



AUSTRALIAN INJURY PREVENTION NETWORK

INJURY INCIDENCE

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Dear AIPN Members

It has been a busy three months since the last Newsletter for the Executive. We now have three policies in various stages of completion. The most complete is the falls policy and we hope to have this out for comment by September 2002. And the 0-5 years water safety policy and the workforce development policy are on the way. You will be seeing them by the end of the year.

The next conference in Perth is full steam ahead. Abstracts are due on the 13 September 2002 and this can be done online at <http://www.congresswest.com.au/injury/>. It is planned that the 7th Injury Prevention and Control conference will be in September 2004 and that conferences will run every 2 years from 2004 onwards, with a meeting in the in-between year (this may be either tied to or part of another conference). The reason for having the conference every 2 years was that undertaking a conference is a major commitment and we wish to see the conference move around the states and territories, each state and territory should have as much time as possible to prepare. It has been argued that 2 years is too long between conferences and that 18 months would be a more appropriate timeframe. This may be true, however the AIPN executive felt that a face to face AGM every three years was too far apart and that every two years with a virtual AGM in-between would be more appropriate.

The Strategic Injury Prevention Partnership group, on which AIPN is the non-government member, has had one teleconference this year and is in the process of finding a new chair.

The AIPN constitution has been updated from the changes made and voted on at the last AGM and you should receive a copy of this with your membership renewal form.

AIPN membership is due again. Please continue your association with the AIPN as the next couple of years are shaping up to be an exciting time. You will also receive voting forms for the election of officer bearers. This year the position of president and three committee members will become available.

Finally, this year two members of the AIPN have been awarded Churchill Fellowships. Ms Kerry Smith won the NRMA-ACT Road Safety Trust Churchill Fellowship to investigate policies and practices used to deter drink driving and I was awarded a Churchill Fellowship to undertake an examination of how other countries manage and use farm injury information.

Richard Franklin

President AIPN

AIPN Email List

If you are an AIPN Member, to join the AIPN Email List, email a message to aipn-subscribe@www.nisu.flinders.edu.au

To send a message to everyone on the list, the email address is aipn@www.nisu.flinders.edu.au

To remove yourself from the list, send a message to

aipn-unsubscribe@www.nisu.flinders.edu.au

AIPN WEBSITE

[Http://www.nisu.flinders.edu.au/aipn](http://www.nisu.flinders.edu.au/aipn)
To access the members only section, please refer to the card inserted in your Membership folder for the pass word.

NSW Email Discussion List

NSW Health operates an injury worker email discussion list, primarily for workers in NSW Area Health Services but increasingly of benefit to those working in other organisations. The list is mostly used for information dispersal and is highly regarded by NSW personnel. It is now available for anyone working in injury to participate in, although some information is principally for NSW Area Health personnel. You can register on line at http://www.health.nsw.gov.au/public-health/Health-promotion/improve/injuryprev/Risk_management/injuryprevnet.htm

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WHAT'S ON

AIPN 6th National Conference, 16-18 March 2003 in Perth. Call for Abstracts by 29 July 02. See www.congresswest.com.au/injury/

Institute of Transport Engineers, International Conference, Melbourne 12-13 September 02
Enquiries to Irene Thavarajah, 03 9905 1344

The Victorian Safe Communities Network

The VSCN is a forum for community safety practitioners, researchers and policy makers from all sectors and disciplines with an interest in community injury prevention and community safety promotion. It meets formally each quarter for a workshop and guest speaker on a relevant community safety issue and an exchange of information and resources and partnership development between members. Recent speakers have included Dr Elizabeth Waters from Royal Children's Hospital; Bruce Esplin, Emergency Services Commissioner; the State Coroner, Graeme Johnston; and Hass Dallal from the Australian Multicultural Foundation.

The newly established listserv at Safe_Comm_Vic also allows for the promotion of conferences, workshops and other professional development activities and to seek information from network members between meetings.

The members come from local government, service agencies, emergency service organisations, research institutions, etc. What links the network members is an interest in community safety and a focus on working together to achieve best practice in community safety and injury prevention.

Community Safety Week, a cornerstone of the network, is held each year in September, which has grown to the point where October 2002 will see the birth of community safety month. In 2001, over 630 activities related to local action for local communities took place during the fifth Community Safety Week held in Victoria. The overarching theme was "Think Safe, Act Safe, Feel Safe, Be Safe". See the website at www.communitysafetymonth.com

The Victorian Safe Communities Network is proud to be a key player in Victoria's community safety initiatives as well as a link to the international network of safe communities coordinated by the World Health Organisation.

