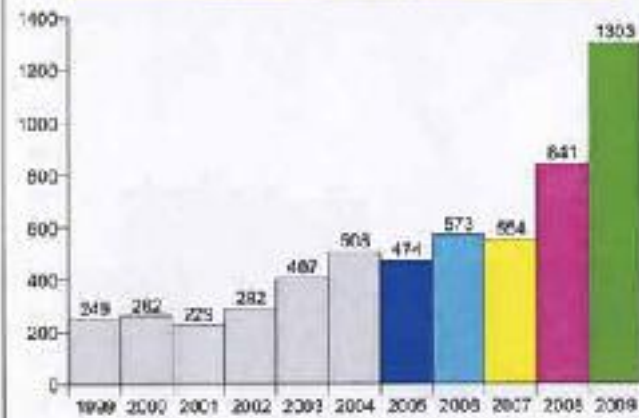
Stations	Resolved 2009 YTD	% Resolved 2009 YTD	Resolved 2008 YTD	% Resolved 2008 YTD
MANGAKINO	20	95.2 %	22	100.0 %
PUTARURU	154	98.7 %	83	98.8 %
TAUPO	515	97.0 %	316	98.1 %
TOKOROA	425	98.5 %	305	95.3 %
TURANGI	35	100.0 %	65	93.5 %

BOP District Per 10,000 Population 2009	BOP District Per 10,000 Population 2008	Nationally Per 10,000 Population 2009	Nationally Per 10,000 Population 2008
154	120	111	95

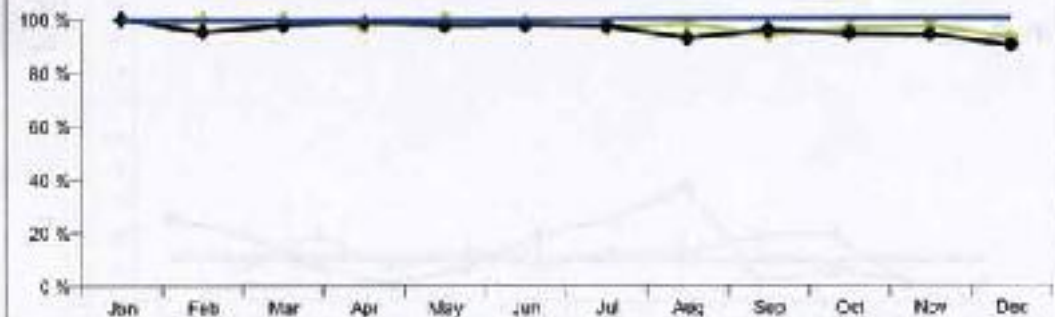
Family Violence Resolutions per 10,000 Population



Family Violence Resolutions 1999 - 2008 Full Calendar Years and 2005 - 2009 Calendar Months Only



Family Violence Resolutions 2008 v 2009 and Target



Month	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
% Resolved 2008	100.0	95.3	97.9	98.8	97.5	98.0	97.5	92.8	95.8	94.5	94.1	98.1
Resolution Target	99.8	99.8	99.8	99.8	99.8	99.8	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
% Resolved 2009	100.0	100.0	100.0	97.5	100.0	98.8	96.5	98.1	93.9	96.3	97.3	99.2
% Difference Between Target & 2009 Resolutions	+0.2	-4.5	-1.5	-1.1	-2.1	-1.8	-2.5	-7.2	-4.2	-5.5	-5.9	-0.8

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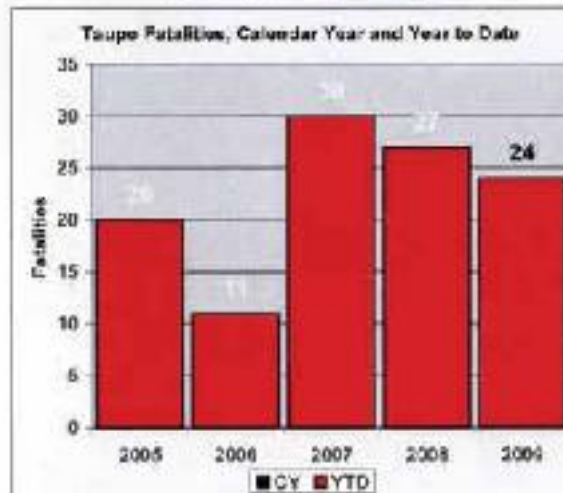
TAUPO DISTRICT, ALL TICKETING

Fatalities by road type, YTD

	2008	2009	Var.
S-I	22	23	5%
Urban	1	0	-100%
Rural	4	1	-75%

Fatalities by cause, YTD

	2008	2009	Var.
Alcohol	6	3	-50%
Speed	14	9	-36%
VRS	3	1	-67%
Restraints	8	2	-75%



Fatality information sourced from the Taupō injury database

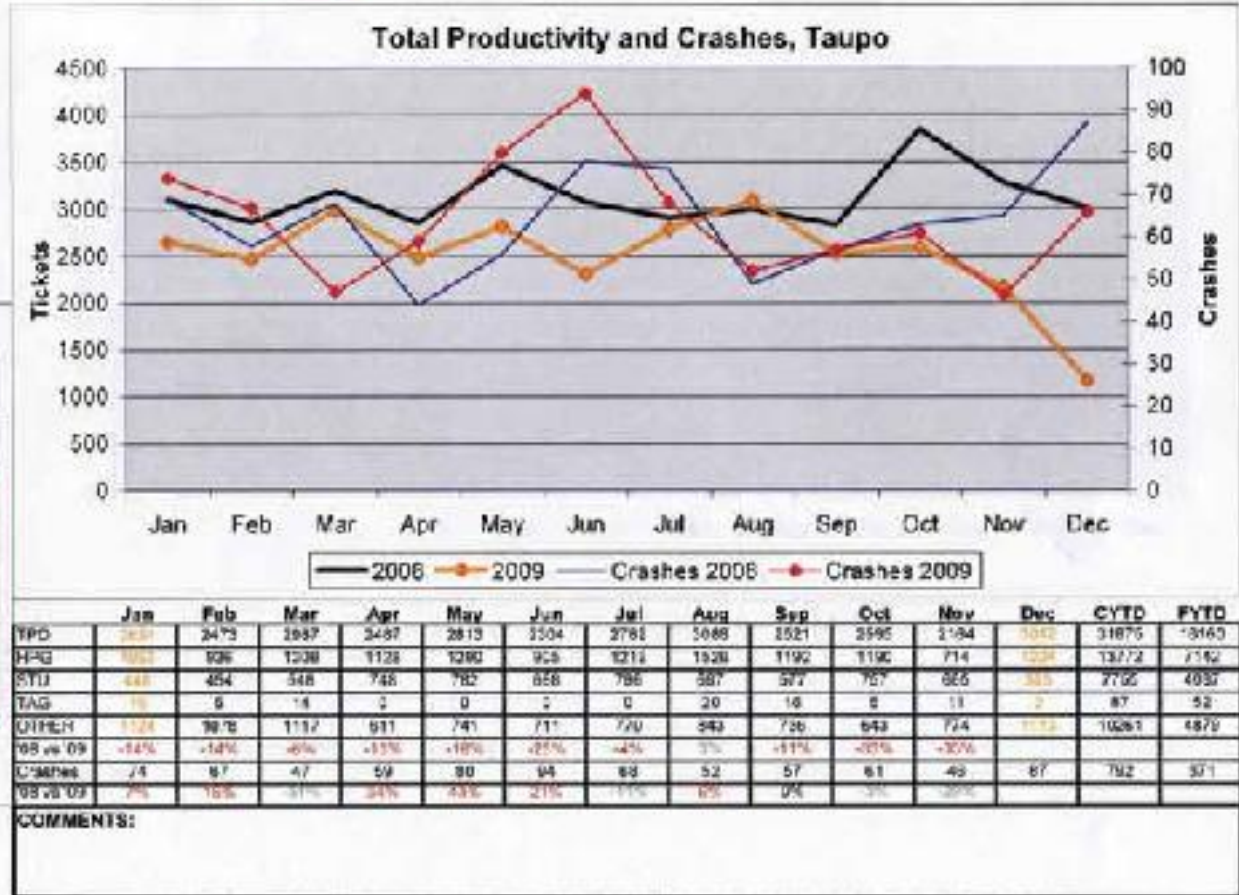
Ticketing sourced from TDF, crashes and IU's sourced from CRPD

Date sourced 14/01/10

*Ticketing numbers from the previous month will be understated due to data entry lag. IU's and IV's are drawn from CRPD, and include ALL priority and result codes besides "CORRECT" (includes), but IU's do not include officer initiated events. PTE's are very piecemeal, and may not accurately reflect last month's PTE's due to data migration from computer to business system. PTE targets are taken from Police "2007/2008 Road Policing Programme".

