

Keeping Wanganui Kids Safe

Neither rain nor high wind could dampen the spirits of the Safekids Wanganui Coalition as it held the City's biggest ever beach clean up in October.

Led by the Wanganui Child Injury Prevention Group and supported by Safekids New Zealand, the Department of Conservation, Go Deep Scuba and Westpac, as many as 80 people turned up at the clean up which resulted to 162 kilos of rubbish being collected, including 39 broken bottles, 4½ litres of broken glass, 68 cans and 5 animal carcasses. Also helping were the Cancer Society, St Johns, The Waterman, Wanganui DHB and ACC.

In the same month, Wanganui Te Oranganui Iwi Health Authority held a burns prevention activity at a Parents Roopu (group). Safekids Coalition leader Kyllie Martin went for the shock effect—pouring a bucket of water on Te Oranganui staff member Chelsea Edmonds—to demonstrate the effect of a hot drink spilt over a small child.

Well done Wanganui!