



Ben Wyatt's *Community Matters*

2008 GRANTS DIRECTORY NOW AVAILABLE!

The Department of Local Government and Regional Development has released this year's edition of its Grant's Directory.

For those groups who aren't familiar with the Directory, it offers a comprehensive list of grants available to regional and metropolitan communities, as well as local governments.

The Directory gives an overview of the grant, as well as application guidelines and contact details.

The Directory can be found online, at <http://grantsdirectory.dlgrd.wa.gov.au/> or you may wish to contact my office on 9361 1777 to obtain a hard copy.

RELAY FOR LIFE

Perry Lakes Stadium 29-30 March 2008

Relay for Life is a fun-filled overnight team event which raises vital funds for The Cancer Council WA to support cancer research, education and support for people affected by cancer.

Teams of 10-15 people camp overnight and take turns in a relay style walk or run in a non-competitive, friendly environment.

Take up the challenge to keep YOUR baton on the track for 24 hours!

For more information on this event, visit <http://cancerwa.asn.au> or contact the Relay Hotline on 1300 65 65 85 for a Registration Kit.



HAVE YOUR SAY IN 2008

This year, I intend to hold a number of community forums on issues that are of concern to our community. These forums will be attended by guest speakers from State, Federal and Local Government Departments, as well as prominent community organisations.

FORUM 1: "DRUGS AND OUR COMMUNITY": Saturday 24 May 2008

FORUM 2: "CRIME AND OUR COMMUNITY": Saturday 12 July 2008

FORUM 3: "SUPPORT FOR SENIORS": Friday 1 August 2008

FORUM 4: "THE FUTURE FOR VICTORIA PARK": Saturday 13 September 2008

FORUM 5: "CLIMATE CHANGE – WHAT CAN WE DO?": Saturday 25 October 2008

The issues raised in these forums are important to all of us, and I urge you to bring your friends and family and have your say. If you would like more information on these forums, please contact my office on 9361 1777, or email victoriapark@mp.wa.gov.au.

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CLiCK TO ASSIST

Is it time to upgrade your computer? Don't throw your old computer away, donate it to CLiCK!

CLiCK are a not-for-profit organisation that recycle computers and redistribute them to Australian families in need.

If you would like to donate a computer, or are interested in obtaining a recycled computer, visit <http://clickonline.org.au> or phone 9467 2271.

TURNING THE CORNER ON CRIME

The Office of Crime Prevention has released a new report on recent crime trends in WA.

The report shows that, based on figures released from 2006, the incidence of burglary, theft, motor vehicle theft and robbery has dropped dramatically in Western Australia in the last 4-8 years:

THEFT: down 20% since 2002

VEHICLE THEFT: down 60% since 1998

BURGLARIES: down 40% since 2002

In addition, WA Police report a dramatic increase in the number of offenders apprehended for domestic violence – this number has almost tripled since 2004, thanks to police initiatives and legislative changes.

The report shows that, contrary to commonly-held perceptions, and although there is always more that can be done, crime IS decreasing on our streets.

In my office, I currently have copies of a publication titled, Safety Advice for Seniors. This publication provides advice on how to reduce the risk of becoming a victim of crime, and is excellent reading for Seniors, or families with Senior members.

To obtain a copy of this publication, please call my office on 9361 1777, or email: victoriapark@mp.wa.gov.au.

ANZAC DAY WORKING GROUP SMALL GRANTS SCHEME 2008

All RSL groups and Servicemen's Leagues should be aware that the 2008 Anzac Day Working Group's Small Grants Scheme is now open.

These grants can be used for a variety of functions, such as the refurbishment and restoration of war memorials and honour rolls; the upgrade of facilities in Memorial Halls or other venues used for ANZAC and Remembrance Day services; and educational projects (to name a few). Grants to a maximum value of \$10,000 will be available.

Community organisations, youth groups, researchers, special interest groups and other not-for-profit organisations are also eligible to apply for this funding.

If you would like more information on these grants, please contact my office on 9361 1777.

RUB OUT GRAFFITI



Graffiti Hotline
1800 44 22 55

communityhelp Grants SGIO

Applications for the SGIO communityhelp Grants are now open. SGIO states that these grants recognise that, 'there are hundreds of community-based groups across the State working tirelessly, on minimal budgets, to improve their community.'

SGIO are offering grants of between \$500 and \$5,000 to groups who are undertaking projects in areas of crime prevention, road safety, emergency preparedness and response, and the environment.

Applications close on Friday 21 March 2008, with successful recipients announced in late May 2008. For more information, visit www.sgio.com.au/grants or contact Jacque Colleran, SGIO Community Relations Coordinator, on 1300 306 496.

Spotted a Crime? Call

CRIMESTOPPERS

1800 333 000