There is a fatal
crash every:
17 1/2 YTD
10 1/2 YTD:

2008	2009
13.5 days	15 days
776	711
3538	3011

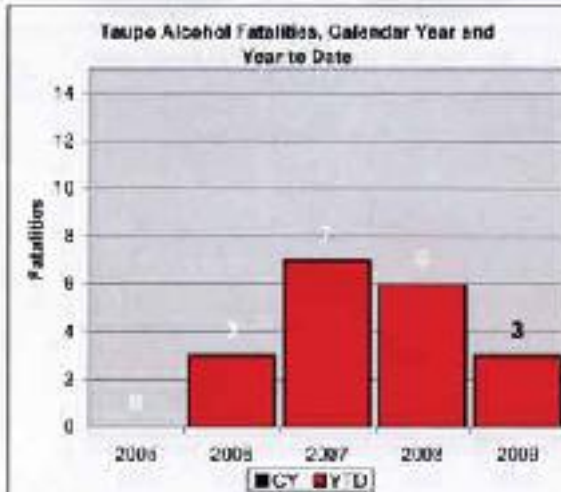


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TAUPO DISTRICT, ALCOHOL TICKETING

Fatalities by road type, YTD

	2008	2009	Var.
SH	4	3	-25%
Urban	1	0	-100%
Rural	1	0	-100%

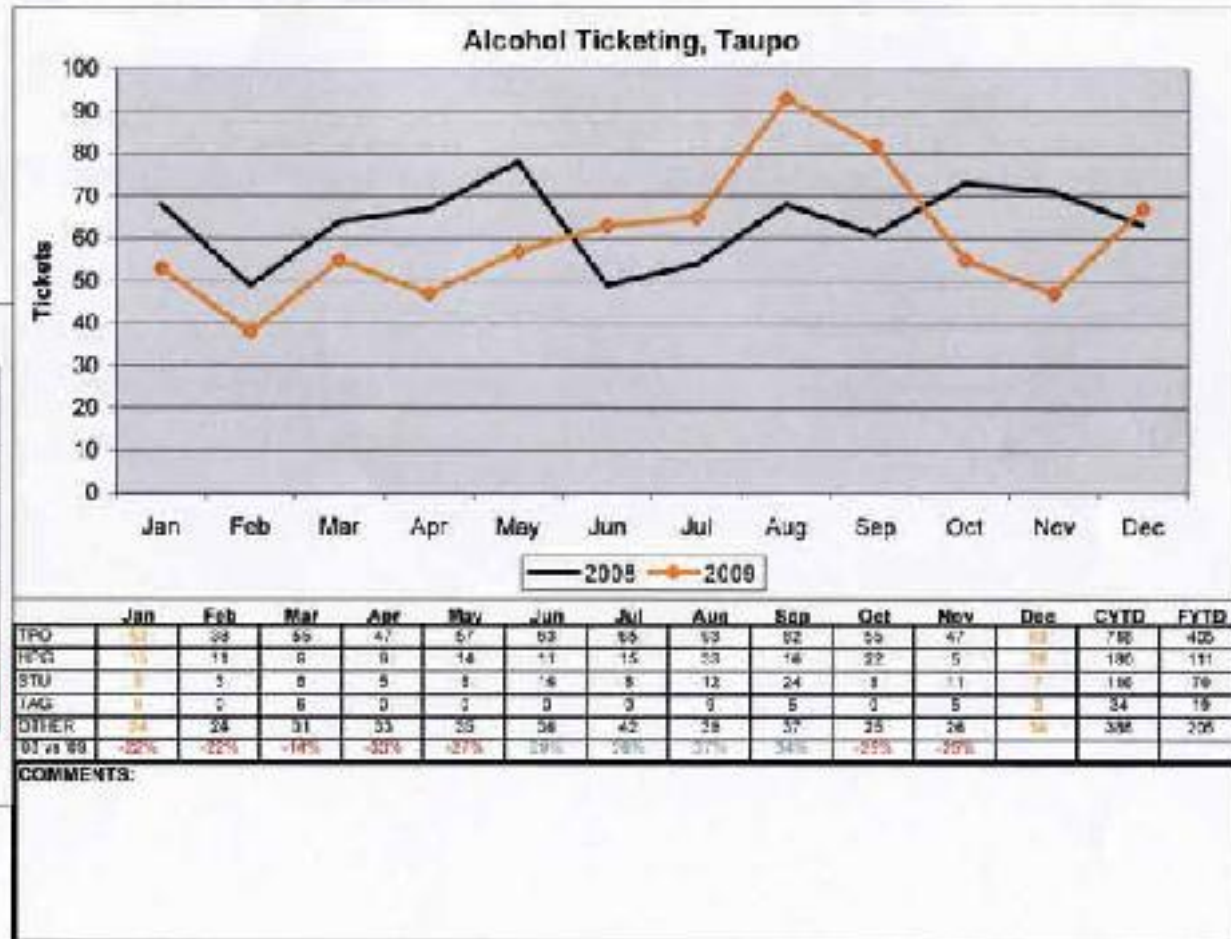


Fatality information sourced from the Taupo fatality database

Ticketing sourced from TERN

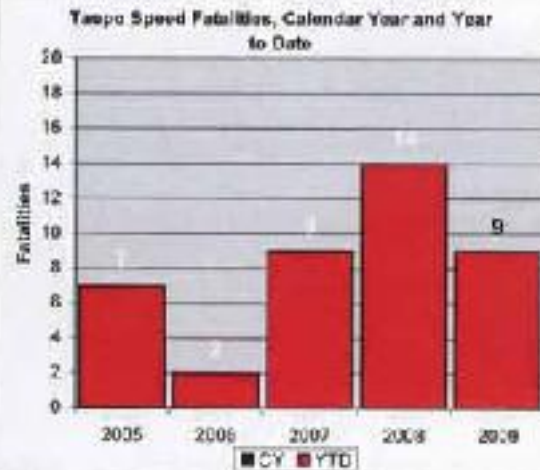
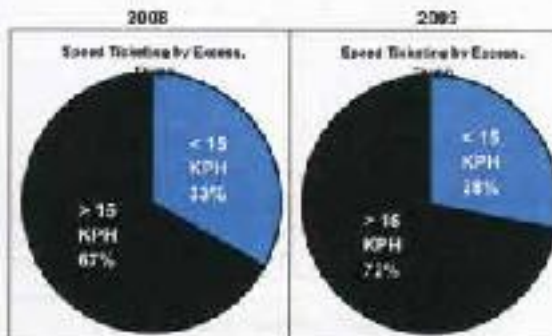
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TAUPO DISTRICT, SPEED TICKETING



Fatality information received from the Taupo fatality database.

Ticketing data used from: TENP

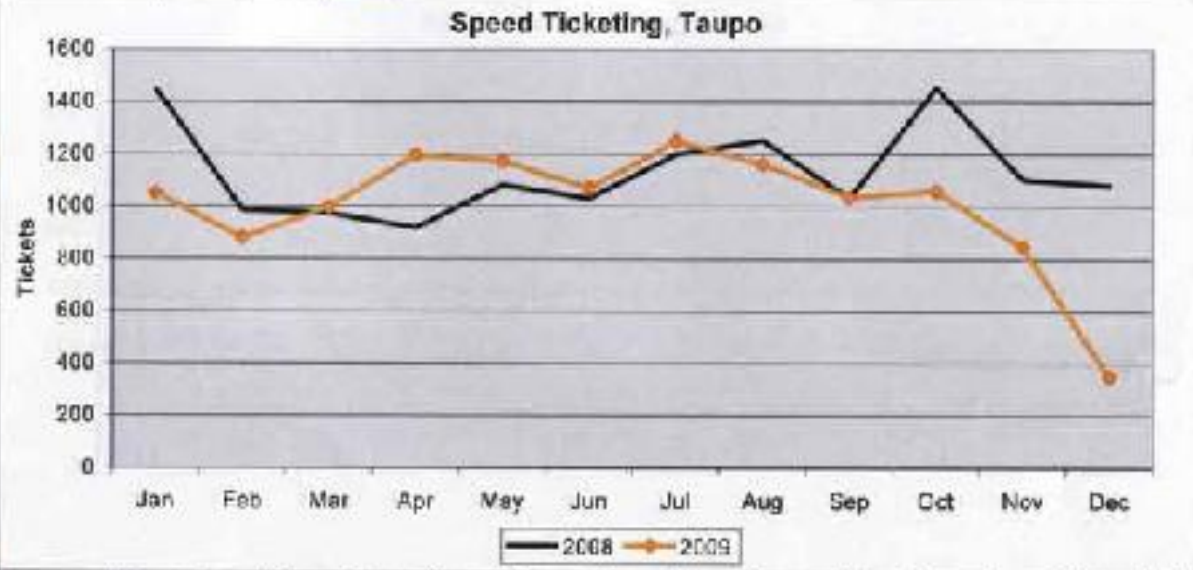
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Fatalities by road type, YTD

	2008	2009	Var.
SH	11	5	-55%
Urban	0	0	0%
Rural	5	0	-100%

SH
Urban
Rural



	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	CYTD	FYTD
TPO	1047	987	999	1158	1173	1070	1250	1162	1208	1059	945	1087	12304	8234
HPO	537	455	617	603	565	525	685	723	567	593	506	585	7134	3095
STU	385	256	259	569	384	414	482	344	342	402	319	277	4598	2108
YAG	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	5	3	2	5	10	12
OTHER	145	149	125	83	103	63	115	64	162	61	167	82	1407	211
UB VS UC	-26%	-11%	2%	35%	3%	-4%	5%	-2%	17%	-27%	-27%			

COMMENTS:

