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## Protect Our Children

RAC Community Safety Month provides a timely reminder to reflect on the importance of safeguarding the wellbeing of children in our community and protecting them from harm.

As our future, it is vital that children and their families have access to opportunities, services and support networks to ensure their safety, protection and wellbeing.

The new Department for Child Protection (DCP) was established in May 2007 with its major focus on meeting the needs of vulnerable children and families. It is responsible for protecting and caring for children and young people and supporting people at risk of crisis.

This will be achieved by supporting and strengthening their family and community networks and the DCP is working with parents to identify strengths and concerns, and to help them to better manage their child's wellbeing and development.

To address growing community concerns about increasing anti-social and criminal behaviour displayed by young people including truancy, bullying, vandalism, violence, fire setting, theft and drug use, the DCP provides the Responsible Parenting Initiative.

This initiative was designed to help with a range of issues in families including

substance abuse and mental health problems, which can often make families reluctant to work with support services.

The main service delivery arm of the initiative is known as ParentSupport, and it provides support to parents who are experiencing difficulty in their parenting roles, so that they can develop skills to provide a safe and encouraging environment and manage their children's behaviour.

The service promotes positive parenting as a powerful way to prevent criminal activity in young adults. Parents are provided with expert resources to learn how to reconnect with their children and establish stronger relationships that will help them manage behavioural problems before they escalate to cause long-term repercussions for the child, family and community at large.

Everyone has a role to play in promoting and safeguarding the wellbeing of children, young people, families and communities.

For more information about ParentSupport services, contact the Responsible Parenting Initiative on **(08) 9475 3700** and register your interest.



## Neighbourhood Watch

Neighbourhood Watch (NHW) is a series of programs aimed at making individuals aware of crime prevention initiatives and activities in and around the home, within rural and metropolitan communities, and in schools.

It is about working together to improve personal safety and household security. Most importantly, it encourages interaction and a sense of responsibility between neighbours and communities.

Neighbourhood Watch involves you, your local neighbourhood, the wider community and the WA Police working together to establish and maintain a safer community by:

- reducing violence, crime and fear;
- building a safer community;
- preventing crime that affects you;
- enhancing effective communication; and
- developing community spirit.

**• Neighbourhood Watch, as it is known today, began in the United States of America in the 1970s in order to combat the escalating incidence of crime.**

**• In Western Australia, Neighbourhood Watch was introduced as a Crime Prevention strategy in Bunbury in 1982.**

**• WA has well over 100,000 active NHW participants.**

## WA Primary Schools Make Safety a Priority

31 WA Primary Schools and over 1,500 students participated in IFAP's annual Safety Calendar Poster Competition, a community-based safety project designed to spread the safety message at grass roots level.

The 2008 IFAP Safety Calendar initiative, sponsored by Main Roads Western Australia, BHP Billiton Nickel West and supported by RAC Community Safety Month, is designed to facilitate the communication of work-related safety issues between children and their families at home.

Children from participating schools designed posters highlighting important safety issues such as drugs and alcohol, heat stress, road safety, bullying, stranger danger, electrical safety and more with the best selected to feature in IFAP's 2008 Safety Calendars.

Judging for the 2008 IFAP Safety Calendar will take place during RAC Community Safety Month.

"Being involved in the IFAP Safety Calendar Poster Competition was a highlight of our educational program on occupations in term 3," said Emma Scott, Teacher of last year's winning student, Molly Johnson from Currambine Primary School.

"We are looking forward to directing

our second place prize money into our road safety initiative in 2007."

The children in Year 2/3 at Currambine Primary School completed activities involving health and safety issues and the competition allowed them to emphasise safety issues for the students and parents in their respective work places.

"We know that family safety is paramount in the work that we do," said the OS&H Manager of Main Roads WA, Brian Ballard.

"And we want all our family members returning home safe and healthy.

"The IFAP Safety Calendar provides an effective means to encourage discussion and raise awareness in safety, with our families' future in mind - our children!"

For copies of the 2008 IFAP Safety Calendar or for more information phone IFAP on **(08) 9430 6611**.



## What's on this week?

### Forrest Place Event

Come along to Forrest Place on Tuesday 16 October between 10 and 4 and be inspired, educated and entertained. Major partners in RAC Community Safety Month will be on hand with standard drinks explanations, vehicle inspection demonstrations and the Surf Life Saving boats celebrating 100 years of service.

Our active seniors will prove that fitness is the key to injury prevention with square and tap dancing displays, and the WA Police will demonstrate their technological expertise with the Bomb Squad robot!

Don't miss it – and it's all FREE.

### Property Marking Day

Property Marking Day on Friday 19 October will highlight property marking as an affordable and effective crime prevention measure for homes and businesses in the fight against crimes such as burglary and property theft.

Property Marking Day displays and demonstrations will be held at these shopping centres on Friday 19 October from 9 to 5pm:

- **Centro Galleria in Morley,**
- **Belmont Forum and**
- **Lakeside Joondalup Shopping Centre.**

The WA Police and Office of Crime Prevention, as well as RAC Community Safety Month partner, DataDot Home and Business will be on hand to answer any queries.

By marking our personal and business items it becomes difficult to resell stolen goods to pawnbrokers and second-hand stores, and it also helps make it easier for your items to be identified and returned if found.

Lots of community groups are also getting behind Property Marking Day so check out the website at

[www.communitysafetymonth.wa.gov.au](http://www.communitysafetymonth.wa.gov.au) to see what's happening near you.

### WA Week 2007

WA Week 2007 will be officially opened by the Governor of Western Australia at a community event and Opening Ceremony in the Lotterywest Family area in Kings Park from 12pm until 3pm on Monday 15 October. E-mail

[celebratewa@celebratewa.com.au](mailto:celebratewa@celebratewa.com.au)

or look at the website at

[www.celebratewa.com.au](http://www.celebratewa.com.au)

for more information.

### The World's Biggest Barbecue

On Sunday 21 October, Surf Life Saving WA with the help of Lotterywest will be throwing a snag on the barbie and opening all of their clubs to the community.

From 10am, head down to your local surf club and join in with the free family fun. There will be entertainment, kids' activities, surf rescue demonstrations and much much more! Check it out at [www.mybeach.com.au](http://www.mybeach.com.au).



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