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

Welcome to the seventh issue of Safe Community Weekly News in 2006, the electronic Safe Community Weekly News is edited by the European Safe Community Network, International Safe Community Support Team and the WHO CC on Community Safety Promotion on behalf of Safe Communities Network.

WHAT IS NEW AT SAFE COMMUNITIES?

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Important Safe Community seminar for Latin-America in Quito, Ecuador on 1-2 March 2006



Dr Maria Isabel Gutierrez- Chair
 Latin American network for Safe
 Communities



Group Photo at the closing of the seminar



Dr Jorge Nunez, FLACSO

Representatives from Colombia, Ecuador and Peru met to discuss the building of a latin-American Network for Safe communities. The hos was the Institution of FLACSO- Facultad Latinoamericana de Ciencias Sociales Sede Ecuador. The meeting has been planned by Professor Maria Isabel Gutierrez and Dr Andres Fandino from the WHO Collaborating Centre at Cisalva in Cali, Colombia in collaboration with Flacso. Dr Jorge Nunez was chairing the two days seminar.



Dr Andres Fandino presenting results from testing the ICECI classification of injuries system



Audience



presenter from Quito municipality presenting surveillance of mortal injuries



Consultant Karina Sarmiento presenting her experience on Safety work in communities in North Ecuador

Many interesting results from Observation surveillance system on injuries incl violence were presented during the seminar, from many cities in Colombia but also from Quito in Ecuador. Professor Leif Svanstrom presented the international Safe communities concept. The possibilities for identifying surveillance systems, national support organisations for Safe Communities plus at least three communities per country as candidates for the Network of Safe Communities were discussed.

Small one-two-three country seminars were planned as well as an international travelling seminar 2008 and an international Safe Communities Conference 2009 were suggested. Professor Maria Isabel Gutierrez will serve as Chair in building up a Regional Latin American network for Safe Communities with Dr Andres Fandino as a Secretary.

Rapporteur:Leif Svanstrom

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Community celebrates harmony and safety Latrobe, Victoria, Australia



The proceedings were also signed in Auslan (sign language) by Teresa Paulet for the hearing impaired people present.....flags of the major nationalities present in Latrobe City population were flown alongside Safe Community Flag



Latrobe City Mayor Cr Lisa Price signs the Community Harmony Accord



Michael Bourne, Co Vice Chair, Australian Safe Communities Foundation and Latrobe City Mayor Cr. Lisa Price, hold the plague commemorating the re-accreditation....



VSCN celebrates 10 years re-accreditation

Around a hundred people witnessed Latrobe City mayor, Cr Lisa Price, joined her in witnessing and signing two key documents on Tuesday 21 February.

Councillors, council's executive staff and community members signed the 'Multicultural Victoria Community Accord' and as part of the ceremony, recommitted the Latrobe community as a World Health Organisation (WHO) 'Safe Community'. The ceremony took place at noon in the civic square at council's corporate headquarters in Commercial Road Morwell; where parliamentary secretary to the premier on multicultural affairs, the Honourable Kaye Darveniza MLC, represented the Victorian State Government.

Cr Price said Latrobe City has become the first regional municipality to sign the Multicultural Victoria Community Accord, a document which promotes respect and belief in fundamental human rights.

"The principles of the accord are to respect all ethnic, cultural, religious and linguistic communities; to seek opportunities to work together to re-affirm our similarities as human beings and the fundamental principles which unite us as Victorians; to advocate for the elimination of racial and religious intolerance; and to reject all forms of racial and religious vilification, violence, harassment and unlawful discrimination.

“This accord is about community leadership and fostering links. It provides a platform to explore strategies for community leadership that balances our own cultural identity with the need to respect and recognise the beliefs of others,” Cr Price said.

”I am inviting community groups and businesses in Latrobe City to sign this accord with me and to promote the accord by displaying their agreements in reception areas, shop windows and meeting facilities throughout Latrobe,” Cr Price said.

“While Latrobe City already has an international reputation for promoting safety, in addition to signing the Multicultural Victoria Community Accord, we are also recommitting ourselves to being a World Health Organisation (WHO) Safe Community during the noonday ceremony.



The ceremony was held outside the front of City offices in brilliant sunshine, and the Latrobe Valley Italian Folk Choir started proceedings with some traditional numbers.....of all the nationalities, Italians make up 34% of languages other than English spoken in Latrobe City.



Lto R: Michael Bourne, representing the WHO Collaborating Centre on Community Safety Promotion, Honourable Kaye Darveniza, Parliamentary Secretary assisting the Premier on Multicultural Affairs, Victoria. Her Worship Mayor of Latrobe City Cr Lisa Price and Mr Brendan Jenkins, member for Morwell for Victorian State Parliament



People of Latrobe were invited to make their commitment to harmony and respect by signing copies of the Community Harmony Accord.....



