



WA Chairman's Report

Kidsafe WA is now incorporated.

Kidsafe WA has taken a leading role in the move towards a federated structure for the Foundation by getting the state and national constitutions and a license agreement drafted and managing

the consultation process to gain agreement from the state Divisions and national board.

The new federated structure of Kidsafe sees the beginning of an exciting new chapter in the Child Accident Prevention Foundation of Australia's history.

I would also like to take the opportunity to welcome our newest member of the Kidsafe WA team, Shawn Draper who has joined our team as a Child Car Restraint Fitter. We look forward to your contribution to Child Safety.

Dr Philip King
Chairman, Kidsafe WA

Kidsafe Western Australia (Inc)

As most of our members would be aware Kidsafe Australia is currently moving towards a federated structure for its organisation. As a result, Kidsafe WA has achieved incorporated status. The incorporated status means that Kidsafe WA now has a greater level of control and autonomy within the state for the state.

The major change in the new national constitution for the Foundation is

that membership of the foundations will be limited to the incorporated state bodies, representatives of whom make up a national council to ensure that there is information sharing and collaboration between the states to get national coverage of issues. Individuals and corporations will now become members of the state based association in the state in which they reside.

The new national constitution was accepted by members at the AGM on June 25th. Licence Agreements will soon be finalised.

Kidsafe WA looks forward to our current members continued support in moving Kidsafe and the Foundation forward and welcome new members for 2003/04.

If you have any further queries on the Kidsafe WA or membership please contact us on (08) 9340 8509.

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Special points of interest:

- Kidsafe Safety Demonstration House & Resource Centre is Open:
Monday to Friday 9am to 4pm
- Check out the NEW Kidsafe WA Online Shop
- **This Months Special Feature:**
Child Car Restraints

Kidsafe WA Child Car Restraint Services

In March 2002, Kidsafe WA reestablished its Child Car Restraint Hire service with the support of the PMH Foundation who kindly donated 20 Baby Safety Capsules. Since then a further donation of 10 Baby Safety Capsules from Britax Child Care Products occurred in Mid 2002, with SGIO providing a further 40 as part of our new 3 year sponsorship in June 2003.

Kidsafe WA now has over 80 Baby Safety Capsules for Short & Long term hire. As well as Capsules

we have a number of Convertible Child Car Restraints (including compact versions for smaller cars) and booster seats for hire.

In conjunction with the Child Car Restraint Hire service, Kidsafe WA conducts a Child Car Restraint Checking and Fitting Service. This service was commenced to fill the gap when periodic free checking days ceased in mid 2001, while an accredited fitters training program was being developed. There had also

been concerns expressed by members of the public about the quality of services provided by businesses in WA.

This service is currently available between 1pm to 5pm Monday to Friday.

Bookings are essential and can be made by contacting Sheila at Kidsafe WA on (08) 9340 8509. Kidsafe's 1800 Child Car Restraint Information Line for additional information can be contacted on 1800 802 244.

Community Child Restraint Checking Days

As well as running our own Child Car Restraint Checking, Fitting and Hire Service at the Kidsafe WA Centre, Kidsafe WA has participated in a number of community Child Car Restraint Checking days in 2003.

On May 3rd, Kidsafe headed to Albany with Safe n Sound to support the opening of the Dog Rock Chemist's Child Car Restraint sales section with a Free Child Car Restraint checking day. During the morning Kidsafe staff checked 34 Child Car Restraints.

On June 7th, Kidsafe WA was invited

by the City of Victoria Park Council to run another Child Car Restraint checking day for their local community. Another successful day was held with more than 45 Child Car Seats checked.

Of the car seats checked over both days, close to 50% of the car seats inspected were not fitted correctly which can cause serious problems for the safety of children in cars in the event of a crash. To find out more information on the importance of fitting your child's car seat correctly contact Kidsafe WA on (08) 9340 8509.

Road Safety Conference Presentation

Kidsafe WA's Executive Officer Sue Wicks is off to the National Road Safety Conference in Sydney in September to present a paper on "Conducting a Child Car Restraint Fitting Service in Perth, WA". The paper was developed

following 12 months of Checking & Fitting Child Car seats at the Kidsafe WA center. During this time a number of issues arose including the alarming number of incorrectly fitted restraints, which can lead to an increased risk of

injury and death to children if they are involved in a car crash.

Sue will be presenting the findings from the data collected and providing some recommendations on where to from here for Child Safety in Cars in WA.

Kidsafe WA Staff

Introducing the current staff at Kidsafe WA:

Sue Wicks, **Executive Officer**
Melita Leeds, **Project Officer**
Sheila Blanco, **Admin Support**
Shawn Draper, **Child Car Restraint Fitter**

New staff in 2003:

Sheila has taken over the extensive task of keeping everyone else in the office on their toes by coordinating all bookings & appointments, and



Staff Pictured Clockwise from Top
Left: Sue Wicks, Melita Leeds,
Sheila Blanco, Shawn Draper

answering questions from the community on Child Safety.