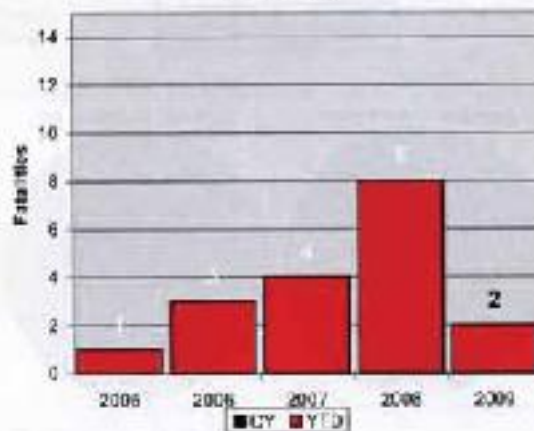
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TAUPO DISTRICT, RESTRAINTS TICKETING

Fatalities by road type, YTD

	2008	2009	Var.
SH	6	2	-67%
Urban	1	0	-100%
Rural	1	0	-100%

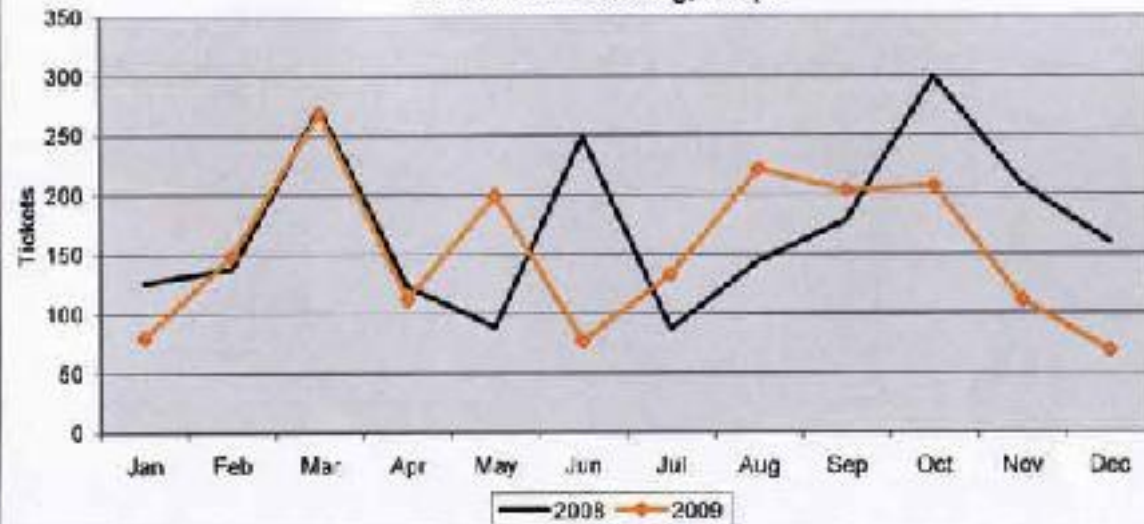
Taupō Restraints Fatalities, Calendar Year and Year to Date



Fatality information sourced from the Taupō fatality database
 Ticketing sourced from TCRD
 Date sourced 14/01/10

*Ticketing numbers from the previous month will be under-estimated due to data entry lag

Restraints Ticketing, Taupo



	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	CYTD	FYTD
TPO	85	148	269	112	139	77	103	221	240	297	111	119	1620	1616
HPG	16	80	138	65	87	23	40	114	117	76	33	107	520	491
STU	16	26	73	37	72	21	45	50	36	73	34	33	536	291
TAQ	16	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	2	1
OTHER	34	43	58	30	30	35	23	57	48	30	40	23	490	290
08 vs 09	-37%	-71%	-1%	-8%	13.4%	-69%	5.5%	5.5%	13.5%	-21%	-31%			

COMMENTS:

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OFFENCES RESOLUTION RATE

1. Why is this measure important?

Offence resolution rates show the performance of people involved in the resolution of crimes, their focus and productive law enforcement efforts. This measure provides the resolution rate for total crime recorded in Taupō Police District.

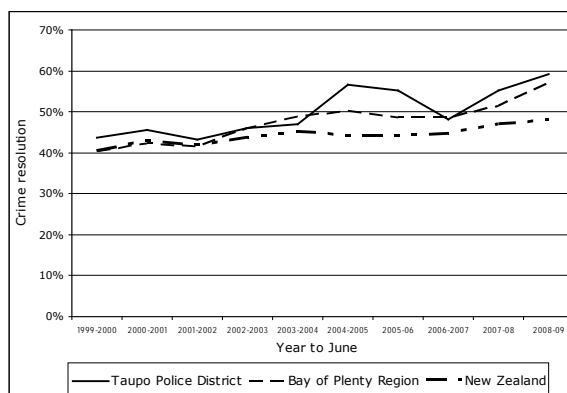
2. Latest data

The resolution rate for total recorded crime in the Taupō Police District in 2008/2009 was 59%. This was higher than the 2008/2009 Bay of Plenty region (57%) and the national rate (48%).

3. Trend over time

Since 1999, the resolution rate for total recorded crime in the Taupō District has continued to increase and, on the whole, has been higher than the rates in both the Bay of Plenty Region and New Zealand as a whole.

Figure: Crime resolution rate - All crime categories



Source: New Zealand Police, Crime Statistics

DROWNINGS/ WATER SAFETY (DROWNBASE NEW ZEALAND)

1. Why is this measure important?

It measures how the community is doing in terms of water safety skills and behaviour necessary to use and enjoy the water safely.

2. Latest data

- No drownings reported in Taupō District for 2009
- From 2004 - 2008 61 drownings reported for Waikato region, of which 16% (9) happened in Taupō District
 - 93% were male
 - 51% were European
 - 21% Māori
 - 61% happened in recreational activity

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LAKE NAVIGATION SAFETY

Taupō District communities have said they want to encourage respect for people and property. Safety on Lake Taupō is important to avoid injuries and fatalities and preserve the recreational amenity of the lake.

What are the measures?

- A. Navigation safety patrols
- B. Navigation incidents and injuries
- C. Navigation complaints

A. NAVIGATION SAFETY PATROLS

1. Why is this measure important?

The number of navigation safety patrols is important for the community's feeling of safety in the District waterways.

2. Latest data

The Lake Taupō Harbour master estimates that from December 2008 to September 2009 about 80 navigation safety patrols have been conducted. This is an increase of 40 to 55 navigation safety patrols from 2007.

B. NAVIGATION SAFETY INCIDENTS AND INJURIES

1. Why is this measure important?

Navigation safety incidents are one way for the community to know that rules and regulations concerning safety around the lake are being implemented.

2. Latest data

The Lake Taupō Harbour master estimates that as at September 2009

there have been 10 navigation safety incidents. About 46 warnings and infringement notices have been issued and there was one prosecution.

C. NAVIGATION COMPLAINTS

1. Why is this measure important?

The number of navigation complaints received provides an indication whether rules and regulations concerning safety around the lake are being adhered to.

2. Latest data

The Lake Taupō Harbourmaster estimates that, as at September 2009, he has responded to around 50 complaints. This is a big improvement from 2007 when the Harbourmaster responded to about 100 complaints a year. (NB: For Lake Taupō only)



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SAFE PLACES AND ROADS

Roads in Taupō District still remain generally safe based on the community's general level of satisfaction (74%) in terms of their perception of road safety. This is consistent with the recent declines of 11% in motor vehicle crashes and 10% in casualties, per 10,000 of the population.

Crash rate per 10,000 of the population in Taupō District were high in 2006-2007. Crash rate in Taupō District is higher than the national average by 30-35%. This can be partly due to the relatively larger volume of traffic on State Highways running through the District compared to other territorial authorities. Crashes can vary between different parts of the country due to geography (e.g. open road versus city driving) and transport movements (e.g. trucks, tourism, commuter traffic).

The recent declines in motor vehicle crashes and casualties may indicate the effect of the overall education and promotional campaign on road safety. This is because the recorded crashes happened because of issues that include poor observation, speed, poor handling, lack of restraints and helmets, and drink driving. Such issues reflect the ability or skills and condition of the drivers who were involved in the crash.

ROAD SAFETY

Taupō District communities have said they want spaces, buildings and roads designed with community safety in mind. Road trauma and fatalities can have a devastating impact on families and communities.

What are the measures?

- A. Motor vehicle crashes
- B. Motor vehicle casualties
- C. Perceived level of safety on roads

A. MOTOR VEHICLE CRASHES

1. Why is this measure important?

Road deaths are a major cause of premature death, especially among young adults. Deaths, injuries and disability resulting from motor vehicle crashes inflict considerable pain and suffering on individuals, families and communities, as well as on other road users, emergency service providers, health workers and others. A crash is a measure of a motor vehicle accident that happens on the roads and results in harm.

2. Latest data

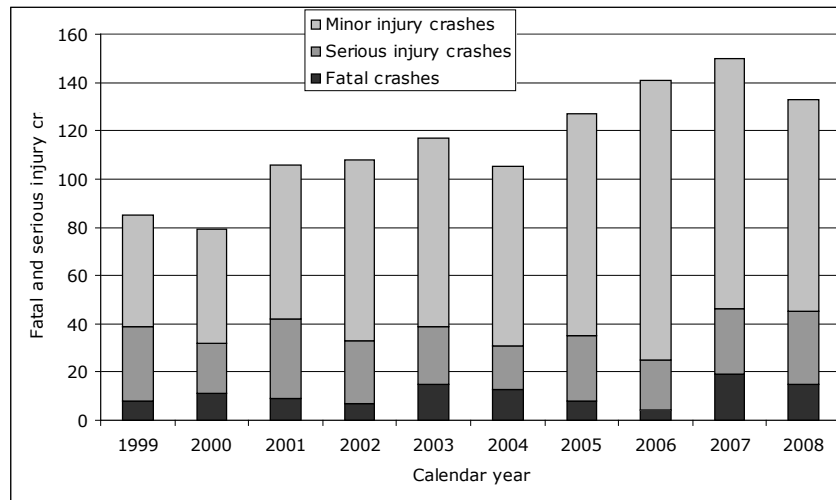
The annual motor vehicle crashes per 10,000 population resulting in death or injury in Taupō District roads declined by 11% from 2007 (423) to 2008 (367). The highest absolute number of crashes was recorded in 2007 at 423.

