

**Tony Minuta**, Assistant Director of the product safety hazard response branch at the Australian Competition & Consumer Commission (ACCC). Prior to joining the ACCC in 2009, Tony was the Principal Product Safety Officer at the Department of Commerce for around 10 years. He led a small team that was responsible for a range of product safety activities including regulatory, policy, enforcement and consumer and industry education. Tony represented the Department of Commerce on a number of local and national committees involving product safety matters. Tony also represented the Department on a Standards Australian Committee responsible for developing Australian Standards for products such as trampolines, household cots, bunk beds portable cots and stability testing for tall freestanding furniture.

Over the past 12 months Tony has been the project lead investigating consumer safety issues arising from the increasing numbers of deaths and injuries associated with mobility scooters. In this role, Tony has organised a working party consisting of product safety experts, consumer advocates, regulators, research bodies and industry representatives to discuss the safety issues around mobility scooters. Tony has also actively contributed to the development of a consumer awareness campaign including education material about the safe use of mobility scooters which is available at [www.productsafety.gov.au](http://www.productsafety.gov.au). Tony is also assisting Monash University conduct research into the main factors that cause mobility scooter accidents, the results of which will inform further safety initiatives.

**Dave Wright**, President of the Motorcycle Riders Association of WA. Dave has held a motorcycle license for 36 years and has been a active member of the Motorcycle Riders Association of WA committee for 7 years and the President and Road Safety Office for 3 Years

Dave serves as a delegate on the Motorcycle Safety Consultative Committee and a delegate of the Australian motorcycle council. He is also the WA representative on the Ulysses Club National Safety Committee and a member of the steering committee of the Motorcycle and Scooter Safety Advisory Group.

Dave has voluntarily given his time to help develop the Office of Road Safety website section for Motorcycle safety and has actively participated in Motorcycle and Scooter forums to increase the safety of riders in WA.

Dave participated in the 2008 National Motorcycle and Scooter Safety Summit in Canberra and travels to the east coast about 6 times each year to work on Federal Committees regarding Motorcycle and scooter Safety.

Dave's interest include riding his motorcycle and I has travelled around Australia 6 times with friend on their motorcycles

**Norman Hammond**, has a lifestyle centred on working with and for the community. One of Norm's main priorities would be "Safety as an everyday issue". Much of his time and effort is focused upon children and youth, he believes that injury prevention and duty-of-care considerations are paramount.

Norm is currently the Primary Agricultural Program Coordinator for the Agricultural Faculty at Kelmscott Senior High School. Here he teaches students about areas of hazard, safety awareness and manners of avoiding injury. His dedication and passion for this project has helped students and teachers alike to understand sustainable agricultural practice. The focus of the program is on people, products and the processes involved in the agriculture sector. Norm has an intake of about 4500 primary school students and 800 adults annually. There is also a resource centre on site providing free resources to teachers about safety awareness and prevention.

During the last 10 years Norm has also worked as a coordinator for Team Force Australia ensuring rigorous attention to safety practices and making sure there are adequate staff on site during events.

He is also an event and committee member for Lifecycle for Canteen, a 265km cycle event from Bassendean to Busselton. Norm is currently a marshal for the Canteen Kids Group, shepherding the largely inexperienced riders over the three day event.

**Denise Crockford**, is an active member of the Kalgoorlie/Boulder RoadWise committee. Denise plays a pivotal and proactive role in organising the Kalgoorlie/Boulder committee activities and ensures the committee stays on track and focused on its goals and objectives.

Whilst Denise has a role on the committee directly related to her work with Main Roads WA, she goes well above and beyond her work requirements to co-ordinate the committee activities and to promote a strong road safety culture in the Goldfields region.

Denise has a very solid understanding of road safety principals and practices, and uses this to plan and co-ordinate the many activities the committee is involved in. She is also a natural organiser, with a bright personality and positive 'can do' attitude; Denise is able to gather a team of volunteers around her to carry out activities and events. She also uses her strong networking skills to help ensure the success of whatever she sets her mind to.

Denise's particular passion is child car restraints. She has co-ordinated many activities with child care centres and other organisations in the region to promote the new child car restraint legislation. As the mother of a young child herself, Denise understands the need to keep all children safe in vehicles and near the road. Denise has drive and passion for her role and works well above and beyond what is expected of her. Without her commitment the Kalgoorlie/boulder committee would not be as strong as it is.

Denise is true a road safety champion.

