# Working together for a

# **SAFER NAPIER**



Welcome to our first Safer Napier newsletter, we hope you find it useful.

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Please share with your colleagues and networks, and give us your feedback.

#### **Our Partners**

Safer Napier is a collaboration of over 40 different organisations and community groups who all want to see a Safer Napier. We share ideas, combine resources, and collectively deliver initiatives and programmes to increase safety in our community.

#### Hill Hosts

Goal 4. People in Napier keep themselves safe

An estimated 15,000 people are expected to evacuate to Napier Hill in a strong or long earthquake and tsunami event. The Hill Hosts project aims to increase community awareness and emergency preparedness. "Ready or not here they come!"

A team of residents, the 'Hill Crew' is planning and driving preparedness activities on the Hill. They have recently secured funding for four 200 litre water storage tanks to be installed in public places to help provide clean water during an emergency.



Hill Host project partners: Napier Neighbourhood Support, Hawke's Bay Civil Defence Emergency Management and Napier City Council

## **Shake Out, 15 October 2020**

During Shake Out, our annual national 'drop, cover, and hold' earthquake drill, those who live, work or play in coastal areas were also encouraged to practise their tsunami hikoi. Napier City Council, Hawke's Bay Regional Council, and Napier City businesses are encouraging their staff to check their 'Grab Bag' and replenish food, snacks and other items

Preparedness involves practising emergency evacuation and knowing the evacuation routes to the Hill. An emergency plan (including tsunami evacuation) is a health and safety requirement for NZ workplaces.

#### **Safer Napier Goals**

- 1. People are injury free in Napier
- 2. Napier is free from crime
- 3. Napier roads are safe for all
- 4. People in Napier keep themselves safe
- 5. Napier is free from addiction related harm



# **Coffee with a Cop**

Goal 2. Napier is free from crime

Napier's Coffee with a Cop aims to break down barriers between police officers and the community.

Held on Wednesday 7 October, over a cuppa, residents were encouraged to discuss questions or issues with Police. A total of 262 hot drinks were shared this year. This is a great way for people to get to know their community Police officer.



### **Alcohol Free Environments**

Goal 5. Napier is free from addiction related harm

Hawke's Bay has one of the highest levels of hazardous drinking in New Zealand.

The Napier and Hastings Councils' Joint Alcohol Strategy (JAS) Reference Group has recently been working on:

- A new Hawke's Bay alcohol free brand including a digital toolkit and resources for events. These have been used already at the summer Napier Night Fiestas, Art Deco Weekend family friendly zone, and the New Year's Eve Festival.
- Reducing exposure to alcohol by removing alcohol advertising from Council managed bus shelters and Go Bay Hawke's Bay Regional Transport buses, in Napier and Hastings.

The alcohol free resources (such as beanbags, flags and umbrellas) are available for use from:

www.ourhealthhb.nz/communityservices/health-education-resources-napierhealth/

resources@hbdhb.govt.nz

① 06 834 1815



# Action Plan 2020/21

This was finalised in September and was prepared with input and advice from our signatory organisations and Safer Napier Strategic Group partners. www.napier.govt.nz/napier/community-development/community-safety/safer-napier/

Unfortunately we were unable to hold the annual Safer Napier workshop this year due to COVID-19 restrictions but thank you to everyone who completed the survey sent out in February. Your input into Safer Napier planning is very important.

