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

Welcome to the thirty-eighths 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:

- **DESIGNATION: Høyanger, the 71st WHO Safe Community, Norway.**
- **REPORT: Latrobe Safe Community in 2002, Australia.**
- **CONFERENCE: First Brazilian and Mercosul Congress, Brazil.**

Høyanger designated WHO Safe Community



The Norwegian municipality Høyanger became the 71st member of the World Health Organisation's Network for Safe Communities on the 26th of November and No. 12 in Norway.

During a public event at the municipal theatre with local performing art, from dancers and karate club show to singing children, a local school orchestra and a local pop group the event was ended with signing of the agreement by the Mayor Kjartan Longva, chief executive officer Arvid Lillehaug and Dr Bo Henricson, WHO. After the ceremony, a beautiful firework was going on for several minutes, causing people who were not there to ask what was going on!!



On the 27th a conference was held with attendants from the region and the Capital, Oslo. The issues were opened by the hon. Mayor Kjartan Longva and Dr Bo Henricson, WHO, talked about using brain in the injury preventing work but not forgetting the heart. The project leader Marit Nordstrand talked about working together to prevent injuries, while principal Reidun Haugnes and Principal Solveig Bersatad Sande gave a lecture about the local injury preventing work in the schools .



After lunch the issues were growing up and culture, voluntary organisation, safety work in the different offices in the municipality, as well social, health and technical. The conference was brought to an end with a very interesting lecture by the county health coordinator Emma Bjornsen about the county's role in the municipalities work with Safe Community Accreditation.



The ceremony and the conference were both very well planned, and gave an interesting view on Injury Prevention in Norway today.

WHO Safe Community Activity Short Report 2002 – Latrobe City, Victoria Australia.



The Latrobe Valley began community based safety programs in the early 1990's. Parts of this area have been active in community safety promotion since the 1950's when road trauma and alcohol featured as significant local issues.

In 2002 – in a restructured local government, the community safety promotion unit moved from Planning and Development into City Strategy, with some new internal partners, Investment, Environment, Special projects, Community Building to name a few.

2002 also witnessed some changes in staff, we gained new staff in small business safety promotion and crime prevention. Some of these are listed below

Latrobe City Safe Communities Advisory Committee: Amalgamation of this Council Committee with the Local Safety Committee (Local Priority Policing) was approved by Council – it is proposed a host a Community Safety Forum early 2003.

In late February, we visited Suwon, Korea to participate in the 1st Asian Regional SC Conference. In June we assisted Toowoomba City in Queensland to implement Community Safety work, we have hosted and coordinated two WHO Safe Community Collaborating Centre visitors to Australia during late Oct, early Nov. With support of WorkCover Corporation of SA, visited Adelaide City to assist with WHO accreditation and a proposal to establish an Australian Safe Communities Foundation.

Safer Gippsland Project – Jointly funded between the Victorian Department of Justice (Crime Prevention Victoria) and our five regional Local Governments, Latrobe City Safety manages this project with two part-time staff. A major focus this year was organising Safer

Design Guideline workshops, the final sessions were scheduled for Latrobe City in early Nov. Latrobe City hosts Monthly Regional Taskgroup meetings and we are currently evaluating the pilot Safer Design guidelines for Statewide adoption and hope to complete this work in mid 2003.

Road Safety – In Latrobe City road fatalities have risen alarmingly over this current year, during the previous two years we had one fatality per annum but since the start of 2002 we have had 9 fatalities. Consequently we have undertaken some campaigns and programs to once again focus community activity in this area. Media and street redevelopment have been a feature of our work, this has included construction of our Bicycle Strategy adopted last year. City Kindergartens to host Marbs & Cuddlepot – school crossing safety play during fourth term. In partnership with our schools we propose to submit for VicHealth 'Walking School Bus' funding early 2003. Safe Cycle Month and Community Safety Month were also held in October. In early November our RoadSafe Community Group co-hosted the Victorian Annual RoadSafe Conference in Phillip Island.