**Dr. Alice Tippetts**, is a doctor who is passionate about trying to reduce the rates of premature deaths and illness in the Aboriginal Community. Shocked and saddened by the level of ill health in the Kimberley, where she came to work nearly 14 years ago, she has developed a health education game called SNAP Into Life aimed at Aboriginal children. She hopes this will make a difference to their health and well-being. After ten years in the making, the game is now in all the Kimberley Schools and many community organizations.

Alice is also very interested in Nutritional Medicine and Health Promotion. She is convinced that many illnesses can be improved enormously by a healthy diet and lifestyle, and spends much time trying to convince her patients likewise. Showing people how much sugar they are drinking, with a practical visual demonstration, is always high on the agenda, both in the consulting room and outside the supermarkets.

Alice is currently working as a Kimberley Renal GP within the Kimberley Renal Support Service, which has the primary aim of cutting down the numbers of people needing dialysis in the Kimberley. Again much of this work revolves around holistic health advice. Also, many patients in the Kimberley, for various reasons, do not get followed up adequately in regards to their medical conditions. This is an issue that Alice continuously tries to address in her Renal GP role, and encourages all the other doctors and clinics to be equally fastidious and proactive in this regard.

**Doreen Holland**, is a volunteer walk leader for the Women's Health Works walking group. The walk group is a free, organised exercise session that provides physical and social opportunities for residents in the Brighton community.

Doreen has been involved as a walk leader in Brighton for 18 months. During this time Doreen has created a number of walk trails utilising suburb maps. Each map has been checked to ensure it has complete sealed pathways that are free from pot holes and other hazards. The walk trails are well lit and have road signage and seating that improves walker's safety as well as allows for a rest point along the way.

Walk trail maps are available to all Brighton residents so that walkers can walk by themselves or in small groups separate from the scheduled walk. Each walk trail has been graded as easy, intermediate or hard and the total distance has been mapped out.

Doreen also attends walk leader training sessions on subjects such as First Aid, back care and community safety .The knowledge and experience Doreen gathers from the walk leader network meetings is disseminated through the walk groups she facilitates.

Brighton residents would like to thank Doreen for her contribution to the community.

**Mark Gubanyi**, knows all too well the devastation of losing a family member to a drowning death, and has since been motivated to put an end to toddler drowning. He has been a fantastic supporter of the Royal Life Saving Society and in particular the Keep Watch program. His efforts in raising awareness of toddler drowning prevention methods in Western Australia have played a major role in reducing the rate of toddler drowning deaths.

He has helped inspire other parents of young children to think about ways in which they can reduce the risk of drowning death in and around their home and challenges those around him to share his message and find the courage to speak out to prevent drowning deaths.

An important element to our Keep Watch program has been the development of an ambassador for toddler drowning prevention which Mark has taken on with the hope that his story and experience will help change other parent's behaviours. Over the years Mark has spoken openly and passionately about this issue which he truly believes in and has fulfilled his role as our Keep Watch Ambassador.

Mark's passion and dedication has and will continue to help reduce the loss of young West Australian lives

**Jamie O'Donohue**, has been employed as a pool manager at a number of remote Aboriginal swimming pool facilities over the past 10 years. Over this time Jamie has worked tirelessly to ensure that these communities have access to swimming and lifesaving programs in a safe environment.

Indigenous groups have been identified as a group at a high-risk of drowning and near-drowning in Australia. Aboriginal children drown at a rate two and a half times that of non-Aboriginal children.

Jamie and his young family currently live in the remote community of Warmun for nine months of the year to manage the swimming pool facility. Warmun is a small Aboriginal community of around 600 people that is located 860km east of Broome and 200km south of Kununurra in the far north of Western Australia. This is quite a change from city life but one that Jamie and his family have embraced.

Over the past decade, Jamie has worked to establish strong working relationships with the local communities in order to manage an efficient and successful facility and is now a respected member of the community.

Jamie's commitment to Indigenous health and well being through this program has resulted in a number of positive health, social and education outcomes within the communities he has worked. Including increased regular school attendance and decreased incidence of ear, nose and throat infections amongst young children.

These achievements are a credit to Jamie's hard work and dedication.

**Symon Still**, Injury Prevention Manager for Paraplegic Benefit Fund Australia (PBF). Symon has dedicated his career to the education of Australians about personal safety and prevention of spinal cord injury. Every day, someone in Australia suffers a spinal cord injury, and most are preventable.

At PBF, Symon has employed, coached and trained eleven paraplegics to tell their stories of injury (most of them are traumatic), to school students, men and women in the workplace, and to community groups, e.g. Sports clubs and Rotarians.

