

Celebrating a Safer Vincent

The 'Celebrating a Safer Vincent' column is designed to give you, as a resident, business proprietor or visitor to the Town, helpful information and practical advice on safety and crime prevention. These articles aim to provide an accurate picture of, and current information on, issues and safety activities within Vincent. It is encouraging to know that Vincent is indeed a safer place to live with the Town recording decreases in most crime offences since 2003 (Office of Crime Prevention). To assist in getting an accurate picture of issues in your suburb you can access current Police statistics from www.police.wa.gov.au and follow links to 'About us/facts and figures'.

Funding Success for Community Awareness Signage Campaign for Vincent



TOWN OF VINCENT



The State Government's Office of Crime Prevention has recently announced that the Town has been successful in obtaining a Designing Safer Communities Grant to develop a Partnership Project between the Town of Vincent, WA Police (WAP) and Licensed Premises (Vincent Accord members). The aim is to create a targeted campaign for patrons of licensed premises to encourage them to display responsible behaviour and reduce anti-social behaviour.

This project is being progressed as part of the Town's Safety and Crime Prevention Plan (for copies please refer to 'Public Documents' on www.vincent.wa.gov.au) and as part of the Vincent Accord action plan.

The Vincent Accord, which is made up of local WA Police, licensed premises owners and Town representatives, meets regularly to work on alleviating issues associated with licensed premises.

Outcomes of this project will be reported in future 'Celebrating a Safer Vincent' columns.

Town adopts 'Eyes on the Street'

Ranger and Community Safety Services will be the first team in the Town to receive 'Eyes on the Street' training. In addition the Rangers' vehicles will be the first to sport the distinctive new 'Eyes on the Street' branding logos.



Eyes on the Street is a co-ordinated initiative that encourages and enables local governments, businesses and other agencies to assist WA Police by reporting suspicious behaviour and possible criminal activity in local communities. Eyes on the Street was officially adopted by Council in December 2007 and aims to reduce crime by:

- Training local government and targeted commercial agencies, outdoor workers, parks and gardens officers, rangers and field staff in recording and reporting persons or events considered suspicious. The aim of this strategy is to increase the level of information and intelligence available to Police to identify current offenders.
- Deterring crime through the use of high visibility 'Eyes on the Street' branded logos and livery alerting potential offenders to the fact that there are trained persons on the look-out for suspicious behaviour.

In conjunction with the Office of Crime Prevention, the Town is developing 'Eyes on the Street' signage which will be installed in any hot spot areas to deter would-be criminals from committing crime.

New Graffiti Reporting Hotline – 1800 44 22 55 (1800 GG CALL)

The Town, in collaboration with the State Government and the community, continues to develop and implement graffiti reduction initiatives. A dedicated graffiti reporting hotline has been set up to provide an easy, direct and confidential means to report graffiti crime. The hotline operates 24 hours a day, seven days a week through the WA Police Communications Centre. Hotline-reported incidents of graffiti which require clean-up are forwarded to the relevant party or authority to action. Whilst reports on graffiti direct to the Town are still welcome, the most convenient way to report graffiti is via the new Hotline which provides a one-stop option.



Residents can also use the hotline to report graffiti crime in progress to improve the chances of the offenders being caught. Rewards of \$1,000 may be available to people providing information which leads to the arrest of a graffiti offender.

Counterfeit Alert for All Businesses

Wembley Police have issued an alert to all businesses to be vigilant and check note denominations after a man was caught manufacturing and distributing \$50 counterfeit notes in North Perth recently.

The Reserve Bank of Australia provides useful tips on how to detect forged notes and how to avoid becoming a victim of forgery – see <http://www.rba.gov.au/CurrencyNotes/> and follow the link to 'Security Features and Counterfeit Detection'.

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HELPFUL SAFER VINCENT CONTACT NUMBERS



- For your Local Police Station (i.e. Wembley or Perth Police Stations) contact 131 444
- Crime Stoppers 1800 333 000
- Life Threatening Emergencies 000
- Town of Vincent Safer Vincent Co-ordinator 9273 6032

Should you have any enquiries about the above articles or need advice:

- on the use of an engraver to mark valuables
- on any general community safety and crime prevention issue
- if you are an individual or agency wanting to join the Safer Vincent overall partnership/network
- if you have any suggestions for topics for future Safer Vincent articles

please contact the Safer Vincent Co-ordinator on 9273 6032.

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Did you know? Street Drinking and the Law

Except where the supply of liquor is authorised by a licence or permit under the *Liquor Control Act 1988*, and the place where the liquor is consumed is for the time being a place to which that licence or permit applies, it is an offence in Western Australia for persons of any age to drink in public, such as on the street, park or beach, or even sitting in a car. For juveniles, this includes opened and unopened alcohol containers. (Maximum Fine: AUD\$2,000 or on the spot fine of AUD\$200 – Section 119(4a) Liquor Control Act 1988.)