Shawn has very recently joined the team to support the Child Car Restraint Fitting, Checking & Hiring Service.

As usual all the staff are very busy and dedicated to promoting the prevention of childhood injuries in WA.



Report on Safety in Schools Week 2003

Safety in Schools Week was Launched on Wednesday June 4th at Kensington Primary School by the Hon Barbara Scott, Shadow Minister for Children & Glen Jakovich from Worksafe WA. Thirteen of the 24 Injury prevention agencies were represented at the launch which included a tabloid of Safety Activities for Kensington students to participate in after the official launch proceedings. The Students ran the Launch morning, and entertained fellow students and invited guests with Bicycle precision

riding, a Circus Safety demonstration and there very own version of "Who wants to be a Millionaire" - with all questions on Safety.

Kidsafe WA would like to Thank all of this years participating agencies and in particular the PMH Foundation, Department of Consumer & Employment Protection (Worksafe), Department of Health, Department of Education &



St John Ambulance and Injury Control Council - Who supported with the coordination (as members of the Advisory committee) and sponsorship of Safety in Schools Week 2003.

On behalf of the Safety in Schools Week organising committee we would like to extend our thanks to the Kensington Primary School community for hosting the 2003 Launch.



CIPN Introductory Forum



The Child Injury Prevention Network (CIPN) key stakeholder managers were invited to attend a Forum, hosted by Westlink to introduce them to the CIPN on Wednesday 23rd July.

The purpose of the Introductory forum was to:

- Promote stakeholder involvement in the WA CIPN
- Provide an opportunity for communication and information exchange between stakeholders

- To present the purpose, vision, aims and roles of the CIPN

- To discuss current and future directions

- Report on Outcomes and Recommendations arising from the forum.

The forum was successful in promoting the benefits of the CIPN to representatives of the Child Injury Prevention Sector. Presenters on the day included Nicole Bennett from Injury Prevention Unit (DoH), Tony Eades

from Quantum Design Media who spoke about the CIPN Website, and Kidsafe staff members Sue Wicks and Melita Leeds.

The key communication and information exchange strategy - the CIPN Website will be launched at the end of August 2003.

Stakeholders wishing to apply for membership can e-mail melitaleeds@kidsafewa.com.au for an application form or contact Kidsafe WA on (08) 9340 8509.

KIDS SAFE WA

Kidsafe WA Calendar of Events

July 2003

- July Newsletter Online
- CIPN Introductory Forum (Wednesday 23rd July)

August 2003

- Parents, Babies & Children's Expo, Claremont Showground's (8th to 10th)
- Canning Community College Health and Safety Day Display (6th)

September 2003

- **Spring Seasonal Campaign**
- Child Car Restraint Checking Day - Joondalup
- Road Safety Conference - Sydney (23rd to 25th)

October 2003

- October Newsletter Online
- National Parks and Leisure Conference, Perth
- Annual CIPN Forum (Children's Week)
- Children's Week (19th to 26th)

November 2003

December 2003

- **Summer Seasonal Campaign**
- Members & Supporters Christmas Party
- Kidsafe WA Office CLOSED (December 22nd to January 5th)

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Winter Safety Tips

More than 430 home fires occur in WA during Winter - most of these could have been prevented. Make your home Fire Safe (Follow FESA's simple steps):

Prepare your home

- ♣ Install either mains powered or battery operated smoke alarms
- ♣ Change the battery annually and smoke alarms test weekly
- ♣ Develop a home fire escape plan and practice it regularly
- ♣ Have chimneys and flues cleaned every year
- ♣ Have an electrical circuit breaker installed in your home
- ♣ Replace and repair worn electrical plugs and cords
- ♣ Have electric blankets checked for faulty wiring

Prevent Fires

- ♣ Put open fires out before going to bed
- ♣ Place screens around open fires and potbelly stoves
- ♣ Place heaters at least 1 meter away from furnishings and curtains
- ♣ Check and clean the lint filter on your dryer before each load

For further information on fire safety contact FESA on (08) 9323 9300

Kidsafe Sponsors 2003



Parents, Babies and Children's Expo 2003

The Parent's Babies and Children's Expo is on again at the Claremont Showground's. This year Kidsafe WA will be sharing a stall again with the crew from Quit at the Department of Health.

Our displays this year will focus on the themes of:

⇒ Poisoning Prevention

⇒ Child Car Restraints

Why not call in and say hello and enter the draw to win a selection of Safety Products or a Brand New Safe-n-Sound Advantage Booster Seat. The Expo will be open from Friday August 8th to Sunday August 10th 2003, 10 am to 5 pm.