

PPSCN Board Members 2019-21

Co-Chairs of the Board (3)

Dr Stan Salagaras - Australian Safe Communities Foundation Inc (ASCF)



Stan Salagaras is Chair of the ASCF. He has had over 20 years experience in planning and delivering care, education, community, recreational and economic services, programs and facilities to support the creation of high-quality, safe and sustainable master-planned communities. He now works as a consultant researching and auditing communities, consulting with stakeholder and community organisations, and preparing comprehensive community development strategies incorporating community infrastructure and community engagement plans.

Stan brings to the Board a diverse range of experience and knowledge spanning education, government, business, academic and community sectors. He has worked as a senior teacher and administrator in secondary schools, spent several years as a researcher in academic institutions completing a doctoral thesis on adaptive learning programs for intellectually handicapped children, and worked on the implementation of multicultural policies and programs with government and community agencies. As an executive in government, he developed capabilities in human resource management, industrial relations, strategic corporate and business planning, and policy and program development. He has also worked in the private sector managing a community-based organisation supporting small business growth and development.

Tania Peters - Safe Communities Foundation New Zealand (SCFNZ)



Tania Peters is Director, Certifier and Trustee for the SCFNZ. She has over 15 years in community safety and is responsible for overall strategic direction and operations of the Foundation. Tania holds a Bachelor Health Science and has undertaken postgraduate studies in health promotion, health management and community development. Her expertise includes: Safe Community Model, advocacy, implementing population health initiatives, health promotion, community development, injury prevention, resource development and the implementation of evidence-based programmes.

Tania's approach is to work collaboratively with community groups, non-government and government agencies, health and education professionals to influence policy, promote community safety, enhance the quality of life, and reduce the human and social costs of injuries. Tania always welcomes the opportunity to share her knowledge and expertise to influence change. She has been a certifier and peer reviewer for in excess of 45 Safe Community accreditations.

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Steve Sparrow - Kentucky Injury Prevention and Research Center, United States (KIPRC)



Steve Sparrow works for the KIPRC at the University of Kentucky and serves as the Program Manager of the Core Violence and Injury Prevention Program and also serves as the Kentucky Safety and Prevention Alignment Network (KSPAN) Coordinator. He graduated from Eastern Kentucky University in 1979 with a BS degree in Biology/Chemistry. Steve previously worked for the Kentucky Occupational Safety and Health Program for 28 years as an industrial hygienist and served as the Director of Compliance from 2003 to 2007. Steve came to work for KIPRC in 2008 as the KSPAN Program Coordinator where he has worked to build and strengthen Kentucky Safety and Prevention Alignment Network (KSPAN). Steve works in promoting and supporting the Safe Communities America program as a community program to build capacity for violence and injury prevention. Steve serves as a Safe Community site reviewer. KIPRC was designated an Affiliate Safe Communities Support Centre in May of 2012.

Accredited Safe Communities (3)

Michael Maxwell – Blacktown, New South Wales, Australia



Michael has a passion for liveability and the creation of safe, inclusive communities. His values-led, collaborative approach has resulted in the initiation and development of community services, social enterprises, educational engagement and social planning projects, with recognition coming in the form of a Prime Ministerial and Mayoral commendations and nomination for NSW Premier's, and Educational Innovation Awards. Michael coordinated the bid that saw Blacktown City accredited as a Pan Pacific Safe Community.

Michael is currently the Social Planning Lead at Blacktown City Council in Sydney's western suburbs and, in addition to his role with the PPSCN, is a sessional academic and sits on a number of not-for-profit boards. He draws on this experience and a range of post-graduate qualifications to bring a broad perspective to the board.

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Liz Lambert - Napier Safe Community, New Zealand



Liz is the Safer Napier, Safe Communities Coordinator. During her eight years in this role she has been involved in many projects and initiatives. These include Safe as Houses (street based injury and crime prevention, and emergency management readiness), Bystander Campaign (family harm prevention), Tools for the Teenage Years resource (empower youth through support for parents and caregivers) and was part of the working group to develop the national Result Based Accountability (RBA) framework for Safe Communities New Zealand.

Liz holds a Bachelor of Science (Geography and Geology) and a Bachelor of Social Science with First Class honours (Resource and Environmental Planning). She has 18 years experience working with local government, NGO's and the community. She brings to the Board experience in policy development and analysis, strategic planning, community engagement and project implementation and evaluation.

Liz also enjoys volunteering with Riding for the Disabled and her children's sport teams.

