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**WHO COLLABORATING  
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 COMMUNITY SAFETY PROMOTION**

## SAFE COMMUNITY WEEKLY NEWS

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

Welcome to the thirty-sixth issue of Safe Community Weekly News, the electronic Safe Community Weekly News will be send from Harstad - Norway on behalf of Safe Communities Network.

### WHAT IS NEW AT SAFE COMMUNITIES?

In this issue:

- **PROGRAM: Macleay Hastings Safe Communities, Australia.**
- **VISIT: WHO CC representative Dr. Henricson visited Australia.**
- **VACANCIES: Senior Project Officer, Child Injury Prevention, Australia**
- **CONFERENCE: The 12<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Safe Communities, Hong Kong, China**

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## MACLEAY HASTINGS SAFE COMMUNITIES

*"Safety is a Community Concern"*

### Safety for the Macleay and Hastings gets a \$50,000 boost



LEFT TO RIGHT Stephen Blunden -Durri Aboriginal Medical Centre, Terry Clout - Mid North Coast Area Health Service CEO, David Boyle - Hastings Legacy, Ross Maunder - NSW Roads and Traffic Authority, Wayne Richards-Mayor Hastings Council, Andrew Weir - Ageing and Disability Department, Jenny Sproule-Kempsey Council, Frank Shaw - Department of Education, Dennis Myers - Department of Communities Services, Leah Wright - NSW Ambulance, Mark Holahan - NSW Police, Jon Gallagher - NSW Fire Brigade (Obscured) Terry McDermott - Chairperson Macleay Hastings Safe Communities

**The Mid North Coast Area Health Service, NSW Health and the NSW Roads and Traffic Authority has contributed to a sum of \$50,000 to employ a Safe Communities Coordinator for the next twelve months.**

**On 20 November 2002 at 10am the Macleay Hastings Safe Communities Program hosted a forum and official signing at Port Macquarie, Australia to celebrate the achievements of the Macleay Hastings Safe Communities Pilot Project.**

**“Over 1000 children were hospitalised on the Mid North Coast as a result of an avoidable injury in 1998. Among these were the results of accidental drownings, falls, motor vehicle crashes and poisons, said Brett Johnson, Safe Communities Coordinator.**

**“This boost in funding means that this community injury prevention project will no longer be a pilot, but a sustained program aimed at reducing the number and severity of injuries that occur within the Macleay and Hastings Communities.**

**“The types of injury prevention and safety promotion programs addressed in coming months will include child injuries, sports injuries, driver awareness, drink driving, crime and falls prevention,” said Brett Johnson, Safe Communities Coordinator.**



Moa Sundstrom WHO and Ms Pam Albany NSW Health Injury Prevention and Policy Unit

**The launch and signing of the new partnership was witnessed by Ms Moa Sundstöm, a Safe Communities Accreditor at the Karolinska Institute, World Health Organisation Collaboration Centre.**

**“This is a tremendous commitment from all parties to work with the community in addressing the high level of injuries that occur every year on the Mid North Coast,” said Mr Johnson.**

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## **WHO CC representative Dr. Henricson visited Australia**

**During 2 weeks in October and November, Bo Henricson from Safe Community Arjeplog has visited several Australian communities as a representative for the World Health Organisation Collaboration Center on Community Safety Promotion.**

**Bo Henricson has visited Melbourne CBD, Childrens Hospital Melbourne, City of Port Philip, Noarlunga, Adelaide CBD, Barossa Valley, Perth and Denmark Shire.**



**Bo Henricson presenting the 6 indicators for a Safe Community for M The Lord Mayor and staff at the Melbourne CBD**

**During the visit, he has been lecturing about the indicators for a safe community, the importance of the grass root participation and the significance of psycho-social factors in injury risk behaviour.**

**During the visit Dr Henricson has seen examples of various injury prevention measures, from safety details in households, collaboration with Bangladesh in prevention of eye injuries, road safety measures, Safe Dreaming Trails for school children, prevention of work related injuries in small businesses, new computerized techniques in health education to City Administration administered plans to reduce graffiti, videocamera surveillance and skate board parks.**

