

SAS@TT's Coordinator – Jodie Griffiths

This year Jodie Griffiths has joined the Safe And Sound @ The Top team in the role of the Project Co-ordinator. This role involves attending SAS@TT meetings, following up tasks requested by the steering group, attending other networks on behalf of SAS@TT and getting involved in Marlborough initiatives

"I am very excited to be given the opportunity to be the Project Co-ordinator for SAS@TT and have been aware of the hard work being put in by the committed group of professionals since the initiative commenced.

I've lived in Marlborough for 20 years, am married to a local (Justin) & we have two boys at Riverlands School. I completed a social work degree at Otago & have worked as a statutory social worker as well as in the community with Barnardos (in many roles). I have a diploma in teaching and taught at Mayfield School. I have had the pleasure of being involved in previous project roles include Rural focused SKIP and Active Dads. More recently I have been the Event Manager for Garden Marlborough and have seen firsthand how visitors to our region recognise how much Marlborough has to offer.

In conjunction with this role I have recently taken up a position at the Marlborough District Council in Community Development & Project Support." My contact details are: Ph 0276 318 752 & e-mail: jegriffiths@xtra.co.nz and would be very open to hearing from anyone for more information or to connect.



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REACCREDITATION as an INTERNATIONAL SAFE COMMUNITY

The SAS@TT team from Marlborough put many hours of hard work and gathered information from across the community to apply for International Safe Community Accreditation through the Safe Communities Foundation New Zealand (SCFNZ) and were successful in obtaining this status in early 2014.

Accreditation recognises the high level of strategic planning in place, the communities by in and robust nature of the SAS@TT group allowing many of the professionals involved the validation to give their precious time and continue the work in the safety and wellbeing of our people in Marlborough.

It will soon be time for SAS@TT to decide whether it wishes to seek re-accreditation within the next eighteen months. While it is hoped the work involved would not be as significant as the original accreditation, there is a lengthy process to review the community, evaluate change and determine future direction. SAS@TT would once again be asking for the wider communities support in providing data and information.

Further updates to follow later in 2018.



MARLBOROUGH ALCOHOL GOVERNANCE GROUP (MAGG)

Research - In 2017 MAGG sent out a survey and this was conducted between September and November. The results were then compiled by an independent researcher, Janet Taylor, who has produced an update report based on these findings and other information provided – **Reducing Alcohol-Related Harm in the Marlborough District.**

Some highlights from this report:

- There is a desire for a cultural shift towards alcohol and how it is used in the community.
- Highest reported concern was Youth accessing alcohol and binge drinking.
- People interviewed identified more 'education' initiatives needed.

March Planning Session and Development of Actions - initial actions will focus on young people, and the whanau of young people; including the development of campaigns to target Sale and Supply of alcohol to minors' and the damage alcohol can cause to the young developing brain using the byline "Know Your Limits Marlborough". Simple messaging can provide quick tips and information, with appeal to both young people and adults.

MAGG

INTRODUCING
KARL TOWNSEND

MORE TO COME
IN 2018

KARL TOWNSEND – AMI INSURANCE

Just over a year ago Karl joined the SAS@TT team. He is our local Branch Manager for AMI Insurance, located in Main Street, Blenheim, who are part of the IAG group.

Karl was motivated to get involved due to the affinity between the objectives of SAS@TT and the goals of his own organisation ... 'together we can make our world a litter safer'. Through SAS@TT it also provides opportunities for AMI to get involved with community projects such as the Street Intensive.

The steering group are glad to have Karl on board and see a corporate organisation such as AMI joining the predominantly Govt and community members as such a positive. "It's great to see the various issues and outcomes around people and community safety get direction from this group" Karl.



COMING UP FOR 2018

- **Safe Communities workshop in Blenheim : Topic SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS – April**
- **Consultation regarding the re-accreditation process.**
- **Safe Communities Foundation NZ Forum This is a national conference on 24 & 25 July, held in Wellington.**