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***** LETTER FROM THE EDITOR*****

Welcome to the eleventh issue of Safe Community Weekly News in 2004, the electronic Safe Community Weekly News is edited by the Norwegian Safety Promotion Centre- a WHO CC Affiliated Safe Community Support Centre on behalf of Safe Communities Network.

WHAT IS NEW AT SAFE COMMUNITIES?

In this issue:

CONFERENCE: 13th International Safe Community Conference, Prague, Czech

SYMPOSIUM: 4th NSW Safe Community Symposium, Australia

PROJECT: Sherpur/Noarlunga Eye Safety Project, Bangladesh/Australia

BIBLIOGRAPHY: Bibliography of Behavioral Science Research in Unintentional Injury Prevention, CDC, USA

RECRUITMENT: Road Safety Education Officer, Latrobe City Council, Australia

The XIII:th International Safe Community Conference June 2-4 will be a success!



The working Committee planning the programme for the XXXth International Safe Community Conference in Prag: From left: Jiri Boleslav, Leif Svanström, Michal Grivna. On line: Max Vosskuhler.

“More than 220 abstracts has been received and more than 200 people have already registered and more are coming in very day.” This is the positive result from the National organisers about the recruiting process in spite of the fact that three month remain and the national participants have an extended registration period.

A planning meeting was held 17-19 March in Prague. All abstracts has been screened so far with extraordinary interesting content! And we still keep abstract registration open on line (www.13safecomm.com) for the simple reason that so many interesting sessions need more input- Safe sports, Safe Work, Safe Elderly – more!

Those who haven't got a preliminary message about acceptance must send an e-mail to peckova@cbttravel.cz and You will soon will soon have another message - where the proposed session title is given. Do not forget to register even if You have submitted an abstract and pay NOW. That saves You a lot of trouble.

It will be a magnificent Conference and a boost for all Safe Comm practitioners as well as policy makers and researchers. We can't wait to see You in Prague!



The magnificent Jugend (Art Nouveau) House in the centre of Prague – the locus for our Conference.



4th NSW Safe Communities Symposium

28th & 29th July 2004
Powerhouse Museum Sydney
Planning Safe and Strong Communities

This year's symposium will provide another opportunity to 'join the dots' for a safer future by:

- *highlighting that safe and strong communities don't just happen – they are planned & designed that way.*
- *emphasizing that community safety is too big and too complex for any one agency to manage alone.*
- *focusing on Indigenous safety promotion and the importance of self determination.*
- *investigating community risk management and the potential of public-private partnerships.*
- *opening opportunities to learn from the diverse range of disciplines and sectors that contribute to the planning and building of safe, strong and liveable communities for Aboriginal and non Aboriginal Australians.*

Please register your interest by forwarding your contact details to:

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2nd Asian Regional Conference on Safe Communities

Sherpur/Noarlunga Eye Safety Project

by Steve Parker, Community Safety Consultant, Noarlunga Health Services



Tony Morisset visiting a lathe shop – Sherpur



Bangladeshi metal worker with safety glasses

During February 2004, representatives from Noarlunga Towards a Safe Community, Australia, travelled to Dhaka, Bangladesh to take part in the 2nd Asian Regional Conference on Safe Communities. Those taking part were Richard Hicks, Director of Community & Allied Health, and Steve Parker, Community Safety Consultant, Noarlunga Health Services (NHS), and Tony Morisset, Community Representative from local business.

Richard Hicks presented an overview of NTSC and Steve Parker and Dr Harun Or Rashid presented the 2002 Sherpur/Noarlunga Eye Safety Project. The Conference, held at the Institute of Child and Mother Health, Dhaka, was a great success with many interesting and varied papers presented and much valuable networking.

Following the Conference, the NTSC team and Dr Harun travelled north to Sherpur to continue the 2004 stage of the eye safety program for wood and metal workers.

Some 700 pairs of safety glasses and welding goggles had been donated by small businesses in Noarlunga, South Australia to be distributed to poorer adult workers and child labourers working in the many Sherpur small businesses.