3. Trend over time

Road traffic crashes resulting in death or injury in New Zealand have been generally increasing over the period 2000 to 2007 but declined slightly in 2008. The same trend is observed in Taupō District at an average increase of 4% per year. The annual number of road traffic crashes resulting in death or injury in Taupō District roads was highest in 2007 at 423.

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Figure: Road traffic crashes resulting in death or injury (per 10,000 population)



Source: TDC/Land Transport New Zealand Crash Analysis System Database



NEWS

TAUPO TIMES, MARCH 5, 2010 3

Taupo drivers reap rewards of police Operation Trench

A **STRONG** focus on policing of state highways in the Taupo area over the past four months has paid off, with no fatal car crashes in the area since November.

This is a significant improvement on the same period the previous year when there were 14 fatalities on Taupo roads in just four months.

Senior Sergeant Fane Troy of the Taupo Road Policing Group says Operation Trench has had a positive effect on driver behaviour, as well as the road toll.

"The results speak for themselves. Since early November 2009 we have not attended a fatal crash in our area."

Since the inception of Operation Trench, the Taupo Area Road Policing Group has stopped more than 4000 vehicles.

Twenty-four percent of those drivers stopped were travelling between 6kmh and 10kmh over the posted speed limit.

"The speeds throughout the Taupo and South Waikato areas are dropping, but there are still those out there who habitually travel at 6kmh and above the posted speed limit."

Senior Sergeant Troy says the public has also played a role in contributing to the good results.

"The public have assisted in apprehending drunk drivers as well as dangerous drivers. Those members of the public who contact the police are making a difference and I am confident that a number of these calls have stopped crashes from occurring. I applaud all those callers who contact police."

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B. MOTOR VEHICLE CASUALTIES

1. Why is this measure important?

This measure refers to casualties as a result of a road traffic crash. A casualty can range from a minor injury to fatality. It is important for the community as it is one measure of safety on roads.

2. Latest data

The total number of traffic casualties in the South Waikato/Taupō in 2008 was 195, with 15 fatalities, 43 serious injuries and 137 minor injuries. This is equivalent to a decline of 10% from 2007 (217 casualties).

3. Trend over time

Over the 10 year period from 1999 to 2008 the number of casualties as a result of a motor vehicle crash has increased at an average rate of 5% per year despite a decline of 10% from 2007 to 2008. The number of casualties was highest in 2006 at 34 with the lowest number of fatalities. The highest number of fatalities was recorded in 2007.

Taupō Police report alcohol related fatal accidents reduced to 3 in 2009, whilst alcohol related ticketing remained on par with previous years. Speed ticketing showed significant decrease as did restraint ticketing, and speed around schools. Crime trends showed reduction with the exception of Family Violence (Reasons reported above)

C. PERCEIVED LEVEL OF SAFETY ON ROADS

1. Why is this measure important?

Level of safety on roads contributes to the overall feeling of safety in the community. It also indicates people's perception of the improvements made on the roads and implementation of transport rules and regulations. The information for this indicator is sourced from the 2007 Choosing Futures Waikato perception survey. The next survey will be conducted in 2010.

The respondents were asked 'Thinking now about issues of crime and safety, and using a scale where 0 = very unsafe and 10 = very safe; please tell me how safe or unsafe you would feel driving on the roads around the District – that is with regard to safety of the roads, not crime'.

2. Latest data

The Taupō District result was a score of 74.0 which indicates a reasonably high general level of satisfaction.

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PROFILE ON INJURY DATA FOR TAUPŌ

This report presents all age data on injury hospitalisations and injury death for the most recent five year period. The injury (hospital discharge) data covers the five year period 2003-2007 and is presented first. The injury (death) data covers the five year period 2001-2005 and is presented second. For both injuries and fatalities information on total numbers, cause, gender, ethnicity, scene and age is provided. Information is first provided on total numbers across the five year period, then for each of the years under each of the categories covered. The injury hospitalisation and death data was sourced via the Injury Prevention Research Unit (IPRU) from the New Zealand Health Information Service.

Numbers per year:

In 2007 hospital admissions were 392, a diverse cross-section with:

- Majority stayed one day
- Falls accounting for 120 of admissions
- Traffic 84 admission
- Fractures topped list of injury with 145
- 95 of the injuries occurred in the home setting

Hospital admission figures for 2008 are available and show no significant increase or reduction on the 2007 figures.

IPRU general information about the data

About hospital discharge data:

Includes:

- Discharges from hospital
- Between 2003 and 2007
- To people usually resident in the given TLAs
- Where the principle diagnosis is an injury


Excludes:

- Readmissions for the same incident
- Day patients
- Patients discharged dead

About injury fatality data:

- Includes:
- Fatalities
- Between 2001 and 2005
- To people usually resident in the given TLAs
- Where the principle diagnosis is an injury

Values less than 3 have been hidden to protect privacy.



SUMMARY		
Cause	Falls	29%
	Motor Vehicles	11%
Scene	Home	26%
	Schools and public areas	22%
Gender	Male	59%
	Female	41%

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HOSPITAL DISCHARGE TAUPŌ INJURY DATA: 5 YEAR PERIOD 2003-2007

Total Number of Injuries (hospital discharges) by year for 5 year period 2003-2007

TLA	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	Grand Total
Taupō	321	289	275	349	392	1626

Injuries (hospital discharges) by CAUSE-totals for 5 year period (2003-2007)

Sum of injuries		
TLA	cause	Total
Taupō	Fall	474
	Adverse Effects	313
	Motor Vehicle Traffic	186
	Cut/Pierce	123
	Struck by or against	111
	Poisoning	94
	Other Land Transport	87
	Other Specified	41
	Unspecified	34
	Overexertion	33
	Natural/Environmental	28
	Pedal Cyclist, other	27
	Machinery	22
	Other Transport	18
	Fire/Hot object or substance	17
	Other Specified, nec	5
	Pedestrian, other	5
	Suffocation	4
	Drowning	*
	Firearm	*
Taupō Total		1626

Injuries (hospital discharges) by CAUSE - totals for each year (2003-2007)

Sum of injuries		Year					
TLA	Cause	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	Grand Total
Taupō	Fall	86	91	77	100	120	474
	Adverse Effects	59	58	46	66	84	313
	Motor Vehicle Traffic	33	37	40	32	44	186
	Cut/Pierce	20	24	25	34	20	123
	Struck by or against	28	18	20	21	24	111
	Poisoning	22	10	18	26	18	94
	Other Land Transport	19	15	12	20	21	87
	Other Specified	10	8	3	10	10	41
	Unspecified	9	8	4	3	10	34
	Overexertion	8	4	8	6	7	33
	Natural/Environmental	8	3	6	5	6	28
	Pedal Cyclist, other	8	3	5	4	7	27
	Machinery	3	*	3	8	6	22
	Other Transport	3	3	4	3	5	18
	Fire/Hot object or substance	4	*	*	4	6	17
	Other Specified, nec	*	*	*	*	*	5
	Pedestrian, other	*	*	*	*	*	5
	Suffocation	*	*	*	*	*	4
	Drowning	*	*	*	*	*	*
	Firearm	*	*	*	*	*	*
Taupō Total		321	289	275	349	392	1626

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Injuries (hospital discharges) by GENDER - totals for 5 year period (2003-2007)

Sum of injuries		
TLA	GENDER	Total
Taupō	M	972
	F	654
Taupō Total		1626

Injuries (hospital discharges) by GENDER-totals for each year (2003-2007)

Sum of injuries		Year					
TLA	Gender	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	Grand Total
Taupō	M	202	181	154	205	230	972
	F	119	108	121	144	162	654
Taupō Total		321	289	275	349	392	1626

Injuries (hospital discharges) by ETHNICITY - totals for 5 year period (2003-2007)

Sum of injuries	Ethnicity	Totals
Taupō	European	1045
	Māori	497
	Other	43
	Pacific Island	29
	Asian	12
Taupō Total		1626

Injuries (hospital discharges) by ETHNICITY - totals for each year (2003-2007)

Sum of injuries		
TLA	scene	Total
Taupō	Home	424
	School, other institution and public administrative area	365
	Unspecified place of occurrence	249
	Street and highway	219
	Other specified place of occurrence	114
	Sports and athletics area	103
	Farm	59
	Residential institution	33
	Trade and service area	32
	Industrial and construction area	28
Taupō Total		1626

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Injuries (hospital discharges) by SCENE - totals for each year (2003-2007)

	Year					
Scene	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	Grand Total
Home	89	75	74	91	95	424
School, other institution and public administrative area	67	66	57	81	94	365
Unspecified place of occurrence	45	56	40	50	58	249
Street and highway	41	40	44	39	55	219
Other specified place of occurrence	28	20	23	20	23	114
Sports and athletics area	26	17	14	25	21	103
Farm	10	8	10	15	16	59
Residential institution	3	*	*	10	17	33
Trade and service area	6	4	5	10	7	32
Industrial and construction area	6	*	6	8	6	28
	321	289	275	349	392	1626

