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Dear AIPN Members,

The AIPN is a professional organisation bringing together all Australians and New Zealanders concerned with injury issues. Please feel free to contact us for more information.

AIPN undertakes to collate information from contributors, and has not been responsible for the research reported in this newsletter.

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Dear Colleagues,

More than any other time since the establishment of the Australian Injury Prevention Network, it is important to be a member of your professional injury prevention body. Over the last few years, in particular, we have seen a reduction in interest and action by many governments on issues relating to injury prevention. If we are ever to revitalise activity on injury prevention by government in Australia we must ensure that we keep our professional body strong. For this we need members.

The AIPN Executive has worked hard over the past 12 months on a range of activities to benefit members. These include the new website (have a look at www.aipn.com.au, if you haven't already), a very successful conference last year (with many thanks to MUARC and VIFM who hosted it), the introduction of the Seeding Grant to foster good research ideas, our regular newsletters and lots more.

Please demonstrate your commitment to injury prevention and support for your likeminded colleagues by renewing your membership this year. A Membership form is available for download from the AIPN website www.aipn.com.au

Of course, if you have any ideas for activities that you would like the AIPN to undertake or that you would like to volunteer to take an active role in the AIPN, please let me know. We would love to hear from you.

We look forward to your support.

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Awards

2009 AIPN Seeding Grant Winner. Congratulations!!

It is with great pleasure that the AIPN announces the winner of the 2009 AIPN Seeding Grant competition.

Congratulations to Samantha Hauge from the State Coroners Office in Victoria and the joint investigative team from the State Coroners Office of Victoria, the Melbourne School of Population Health and the Australian Institute for Suicide Research and Prevention Queensland. The project title *Jumping suicides and the media: does reportage inspire imitation?* has been awarded the AIPN 2009 Seeding Grant.

The project team are "absolutely delighted to receive the news that they were successful applicants of the AIPN Seeding Grant".



ADVANCE NOTICE

Submissions for the 2010 AIPN Seeding Grant will take place in second half of 2010. Information will be added to the AIPN website soon. Please visit the AIPN website regularly for further information www.aipn.com.au



Australian
**CRIME AND VIOLENCE
PREVENTION**
Awards

Do you know of a program that has reduced crime and violence in your area?

Are you involved in a project that works towards a safer community?

Nominations for the 2010 Australian Crime & Violence Prevention Awards, recognising programs to reduce crime and violence in Australia, are now open. Nominations close on 16 June 2010.

For more information on how to nominate visit www.aic.gov.au, email acvpa@aic.gov.au or call (02) 6260 9216.

Safe Work Awards

Celebrate, showcase and reward innovative ideas, leadership and commitment to workplace health and safety.

QLD—Closes 9 July 2010

NSW—Closes 2 July 2010

SA—Closes 30 Jul 2010

WA—Closes 9 July 2010

TAS—Closes 2 July 2010

VIC—Closed.



Latest Injury Prevention Releases

New Reports/ Articles

Health system expenditure on disease and injury in Australia, 2004-2005

This report provides an analysis of health system expenditures associated with specific disease and injury groups. It also discusses the changes in expenditure by disease between 2000-01 and 2004-05.

<http://www.aihw.gov.au/publications/hse/87/10632.pdf>

Injury deaths Victoria 2006—E-bulletin February 2010

This e-bulletin provides details of the characteristics of Victorian deaths in 2006 .

[http://www.monash.edu.au/muarc/VISU/reports/E-bulletin Edition5 Deaths.pdf](http://www.monash.edu.au/muarc/VISU/reports/E-bulletin%20Edition5%20Deaths.pdf)

Assessing Community attitudes to speed limits—Final Report 2010

This report provides details of a collaborative research study that was undertaken in four Australian states to assess community attitudes towards current speed limits and to identify some of the reasons for these attitudes.

<http://www.monash.edu.au/muarc/reports/muarc293.pdf>

The effect of market group mix on crash risk in the Australasian light vehicle fleet—Report #295

This report exams potential crash risk and injury effects of wholesale changes in market preference within the light passenger vehicle fleets of New Zealand, NSW and Victoria.

<http://www.monash.edu.au/muarc/reports/muarc295.pdf>

Impact of coronial investigations on manner and cause of death determinations in Australia, 2000-2007. David M Studdert and Stephen M Cordner.