Symon was hit by a car while on his push-bike, training for the Sydney Olympics and suffered permanent injuries, including paraplegia. His career as a teacher and aspiring athlete was over. He has rebuilt his life and his passion has turned to telling others about his injury to reduce the incidence of spinal cord injuries. Symon, together with the team of presenters delivers more than 250 presentations each year to over 17,000 individuals, to motivate them to consider safety as their core life value.

Symon also manages a Peer Support Officer as part of the Peer Support program at Royal Perth Hospital, where he offers support and encouragement to those who have sustained spinal cord injuries. On behalf of PBF Symon also ensures that those new to paraplegia remain part of the network established via Facebook.

Symon deserves recognition as a SAFETY CHAMPION, and on behalf of all Australians, acknowledge that his injury was not in vain.

**Peter McCleery**, president of The Dalyellup Surf Life Saving Club. Peter has been at the club since inception which has now grown to over 200 members. As part of Peter's involvement in the club he regularly coordinates and/or is involved with water safety at local Dalyellup events as well as events across the South West such as the Ironman, Half Ironman, Jetty Swim, Anaconda Races, ECU surf competitions and the Capel Descent.

Since 2004, Peter and the club have provided regular volunteer surf life saving services at the Dalyellup Beach. Peter holds an Inflatable Rescue Boat (IRB) trainers certificate and regularly trains life savers in IRB operation.

Each year Peter and the club arrange the Australia Day breakfast where 4WD demonstrations take place to increase awareness of beach safety.

For the past five years Peter and the club have been involved with regular beach clean ups at Dalyellup Beach.

Peter is also a member of the Southwest Emergency Response Team, a callout service ready 24/7, to respond with equipment and lifesavers for coastal searches. Since 2006 Peter has been involved in searches for three missing people.

Peter is also an Elected Member of the Shire of Capel and is involved with the Local Emergency Management Committee. In the past Peter has coached junior soccer teams and been involved with the Dalyellup Beach Community Association. Peter is an absolute asset to the Dalyellup community and an outstanding example of a true Community Safety Champion.

**Michelle DeGalt-Rohlf**, was the first female Safety Officer employed at the Master Builders Association (MBA) in 2006, having previously worked in the manufacturing and heavy engineering sector. Since commencing at MBA Michelle has significantly expanded the range of safety services provided to builders and specialist sub-contractors.

Michelle has been promoting the benefits of safety in the building and construction industry through corporate presentations, magazine editorials and website updates which are all an integral part of her role in getting the safety message out to MBA members and the building industry.

Michelle also provides input into industry safety policy development through the MBA state and national Safety Committees and has also overseen a major repackaging of the MBA's annual safety awards that recognise high achievers in safety in the building and construction industry.

Michelle knows all too well how workplace injuries can affect a person's life, as she was seriously injured in a car accident in her early thirties resulting in her confinement to a wheel chair for months and told she may never walk again. Her resilience and determination are on show today as she accepts her nomination. These qualities shine in her passion in pursuing pragmatic safety policies that have real long-lasting value in the building industry.

**John King**, reached a significant milestone this year, 40 years in Surf Lifesaving and with Floreat SLSC. John joined the club in 1969, and obtained his bronze medallion in 1970. As a valuable club member, John was awarded best clubman in 70/71, 71/72, and again in 76/77 and 82/83.

John has held many positions within the club, including: President; Club Captain/ Director Lifesaving Services; Examiner; Instructor. He is currently the Director of Education and a Trainer and Assessor, training both club members and members of the community in many awards, including Senior First Aid; Advanced Resuscitation; Surf Rescue Certificate; Bronze Medallion. John also performs the role of Occupational Health and Safety Officer at the club.

John is always willing to assist other office holders carry out their duties and has performed many voluntary hours on patrol at Floreat Beach. John was awarded Life Membership of Floreat SLSC in 81/82.

John currently holds the following Awards: Bronze; IRB Driver; Examiner – IRB, SRC, Bronze, and ARC. He is now employed by SLSWA as Member Education & Training Coordinator.

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The Floreat SLSC would like to thank John for his extraordinary efforts over the last 40 years.

**Robert Howard**, after more than 50 years patrolling Perth beaches, it would be fair to say salt runs through the veins of surf lifesaving veteran Bob Howard.

His commitment to Floreat SLSC, in particular with training new members, was recognised this year when he was presented with the **Order of Australia Medal**.