Injuries (hospital discharges) by AGE - totals for 5 year period (2003-2007)

Sum of injuries		
TLA	Age	Total
Taupō	00-04 yrs	79
	05-14 yrs	186
	15-19 yrs	147
	20-24 yrs	137
	25-59 yrs	616
	60+ yrs	461
Taupō Total		1626

Injuries (hospital discharges) by AGE - totals for each year (2003-2007)

Sum of injuries		Year					
TLA	Age	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	Grand Total
Taupō	00-04 yrs	14	11	22	17	15	79
	05-14 yrs	41	35	31	45	34	186
	15-19 yrs	29	26	19	29	44	147
	20-24 yrs	24	28	23	32	30	137
	25-59 yrs	141	98	103	128	146	616
	60+ yrs	72	91	77	98	123	461
Taupō Total		321	289	275	349	392	1626

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TAUPŌ INJURY DEATH DATA : 5 YEAR PERIOD 2001-2005

Total Number of Injury Deaths by year for 5 year period 2001-2005

Sum of fatalities	Year					
TLA	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	Grand Total
Taupō	20	15	28	17	15	95

Injury Deaths by CAUSE - totals for 5 year period (2001-2005)

Sum of fatalities		
TLA	Cause	Total
Taupō	Motor Vehicle Traffic	37
	Suffocation	15
	Fall	11
	Poisoning	6
	Firearm	6
	Drowning	5
	Other Land Transport	3
	Fire/Hot object or substance	*
	Pedestrian, other	*
	Other Specified, nec	*
	Other Specified	*
	Cut/Pierce	*
	Other Transport	*
	Machinery	*
	Adverse Effects	*
Taupō Total		95

Injury Deaths by CAUSE - totals for each year (2001-2005)

Sum of fatalities		Year					
TLA	Cause	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	Grand Total
Taupō	Motor Vehicle Traffic	10	6	8	9	4	37
	Suffocation	4	3	5	*	*	15
	Fall	*	3	4	3	*	11
	Poisoning	*	*	3	*	3	6
	Firearm	*	*	*	*	3	6
	Drowning	*	*	*	*	*	5
	Other Land Transport	*	*	3	*	*	3
	Fire/Hot object or substance	*	*	*	*	*	*
	Pedestrian, other	*	*	*	*	*	*
	Other Specified, nec	*	*	*	*	*	*
	Other Specified	*	*	*	*	*	*
	Cut/Pierce	*	*	*	*	*	*
	Other Transport	*	*	*	*	*	*
	Machinery	*	*	*	*	*	*
	Adverse Effects	*	*	*	*	*	*
Taupō Total		20	15	28	17	15	95

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Injury Deaths by GENDER - totals for 5 year period (2001-2005)

Sum of fatalities		
TLA	GENDER	Total
Taupō	M	71
	F	24
Taupō Total		95

Injury Deaths by GENDER - totals for each year (2001-2005)

Sum of fatalities		Year					
TLA	Gender	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	Grand Total
Taupō	M	15	13	19	12	12	71
	F	5	*	9	5	3	24
Taupō Total		20	15	28	17	15	95

Injury Deaths by ETHNICITY-totals for 5 year period (2001-2005)

Sum of fatalities		Year					
TLA	Ethnicity	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	Grand Total
Taupō	European	11	11	14	11	5	52
	Māori	8	4	13	6	10	41
	Pacific Island	*	*	*	*	*	*
	Other	*	*	*	*	*	*
Taupō Total		20	15	28	17	15	95

Injury Deaths by SCENE - totals for 5 year period (2001-2005)

Sum of fatalities		
TLA	Scene	Total
Taupō	Street and highway	39
	Home	27
	Other specified place of occurrence	14
	Unspecified place of occurrence	7
	Industrial and construction area	*
	Residential institution	*
	Farm	*
	School, other institution and public administrative area	*
	Trade and service area	*
Taupō Total		95

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Injury Death by SCENE - totals for each year (2001-2005)

Sum of fatalities		Year					
TLA	Scene	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	Grand Total
Taupō	Street and highway	10	6	11	9	3	39
	Home	5	3	9	3	7	27
	Other specified place of occurrence	3	*	5	*	3	14
	Unspecified place of occurrence	*	*	*	*	*	7
	Industrial and construction area	*	*	*	*	*	*
	Residential institution	*	*	*	*	*	*
	Farm	*	*	*	*	*	*
	School, other institution and public administrative area	*	*	*	*	*	*
	Trade and service area	*	*	*	*	*	*
Taupō Total		20	15	28	17	15	95

Injury Deaths by AGE - totals for 5 year period (2001-2005)

TLA	Age	Total
Taupō	00-04 yrs	4
	05-14 yrs	*
	15-19 yrs	14
	20-24 yrs	10
	25-59 yrs	45
	60+ yrs	20
Taupō Total		95

Injury Deaths by AGE - totals for each year (2001-2005)

Sum of fatalities		Year					
TLA	Age	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	Grand Total
Taupō	00-04 yrs	*	*	*	*	*	4
	05-14 yrs	*	*	*	*	*	*
	15-19 yrs	5	3	3	*	*	14
	20-24 yrs	3	*	*	3	3	10
	25-59 yrs	7	7	19	6	6	45
	60+ yrs	3	*	5	6	4	20
Taupō Total		20	15	28	17	15	95

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ACCIDENT COMPENSATION CORPORATION (ACC) STATISTICS

They systematically monitor their claims data, and this leads to the developments of strategic alliances. (Health and Safety Seminars and Workshops in Taupō as an example)

It also looks at evidence based programmes to address injuries especially those of serious consequence.

Injury prevention programmes, which are supported at the local level are monitored and evaluated to ensure they are outcome focussed and based on intervention logic, with clear milestones. i.e. Falls are the leading cause of injury, death and hospitalisation among older New Zealanders. There is a reasonable level of evidence indicating that Tai-Chi as a stand alone intervention can be effective strategy for preventing falls in older people. ACC had set regional targets of so many people participating. This would result in a reduction in falls among this age group.

We are aware of a funding decrease in this programme, but ongoing 16 week courses are still being part funded, and participants can at completion carry on with further strengthening and balancing programmes at various facilities within the district.

The number of monitoring reports done by ACC ensures its investment in injury prevention programmes lead to a reduction in injury or serious consequences and ACC scheme costs. Programmes not delivering are withdrawn, and others substituted where applicable.

Reports record claims by local authority across all injury types and cost. This data is used by the local ACC office to engage with strategic partners like the Taupō District Council. The data is also used to direct its prevention efforts in areas of high claims and high cost and which it is able to make comparisons with other TLA's

Claim reports for employers help improve health and safety practises. ACC can specifically identify and target employer groups at high risk in terms

of injury and cost as well as single out employers that are performing well.

The use of a map that overlays Crash Analysis System (cas) data and ACC data will help ACC and its road partners achieved key road safety targets in the district. The map system identifies areas and streets where most of the high costing crashes occur.

ACC STATISTICS

A table showing the cost of Claims from ACC in the Taupō District reveals that claims are increasing, and even with the overhaul of ACC laws, any injury prevention methodology which reduces the \$ paid out, puts the Taupō Safe District Project plan on a win/win situation. This is one of the priorities for the coalition.

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ACC INJURY/ACCIDENT CLAIMS STATISTICS (TAUPŌ DISTRICT)

(NEW)			(ONGOING)	
ALL CLAIMS				
YR	Number	Cost	Number	Cost
05/06	1215	\$6,801,000	635	\$11,405,000
04/05	1065	\$5,468,000	571	\$10,246,000
03/04	942	\$4,690,000	548	\$10,585,000
02/03	908	\$4,187,000	524	\$10.359,000
01/02	855	\$3,444,000	461	\$10,989,000
00/01	757	\$3,070,000	425	\$ 9.718,000

CHILDRENS CLAIMS

05/06	25	\$ 71,000	14	\$ 361,000
04/05	19	\$ 45,000	12	\$ 392,000
03/04	19	\$ 103,000	9	\$ 414,000
02/03	18	\$ 64,000	12	\$ 214,000
01/02	10	\$ 27,000	14	\$ 250,000
00/01	22	\$ 75,000	12	\$ 257,000

HOME CLAIMS

05/06	381	\$1,720,000	115	\$ 1,686,000
04/05	328	\$1,497,000	99	\$ 1,603,000
03/04	218	\$ 955,000	83	\$ 1,592,000
02/03	180	\$ 717,000	82	\$ 1,349,000
01/02	195	\$ 642,000	73	\$ 1,336,000
00/01	173	\$ 575,000	74	\$ 1,159,000

SPORTS CLAIMS

05/06	318	\$1,832,000	81	\$ 2,002,000
04/05	239	\$1,235,000	77	\$ 1,758,000
03/04	204	\$1,001,000	66	\$ 1,815,000
02/03	217	\$ 909,000	67	\$ 1,561,000
01/02	196	\$ 647,000	76	\$ 1,892,000
00/01	173	\$ 717,000	71	\$ 1,925,000

FATAL CLAIMS

05/06	19	\$ 149,000	87	\$ 1,869,000
04/05	21	\$ 286,000	82	\$ 1,611,000
03/04	19	\$ 157,000	77	\$ 1,942,000
02/03	23	\$ 276,000	79	\$ 2,009,000
01/02	19	\$ 152,000	77	\$ 1,731,000
00/01	23	\$ 243,000	79	\$ 1,418,000

