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Welcome to the first Safer Napier newsletter for 2022. In this issue:

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Please share with your colleagues and networks.

Safer Napier Reaccreditation

A special event was held on 1 Dec 2021 at McLean Park to mark the re-accreditation of Safer Napier as an International Safe Community. Thank you to all who shared this special time with us. The Safe Community model is recognised by the World Health Organization as an effective intervention to address community and individual safety, resilience and wellbeing. Reaccreditation provides a framework to ensure a continued focus on working collaboratively.



Memorandum of Commitment

As part of the reaccreditation process, 59 community groups and organisations have re-affirmed their commitment to Safer Napier and the kaupapa of working together to improve community safety in Napier by signing a Memorandum of Commitment (MOC). Many are longstanding partners who have been part of our journey since 2010.

Safer Napier partners recognise that the whole community has a role to play in keeping our city safe, including in crime prevention, injury prevention, road safety, community resilience, and addiction-related harm.

Check out our reaccreditation application video! <http://www.napier.govt.nz> keyword #safernapier

Farewell to Liz our Safer Napier Coordinator

We farewell Liz Lambert this month after 10 years serving as the dedicated Safer Napier coordinator. You will all join me in thanking Liz for all of her mahi and support of the programme over the years. Liz has been a steady hand getting us through all of the accountability requirements, implementing projects and evaluation support. Liz has also made a mark nationally, supporting the assessment of other Safe Communities applying for accreditation, winning the SCFNZ Safe Community Award in 2015 and as the New Zealand community representative on the Pan Pacific Safe Community Network Board. We wish her all the best.

Marine Parade Water Safety

Goal 1: People are injury free in Napier

Marine Parade is one of New Zealand's top five most dangerous beaches. Napier City Council, Police, Surf Life Saving NZ and Swimming NZ are working together to increase awareness of the dangers of Marine Parade. Temporary signage has been placed along Marine Parade with the intention of developing permanent signage once a risk assessment report is reviewed mid-year.

Public Rescue Equipment is also being trialled along Marine Parade beach and in facilities such as the Aquarium and Bay-skate. These provide public access to floatation devices to throw to a person in trouble in the water. This is called a "dry rescue" and aims to reduce bystander drowning rates. For more information go to:

<https://www.napier.govt.nz/napier/community-development/community-safety/keeping-people-safe-in-napier/water-safety/>



Tsunami Awareness

Goal 4: People in Napier keep themselves safe

It's a matter of when, not if, a tsunami will impact Napier. To help manage that risk, Hawke's Bay Civil Defence Emergency Management Group (HBCDEM) and Napier City Council have installed three new tsunami information boards in key locations along Napier's beachfront - have you seen them?

The signage supports the region's tsunami education work programme, which includes annual events like Tsunami Hīkoi, ShakeOut, workshops with priority communities and the development of Community Resilience Plans.

The tsunami information boards present awareness and action messages about:

- recognising the natural warning signs and acting quickly - Long or Strong, Get Gone
- tsunami evacuation zones
- key survival facts, and
- a QR code to the HBCDEM website to assist in planning your own evacuation route.

For more information visit:

<https://www.hbemergency.govt.nz/news/article/90/napiers-new-tsunami-signs-to-boost->

Safer Napier Strategy & Annual Workshop 2022

Our Safer Napier Strategy is due for review. This is an opportunity to check in with all of our Safer Napier partners to see if our vision, values and goals are still fit for purpose. We would like to invite one representative from each organisation to complete a short survey that will be sent as a link via email. We welcome you to discuss with your organisation and submit a joint response.

Our Annual Workshop is a key event in our Safer Napier year where representatives from all our Safer Napier partners come together to share information, look at opportunities to work together and be part of Safer Napier annual planning. Your organisation will receive an invitation in the coming weeks.