His roles with the club and SLSWA are extensive and include stints as a crewman on the rescue helicopter, State First Aid Officer, Radio Officer, Examination Officer and a member of the Board of Examiners. He is also a life member of SLSWA and Surf Lifesaving Australia.

Bob has spent his life near the ocean and is still a patrolling member at Floreat, now mainly involved with the education side of surf lifesaving. Bob has been training both club members and members of the community in many awards, including Senior First Aid; Advanced Resuscitation; Surf Rescue Certificate; Bronze Medallion over the past 35 years.

Bob joined Port Beach SLSC in 1955, and then moved to Floreat in 1970 where he has been ever since. Retired for eight years, Bob now splits his time between the surf club and his volunteer duties with St John Ambulance, a role he has held since 1968. Floreat SLSC would like to thank Bob for an outstanding job and over 50 years of volunteering.

**Sarkis Petrossian**, has a passion and commitment for traffic engineering and road safety where he has practiced for many years.

Sarkis's career started with Main Roads WA where he worked for a number of years before starting his own consultancy.

He has provided meritorious service to his profession at the divisional level for Engineer's Australia and has voluntarily contributed to the Engineers Australia Transport Panel for more than 20 years. He received the Engineers Australia medal for his contribution to the profession and in traffic safety earlier this year.

Sarkis's other voluntary work is extensive. He currently sits on the Local Government Safe System Advisory Group and chaired the Safe System Working Group which oversaw the development and construction of the new Perth – Bunbury Highway. Sarkis also chairs the Roe Highway Extension Working Group and contributes to many voluntary organisations including Rotary and RACWA.

He constantly communicates the benefit to be had from using Intelligent Transport Systems to improve traffic management and road safety. His philosophy is through innovation and courage WA can reduce injuries and death on our roads.

Sarkis is highly regarded for his tireless advocacy to improve road safety outcomes for all Western Australians.

**Pat Morgan**, has been surfing for over 30 years, with nine seasons surfing Hawaiian breaks such as Pipeline, Sunset and Waimea bay.

In 2001, Pat was one of a small group of surfers who were invited to enter the big wave awards, which is a competition to catch the biggest waves in Australia over an eight month period in the discipline of tow surfing.

This year Pat was also selected as one of Australia's four most professional high performance coaches to train a team of Australia's top under 16 male surfers at the Mark Richards surf camp held in Queensland.

Patrick Morgan is the head coach for the Big Wave Surfing School at Secret Harbour beach. He is also one of West Australia's few level 2 Surfing Australia high performance coaches.

During their hours of operation Patrick and his staff are constantly monitoring the beach for members of the general public that may be in danger, either in or out of the water. During their last season Pat rescued 17 members of the public who were caught in rips. Pat teaches hundreds of students at his surf school each year about rips and water safety and how it is affected by the wind, waves and sand bars.

Pats major focus is on beach safety and is always warning and educating the general public of the dangers at the beach. With increasing numbers of beach users in WA, education is vital to reduce the risks associated with beach activities.

**Senior Constable Tam McKeown**, was the founder of the “Living with Heavy Goods Vehicles” initiative in June 2009 when he was based at the Mullewa Police Station.

The initiative was launched after the tragic death of a 10 year old boy who was killed in a road collision with a heavy haulage vehicle in the Mid-West region earlier that year. The Police, in partnership with haulage and resource companies in the Mid West and local S.D.E.R.A road safety officers were involved.

The initiative involved 190 children from kindergarten to year seven students being given a hands-on tour of road trains and other heavy haulage vehicles. This was cemented with an interactive classroom presentation by police and S.D.E.R.A. road safety officers. The heavy haulage vehicles and road trains were used as an educational medium to highlight to the children the magnitude of vehicles using the road network and to demonstrate to the children how vulnerable they were if they did not apply road safety every day.

Each child was furnished with a free highly visible T-shirt emphasizing the importance of “Being Seen, Being Safe”. The initiative was also delivered to a further 500 children in the Mid-West towns of Yalgoo, Cue and Mount Magnet, as these towns were on the main arterial route for heavy haulage vehicles.

The success of this pilot project has lead Senior Constable Tam McKeown, to run a similar kids safety project in the Wheatbelt/Great Southern Regions. The launch of the Wickepin Kids Road Safety project occurred on 9<sup>th</sup> August 2010 which resulted in yet another huge success within the local community. The project will be delivered to all the children in the Shire of Williams in early September 2010.

This initiative clearly highlights that police, education, local businesses and external agencies can work in partnership and increase the safety of the community’s most valuable asset – our kids.

