



AUSTRALIAN INJURY PREVENTION NETWORK INJURY INCIDENCE

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Dear AIPN Members,

While I sit here and write a few words for the second newsletter of 2004, I am reminded that it is the middle of winter and spring is not far away, and with spring comes the 2004 Australian Injury Prevention and Control Conference. The conference is taking shape and by now all presenters will have received their letters about presentations and thinking of warmer times in Mackay. I would like to remind you that if you are a member, make sure you let the conference secretariat know so that you receive your discount to the conference.

We have some excellent key note speakers coming to the conference such as Paul Kells, David Sleet, Carolyn Coggan, and Rob Lee. There is an excellent workshop on safe communities occurring before the conference and those looking for a few more skills, Rod McClure will be running a two-day workshop on injury prevention. Throughout the conference there is a range of workshops, presentations and posters on farm safety, fall prevention, safe communities, workplace safety, and much much more. To be kept informed about the conference check out the website at www.aipn.com.au/conference2004.htm.

You may or may not be aware that the National Injury Prevention Plan is currently being evaluated using a Delphi method, this process is up to stage three and hopefully will be ready for the conference. The new National Injury Prevention Plan has been given the go ahead for public consultation and I will let you know how this is going to happen and how you can get involved.

The AGM will be held on the Wednesday night

at the conference. You should very soon receive a letter from me with the AGM papers, voting forms, nomination forms for AIPN awards and a membership renewal. I encourage you to think about people who have been working hard in preventing injury and nominate them for an AIPN award.

I finish my term as president at the end of this year and we are now looking for a new president. If you feel you would like a challenge and like being involved in helping prevent injuries please consider this role. If you would like to know what is involved please give me a call.

I would like to encourage all of you to think about dropping Fran McFadzen, Newsletter Editor, a short note about your thoughts on injury prevention for the newsletter. This may be your experience at an injury prevention conference, how you are finding your studies in injury prevention or something you saw in the Newspaper.

Speaking of seeing things in the newspaper, the Sydney Morning Herald recently published a series of articles on product safety. While the first of the series landed on the front page the rest slowly moved backwards in the paper. The series was well researched and hopefully opened a few people's eyes about the dangers facing children and how to stop them from occurring.

I look forward to seeing you all at the conference in Mackay

Regards

Richard Franklin
President

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AIPN Conference in Mackay in September

Air fares are cheap. Qantas, Virgin AND Jetstar fly into Mackay. It's warm and sunny in tropical Queensland in winter - you can swim, and stroll and enjoy the laid back lifestyle. Add on a few days for a holiday, see the sights, smell the flowers, you could even go to the Conference (15-17 Sept).

And if your workplace won't contribute - it is a work related tax deduction for professional development.

As part of the conference, there are also two pre-conference workshops:

Injury Prevention Short Course
12 & 13 September 2004

Safe Communities Workshop
14 September 2004

For further details of the workshops and conference registration please go to the conference website
www.aipn.com.au/conference2004.htm

Kathryn McFarlane and Dale Hanson
Co-Convenors

Hazard Perception Training for New Drivers in NSW

Driving instructors in NSW are being given the opportunity to improve their knowledge of low risk, hazard perception training to pass on to novice drivers under a plan developed by the Roads & Traffic Authority in consultation with the Australian Driver Trainers Association.

Beyond Test Routes (BTR) is the name of new teaching material that will be the subject of presentations to groups of driving instructors. The aim of the project is to enhance the objective of the Graduated Licensing Scheme commenced in 2000 and to stress the importance that safe driving is something that's more of the mind than just knowing how to physically control the car.

Low risk training focuses on helping new drivers understand where crashes are likely to occur and taking action to avoid them. The workshops will be held in different locations of NSW starting in July.

Alan Porter, Australian Driver Trainers Association, Email adta@bigpond.com

AIPN Annual General Meeting

All members of Australian Injury Prevention Network Inc. (AIPN) are invited to attend the 8th Annual General Meeting, to submit any motions and to nominate for a position on the 2004/05 Committee.

Wednesday 15 September 2004

5:30 - 6:30 pm

The Space

**Mackay Entertainment Centre
Gordon Street, Mackay**

Please note the AIPN AGM will be held in conjunction with the 7th Australian Injury Prevention Conference / 2nd Pacific Rim Safe Communities Conference on 15-17 September 2004. AIPN members registered to attend this conference are encouraged to attend the AIPN AGM.

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Two new MUARC reports

Delaney, A., Lough, B., Whelan, M. & Cameron, M. (2004) A review of mass media campaigns in road safety, Monash University Accident Research Centre, Report No. 220
<http://www.general.monash.edu.au/muarc/rptsum/ab220.htm>

Charlton, J., Oxley, J., Fildes, B., Oxley, P., Newstead, S., O'Hare, M. & Koppel, S. (2003) An investigation of self-regulatory behaviours of older drivers, Monash University Accident Research Centre, Report No. 208
[Http://www.general.monash.edu.au/muarc/rptsum/ab208.htm](http://www.general.monash.edu.au/muarc/rptsum/ab208.htm)

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS TO THE AIPN EXECUTIVE

Nominations are now invited for the following positions on the 2004/05 Committee: President; Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Representative; and two General Members

Nominations can be made by filling out the Nomination Form which will arrive in the post. **Please note** nominees will need to be AIPN financial members at the time of election. To check or renew your membership please contact the AIPN Secretariat on secretariat@aipn.com.au



Challenging play for children

Injury prevention people are often the target of criticism from the pro-child development lobby for removing risk from the experience of young people. This beachside installation (photo left) is called a Spacenet. It is over 5 metres high and since it was built, has been constantly full of climbing children, both boys and girls. It is designed so that only taller (and therefore more adept) children can climb the higher ropes. If a child falls from the top, it is designed to catch them in the net below. For those falling from lower ropes, there is a very deep coarse sand undersurface.

This structure is at Yeppoon in Central Queensland.
 Fran McFadzen, 07 4920 6980.



Victorian Safe Communities Network Inc.

Next Meeting

Wednesday 18 August 9:30am - 1.00pm
 City of Wyndham

Note: A light lunch will be provided at the close of the meeting

Please RSVP your attendance or apology a week prior to meeting

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New guideline for residential falls prevention

In February 2004, the Australian Council for Safety and Quality in Health Care provided project funding to Queensland Health for twelve months to promote a consistent approach to the reduction of harm from falls occurring in older persons (aged 65 years and older). The project scope includes public and private Australian hospitals and residential aged care facilities. As part of this process a national guideline based on Queensland Health's Falls Prevention Best Practice Guidelines for Public Hospitals and State Government Residential Aged Care Facilities will be produced (these can be accessed at www.health.qld.gov.au/falls/prevention/best_practice/default.asp).

The development of this guideline will be informed by the most recent literature, expert opinion, as well as feedback from consultation with key stakeholders around Australia. Additionally, the project will also develop recommendations regarding national

accreditation standards for falls prevention and the standardisation of reporting/recording processes for falls and fall related incidents occurring within hospitals and residential aged care facilities.

The consultation phase of the project runs from May to July 2004, however findings and advice received after this period will be considered. You can make a contribution to the Australian Falls Prevention Project using a selection of the methods including: online questionnaire and submissions. For more information about the project and the consultation process please contact: Australian Falls Prevention Project
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DEADLINES FOR NEWSLETTER CONTRIBUTIONS IN 2004.

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