This paper evaluates the changes in the understanding of the manner and cause of death occurring during the course of coronial investigations.

http://www.mja.com.au/public/issues/192_08_190410/stull062_fm.html

PLEASE KEEP US INFORMED

If anyone is aware of any new reports, courses or project grants in injury prevention, the AIPN would love to hear from you. Please email us on secretariat@aipn.com.au

Kidsafe WA Playground Conference

Connecting our Kids with Nature

This was the theme of a recent Perth conference. Kidsafe WA presented the Kidsafe Playground Conference – *The Nature of Play*, at the Subiaco Arts Centre 19-20 April, 2010.

The conference was an excellent prelude to the free public lecture presented by the WA Department of Sport and Recreation *An Evening with Richard Louv* and the launch of their *Nature Play WA* website.

Some delegates felt that a Kidsafe Conference would focus only on playground safety issues not expecting such a strong emphasis on providing challenge and connecting kids with nature. For members of the Kidsafe WA team these topics are not so disconnected. As Kidsafe WA's CEO Sue Wicks explains "Keeping children safe from serious playground injury should not mean eliminating fun, challenge and opportunities to play in natural settings. Kidsafe strongly believes that well-designed natural play spaces can offer children plenty of fun, challenge and learning and keep them safe from serious injury."

Another important lesson highlighted at the conference was that playgrounds do not only provide opportunities for children to develop their physical skills. They can also support children to stretch their imaginations and practice their social and communication skills. Well-designed natural playgrounds can also foster their engagement with the natural world and play a part in teaching children important science and maths principles.

It is not often that child care and education professionals and local government parks and gardens personnel get to participate in the same event. The fact that the conference attracted such a diverse range of sponsors and delegates acknowledges the value of quality parks and playgrounds to all members of our society.

For more information about the Kidsafe Playground Conference or about Kidsafe WA's Playground Advisory Service visit www.kidsafewa.com.au/playgrounds



Disseminating YOUR Research

There is an enormous amount of activity in injury prevention throughout Australia, however, the details of many programs are not published in professional journals or other mediums.

Sharing information about your work adds to the body of knowledge and helps to coordinate efforts to prevent injuries.

If you have any work that you would like to be put into a published format, that may not be suitable for a journal publication, please send us your work and we will publish it in the AIPN newsletter. This will enable your work to be published and will also allow other injury prevention experts to learn about your research.

Victorian Burns Prevention Partnership

The Royal Children's Hospital (RCH) Safety Centre together with representatives from the state's fire services (Metropolitan Fire Brigade and Country Fire Authority) and the Alfred Hospital and RCH burns units have been meeting to share knowledge, discuss issues, and initiate and develop joint projects to encourage burns prevention.

Recent collaborative works include Stay Safe—a quarterly newsletter developed by the VBPP, which provides valuable fire safety and burns prevention information to parents, teachers, grandparents and all those responsible for the care of young children aged between zero and eight years.

To request a hard copy of Stay Safe please ring (03) 9345 5085 or download a copy at www.rch.org.au/safetycentre



Prevent Children Being Injured By Curtain and Blind Cords

The Royal Children's Hospital (RCH) Safety Centre joined forces with Consumer Affairs Victoria in January 2010 to launch a state-wide safety campaign about the dangers of blind and curtain cords to children.

The Hon Tony Robinson MP, Minister for Consumer Affairs, said it was important to educate consumers and traders about the childhood strangulation risk associated with blind and curtain cords.

Curtain cords can be a safety risk as they can form a loop and get tangled around the child's neck, Mr. Robinson said.

Eight coronial inquiries involving deaths of children across Australia by curtain and blind cords took place between 2000 and 2008. More recently there were two deaths in Victoria in 2009.

"I encourage all parents to request a free safety kit from consumer Affairs Victoria, to help make their curtain and blind cords safe," Mr. Robinson said.

For more information or to request a free safety kit contact Consumer Affairs Victoria by visiting www.consumer.vic.gov.au or the RCH Safety Centre by visiting www.rch.org.au/safetycentre.