**Tricia Wylde**, has over twenty-five years experience in the direct provision of health services.

Tricia specialises in the design, implementation and evaluation of innovative health promotion programs in a variety of settings. These have included the design of physical, psychosocial and vocational rehabilitation programs for organ transplant recipients, a Fit for Study program for tertiary students and a variety of workplace Fitness for Work health promotion programs.

Since 2003 The UWA Tertiary Alcohol Project has been working to increase awareness around alcohol related harm on campus through the Tertiary Alcohol Project (TAP). There is a high prevalence of alcohol use among university students; this is often combined with risky drinking patterns. The TAP is a proactive approach designed to reduce risk taking behaviour associated with excessive alcohol consumption. The TAP combines population, group, individual strategies and interventions. Where possible all interventions have been designed and delivered by students to their peers.

Tricia has been working in a tertiary setting delivering clinical and health promotion programs directly to students at the University of Western Australia for the past eleven years. These programs address factors considered most likely to emerge and place the health, safety and positive functioning of individual students at risk. Those factors relate to the misuse of alcohol and other drugs, a lack of knowledge and skills necessary to maintain positive sexual and mental health.

**Senior Constable Rob Duffey**, is a Senior Constable with the Yalgoo Police Station. He has been a police officer for more than 27 years and recently moved to Yalgoo in January 2010.

Since becoming a member of the Yalgoo community, Rob noticed the majority of children not being appropriately restrained when travelling in vehicles. Living in a small community brings one in touch with issues that impact on members of the public in relation to law and order besides merely offending behaviour. This includes socioeconomic issues, education and a number of others that may be symptomatic causes of offending behaviour.

Recognizing this, in recent months Rob has attempted to provide an educational approach to enforcing both existing and proposed new regulations surrounding, in particular, the use of child restraints in vehicles with proactive initiatives such as:

- distributing brochures detailing changes to current child restraint and seat belt laws through the mail;
- utilising local media outlets to further outline the new laws and reasons for the use of child restraints;
- stopping vehicles and providing a child restraint/seatbelt brochure to each driver stopped and discuss the issues contained in the brochure; and finally
- if a local driver is stopped for failing to have children restrained after an initial warning, issue infringements for those offences.

Additionally, Rob is seeking to establish the 'Child Restraint Bank', which will aim to provide financial assistance to community members to be able to comply with the new regulations. Rather than just enforcing the law, Rob is taking proactive steps to educate the community about the changes to the child car restraint regulations.

**Midwest Show and Shine**, is a family motor show event that showcases over 250 vehicles with all profits going to the Kidney and Leukaemia Foundation. The show was initiated by two girls six years ago to try to remove the perception of the Mid West region of being a “Hoon Town”.

Over the six years the Show has evolved from the first year featuring approximately 70 cars and a small amount of stall holders. In its sixth year over 300 cars, trade stands, food court, complete sideshow alley, Scitech, free demonstrations and workshops, a Dyno competition, kid's safety competitions and professionals exhibitors.

Currently there are 25 committee members, with others that are unable to attend meetings but do their jobs behind the scenes. Every committee member should be proud of their efforts as they have raised awareness of road safety and worked towards a safer community. The committee has received the “Australia Day Premier's Award for a Community Group” in 2009 and also the “Human Spirit Award” from the Road Safety Council and RoadWise in 2009.

Committee members include:

Peter Ellis, President; Terry Bromley, Vice President; Scott Bennett, Secretary; Karen Noble, Co-ordinator; Tanya White, Co-ordinator; Kim Quadrio, Miss Show & Shine Co-ordinator; Mark Williams, Committee Member, 6 years; Trent King, Committee Member; Steve Greenwood, Advertising Co-ordinator ; Phil Brown, Public Relations ; Jan Minissale, Treasurer; Dave MacFarlane, Committee Member; Mark Adams, Committee Member ,Dave & Greg Crook – Committee Members; Yvonne Lovedee, Community Development Officer. Other members include Dave Goode, Tim Maughan, Joey Joynes, Sean Catley, Rhett & Robyn Strugnell, Bronte Anick, Paul Norris, Jim Noble and Shane Kenny.

**Marlene Robins**, through a variety of volunteer and paid positions has demonstrated a strong commitment to the health, well being and safety of seniors within the community.

For numerous years Marlene has volunteered with Legacy in varying capacities, which included becoming the first female Legatee in Western Australia in 1995 and becoming the War Widows convenor in 1997. In the role of Legatee she assists and provides support to Widows following the passing of their partners.

