

9. ROAD SAFETY COORDINATING 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.

RESPONSIBLE ROAD USE

- **Theme**

Use of flush (painted) medians

- **Target Group**

Drivers, especially 30+

- **Timing**

First half of April and last half of May

- **Actions**

- Information will be provided by means of printed material from the Road Code on how to use flush (painted) medians correctly. The Road Code information will be made into A4 posters and newspaper advertisements.
- The A4 posters will be distributed to businesses. A mailing list will be constructed.
- Advertisements in newspapers: The Press, the Star, 'Keeping On' and 'Older and Bolder' will promote the information. Posters will also be distributed to language schools, the University and the Polytechnic.

These actions relate to Actions (1) and (4) in the Road Safety Strategy.

- **Priorities Identified at the Road Safety Workshop**

- Best practice research.

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 is offered to groups of older people in the community. The workshops also ask the older people about their needs and concerns. At the workshops 'Safe with Age' courses are 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.

Four Safe with Age providers have been trained in Christchurch. They are being supported in running courses. Courses are being held once a month. So far six courses have been held involving nearly a hundred people.

- **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 has been 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.

Further distribution will take place through the 'Keeping On' newspaper and to rest homes and Council housing.

- **Engineering Design for Older Road Users**

Engineers from City Streets are working on a report on engineering design related to older road users.

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,

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Recommendation: That the information be received.