**Dr. Henricson was very impressed by the work of several communities. Especially he pointed out the work of City of Port Philip which is very close to appointment for status as a member of the WHO Safe Community Network, the continuing work of the Noarlunga Safe Community where they are travelling on new ways to a safer community and the ever continuing work of the devoted people of the Shire of Denmark, WA. Furthermore he joined in meetings in Barossa Valley and Perth, where the injury preventing work is just starting on a very promising way to accreditation.**



**From the conference and launch of the Safe Community work in Adelaide,  
left to right: Kim Tolotta, Workcover South Australia,  
Paul Kells Canadian Foundation for Safe Communities,  
Darlene Mattiske, Workcover South Australia  
and Bo Henricson WHO**

**Last but not least, he joined the launch of the Adelaide Safe Community leading to, hopefully, a designation in a couple of years. Dr. Henricson would especially like to point out, that Adelaide has been accredited as a member of the Canadian Foundation for Safe Communities, which means, that the Foundation has accepted the Adelaide business plan for sustainable funding while working towards designation as a Safe Community. This information was given by Mr. Paul Kells from the Canadian Foundation for Safe Communities, who attended the meetings in Adelaide.**

**Adelaide has found the balance between city administration issues and collaboration with the grassroots, and he was very impressed. Furthermore there are plans of starting an Australian Foundation for Safe Communities for collaboration and help for designated Safe Communities in Australia and Safe Communities to be.**



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**NEW POSITIONS:**

**Senior Project Officer - Child Injury Prevention (A05) - Tropical Public Health Unit Network – Mackay, Mackay Health Service District. Temporary Full Time. VRN:M188/02.**

**Senior Project Officer - Child Injury Prevention (AO5) - Tropical Public Health Unit Network - Mt Isa, Mt Isa Health Service District. Temporary Full Time.**

**PERIOD OF ASSIGNMENT:**

Temporary position for three years

**APPLICATION PACKAGE:**

Can be obtained by telephoning 61 7 4968 6525 (Mackay). 61 7 4744 4490 (Mount Isa)

**(INCLUDING SELECTION CRITERIA)**

**FURTHER INFORMATION:**

After obtaining the application package, any enquiries regarding the duties of the position should be directed to Paul Vardon 61 7 3405 5252.

**CLOSING DATE FOR the APPLICATIONS:**

Applications addressing selection criteria for Mackay position should be forwarded to:

The Applications Officer  
Human Resource Management Unit  
PO Box 5580

MACKAY MAIL CENTRE QLD 4741  
AUSTRALIA

and must be received no later than close of business on Monday 9 December 2002.

Applications addressing the selection criteria for the Mount Isa position should be forwarded to:

The Applications Officer  
Human Resource Management Unit  
PO Box 27

MOUNT ISA QLD 4825  
AUSTRALIA

and must be received no later than close of business on 20 December 2002.

# The 12th International Conference on Safe Communities

March 18 – 20, 2003, Hong Kong, China

<http://www.safety2003.org.hk>

The Occupational Safety and Health Council is hosting The 12<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Safe Communities on March 18-20, 2003. The annual conference will be held concurrently with the 2003 Safety+Health Expo at the Hong Kong Convention and Exhibition Centre and will continue a worldwide effort to promote awareness and education of injury prevention and control.

The conference will be held on **March 18-20, 2003** at the following venue:

## **Hong Kong Convention and Exhibition Centre**

1 Expo Drive,  
Wanchai,  
Hong Kong SAR, China

### Main Themes:

- ✓ Occupational Safety & Health
- ✓ Fire Safety
- ✓ Drug Prevention
- ✓ Road Safety
- ✓ Sports Injury Prevention
- ✓ Youth Education
- ✓ Home Safety
- ✓ Violence Prevention
- ✓ Injury Statistics

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