



Show-day activity sure to drive you up the wall

This year the Dannevirke and Districts A&P Show will feature a climbing wall with a difference.

As a way to showcase the importance of staying sober behind the wheel, Horizons Regional Council will offer people who climb the wall a pair of "booze goggles" which distort vision and cause behaviour similar to that shown by someone who has been drinking.

Horizons road safety co-ordinator Debbie Webster says after drinking it is difficult to navigate your way through putting on a seatbelt and driving, so visitors to the Rock-up wall are being offered a taste of how dangerous it is by trying to harness themselves and climb while wearing the booze goggles.

"When under the influence of alcohol

people often think they can do something when in reality they can't so we are offering them the chance to experience the extent of this feeling in a safe environment," she says.

The climbing wall attraction comes in response to research which shows that drink driving crashes are significantly higher in Tararua compared with other districts.

Police will be present at the Rock-up site with the Booze Bus and people will be able to look inside it and explanation of what happens when someone is caught drink driving.

■ **The Rock-up climbing wall will be at the Dannevirke and Districts A&P Show on Saturday, February 5.**