For further information about the Victorian Safe Communities Network, visit our website at www.general.monash.edu.au/muarc or contact our Secretariat at vscn@aips.com.au

You may also like to find out more information about the WHO Safe Communities Movement at www.phs.ki.se/csp.

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Falls Feature in NSW Public Health Bulletin

The NSW Public Health Bulletin is produced by the Public Health Division of the NSW Department of Health as an information vehicle for the public health community in NSW. Its purpose is to enable the timely communication of information on major public health issues. Currently 6,500 printed copies are distributed nationally and internationally to a wide range of public health workers in a variety of settings.

The January/February edition of the Public Health Bulletin contains articles on fall-related topics, including:

- The big falls issue - an editorial from Dr Jane Elkington
- Changing health resource demands for injury due to falls in an ageing population - Jerry Moller
- NSW fall injury indicators-15 year projections - Rebecca Mitchell and Jerry Moller
- Poor vision and risk of falls and fractures in older Australians: The Blue Mountains Eye Study - Rebecca Ivers, Bob Cummings and Paul Mitchell
- Make a Move : Enhancing falls prevention through working in partnership- Christine Pollachini and David Riches
- A collaborative approach : The Rural Falls

Injury Prevention Program - Deborah Radvan

- Staying Active? Staying Safe : Development of a physical activity and falls - prevention resource for older people who dwell in the community - Margaret Armstrong, Amanda Bates, Sally Castell and Patricia Krolik
- Improve Your Bone and Muscle Tone : Evaluation of a strength training program on the Central Coast of NSW - Christine Edwards and Gina Stuart
- Step out with confidence - Alison Sewell
- NHMRC Health Research Partnership : Prevention of Injuries in Older People - Stephen Lord and Catherine Sherrington

The Falls edition can be downloaded at <http://www.health.nsw.gov.au/public-health/phb/2002.html#janfeb02>

We also have coming up in the future two more injury editions of the Public Health Bulletin - one edition on research & planning for injury prevention and the other on farm & other work-related injuries.

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SAFE COMMUNITIES: GUNDAGAI ON TRACK

The Gundagai Safe Communities Forum and the launch of the NSW Safe Communities on the Community Builders website took place at Gundagai on Thursday 23rd May 2002. Gundagai, a small rural community of just over 4,000 people, is one of three pilot Safe Community projects supported by NSW Health and the Roads and Traffic Authority in New South Wales.

The forum was a day to celebrate the achievements of the Gundagai Safe Communities Program and also to launch the NSW Safe Communities project information on the internet. While initially only the pilot projects have case studies listed, it is expected that all Safe communities in NSW will share their experiences on the website. To view information on the projects, access community builders on www.communitybuilders.nsw.gov.au and search for "NSW Safe Communities".

The day was pronounced a huge success with approximately seventy people in attendance. A wide range of organisations were represented including the NSW Fire Brigade, NSW Roads and Traffic Authority, NSW Health and Area Health Services, Local Councils, the Police, Dept of Sport and Recreation and numerous community members.

A common theme throughout the day was the need to include the community in partnership when implementing injury prevention activities, and ways in which to engage the community were explored. The pilot projects (Gundagai, Kiama and Macleay Hastings) presented case studies of work they have been involved in, including falls prevention, sports safety and farm safety.

It was agreed that such a celebratory forum is a useful method to provide impetus to a program and confirm community commitment.

For further information contact Val Tootell, Gundagai Safe Communities Project Coordinator: Email: Safecomm.Gundagai@swsahs.nsw.gov.au

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DEADLINES FOR NEWSLETTER CONTRIBUTIONS IN 2002.

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

Congratulations on Churchill Fellowship

Richard Franklin has been awarded a Churchill Fellowship to undertake an examination of how other countries manage and use farm injury information, particularly focussing on: how information is collected; the techniques used to improve the quality of the information; and how the information is translated into a format that allows injury prevention workers to prevent similar events from occurring.

Richard will be travelling to New Zealand, the United States of America and Canada over a two month period. Places he will be visiting include the Injury Prevention Research Centre at the University of Otago in New Zealand, National Center for Injury Prevention and Control at the CDC in Atlanta, National Institute for Occupational Health and Safety in Washington, Institute of Agriculture, Rural and Environmental Health at the University of Saskatchewan in Canada and Agricultural Health and Safety Centre in California, Wisconsin, and Iowa.



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.

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