

# Australian Safe Communities Foundation

Certifying Centre of the WHO Collaborating Centre on Community Safety Promotion



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## INTERNATIONAL DISTINGUISHED SAFE COMMUNITY AWARD PRESENTED TO RICHARD HICKS

Richard Hicks, Director of Community Health Services at Southern Adelaide Health Service and Chairperson of *Noarlunga Towards a Safe Community* (since 1992), was presented with the **International Distinguished Safe Community Award** on Friday 29 June 2007.

Professor Leif Svanström, Chairman of the WHO Collaborating Centre on Community Safety Promotion, asked the *Australian Safe Communities Foundation* to present the award to Mr Hicks on his behalf.

Meegan Brotherton, Secretary of the *Australian Safe Communities Foundation*, presented the award to Mr Hicks in recognition of outstanding dedication and leadership in safety promotion and injury prevention, with contributions and achievements that have had a significant and long-term impact on Safe Community development.



Previous recipients of the Award are Henk Harberts, Chair of the Australian Safe Communities Foundation (2004) and Martha Stowe, Director of the Injury Prevention Centre of Greater Dallas (2005).

*Noarlunga Towards a Safe Community* became the fourteenth member of the World Health Organisation 'Safe Communities Network' in 1996 and was redesignated as a member in 2003. Members of the *Noarlunga Towards a Safe Community* Reference Committee celebrated Mr Hicks' role in working with and supporting the community within the City of Onkaparinga.

After more than three decades of service in community, public and primary health care Mr Hicks will retire on 6 July 2007.