The Coal Valley Mens Chorus performed 'I am Australian' before the signing of the Community Harmony Accord - an important concept in feeling safe in our community....

“After ten years of working at improving safety, which has resulted in reduced crime, road trauma and injuries, we have now been invited to continue as a demonstration site, and reaffirm our Safe Community agreement with the WHO.”

Mr Michael Bourne, the Vice Chair of the Australian Safe Communities Foundation, represented the WHO Collaborating Centre on Community Safety Promotion at Tuesday’s ceremony.

Additional arrangements for the day included cultural displays and singing of Advance Australia Fair in Italo-Australian by the Latrobe Valley Italian Folk Choir.

The first public performance of the Coal Valley Men’s Chorus, and the hosting of the first 2006 meeting of the Victorian Safe Communities Network which comprises a state-wide group of community safety practitioners and policy makers from around Victoria

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Motorcycle and car license test and renew Motion office for Road Safety, Alishan, Taiwan



Motion office goes to Alishan Township for Motorcycle and car license test and renew. Many inhabitants of aborigines get more advices on safety on roads in the far away mountainous area. The new program will cover more communities in high mountain area, teaching and helping the people to understand and practice more safety regulation.

Many inhabitants of aborigines have the need to have driving test and renew their license. But they are not convenience to Motor Vehicles office and some of them can't understand paper examinations written in Chinese. The project members with the help of motion office of motor vehicles started a program and invited them to Alishan Township. Since then more inhabitants driving motorcycles and obtained their "driving license". The program will help the people to translate Chinese instructions to their aborigine language. The new idea of Motor Vehicles motion office will not only focus on driving license test and renewal, it also promote road safety among aborigine people in the area region.

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The Czech Republic Has Started Preparation of the National Injury Free Days, 2006



L-R: Ms Kortusova, WHO CZ, Ms Steflava, WHO LO CZ, and Mr Svec, National Healthy Cities Network Co-ordinator

A kick-off meeting for the National injury-free days 2006 has been held at the UN House in Prague, Czech Republic on 1st March 2006. A group of experts of various institutions including ministries, research institutes and university hospitals chaired by WHO LO Ms Alena Steflava, M.D. And Mr Petr Svec, National Healthy Cities Network co-ordinator has chosen child injury prevention as a main topic for this event. The general topic will be Safe Route to School. The National injury-free days will be held across the whole country from 1st to 11th June 2006. Among other activities in concrete municipalities a seminar and press conference on injury prevention will be held in Prague on 1st June. According experience from previous years we expect the Days will contribute to improve an injury record among children in the Czech Republic.

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Report from Queensland Safe Communities Support Centre

The most important aspect for me as Manager is keeping sight of our reason for existence, which is supporting new, developing and existing Queensland Safe Communities.

In so doing, we have worked on a number of levels;

As many will be aware, Queensland Health is undergoing a major review. Dr Rob Pitt has been charged with chairing the Injury Prevention Working Group for the Queensland Trauma Plan. The working group is represented by a number of organisations, and it is clear that the Safe Communities approach is recognized as an effective medium to deliver on the ground programs, linked to local data. Along with other essential features of an effective injury prevention/risk management program, be assured that the WHO Safe communities approach has been profiled in the documentation.

Following the inaugural conference, we have formalized our partnership with Lend Lease Communities. The partnership includes a pilot home safety kit (children under 5), developing a linked DVD and visiting some of the Lend Lease communities to present the synergies between Safe Communities and the Lend Lease injury free philosophy. This is an exciting time for both organisations and we all hope that this is just the beginning of a long term partnership toward making Queensland a safer place to live, work, travel and play – in partnership!

We have continued excellent relationships with New Zealand and are sharing information across the Tasman that benefits us all

Continuing to raise the profile of the Safe Communities program, I have presented at both Caboolture and Maroochydore regarding the 'fit' of Safe Communities with their current activities, which include crime prevention and drowning prevention

I was delighted to have the opportunity on February 3rd to facilitate the 6th celebration of Mackay/Whitsunday Safe communities. Congratulations to Colleen Gunning and Dale Hanson on coordinating a spectacular day, culminating in the cutting of a celebration cake and media interviews. Congratulations to all the working groups on their passion and commitment to their community. Whilst time and resource constraints are constant challenges, it was marvelous to celebrate the importance of what has been achieved, and seeing that the sum total of everyone's contribution has a positive cumulative effect on making your community a safer place to live, work, travel and play.

Please visit our website for further information on the wonderful work of Queensland safe communities.



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