Over the next two days some 14 eye safety workshops were held with over 360 local employers and employees attending. It was pleasing to see many younger workers taking part in the workshops – a special consignment of special safety glasses had been taken to Sherpur to fit their smaller faces. During the workshops Dr Harun and NTSC staff showed participants the best way of caring for the safety of their eyes during hazardous welding, lathe, grinding and chipping work. Many workers were still using their safety glasses given to them from the earlier project in 2002. These workers exchanged their old, worn safety glasses for new ones.

Following the eye safety workshops the NTSC representatives visited two local schools in Sherpur Town and participated in a student Graduation Ceremony and Sports Day. Gifts from the Mayor of the City of Onkaparinga and computer software from NHS staff and local schools in Noarlunga were presented to the school Principals.

“The visit to Bangladesh provided us with an unforgettable experience,” Tony said. “We will always remember meeting so many interesting and committed people at the Dhaka Conference, drinking sweetened tea when visiting metal and wood businesses in Sherpur, the genuine friendship and common purpose from workers attending the eye safety workshops and, above all, a very hard working, generous and friendly people with amazing pride in their culture, language and beautiful country.”

Above all, these joint projects are an important stage in building a collaborative, lasting liaison between Sherpur and Noarlunga Safe Communities and provide the opportunity for us to learn and grow as real members of the global community.



CDC

Bibliography of Behavioral Science Research in Unintentional Injury Prevention

The *Bibliography of Behavioral Science Research in Unintentional Injury Prevention* includes more than 900 citations of journal articles, book chapters, government reports, and other publications. Designed as a tool for researchers, practitioners and students, this bibliography documents the contributions of behavioral and social sciences to unintentional injury prevention and control from 1980–2003. The CD-Rom includes the complete bibliography in two formats: (1) alphabetical by author; and (2) by injury topic. Citations are also indexed by keyword.

The Bibliography is part of a CDC effort to take an interdisciplinary approach to injury prevention and to identify innovative strategies from the behavioral and social sciences.

Unintentional injury topics include: bicycle injuries; child occupant protection; consumer product safety; drowning; falls; fire and burns; impaired driving; motor vehicle injuries; motorcycle safety; occupational injuries; pedestrian injuries; playground injuries; poisoning; seat belts; sports injuries; and sun-related injuries.

To order a free copy of the CD-Rom, send an e-mail to ohcinfo@cdc.gov.

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**Recruit Solutions / Latrobe City Council
Road Safety Education Officer
Part-time 20 hours p/w, 12 month tenure**

Latrobe City Council is offering a challenging opportunity for an energetic person to facilitate the implementation and coordination strategies to better prepare and educate young drivers within the Latrobe City.

Implementing the 'REAP: Road Safety, Education and Awareness Partnership' as funded by the RACV 'Rural Road Safety Grants 2004' and local partners, the successful applicant will require the following attributes:

- Proven ability to design, promote, implement, evaluate and monitor community programs and prepare promotional/publicity materials
- Knowledge working with school communities, agencies and reference groups and the ability to relate to people across a range of backgrounds
- Strong problem solving and time management skills, working with minimal supervision
- High level written and oral communication skills including report writing and program development
- Awareness/knowledge of community safety promotion
- Ability to use a computer (MS Word)

KEY RESPONSIBILITY AREAS

- Implementation of the 'Latrobe Young Person's Road Safety Strategy' as funded by the Royal Automobile Club of Victoria (Inc.) 'Rural Road Safety Grants 2004.
- Develop sustainable partnerships with all stakeholders in the above road safety strategy.
- Continue existing community based road safety interventions and introduce new programs to engage all learner drivers in the City.
- Develop and implement a communication plan to promote road safety in Latrobe City.
- Work towards a sustainable road safety education strategy in Latrobe City.

Enquiries to Henk Harberts, Manager, Community Safety Strategy, Latrobe City by phoning 5128 5634. Email: HenkHa@latrobe.vic.gov.au

A signed Application Form, Cover letter and Resume must be submitted by post to Debbie Grist, Recruit Solutions, PO Box 859, Traralgon, 3844 and will be received up to 5.00pm on Friday 2 April 2004.

A Position Description and Application Cover Sheet is available from our website, www.recruitsolutions.com.au Job No: 680P or by phoning 5174 3366.

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