WORK RELATED

05/06	393	\$2,048,000	270	\$ 3,443,000
04/05	358	\$1,655,000	226	\$ 3,043,000
03/04	318	\$1,595,000	228	\$ 3,367,000
02/03	302	\$1,427,000	203	\$ 3,088,000
01/02	286	\$1,171,000	138	\$ 2,814,000
00/01	213	\$ 754,000	127	\$ 2,945,000

NON WORK

05/06	746	\$3,834,000	247	\$ 4,519,000
04/05	634	\$3,207,000	225	\$ 3,948,000
03/04	556	\$2,452,000	200	\$ 3,967,000
02/03	542	\$2,202,000	202	\$ 3,764,000
01/02	509	\$1,841,000	211	\$ 4,162,000
00/01	486	\$1,836,000	189	\$ 3,589,000



CRITERIA 5

Evaluation measures to assess
programmes, processes and the
effect of change

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Safety in the Taupō District has been monitored over recent years through safety orientated community initiatives, many of which have the full support of the Taupō District Council, and other organisations. Coordination and cooperation through collaboration across all areas of safety has developed considerably since the Taupō Safe District Project Plan was implemented. As we receive more and more support from the various organisations involved in safety, injury and crime prevention, it will become apparent by the reduction of accidents, injuries, hospital admissions, and crime statistics, that our concerted and combined efforts are reaping the benefits of the overarching methodology being applied.

From the evaluation of projects, programmes and initiatives, we are able to determine and track key areas of success, and alter our direction of focus on those not working, thus ensuring we are on track to make Taupō District a safe place to live, work and play.

We aim for best practise as we strive to ensure that the things we do to try and make Taupō District a safer place, be these programmes, projects, processes, activities or initiatives, are constantly evaluated and monitored.

Case Studies reported in Criteria 2 and 3 of this application identify a large range of programmes in vogue which have been subject of rigorous evaluation and where applicable change. TSDPP ongoing will be guided by these monitored outcomes.

Some examples include:

AREA	EVALUATION	PROJECT	RESULT
ROAD TRANSPORT	Cause of accidents	Keep Left – Intersections Speed Fatigue	Downward trend in number of fatal accidents on SH1 in District
ADULTS	Cause of Hospital Admissions	Tai-Chi classes for balance and strength	Reduction in admissions.
ALCOHOL	Supply to Minors	Off-Licence Accord – Co-operation from Owners & Managers.	Reduction in sales to minors – less alcohol related harm
CHILDREN AND YOUTH	Lack of Rural safety awareness	Down the Back Paddock (Mangakino)	Increase in awareness through successful conduct of rural safety related to water, machinery, animals, road.
	Children unable to swim	Swim for Life	AC Bath's Swim for Life programme has been running for five years and has received more than 40,000 student attendances.
	Parents & Teenager. Limited knowledge of needs and wants	Parent Pack (Tool for parents of teenagers)	Increase in parents knowledge of how to improve safety for adolescents.
	Lack of youth activities	Youth Town	Purpose built clubrooms where youth can gather and learn projects and skills, safety etc. has been established

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The Taupō State of the District Report delves deep into the community's perception of safety, and identifies areas of concern, such as safety at night, lighting, traffic behaviour, alcohol as it affects family violence, anti social behaviour, and its contributing factor to injury statistics. Included in this research are random surveys from Retailers, social service providers, residents and visitors to Taupō District.

Evaluation of these surveys revealed areas of concern such as unlit areas in the central business areas of the towns in the district, youth at night congregating and gathering on public reserves, boy racers, poor urban design (lack of visibility in the street) graffiti and vandalism, the social deficiencies such as gambling, drugs, alcohol and family violence, and lack of activities for youth. Measures have been put in place to alleviate many of these over recent months.

ROAD TRAFFIC SAFETY

Road Safety Committees from this combined district produce action plans, ongoing in application through evaluation of results of crashes, traffic behaviour, and trends,

The new initiative that "Driving is the Riskiest thing that you do" has come about from the continued monitoring of human behaviour behind the wheel. Planning is guided by crash data, location, and causation.

Police Education Officer and Council Road Transport Division staff likewise collaborate regarding cycle safety and pedestrian safety of children and school surrounds.

The rewarding trend is the downward number of fatal accidents and minor accidents on local roads.

CRIME IN THE TAUPŌ DISTRICT

Police continuously monitor crime trends, and data is collated monthly for comparison within the district and nationally. The Intel Section of local Police in Taupō meets weekly with Neighbourhood Support Co-ordinator and

Programme Manager – Safe Communities, plus the Community Constable. There topical subjects include anti social behaviour in the suburbs, and towns, crime trends and patterns, surveillance reporting, family violence incidents, alcohol related behaviour, traffic and crash updates. From these meetings strategies are developed for combating the particular identifiable priorities, and operations are initiated.

An example of this is the Violence Intervention Network Group who works with the Family Violence Unit within New Zealand Police.

Another example of programmes instigated as result of evaluation of crime statistics, is the Security Cameras, their monitoring and resultant downturn in anti-social behaviour and violence from alcohol fuelled patrons of local Bars and restaurants.

CIVIL DEFENCE

Situated in a volcanic, geothermal, and potentially unstable geographical area, the Taupō District is subject to exposure to earthquake, flooding, volcanic eruption and other incidents requiring skilled personnel and emergency practises to be implemented at very short notice.

At completion of any exercise or incident, debriefings are held and changes made where necessary to existing plans, HQ Setup, Welfare, Operations, Planning and Intelligence, Logistics sections and methodology of delivery of services. Safety and preservation of life against injury and death, then the safeguarding of property are the overall aims of the Civil Defence Emergency Operations.

An example of how the district emergency team operates was evident on 4 October 2009, when heavy snow caused the complete closedown of State highway 5 from Taupō to Napier. Late afternoon snow made the road impassable and there were hundreds of people stranded over a 70km stretch of the highway. A civil defence emergency was declared. Heavy machinery could not combat the conditions and the 4 wheel drive club from Taupō were utilised to evacuate the 487 men, woman and children from, the 168 vehicles trapped. Some 600 people were evacuated on the Napier side of the closure.

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With use of the 4 wheel drive vehicles people were removed from their vehicles and transported back to the Rangitikei Hotel and from there to the AC Baths in Taupō by bus, to the Welfare HQ. Plans were implemented to house many of the stranded people at local marae. The final evacuees were delivered at about 9am on the Monday morning.

Once safety of all was established, vehicle security was undertaken and by Tuesday morning, the snow had melted sufficiently to allow a return of motorist to their vehicles. This was done by transporting one person per vehicle back to the abandoned vehicles, with closest vehicle to Taupō first in line and so on until all vehicles were removed, the last 4 being pushed to the side of the road to allow open access for two-way traffic flow.

This was a classic example of a district banding together utilising a vast range of organisations, and services in an emergency, safely evacuating all persons stranded with no loss of life or property, and minimal minor injury.

Evaluation under headings of Welfare, Operations, Communications & Media Relations, Evacuations, Repatriation, Headquarters and Catering & Support identified several areas where improvement could be made. These included, establishing better radio communications within the area, use of 4 wheel drive club, feeding of volunteers and personnel at the coal face, more stringent control of media releases, (wrong information) better safety equipment being available, and other pertinent areas of safety for life and prevention of injury.



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TAUPŌ SAFE DISTRICT PROJECT POSTERS

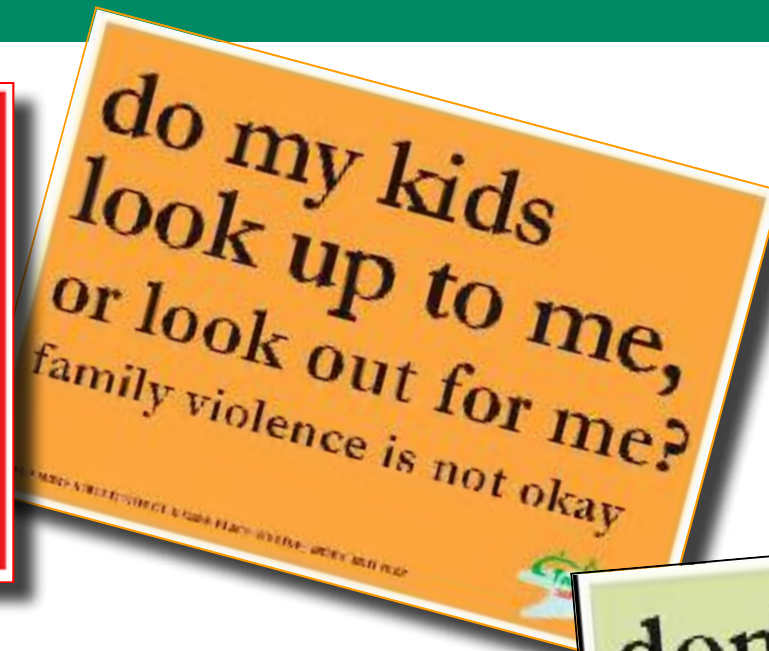
During the 18 month progression of the Taupō Safe District Project, the attached posters have been displayed in prominent positions in the Taupō District Council premises of Taupō, Turangi and Mangakino, as a means of emphasising and illustrating the over-arching aim of our vision of making Taupō a safe district to live work and play.