In 2000 she joined The Positive Ageing Foundation, where she immersed herself in seniors' issues. She excelled in her role as the Volunteer Co-ordinator due to her total belief in the value of volunteering and the positive impact it has on an individual's life.

Currently, Marlene works at the Council on the Ageing WA overseeing a variety of projects. Her portfolio includes the immensely popular 'Crime and Safety' peer education program, which provides practical advice to seniors to improve their personal safety and feel comfortable in the community, the 'Act-Belong-Commit' mental health program and the '*beyond maturity blues*' peer education program, a national depression initiative seeking to reduce the incidence of depression amongst the older community.

The list of Marlene's contributions to the community could go on and on. The secret of her success is that whatever she does becomes central to who she is, she lives it. Her lust for life and her efforts on behalf of the seniors in our local community is inspirational.

**Lorraine Dunkling**, is the co-founder of Rockingham/Kwinana Local Drug Action Group which was a joint venture with Stacey Grahams of Rotary Lions in 2000. Lorraine believed that the programme was beneficial for parents and families, the community and youth.

Lorraine is still Chairperson for the Rockingham/Kwinana LDAG Branch, also currently holding the position of Vice Chairperson for Local Drug Actions Groups Incorporated. She has also held position of President and Secretary for Rotary Lions over the last 18 years. Her efforts and involvements with interest in community issues have spread over an amazing array of projects in the Rockingham Community.

Lorraine is a retired teacher but her commitment and passion for educating our youth is as strong as ever. In particular Lorraine leads the Rockingham LDAG as they deliver the innovative Year 7 Drug Awareness Conference, a whole day event open to schools in Rockingham and Kwinana which began seven years ago. They also go into all the public high schools and talk to year 8s and do year 12 'Leavers' talks.

Over the years Lorraine has held positions on 28 committees such as Bridging the Gap, also working in partnership with Palmerston, CAHMS and WA Police. At present she is also a Rockingham City Councillor.

Additionally she was awarded Peel Senior of the Year in 2007.

Lorraine currently lives in Waikiki with her husband and best friend Bob.

**Hugh Rogers**, President of Seniors Recreation Council of WA (SRC). Hugh has been involved with the Council for 18 years and President for 9. At age 75 he is a tireless leader whose personal vision, creativity, innovation and initiative have carefully guided the Council to its current position of influence and high standing.

In 1974 Hugh was a member of the Inaugural Balga Recreation Centre management committee to promote activities in the community and encourage all ages to become more active.

Hugh has been a long time member of Osborne Park Bowling Club, holding the position of Secretary for 6 years, vice President 2 years and President 2 years.

Hugh joined SRC in 1992 to run the SRC Mixed Indoor Bowls Tournament and has remained in the organisation since that time. He held the position of treasurer for a few years then took on the role of President in 2002 and still holds that position.

In 2006 Hugh introduced Western Australian Seniors to the exercise of Pole Walking and through his dedication to the Healthy Ageing Through Activity ethos there are over 450 Seniors throughout WA participating in this innovative activity.

Most recently Hugh introduced the big button mobile phone to WA Seniors, this phone has safety features such as, large easily recognisable numbers, a torch & an emergency contact button which makes owning and operating a mobile much easier and safer.

**Carolyn Ryan**, has been involved in Surf Life Saving since 1981 and was amongst the first women in WA to receive her Bronze medallion. She has been a member of Floreat (1981-87) and Trigg Island SLSC (1987-present) in many positions including Chief Instructor, Board Coach, Competition Director, Vice President and now Club Captain. On a state level she has been WA State Junior Surf Life Saving Team Manager and Coach for 6 years from 1996-2002.

In her capacity as WA State Coach, Trigg Board Coach and Competition Director, Carolyn was instrumental in assuring her charges were safe in the water. The ratio of paddlers, swimmers and coaches was always taken into account and the competitors were always safe. Local waters were always investigated and strategies put into place to ensure safety. Competitors were always trained to consider the conditions individually on how to avoid accidents and injury.

Carolyn has been a proactive member of the local school community in her capacity as a PE and Outdoor Education teacher for 22 years. In this setting she has instructed thousands of students in general water safety and well over 500 students to gain their Surf Rescue and Resuscitation Certificates. This enables them to be safe in the water and also assists them to gain employment in the water safety area at places like Hillarys water slides, Vac Swim and local pools.

