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Celebrating Success!

Rhapsody Rest Home join NPiS as a finalist at NZ Safety Awards event



Picture : Rhapsody Rest Home, Mill Rd, New Plymouth

When we at NPiS heard we had been selected as a finalist in this years NZ Injury Prevention & Community Safety awards we were chuffed. To then hear that Rhapsody Rest Home & Hospital had also been selected was just the icing on the cake!

Rhapsody Rest Home are taking a lead in developing pro-active approaches to preventing falls in the residential care setting. Having developed an evidence based screening and care plan tool that identifies and addresses their residents' falls risk factors, we feel this national recognition is well deserved.

The awards take place in Wellington on 6th September and are presented by Hon Ruth Dyson, Minister for ACC. Four Taranaki organisations picked up awards last year, including NPiS who won the award for best example of an injury prevention programme guided by the New Zealand Injury Prevention Strategy.

Taranaki Older Persons Falls Prevention Strategy...the voice of experience

After the successful Falls Prevention workshops held on 26th July, a multi-agency group has been formed to develop a Taranaki Falls Prevention Strategy that seeks to improve co-ordination and forge new partnerships across the falls prevention sector. Three members of this new group are older people who have had recent experience of a fall – their personal insight will be of huge value as we develop this strategy and NPiS would like to thank them for giving their time and experience so willingly.

Road Safety Warning:

Tests confirm risks of mixing tyres



Land Transport NZ have issued a warning to drivers about the potential risks of mixing winter and summer tyres on the same vehicle.

The warning follows tests conducted in Australia that established that in wet conditions, the mixing of aged worn snow tyres and summer tyres (whether new or worn) on the same vehicle can result in loss of control when the vehicle is subjected to a sharp steering input.

Tests also confirmed that the fitting of four tyres of the same type and make all the way around the vehicle – whether they are traditional summer tyres or snow tyres – generally provides better grip than a mixture of tyre types. The best grip (in normal conditions) is provided by the fitting of four summer tyres.

Taranaki KIDDS take road safety message to national conference!



Central School KIDDS

Have you ever wondered what it would be like to present at a national conference. Well seven children from local schools participating in the KIDDS (Kids Involved in Driving Down Speed) project are about to find out when they attend this years IPNANZ (Injury Prevention Network) conference on 29th Oct.

The children, from Central, Vogeltown and Egmont Village schools will present on the outcomes of their project, alongside Constable Anna Duncan (Police Youth Education Officer). Anna worked with six schools on the innovative road safety project in which children gathered data on vehicle speed and road conditions, which they used to develop recommendations for road safety improvements around their school.

NPiS, and our partner Kidsafe Taranaki Trust, will also be presenting at the conference which shares good practice and excellence in the injury prevention field.

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