In addition the Project Manager – Safe Communities has spoken to the various sections within council outlining the Taupō Safe District Project Plan.

Thinking safety, injury and crime prevention ensures total commitment by all staff to the process of applying for accreditation from the World Health Organisation Collaborating Centre on Community Safety for designation as an International Safe Community.



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SUMMARY OF CRITERIA 5

Part of the process of regular review is the monitoring role for the district which it achieves with a framework of both direct and indirect relevance for safety within the district. This framework includes:

- Taupō District Community Outcomes monitoring and review
- Taupō District Profile (as reported page 274 Vol. 1 LTCCP)
- Taupō District Resident Ratepayer's safety satisfaction survey
- LTCCP and its outcomes
- Multi agency collection of data and dissemination of combined information
- Ongoing strengthening of Our Neighbourhoods Our Future

Community outcomes are a statement of issues and areas of priority and importance for the community (in our case the District) setting of and outcome monitoring are local government functions required by the Local Government Act 2002.

Many of the issues involved in Community Outcomes are outside the direct responsibility or resourcing of local government. This means that effective partnerships are the key to sharing and making progress on the district's outcomes. All agencies and sectors are encouraged to identify and explain how they will contribute to the community outcomes.

Safety is spread consistently throughout the existing outcomes, for example

- Transport outcomes measure road safety, public transport, and pedestrian injuries
- Taupō Safe District outcomes measure sense of safety, and rates of injury.
- The youth outcome measures young people's safety outcomes.
- The elderly outcome measures balance safety and driving capability safety.

“OUR PEOPLE, OUR FUTURE”

TAUPŌ DISTRICT COMMUNITY OUTCOMES

Lakes, rivers, landscapes - places we are proud of	Caring for our natural and built environment.
Healthy people, healthy communities	Physical, mental, spiritual and emotional health.
Safe and secure	People living in and visiting Taupō District feel safe and are able to enjoy what we have.
Thriving and prosperous	Providing opportunities for business and employment that meet the needs of our community and the environment.
Vibrant and diverse	Respecting and supporting all people.

Sport Waikato conduct series of lectures to sports teams on prevention of injury, and analyse data constantly for improved methodology.

Key messages are contained in the October 2009 publication of “Toolkit To Help Communities Take Action To Prevent Injuries & Build Safe Communities”

This very comprehensive and informative document available online at www.nzips.govt.nz encompasses the Taupō Safe District Project Plan and has three simple key messages worthy of repeating here

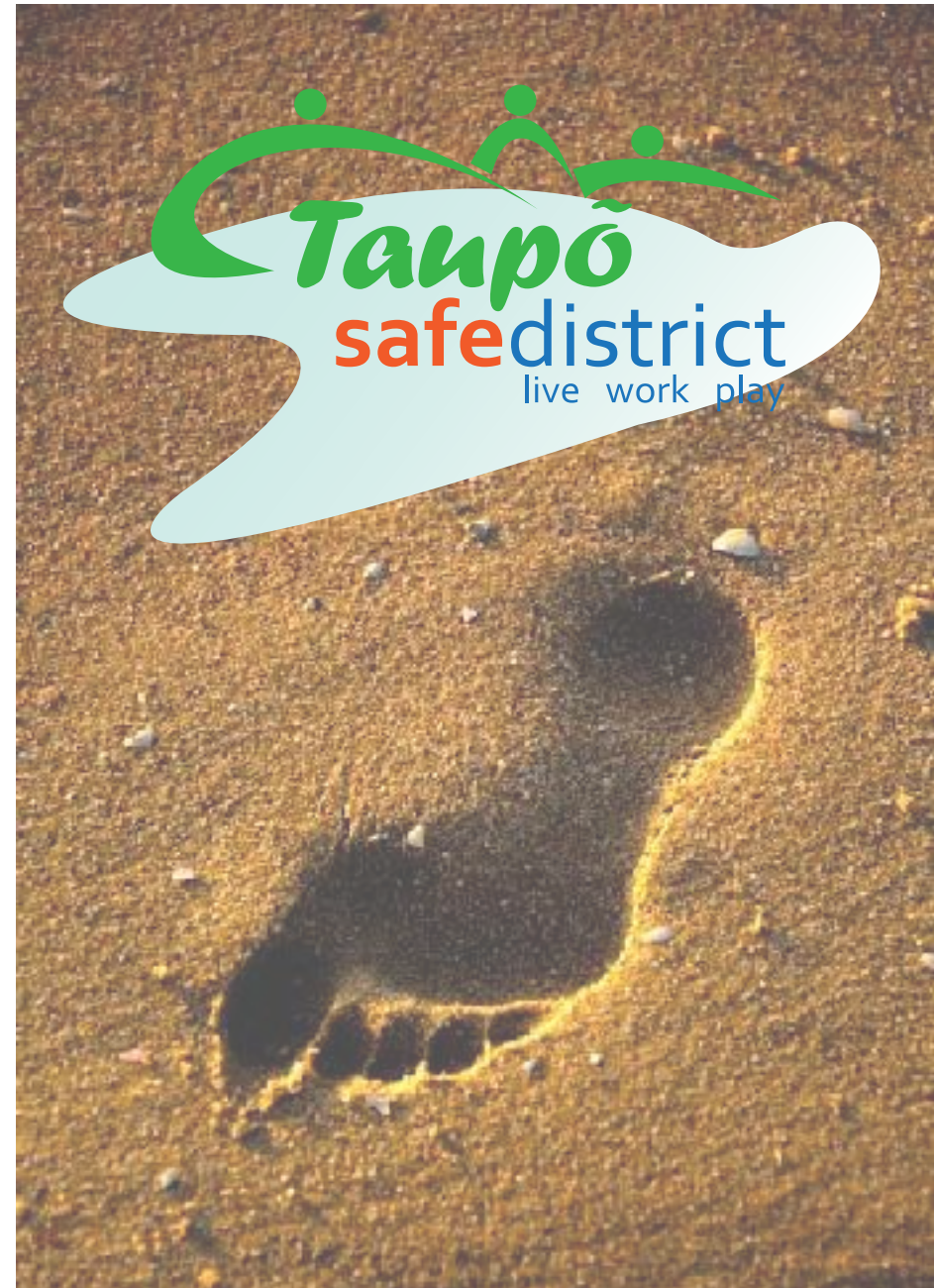
- Injuries are preventable – attitudes and behaviours can change
- Preventing injuries is everybody's business
- Community action can change our acceptance that injuries are “just accidents”

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In summary TSDPP has through collaborative association with many of the agencies listed in this criteria, identified key areas from data sourced, where we will be setting new goals aimed at reduction in

- road fatalities
- vehicle Crashes
- family violence and child abuse
- falls (older age)
- youth offending
- alcohol affected harm
- fire injuries
- crime
- drownings
- suicide
- child injuries

We are addressing these and other areas of injury safety and crime prevention methodology as we progress, after accreditation, onwards towards re-accreditation in 2015.



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CRITERIA 6

Ongoing participation in National
and International Safe
Communities Networks

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Supporting Safety and Injury Prevention through collaboration and coordination is an explicit goal of Taupō Safe District targeted through the objective to ensure that there are collaborative relationships built between central government, local government, Iwi, non-government organisations and the community sector.

For Taupō District, gaining accreditation as an International Safe Community is important because the Safe Communities model has been nationally and internationally proven as an effective intervention to promote safety and reduce the injury burden.

Safe Communities is a World Health Organisation (WHO) concept that recognises safety as a “universal concern and responsibility for all” This approach encourages greater cooperation and collaboration between non-government organisations, the business sector, central and local government agencies, sport bodies, social and welfare agencies within the community. It only seems like yesterday when ACC did not confer with the Police, LDHB did not talk with Fire Service, let alone their TLA and community organisations stood alone in their quest to foster safety and prevent injury and or crime.

The process in gaining accreditation allows for injury prevention, safety prevention and crime prevention methodology to be placed out there on the table for all to see, and to have input into the various projects aimed in reducing harm, injury and crime.

Taupō Safe District, incorporating our towns of Turangi, Mangakino and the rural sector are very much goal focused on meeting the criteria for accreditation. The Mayor of Taupō, Taupō District Council Councillors, the CEO and Staff fully endorse the TSDPP and our progress.

- Nationally and locally we have liaised and sought direction and support from the Safer Communities Foundation New Zealand, from other International accredited Cities, and TLA's within New Zealand, including North Shore City, Tauranga, Wellington, New Plymouth, Porirua, Christchurch, Waimakariri, Waitakere City to name but a few.