As well as instructing students, Carolyn always made sure her fellow staff was catered for in being able to provide water safety in classes by instructing and assessing teachers in their Surf Rescue qualifications. Just this year Carolyn also provided voluntary migrant swimming lessons to assist new community members to be safe in both our beaches and pool environments.

**Anne-Marie Widermanski**, Anne-Marie's initiation into the world of safety was as a relief occupational health nurse on mine sites. Following a couple of short placements she secured a position as Safety Advisor on an underground lead-zinc mine in the Kimberley. Then came a return to study – to gain a Master's degree in safety and health from Edith Cowan University. She continued to work in mining and became a tutor firstly in the ECU post-graduate program, then at Curtin. Mining experiences have included roles as Safety Superintendent on an underground gold mine in the Kalgoorlie area, contractor experience at Ravensthorpe, Port Hedland and Yandi, and consulting experience in Australia and overseas (China, Indonesia, South Africa, Singapore).

Anne-Marie developed an integrated management system (SHEQ) for Mullaloo surf lifesaving club. This program saw the club achieve externally audited triple certification for management systems (OHS, EMS, QMS) in 2005 – the first surf club in Australia to achieve this milestone. External certification was maintained until this year, when the club decided to maintain its systems independently of certification. Anne-Marie was the club's inaugural Safety Officer, and is currently the Safety Advisor for both Surf Life Saving Western Australia, and Surf Life Saving Australia. These achievements have seen her receive life membership of Mullaloo (2006) and SLSWA (2008).

Anne-Marie has successfully operated her own business providing safety, health and training consulting, advisory, mentoring and coaching to her clients for the past three years.

**Renate Schaefer**, migrated to Australia in 1982 from Germany with her husband Rudolf. Renate and Rudolf have two daughters.

In August 2008, Rudolf was tragically killed in a motorbike crash and Renate lost her husband and their two daughters lost their beloved father.

Since then, Renate wanted to help make our streets safer for motorbike and scooter riders, she went to the MP for Morley, Department for Road Transportation and Road Safety and Radio and TV Stations around Perth, pleading for more promotion of motorcycle and scooter safety. Her main goal is to encourage the use of wearing safety gear on the roads such as high visibility fluorescent jackets.

Renate has worked tirelessly to promote motorcycle safety and believes that something drastic needs to be done to curb the large amount of motorcycle and scooter deaths on WA roads. With the help of the Head of Trauma at Royal Perth Hospital, Renate and her two daughters went to 'A Current Affair' and had a segment made to promote awareness on Motorcycle safety and the importance of all riders wearing fluorescent jackets. Renate will continuously make sure the message of motorcycle safety reaches all riders and the people of Perth and believes we can and will make a change.

**Terry Izzard**, Terry joined the Injury Control Council of WA (ICCWA) as a volunteer 3 years ago after he attended a Stay On Your Feet<sup>®</sup> presentation. Terry was impressed to learn that falls are not a part of ageing and can be prevented. He also felt that the Nine Steps To Stay On Your Feet<sup>®</sup> was a great guide to ageing well!

Terry is no stranger to volunteering. He has in the past been a volunteer driver for patient transport at Sir Charles Gardiner Hospital and has volunteered for Injury Person's Support Action Group, Sir David Brand Centre, Friends of Ollie Worrell Reserve and his local shire's Environmental Council.

In March this year, Terry left for a 10 week cruise with his wife on the cruise ship Athena. On this trip, Terry approached the ship's captain to request an opportunity to give the Stay On Your Feet<sup>®</sup> presentation. The Captain asked him to present on two separate occasions. The Stay On Your Feet<sup>®</sup> presentation was well received by the audience with many requests for additional information. A paramedic from NSW was so impressed with the content of the message that he asked for a copy of the presentation to take back with him.

Terry is a person who cares greatly in the health and well-being of others. He believes in the power of laughing as a good dose of medicine and therefore injects his presentations with joviality and good humour. Terry is nominated as a Champion for his initiative and dedication to raising awareness in falls prevention and positive ageing.

**Kate McConkey**, has been a teacher in the Midwest since 1975. As a classroom teacher in 1998, Kate's affiliation with the School of Drug Education (SDERA) and Road Aware led to her becoming a Regional Organising Committee member and a volunteer professional development coordinator. Kate commenced her role with SDERA in 2005 starting part time and increasing gradually to full time as the scope of the role increased.

Kate travels across the MidWest/Gascoyne region delivering drug and road safety updates for schools as part of her role with SDERA. She participates in RoadWise committees and their associated events - often in her own time, as well as helping out other community groups including LDAG and Life Education. An initiative called the Living with Heavy Haulage Program coordinated largely by Kate was launched in the MidWest last year with the result being fantastic and more people looking to hop on board this year.

