

5. ROAD SAFETY CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE

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The purpose of this report is to provide information on projects being undertaken by the Road Safety Co-ordinating Committee.

The section headings used in this report are issues identified for action in the Christchurch Road Safety Strategy. Project management groups plan and manage actions for the year as identified in the strategy. A plan for the year is produced by each project group based on research from the Land Transport Safety Authority crash reports and other information available.

In each section in this report reference is made to the actions in the Road Safety Strategy being addressed in the planned activity for the year.

The priority actions identified at the workshop on implementing the road safety strategy are listed at the end of each section for reference.

ALCOHOL AND DRIVING

Suggested Community Alcohol Action Programme Plan for 02/03 year

Police enforcement

CAAP's operations scheduled between 6 Oct 2002 - 16 March 2003 daylight saving period Broaden pre-checkpoint visits to premises selling alcohol.

Research

Improve the accuracy of convictions data. Annual monitor of local crash and convictions data in March 2003.

Support for SADD and other organisations

Support SADD and other organisations that target youth drink-driving. Rework Crashbash theatre project to improve its reach in secondary schools. Seek pre-paid fare option with Blue Star taxi company.

Provide information

Promote and provide education on the law. Produce resources as part of youth sober-driving promotion.

Invite and support community projects

Support Te Runanga O Nga Maata Waka's application for funding four new projects. Support Crown Public Health's Hauora Matauraka sober-driving project.

These actions relate to the Road Safety Strategy:

- Action 2 Improving quality of research.
- Action 5 Supporting community projects.
- Action 3 Supporting Students Against Driving Drunk.
- Action 4 Sober driving promotions.

Priorities identified at the Road Safety Workshop:

- Action 1 – Regular enforcement,
- Support SADD etc,
- Action 8 – Invite and support community projects.

OLDER ROAD USERS

Workshops for older road users

A roadshow with information for older road users about the over 80 driver test and issues which affect older road users will be offered to groups of older people in the community. The workshops will also ask the older people about their needs and concerns. At the workshops Safe with Age courses will be promoted and Driving for Life leaflets distributed.

A list of possible groups to approach will be compiled and contacted.

Safe with Age courses

Safe with Age is a resource produced by the Land Transport Safety Authority for use by communities. Volunteer providers are trained to run the courses. Each course is a four hour workshop addressing issues which concern older drivers. A video, workbooks, exercises and discussion groups are used to involve participants in improving their knowledge of the road code and driving issues.

Five Safe with Age providers have been trained in Christchurch. They will be supported in running courses. Courses will be advertised.

Driving for Life Leaflets

The Driving for Life leaflets contain information about the effects of aging on the driving task, how to plan to keep driving as long as possible, and how to retain mobility if driving has to be given up.

Distribution of the leaflets will take place through:

- WINZ offices to people applying for superannuation,
- Crown Public Health to GP's and other health providers,
- Safe with Age courses,
- Workshops for older road users,
- Service Centres, Automobile Association Offices, Age Concern, etc.

Engineering design for older road users

A meeting will be set up between the Older Road User Group and traffic engineers to address the engineering issues associated with older road users identified in the Road Safety Strategy.

These actions relate to actions 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 9 and 10 in the Road Safety Strategy.

New Actions from the Road Safety Workshop

Providing information on alternatives to driving – being done but needs to continue.

Priorities identified at the Road Safety Workshop:

- Action 9 – Safety audits take into account the needs of older road users.
- Action 5 – Consult with older road users about their needs and provide pedestrian facilities that meet those needs.
- Action 8 – Encourage greater frequency of bus services, and extended routes, along with all day tickets.
- Providing information – pamphlet, workshops etc.
- Driving and dementia – information for carers.

Chairman's

Recommendation: That the information be received.