- We have benefited from participation in the Safe Community annual national network forums within New Zealand.
- We have attended and participated in conferences, including the 17th International Safe Communities Conference in Christchurch in October 2008, Ministry of Justice conferences on Crime Prevention, ALAC conferences both nationally and locally in relation to alcohol related harm and the law with submissions for possible changes being forwarded from our Safe District Project Plan.
- We are included in the Safe Kids coalition in the Taupō District.
- We are members of the Combined South Waikato and Taupō District Council's Road Safety Committees.
- We have been involved in presentation and participation of several Health and Safety Occupational workshops and seminars and the National Conference at Taupō in October 2009
- Internationally we have shared information with World Health Organisation HQ, with International Safe Community designated Cities and Towns of Brampton in Canada, Suwon in Korea, and Palmerston in Australia.
- We are represented on the committees of and projects implemented from:
 - Alcohol Accord
 - Off-Licence Accord
 - Taupō Safer Community Trust
 - Turangi/Tongariro Safer Community Council
 - Taupō Violence Intervention Network
 - Mangakino Safer Community Group
 - Taupō Council of Social Services
 - Heartlands

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- Our Neighbourhood our Future
 - Taupō Community Ambassadors
 - White Ribbon Day
 - Community Patrols
 - Police Intel Section
 - Police Youth Aid Section including Blue Light
 - Crime Prevention through Environmental Design
 - ACC Safety and Accident Prevention
 - Safety Week Activities
 - Children's Day Activities
- We work closely with local iwi on safety issues for local Māori including youth initiatives and with the Strategic Development Manager at TDC.
 - We meet on a regular basis with the Project Managers of Tauranga Safe City, Rotorua Safety Council, Injury Prevention Manager at New Plymouth, Wellington Safe City Project Coordinator, on subjects of mutual interest, and sharing of ideas, projects, and programmes.
 - We have been instrumental in many Press releases, newspaper, radio and TDC ratepayers post outs, to the residents and visitors of Taupō District encompassing subjects of interest; including regular updates in the Mayors column in the local newspapers.

This has ensured that the information and progression pathway has been portrayed to the residents thus involving them in the all encompassing processes.

Samples of these media releases are

- Water Safety Swimming Awards
- Taupō Safer Community Trust,
- Central Business District Crime Prevention Projects,
- Boat Harbour, River and Lake Water Safety Activities,
- Learn to swim AC baths initiative.

- Rural Children's Safety,
- Elderly Falls Prevention,
- Taupō Violence Intervention Network
- Taupō Community Ambassadors
- Parent Pack
- Taxi Companies Safety Initiatives
- Collaboration of various government departments, organisations and agencies.

The Project Manager has spoken to various service and volunteer groups within the community, and this has been an invaluable tool for spreading of the overall collaborative theme, being an overarching one incorporating all projects and initiatives in place throughout the district for the safety from harm and crime of residents and visitors alike.

Topical subjects, such as family violence, alcohol related harm, crime prevention, water safety, fire safety, driving responsibility, major causes of injury and hospitalization, police concerns, ACC projects, health and safety issues, civil defence emergencies, and the continued promotion of Taupō, Turangi, Mangakino and surrounding rural district, are the source of continual good publicity, showing we are a caring, concerned, and safe district. We are not complacent.

In Turangi and Mangakino the Taupō District Council Offices are the central focal point for all voluntary organisations, and residents and visitors alike can go there with confidence that they will be directed to the correct agency to address their concerns.

In Taupō we have Waiora House, in Spa Road, which is the office accommodation for many of the social and volunteer organisations set up to deal with the variety of everyday problems residents and visitors are likely to face. These many organisations have been addressed by the Project Manager – Safe Communities, and fully support the bid by the Taupō Safe District Project to seek the accreditation as an International Safe Community.

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The Taupō Safe District Project Plan has been very effective in raising the public awareness to the safety, injury and crime prevention issues faced by our locals and visitors. Static displays, poster billboards, conducting a stall at local fairs, Xmas carnival, neighbourhood support and community gatherings, and press releases have ensured the message is getting out there.

The Draft Taupō Urban Commercial and Industrial Structure Plan (appendix) looks at the future of the business area, town centre, pedestrian and traffic flows, impact of the Eastern Arterial Route (due for completion early 2011 – thus taking State Highway 1 around the outskirts of Taupō – eliminating all trucks) and the refreshing of the town centre by re-sighting of tennis courts, realigning of roads, reduced volumes of traffic, and the possibility of a new civic heart being created, by building of a three story building attached to the Great Lake Centre, to house event facilities, and amenities on bottom floor, Taupō District Council on first floor and Arts, Culture Centre and Museum on the top floor. The process is at the public consultation and submission stage as we go to print, with a deadline of July 2010 for adoption of the Draft Structure Plan.

Included in the design and re-alignment of roads, are many innovative safety issues, aimed at pedestrian traffic, visibility, crime prevention and injury prevention.

With the opening of the ETA, land has been obtained by the Taupō District Council for the construction of a village type residential area, all designed with safety of residents in mind, traffic flow, pedestrian access, and play areas for children. The full impact of this modern methodology is set out in the Executive Summary of the Taupō East Urban Lands report, attached as appendix (a very modern approach to creation of urban and suburban environments of excellence)

The Taupō Safe District Project is committed to continuance of criteria, projects, and initiatives from the accreditation process as we move forward building on the collaboration, co-operation and input from the various departments and organisations, so fully supportive of our chosen path in gaining the designation and then a re-designation process in 2015.



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LETTERS OF SUPPORT

Lakes District Health Board
New Zealand Police
Accident Compensation Corporation
Town Centre Taupō
NZ Fire Service



Taupō District Safe Community



9 March 2010

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR TAUPŌ DISTRICT APPLICATION FOR ACCREDITATION AS A WORLD HEALTH ORGANISATION SAFE COMMUNITY

I am pleased to write this letter of support from Taupo Police concerning the application for accreditation of the Taupo District as a World Health Organisation Safe Community.

Taupo Police has formally endorsed its commitment to apply for World Health Organisation accreditation. Police are already active at work in the community, working alongside various organisations including our local council, and like them, we are committed to providing our citizens and visitors to the district as safe a community as possible.

As police officers, we are proud to represent and support our district and to help in making it a safe environment for all to enjoy.

Taupo Police has initiated a number of campaigns to promote safety and the protection of people in the district.

Some of these initiatives include:

- The installation of CCTV cameras throughout the Taupo CBD. The cameras are monitored by a group of volunteers. The cameras continue to prove their worth, assisting with identifying offenders, resolving crime and effectively acting as another set of eyes for police.
- Introduction of mountain bikes and segways for use by officers. These resources have been instrumental in enhancing police visibility and increasing police presence, particularly at major events in the Taupo community.
- Safekids, a kids in cars campaign, concentrating on the correct use of seatbelts and child restraints in motor vehicles.
- Driver Training Programme - teaching high school children the essential elements of safe driving. A joint initiative with Taupo District Council.
- Weekly family violence interagency meetings (with DYFS, Court Victim Advisor, Victim Support, Taupo Women's Refuge, Manu Women's Refuge, Family Start) to discuss family violence cases.



- Our adoption of a zero tolerance (and pro-prosecution) approach to all reported cases of family violence. Working collaboratively with other agencies to improve outcomes for families affected by family violence.
- Taupo Police's Criminal Investigation Branch continues to target criminal gangs by way of special operation and reduce drug activity in the district.

Our officers are committed to working together with the wide range of community organisations, both large and small in our district to ensure our community is safe, secure and protected.

The Taupo Police are therefore pleased to support Taupo District Council in its bid for World Health Organisation Safe Community accreditation.

Yours sincerely



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Dear Doug

The New Zealand Fire Service has robust and strong fire prevention programmes in place within the Taupo District. Our Fire Brigades at Taupo, Turangi, and Mangakino promote the safety initiatives and strategies developed by our National Body.

These include Firewise for children and youth and older adults, the Te Kotahitanga Hema Fire Safety program and Maori fire safety.

I am on the steering committee of the Taupo Safe District Project Plan and thoroughly endorse the initiatives, and projects they have implemented within the community on safety, injury, and crime prevention.

The New Zealand Fire Service fully supports the application by Taupo District to seek accreditation from the World Health Organisation for designation as an International Safe Community.

I look forward to continued association with this very commendable project in the future as they progress toward re-accreditation.

Yours sincerely

Nigel Richards
Assistant Area Manager
Central Lakes Area

GLOSSARY

ACC	Accident Compensation Corporation
ALAC	Alcohol Advisory Council
BOPDHB	Bay of Plenty District Health Board
COBOP	Community Outcomes of Bay of Plenty
CPTED	Crime Prevention through Environmental Design
LDHB	Lakes District Health Board
LTCCP	Long Term Council Community Plan
NZTA	New Zealand Transport Authority
TCOSS	Taupō Council of Social Services
TSDPP	Taupō Safe District Project Plan
TSDCSD	Taupō Safe District Coalition Steering Group
SCFNZ	Safe Communities Foundation New Zealand
WSNZ	Water Safety New Zealand

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APPENDICES

(Hard copy of appendices held at NZ Certifying Centre for World Health Organisation, Safer Communities Foundation New Zealand, Hurstmere House, Suite 5a Level 1, 128 Hurstmere Road, Takapuna , North Shore City, 0740. contact@scfnz.org.nz)

Taupō Safe District Project Plan
Taupō Safer Community Trust Deed
Bay of Plenty Crime Statistics for 2009
Community Road Safety Programme
Mangakino Crime Prevention (Safety) Action Plan
Regional Road Safety Strategy (Waikato Region)
Research about use of Crime Prevention through Environmental Design (CPTED)
Lake Taupō Navigation Safety Bylaw 2009
New Zealand Suicide Prevention Action Plan 2008-2012
How to STOP Graffiti Guide (Ministry of Justice)
Taupō East Urban Lands (Executive Summary)
Suicide Prevention Needs Analysis Report 2008 (LDHB)
Suicide Prevention Action Plan 2009-2012 (LDHB)
Road Safety Action Plan (Taupō District Council)
Road Safety Action Plan (South Waikato District Council)
Taupō Urban Commercial and Industrial Structure Plan
Ministry of Transport (New Zealand's Road Safety Strategy 2010-2020)
Provisional Drowning Report for 2009 (WSNZ)

Notes and comments

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