Dan Martin - New Lenox, Illinois Safe Communities, United States



Dan Martin is the Safe Community Coordinator for the Village of New Lenox, an accredited Safe Community since 2010. Dan has been the Leader of the New Lenox Safe Communities America Coalition since its inception in 2009. Prior to accepting the full-time position as Safe Community Coordinator in March of 2017, Dan was a 30-year law enforcement officer, holding a variety of positions from Patrol Officer to Chief of Police.

Dan has a Master's degree in Criminal Justice from Lewis University and is a graduate of Northwestern University's Center for Public Safety - School of Police Staff and Command (Class #100). In addition, Dan is a graduate of the FBI National Academy in Quantico, VA (Class #211).

Dan has incredible respect for volunteers, leading the village's Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) and Search and Rescue (SAR) Teams, which have a combined strength of over 150 volunteers. In addition, Dan oversees the coalition's Task Groups, which include Older Adults Falls Prevention, Emergency Preparedness, Suicide Prevention and Awareness, Motor Vehicle/Traffic Safety, and Poisoning by Prescription Drug Overdose/Substance Abuse.

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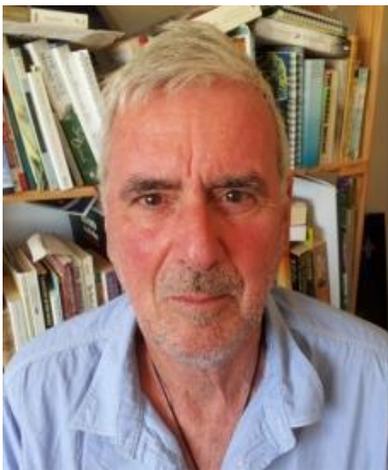
Support Centres (3)

Meegan Brotherton – Australian Safe Communities Foundation, Australia



Meegan Brotherton is the Program Manager at the Australian Safe Communities Foundation. With a background in work health and safety, Meegan is the Manager of the *Passport to Safety* program in Australia - a web-based, self-paced learning and test program aimed at young people who are preparing to enter the workforce for the first time. Meegan was instrumental in the establishment of both the ASCF and PPSCN as not for profit organizations. She has been a member of assessment teams who have undertaken site visits in Australia, Japan and the People's Republic of China as well as desktop reviews of communities in New Zealand, the United States and Canada. She is a volunteer on Australian Aid projects in Bangladesh with the current project "Youth Mental Health First Aid in Rural Bangladesh" in conjunction with Rotary Club Dhaka Urbana, Scout Bangladesh and the Centre for Injury Prevention Research Bangladesh.

Laurie Gabites - Safe Communities Foundation New Zealand



Laurie Gabites has 35 years of experience as a sworn Police Officer with the New Zealand Police including 10 years managing projects associated with alcohol harm reduction at Police National Headquarters. From 2001 - 2010 he worked for Wellington City Council as the Manager City Safety. The role included managing all the community safety initiatives in the city with reducing alcohol related harm, managing CCTV in the city and improving safety outcomes. He is also well versed in the provisions of the Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act and the contribution that effective decision-making, monitoring and enforcement action can have on minimising alcohol related harm and improving community safety outcomes. Laurie has considerable knowledge of evidence-based approaches to dealing with alcohol and community safety, locally, nationally and internationally. He is able to use his extensive relationship base to support and inform his work. He has good written and verbal skills having worked with a wide range of communities and organisations. Laurie is a CPTED practitioner and a safe communities reviewer.

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Genia McKee - Kentucky Injury Prevention and Research Center, United States



Genia McKee works at the Kentucky Injury Prevention and Research Center (KIPRC) housed at the University of Kentucky. KIPRC is a bona fide agent of the Kentucky Department for Public Health. She is the Coordinator for the Kentucky Drug Overdose Prevention Program (KYDOP). Genia has held various positions within KIPRC including Kentucky Safe Communities Coordinator, Occupational Fatality Database Coordinator, and Outreach Coordinator for FindHelpNowKY.org; Kentucky's newly launched near real-time substance use treatment locator and website. She is a graduate of Berea College. Prior to her work at KIPRC, she was a community organizer working in agriculture and community development finance.

Secretariat

Tracey Earl - Safe Communities Foundation New Zealand



Tracey Earl is the SCFNZ Community Support Coordinator. Tracey has a Bachelor of Science and a Diploma in Business Administration. Tracey comes from a medical writing background and has spent many years as a volunteer on school committees. At SCFNZ, Tracey is responsible for supporting the administrative functions of the national office and coordinating support for the network. Tracey has expertise in technical and medical writing, analysis of clinical trial data, creation of databases and training. Recently, she has undertaken further training in the injury prevention field. Her friendly approach means Tracey is always available to assist, direct and answer any queries you may have.