

## COMMUNIQUÉ

### PPSCN BOARD MEETING

**Wednesday, 28 August (USA) /Thursday, 29 August  
(NZ/Australia) 2019**

#### **About the PPSCN**

The PPSCN includes representatives from Australia, New Zealand and United States of America. There are in excess of 60 Safe Communities in the network. For more information on the PPSCN visit <http://www.ppscn.org/>

#### **Who is on the PPSCN Board?**

Board members are:

**Australia:** **Meegan Brotherton**, Stan Salagaras, **Michael Maxwell**

**New Zealand:** **Tania Peters**, **Liz Lambert**, **Laurie Gabites**

**USA:** **Steve Sparrow**, Dan Martin, **Genia McKee**

Bolded names were in attendance.

The Secretariat is: Tracey Earl

Click [here](#) to read the Bios of the board members and secretariat

#### **Key Outcomes from the Board Meeting**

- **PPSCN Board welcomed new community representatives:** Liz Lambert (Napier, NZ) and Michael Maxwell (Blacktown, Australia)
- **Code of ethical conduct** for all Safe Community reviewers has been developed, based on WHO code of ethics, will be distributed to reviewers by peak organisations (ACFNZ, ASCF, SCA) within each country
- **PPSCN Board unanimously agreed** that 'how to' webinars be developed for the global campaigns that the PPSCN promotes. Global campaigns to be promoted during 2020 will be determined by the end of this year.
- **Accreditations:** Tāmaki Makaurau/Auckland and Waitomo in NZ (see outlines below)
- The PPSCN Board would like to **thank outgoing Board member Tessa Sturley** (Waimakariri, NZ) for her contribution to the PPSCN Board and wider network over the last 4 years

# Tāmaki Makaurau / Auckland, NZ



I-r Ian Maxwell (Auckland Council), Cr Penny Hulse (Auckland Council), Tania Peters (SCFNZ), Emma Powell (ACC), Jacqui Whittaker (NZ Police)

**Population: 1,657,200**

**Accreditation: 4 July 2019**

Congratulations to Tāmaki Makaurau | Auckland on achieving Safe Community accreditation early in July. This accreditation is a significant milestone in a journey of many years of collaborative work and dedication from many people which began way back in 1999 when Safer West (then Waitakere City) achieved Safe Community accreditation. This was followed by the accreditation of Safer North (then North Shore City) in 2007. The Safe Communities Foundation New Zealand has supported both these communities to build their respective capability and capacity, and to become effective advocates and enablers of injury and violence prevention at the community level. It has worked with them to increase well-being through growing and strengthening community safety activities, to create safer environments, and increase the adoption of safer behaviours. The Foundation had the pleasure of endorsing the 2 communities' commitment to the Safe Communities model by reaccrediting Safer West in 2006 and 2013, and Safer North 2013. Since Auckland became a 'supercity' in November 2010, the Foundation has worked with them on the journey towards Safe Community accreditation for the Auckland region.

## **Message from the Mayor, Phil Goff**

Seeking Safe Community accreditation is a chance for us to move effectively to address these challenges which are wide-ranging – reducing alcohol and drug related harm, child injury prevention, resilience and connectedness of our community, road safety, prevention of violence and crime, and water safety.

Community safety is not only about reducing and preventing injury and violence. It is about wellbeing, building strong, cohesive, vibrant, participatory communities. It's about ensuring homes, roads, public spaces and the workplace are safe for everyone to enjoy.

Click [here](#) to read the news release and [here](#) to read Tāmaki Makaurau | Auckland's accreditation application.

# Waitomo District, NZ

**Population: 8907**

**Accreditation: 14 August 2019**

Congratulations to Vibrant Safe Waitomo on achieving Safe Community accreditation. Under the leadership of Waitomo District Council and in partnership with the Maniapoto Māori Trust Board, a wider regional coalition has been established with over 13 members and supported by local stakeholder groups. Vibrant Safe Waitomo started from a vision of place shaping and putting people first.

## Message from the Mayor, Brian Hanna

As the Mayor of the Waitomo District and the Chair of the Vibrant Safe Waitomo Regional Coalition, I am delighted to support the application for accreditation through Safe Communities Foundation NZ for Vibrant Safe Waitomo (VSW). When I think about our District in this context I think of the strengths of our area including the people that shape the unique communities we live in, the rural settings, business prospects and the opportunities and challenges that lay ahead as we move forward together. Our Council is set on a new pathway, one that focusses on people and when I look at the people of our District, I know that over 40% of our population identify with being Māori. Having the support of the Maniapoto Māori Trust Board as the mandated entity for Ngati Maniapoto is fantastic and I want to mihi to the Board and the Chief Executive for their input so far. Our District comprises of many ethnic groups all contributing to our Districts cultural depth and identity and it is the combination of these that has held us steadfast as a community. We will be drawing upon this to guide and support us as VSW develops.

Specifically linked to VSW is the work Council is doing to improve population centres within communities in an attempt to encourage our individuals and families to live, work and play within our District more. We want residents to be safer in general and to consider our District as their first choice to raise a family and start a business, in saying this we know there is work to be done. Waitomo District Council is committed to increasing and promoting safety through reducing harm and injury. These are the settings we will be focussed on: Whanau/Family, Hakinakina/Recreation, and Mahi/Workplace.

## Message from Sonya Hetet, Chief Executive, Maniapoto Māori Trust Board

The Maniapoto Māori Trust Board fully endorses national acknowledgement and recognition of the 'Vibrant Safe Waitomo Regional Coalition'. With Māori, and in particular rangatahi, consistently identified as 'most at risk' across all socio-development areas, it is imperative that Iwi governance organisations be involved in every effort to encourage more positive outcomes for the people they serve. The Trust Board looks forward to continued and effective participation and engagement in collaboration with all the stakeholders within the Waitomo District, to ensure a safer community that is thriving for all constituents.

Click [here](#) to read the Waitomo District.