Small Business Safety Project – This Project was a partnership with the Victorian WorkCover Authority and has moved to two days per week till late December. The project Officer worked closely with a number of high risk local businesses to promote safety. We await a WorkCover response to the project completion. Final Reports for this program are available upon request.

Drugs & Alcohol – Emerging Hot Spot Drug Initiative Funding was provided by Victorian Department of Human Services. In partnership with local agencies we administer funds to focus on Volatile Substance/Inhalents and underage alcohol issues. A Peaceful Use of Public Space Policy has been adopted by Council. The Local Alcohol Accord continues to meet in Traralgon, this is a partnership between the Police, Licensed Venues and Council.

Development of a **Community Plan**, incorporating a Municipal Public Health Plan, a Neighbourhood Environment Improvement Plan as well as aspects of Neighbourhood Renewal and Community Wellbeing and Safety is being progressed in Latrobe. This Plan combines community mobilisation with legislative and local initiatives.

Community agencies/groups meetings. The Community Safety Unit at Latrobe acknowledges that most all safety work is effectively undertaken by the community itself consequently we participate, resource, support these group where possible. Some examples include local Drug Reference Group, Traralgon and District Alcohol Accord, LV Neighbourhood Renewal (Community Safety and Wellbeing Subcommittee), Police Community Consultation Committees, Central Gippsland RoadSafe, Central Gippsland Family Violence Network – local and statewide Community Safety Month, October 2002.

Injury Data, Safety Perception, Crash Stats and Crime Reports: just some of the data that is utilised to direct our efforts. Latrobe has a close relationship with VISAR at Monash University, Clayton as it does with local Police, Road Authorities and emergency services. Without that cooperation, the very tangible support of Council and especially the people of Latrobe, no safety promotion would be possible! Have a Safe Season and a Safe New Year in 2003.

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First Brazilian and Mercosul Congress of Promotional Strategies for the Prevention and Control of Accidents, Suicides and Violence

First Latin American Conference on Life Protector Cities and Communities - Safe Cities and Communities -

Accidents, Suicides and Violence - building public policies for the development of life protectors cities and communities and protected environments

**26th to 30th of March, 2003,
Porto Alegre - Rio Grande do Sul - Brasil**

Regional Preparatory Event for the VII World Congress for Prevention and Control of Injuries, Vienna, 7th to 9th of June 2004

Organizers:

- ❖ Porto Alegre - Protecting Life City Project
- ❖ Municipal Health Secretary of Porto Alegre
- ❖ Municipal Government of Porto Alegre City
- ❖ Brazilian Cooperation Network on Emergencies - RCBE
- ❖ WHO Collaborating Centre on Community Safety Promotion - Karolinska Institutet - Stockholm, Sweden
- ❖ Latin American Association of Cooperation on Emergencies and Disasters - ALACED

Promoters:

- ❖ Ministry of Health of Brasil
- ❖ Brazilian Center for Health Studies - CEBES
- ❖ Latin American Association of Social Medicine - ALAMES
- ❖ UFSC - Federal University of Santa Catarina - Brasil
- ❖ Pan American Health Organization - PAHO

*****NOTES TO CONTRIBUTORS*****

The editors must hear from you so that Safe Community Weekly News can effectively serve as a medium of communication for Safe Community Network members, and those whom are interested in injury prevention and Community safety promotion.

We are soliciting contributions from all members who have information relevant to the Safe Community Network. There are a number of specific items we are seeking:

- Information on new designated communities, affiliated centres and their activities;
- Announcement of conferences or seminars in Safe community, injury prevention and related subjects;
- Calls for papers by journals and book editors;
- Announcements of new appointments and promotions;
- Articles describing activities or new initiatives at your community, institution, Centre or firm (perhaps describing your departmental or university programs in safety promotion, discussing new practices, methods, and tools used in Injury prevention and community safety promotion, describing new governmental policy initiatives / programs, and so forth).

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