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***** LETTER FROM THE EDITOR*****

Welcome to the thirty-fourth issue of Safe Community Weekly News, the electronic Safe Community Weekly News will be send from Harstad - Norway on behalf of Safe Communities Network.

WHAT IS NEW AT SAFE COMMUNITIES?

In this issue:

- **PROJECT: STRAW'S (Safer Times Round Albury/Wodonga), Australia**
- **SYMPOSIUM: Safe Communities in NSW – Building a Stronger Foundation, Australia .**
- **LISTSERV: NSW SafeComm Listserv. Australia**
- **CONFERENCE: 5th Nordic Safe Community Conference, Finland.**

STRAW'S (SAFER TIMES ROUND ALBURY/WODONGA - FOR Women)



From L to R: The Acting Assistant Commissioner Kieran Walshe, Victoria Police and Mr. Tim McGrath, Assistant Director General, NSW Attorney General's Department, who jointly launched the kit on 23rd October 2002 at the Awards Presentation Ceremony.

The resource Kit for the STRAWs Project is now available in hard copy and through the internet (from 1 January 2003) at www.lawlink.nsw.gov.au/cpd

To place an order for a hard copy of the Kit email:
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If you would like to talk about the program, you can contact Tricia at the NSW Attorney General's Department on 61 2 60237111 or Jenny at Albury City Council on 61 2 60238174.

STRAWs has received recognition within Australia, receiving State and National Awards - Crime Prevention Victoria's 2000 Business & Community Partnerships Award and 2001 Australian Violence Prevention Award (Drug & Alcohol Category]

Background to STRAWs

Evidence suggests women's personal safety is most at risk in the home, with the perpetrator known to them. However, we must consider the Safe Women's Project (1998:8) displayed women reported feeling more afraid of public places than do men. This fear has the ability to disable women from participating fully in public life. It is understood that this fear can stop women reaching their full potential.

STRAW's grew from concern for the safety for women in public safety in the Albury Wodonga area. The NSW Strategy to Reduce Violence Against Women, together with the Albury Wodonga Women's Refuge facilitated the development of a working party to address issues of public safety.

This initiative is a violence prevention strategy, which reflects a cross border interagency approach with working party members representing:

Albury Wodonga Women's Centre;
Albury Wodonga Women's Refuge
NSW Police Service;
Victorian Police Service
Albury City Council;
Wodonga City Council; and
NSW Strategy to Reduce Violence Against Women.

The Project

What does STRAW's aim to do?

To promote safe entertainment venues for women in Albury and Wodonga.
To develop and enhance awareness of women's public safety issues in the Albury Wodonga area.

How does STRAW's do this?

STRAW's offers awards for entertainment venues in Albury Wodonga. The awards are for entertainment venues contribution towards Albury Wodonga being a safe place for women. As the Liverpool Women's Safety Project states, "a safe place for women is a safe place for everyone".

Venues that choose to participate in the project undergo a safety audit which includes exploration of physical and attitudinal characteristics that promote women's safety.

”Safe Communities in NSW - Building a Stronger Foundation” a symposium

The Third symposium organised by NSW SafeComm will be held at the City gate Sebel (Formerly Furama Central) in Sydney on the 25th and 26th of March 2003.

People attending the SafeComm conference in Hong Kong might like to go home via Sydney!

This symposium is for anyone with an interest in safety promotion and injury prevention, including community and road safety officers, local government, health, fire, education and police services, local business and community members.

It will:

- Highlight progress, innovation and opportunities for Safe Communities including 'Safety by Design', suicide prevention, hearing local governments' perspective and plans for a Foundation.
- Showcase and workshop the evaluation of the NSW Safe Comm Pilot Program, sponsored by NSW Health and the RTA.

Confirmed speakers include Marilyn Wise (Australian Centre for Health Promotion), Prof Simon Chapman (Dept Public Health and Community Medicine, University of Sydney) and Penelope Coombes (Managing Director, People for Places and Spaces, sponsored by the Motor Accidents Authority of NSW)

The cost is Au\$80.00 per day.

Full program details will be available shortly, but in the meantime visit the website (www.nsh.nsw.gov.au/safecomm.htm) for the first announcement.

Please register your interest to ensure you receive registration forms. Contact Joanne Karcz 61+2 + 9858 7737 or jkarcz@doh.health.nsw.gov.au

NSW SAFECOMM LISTSERV

With the help of NSW Health, NSW SafeComm now has a listserv. This will enable all people working in Safe Communities to receive regular information and updates on the Safe Community scene in NSW, Australia. You can use the listserv to find others working on projects similar to yours, to pose questions, and to share information.

HOW TO SUBSCRIBE TO THE NSW SAFECOMM LIST:

1. prepare an email to: majordomo@lists.health.nsw.gov.au
2. in the body of the message write: subscribe safecomm
3. send the message
4. you will get a message back to say that you have subscribed.

5. Nordic Safe Community Conference.

26 – 29 august 2003,

Mariana Congress Center

Helsinki, Finland.

www.safe2003.net

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*****NOTES TO CONTRIBUTORS*****

The editors must hear from you so that Safe Community Weekly News can effectively serve as a medium of communication for Safe Community Network members, and those whom are interested in injury prevention and Community safety promotion.

We are soliciting contributions from all members who have information relevant to the Safe Community Network. There are a number of specific items we are seeking:

- Information on new designated communities, affiliated centres and their activities;
- Announcement of conferences or seminars in Safe community, injury prevention and related subjects;
- Calls for papers by journals and book editors;
- Announcements of new appointments and promotions;
- Articles describing activities or new initiatives at your community, institution, Centre or firm (perhaps describing your departmental or university programs in safety promotion, discussing new practices, methods, and tools used in Injury prevention and community safety promotion, describing new governmental policy initiatives / programs, and so forth).

Please send your activities, programs and reports via post/ e-mail to the editor: Yousif Rahim yousif.rahim@harstad.kommune.no,

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