Important Note:

A new national product safety system will be in place from January 2011. This new system will include a new set of standards and bans for products, which includes window furnishings, and will be effective across Australia from 1 January 2011. For further information on the new product safety system please visit www.productsafety.gov.au



International Safe Hospitals Network—Calling for Members

Hospital can play a vital role for injury prevention and safety promotion. Hospitals should be actively involved in the Safe Community program. Therefore, WHO CC CSP has developed a new “Safe Community Hospital Network’ and is calling for memberships.

For membership and technical support please contact Prof. Leif Svanstrom (leif.svanstrom@ki.se) or Dr. Koustuv Dalal (koustuv.dalal@liu.se).

Visit the following website for the International Safe Community Hospitals Criteria:

http://www.phs.ki.se/csp/pdf/indicator/safe_hospitals_criteria.pdf



Reducing Alcohol Related Violence in the ACT

A New framework for the ACT

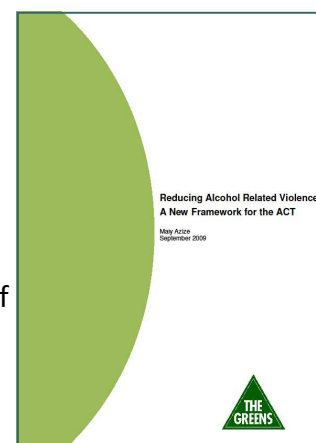
This paper identifies issues arising from excessive consumption of alcohol, particularly the threat of alcohol related violence and personal safety in the Canberra community. The report includes nine proposal to address these issues. Feedback on the report is welcomed.

Go to the website for the paper:

<http://www.phaa.net.au/documents/ReducigAlcoholRelatedViolenceDiscussionPaper01-09-2009.pdf>

To provide feedback:

- Write to Shane Rattenbury MLA, GPO Box 1020 Canberra ACT 2601
- Email Rattenbury@parliament.act.gov.au
- Call (02) 62-5 0005
- Or register as an interested individual/organisation to be notified of future developments on alcohol related violence proposals.



Next AIPN Networking Opportunity

Staying Alive, Staying Safe

New Ways Forward for Injury Prevention in the 21st Century

The AIPN has partnered with PHAA to provide a forum that will bring together key researchers, advocates and leaders to set a national strategic injury prevention agenda to build the profile of injury as a significant public health issue.

Date: Thursday 30 September 2010 9am to 5pm

Venue: Adelaide Convention Centre, Adelaide

Cost: \$50 for PHAA, AIPN members, \$80 for non-members

Session 1: Chaired by the PHAA Special Interest Groups (SIGs) in Injury Prevention and Health Promotion

Session 2: Chaired by the Safe, Sufficient and Sustainable Mobility Consortium

Session 3: Chaired by the Australian Injury Prevention Network

Session 4: Recommendations and Future Action

Further details on the contents of each session can be found on the [AIPN website](#).

Decade of Action for Road Safety

Decade of Action for Road Safety 2011-2020

On 2 March 2010 governments around the world took the historic decision to increase action to address the road safety crisis over the next ten years.

The overall goal of the Decade is to halt or reverse the increasing trend in road traffic deaths and injuries around the world by supporting road safety activities at the national level.

Through the decade, Member states, with the support of the international community, commit to actions in areas such as developing and enforcing legislation on key risk factors: limiting speed, reducing drink-driving, and increasing the use of seatbelts, child restraints and motorcycle helmets. Efforts will also be undertaken to improve emergency trauma care, upgrade road and vehicle safety standards, promote road safety education and enhance road safety management generally.

A draft plan, prepared by WHO with support from members of the UN Road Safety Collaboration, is now open to all stakeholders for comments. Interested stakeholders are invited to share their proposals and comments on the draft plan by 31 July 2010 by emailing Alison Harvey at harveya@who.int

Please Visit the following web link to view the draft plan:

http://www.who.int/roadsafety/Decade_of_action.pdf



Forthcoming Events and Conferences

May 2010

- 10 May—ACRS Motorcycle Safety Issues Seminar—Melbourne, Australia
- 12 May—Creating career pathways in public health & health promotion—Adelaide, Australia
- 19-22 May—International Conference on Heavy Vehicles—Paris, Europe
- 30 May—2 June—19th National AHPA Conference—Walking the talk together—Melbourne

June 2010

- 1 June—Safe Communities QLD Seminar—It's everybody's business—QLD, Australia
- 21-25 June—15th Meeting of International Society for Burn Injuries—Turkey, Europe
- 22-23 June—Australia's Health Conference—ACT, Australia

