



## *Carolyn Coggan*

Dr. Carolyn Coggan is the Director and a trustee of the Safe Communities Foundation New Zealand (SCFNZ), a Certifying Centre and Affiliate Safe Community Support Centre of the WHO Collaborating Centre on Community Safety Promotion. Carolyn has supported the recent establishment of the Safe School Communities International Accreditation Programme (SSCIAP), a project in collaboration with the WHO Collaborating Centre on Community Safety Promotion and is the former co-chair of the International Safe Schools Movement. Carolyn is also responsible for introducing the Passport to Safety programme to young people throughout New Zealand. As the Chairperson of the Stakeholder Reference Group for the New Zealand Injury Prevention Strategy, Carolyn has had considerable involvement in both the development of the Strategy and subsequent implementation plans.

Prior to establishing the SCFNZ in December 2004, Carolyn was the Director of the Injury Prevention Research Centre, and an Associate Professor at the School of Population Health, University of Auckland. Carolyn's areas of research expertise include injury prevention, adolescent health, suicide prevention and the evaluation of community interventions. Carolyn has also been responsible for developing and supporting national and international programmes related to the areas of: school safety, suicide prevention, safer public places, water safety and community safety. For the past 20 years, Carolyn has worked towards combining evidence-based community safety and injury prevention, to inform the development of a positive safety culture and safer environments aimed at improving health, safety and well-being. Carolyn's approach is to work collaboratively with community groups, non-government and government agencies, health and education professionals to influence policy, promote community safety, enhance the quality of life, and reduce the human and social costs of injuries. Now recognised nationally and internationally as an effective leader in the field of community and school safety, Carolyn always welcomes the opportunity to share her knowledge and expertise.