Kate's role extends to providing professional learning workshops for school staff and agencies to assist the development and implementation of programs using SDERA resources in the school and classroom. Her position offers many opportunities for consulting with and supporting early learning centres, play groups, day care centres schools and communities on issues that arise from drug use and road use.

Kate attends and contributes to seven Midwest interagency forums, where part of their purpose is to improve health around resilience drug and road safety factors.

Kate has always found a purpose in her role as it is challenging and interesting and she feels privileged to work with many inspirational people

**Dongara Denison Lions Club**, have been operating a driver reviver station at the Arrowsmith site (between Geraldton and Perth) for over 15 years.

The initiative was originally created by Stuart Chandler (a Lions Club Member), and operated out of a simple caravan just outside the Dongara area.

With the assistance of RoadWise, the caravan later developed into a concrete station and continues to provide free coffee and information about fatigue to travellers. Initially it ran on school holidays and long weekends, but due to the increase in traffic on the highway, it also operates on some Fridays at the end of each month. On occasions, there may be up to 150 caravans at the station at one time.

The donation of time and commitment by locals and Lions Club Members over the years is just amazing. Without their generosity, the station would not be able to run as efficiently as it does.

**Scott Bermingham**, is a Community Engagement Officer with the WA Police. Scott works hard to ensure local Police and agencies form strong partnerships to build and maintain safer communities for all.

Scott was a Police Officer for over 20 years, serving in many regional and metropolitan areas. During the 1990's, Scott served at Police Stations in several small towns where he worked above and beyond his everyday duties to make a difference to community safety. Scott was nominated twice for Police Officer of the Year for his outstanding contributions. Following a promotion to Sergeant, Scott returned to the Metropolitan area where he put his community/policing ideals into practices.

Scott was then seconded to the Office of Crime Prevention in 2005, which enabled him to work more closely with local communities and embark on a new career in community engagement.

Scott has since been working with many local councils such as the Town of Mosman Park in regard to Crime Prevention funding applications and crime prevention plans. He has been extremely generous with his time, always enthusiastic and willing to assist with any queries or give advice. For many local councils he has facilitated a Community Safety and crime prevention forum and also attends and contributes to all western suburbs safety meetings. Scott is a key player in the development of crime prevention programs in the western suburbs.

**Chris Inglis**, is a relatively new member to the club, joining in 2004. However, since his short time in the club, Chris has played a large part in training and educating our members. During the 2008/2009 season Chris held numerous positions of IRB Officer, Vice Club Captain, acting Club Captain and Life Saving Officer. His role of IRB officer required Chris to volunteer even more time during the West Coast 1000 swim, Cottesloe to Swanbourne swim and the Rottnest Channel swim. He was the driving force behind organising water safety during these events and managing the first aid stations.

Following on to the 2009/2010 season, Chris continued his role as IRB Officer and again provided his time and assistance during the ocean swims, organising and managing water safety and first aid. Chris also took on the Deputy President role which involved more of his time at the Club. With these two roles, Chris was a large influence in ensuring that our beach was well prepared and club members were educated in the task of providing a safer beach.

This current season Chris is again volunteering his time and effort to be an IRB Officer and Patrol Officer. With these two positions, Chris will ensure Cottesloe Members are well educated, prepared and able to provide the very best of care and knowledge when patrolling Cottesloe Beach.

**Jill Ferridge**, joined the Cottesloe Surf Life Saving Club in 2001 as a nipper member. She started as a talented athlete before turning her interests and attention to lifesaving. Since being involved in the lifesaving area of the Club, Jill has held numerous voluntary positions. For the past three seasons, Jill has been a Patrol Captain, being responsible for a group of 15 patrolling members to keep the beach and public safe.

In the 2009/2010 season, Jill joined the management committee, holding the position of Life Saving Officer. This requires Jill to oversee and manage all lifesaving, first aid and training needs of the club. For someone, at the age of 21 to take on such a large role is always impressive, but the motivation behind her doing so was to provide a safer and more enjoyable visit to the beach for Club members and public.

Her combined position of trainer, assessor and now lifesaving officer has seen a large rise in club members receiving awards. Since her commitment in 2007, the number of members receiving their bronze medallion rose from 75 to 170 in the season just gone. This level of commitment from Jill is highly reflective in the amount of patrolling members that are now keeping Cottesloe Beach a safe, friendly and popular Perth Beach.