July 2010

- 14-15 July—Workshop on ICD-10AM injury coding & data analysis—Dunedin, New Zealand

August 2010

- 31 August—Overdose Awareness Day

September 2010

- 15-17 September—2nd South Eastern Europe Safe Community Conference—Croatia, Europe
- 20 September—ISCAIP Biennial Meeting on Child Injury Prevention—Bristol, UK
- 21-24 September—Safety 2010 World Conference—London, UK
- 30 September—AIPN/PHAA Seminar—Staying Alive Staying Safe—Adelaide, Australia

ANY OTHER EVENTS?

If anyone is aware of any upcoming events or conferences that have not been listed here, please contact the AIPN.

Alternatively, if you have recently attended a conference or seminar, please tell us about your experience and any highlights. Send your blurbs to the AIPN secretariat on

secretariat@aipn.com.au



World Injury Prevention Conference



Safety 2010 World Conference

21st-24th September 2010 - Queen Elizabeth II Conference Centre, London, UK

10TH WORLD CONFERENCE ON INJURY PREVENTION & SAFETY PROMOTION

Reminder:

Early bird registration only available until May 31st 2010

Until 31 May 2010 the early bird fee is £550

From 1 June 2010 the full fee is £650

For more information on the registration fee and what it includes please go to the conference website www.safety2010.org.uk

Announcement:

If you were not already aware, the Injury Prevention journal will publish the Safety 2010 abstracts as a special supplement.

Injury Prevention is an international peer reviewed journal.

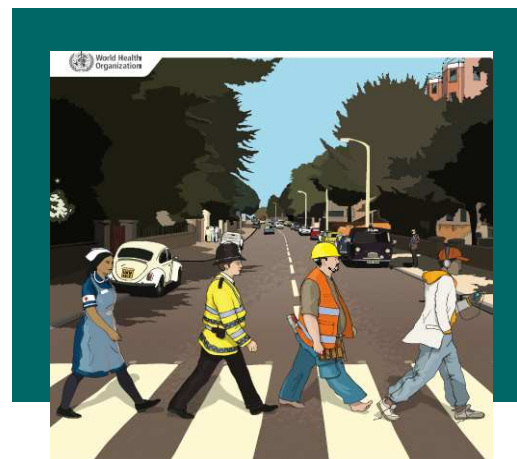
Presenters all have the opportunity to update their abstract. Changes can be made until 12 July 2010.

You should have received an email explaining this and containing a pin and password to edit your abstract.

ARE YOU ATTENDING THIS CONFERENCE?

Please inform the AIPN if you plan on attending this conference.

The AIPN proposes the attendance of a united group from Australia and encourages those attending to provide the AIPN with their details. The AIPN will then put together this list and send it out to those attending prior to the conference.



Calling ALL Students

The AIPN runs regular student writing competitions to encourage and assist budding injury prevention specialists in every field to hone their writing skills.

The winning author will receive \$500, enjoy complementary AIPN student membership for 12 months and have their article printed in the AIPN Newsletter "Injury Incidence".

The AIPN has a broad remit when it comes to injury prevention covering areas such as health, transport, emergency services, crime prevention, education, planning and industry.

Articles will be accepted from any field within the injury prevention sphere.

Please go to the [AIPN website](#) for further details.



Reminder—Time for Membership Renewal

AIPN memberships due for renewal in July 2010.

The Australian Injury Prevention Network welcomes people from a wide range of backgrounds who have an interest in injury prevention and control. The benefits include:

- Being part of a coordinated voice on injury prevention research, policy and practice issues to government;
- Substantial discounts on registration fees for AIPN conferences;
- Receiving the AIPN *Injury Incidence* newsletter;
- Belonging to an e-mail discussion list to facilitate communication among members on topics of interest; and
- Affordable membership fees.

The AIPN offers 5 membership types covering most individual and corporate needs.

Please download your Membership Form from the [AIPN website](#)

Individual		Institutional		Additional memberships are available for each Institutional category at a discounted rate of \$65 per additional membership.
Concessional	\$65	Small institution	\$325	
Professional	\$95	(up to 5 members)		
Not for Profit (On application only)	\$200	Large institutions (6 to 10 members)	\$455	



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We always love to hear from our members!!

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