

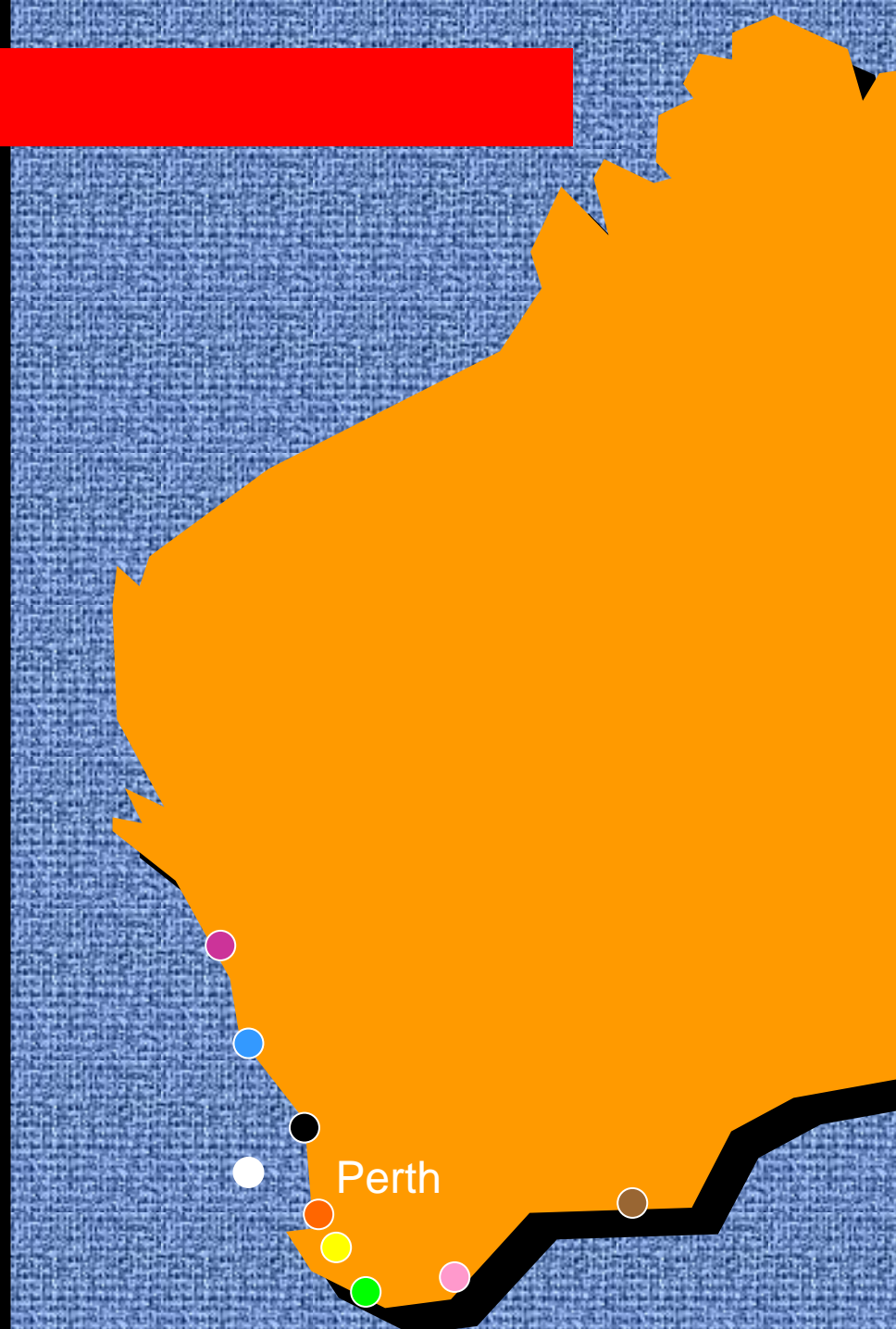


**Dunsborough Leavers**  
**Harm Minimisation**  
**through enforcement and entertainment**

# Destinations

- Rottneest
- Busselton - Dunsborough
- Kalbarri
- Jurien
- Lancelin
- Margaret River
- Windy Harbour
- Bremer Bay
- Esperance

10,000 school leavers  
celebrate annually in WA



# Dunsborough history

## Growth in numbers

|              |   |
|--------------|---|
| <b>1990s</b> | <i>Leavers</i> emerges in South West destinations   |
| <b>2000</b>  | 500 Lions Park & 400 Margaret River   |
| <b>2001</b>  | 800 Lions Park – Winner Crime Prevention Award<br>800 Marg Bonfire – Concerns (Uncontained)                 |
| <b>2002</b>  | 1,500 Lions Park (Prevelly road block)  |
| <b>2003</b>  | 2,500 Lions Park (capacity stretched)   |
| <b>2004</b>  | Event options explored, community reluctant to support this strategy.<br>4,000 in Lions Parks (uncontained) |
| <b>2005</b>  | Leavers Zone  |
| <b>2006</b>  | Entertainment area – 4,000 (contained)  |
| <b>2007</b>  | Entertainment area – 4863 Wristbands sold and Zone utilised.  |

# Best practice strategies for youth events

- Community and youth safety is a priority
- High profile law enforcement
- Variety of entertainment and activities
- Traffic management (including transport options)
- Chill out areas and support services
- Cheap, convenient food and water
- Education for young people and parents
- Risk management plans
- Media management
- Mutual respect between police and youth

# The five-point plan (2005)

1. A focus on rights and responsibilities
2. Improved safety through robust policing and harm minimisation
3. Active support to regional communities to manage visiting school leavers
4. Better co-ordination between Government and non-Government agencies
5. Research into improved ways to manage large groups of young people



# Community grants





**HAVE FUN  
TAKE CARE**

**LEAVERS** together for ever

**LEAVERS SCHOOL PRESENTATION GUIDE**  
Guidelines and slides for presentations  
in Western Australian schools



Tips for  
leavers

[www.leaverswa.com.au](http://www.leaverswa.com.au)

## TOP TEN TIPS

- 1 Look after yourself, look after your mates
- 2 Carry photo ID
- 3 Wear your *Leavers* wristband
- 4 Respect the town & the community you're visiting
- 5 Know the rules in your accommodation
- 6 Keep your valuables safe
- 7 Stay safe when travelling
- 8 Know the law
- 9 Know your limits
- 10 Know where to go for help

Visit [www.leaverswa.com.au](http://www.leaverswa.com.au) for more tips

# Central command post



# Entertainment and activities



# Wristband Strategy



# Leavers Appreciation Fund

- 20% of monies raised through the wrist band strategy diverted back to the Dunsborough Community.
- Community organisations apply for grants.
- To date in excess of \$60 000 returned to the community.
- Grants include a Memorial Garden \$2500, Ambulance stretcher \$12000, Sports Canteen construction \$16 000, Surf Life Saving Mule \$4000, War Memorial \$15 000, Youth Group \$8000.

# Transport for school leavers



# Support Services Volunteers – education and outreach



**Drug ARM WA**  
*Street Patrol and Recovery Tents*



**WA AIDS Council**  
*Keep it Safe Summer*



**Royal Life Saving Society of WA**  
*Don't Drink and Drown*



**Leavers Chaplains**  
*The Red Frog Crew*



**Positive relationships between police and school leavers**

# The Salvation Army feeding 180 staff and volunteers



# What happened?

| Type                           | 2004   | 2005   | 2006   | 2007  |
|--------------------------------|--------|--------|--------|-------|
| Arrests                        | 171    | 57     | 32     | 19    |
| Move on notices                | -      | 131    | 57     | 84    |
| Liquor infringements           | -      | 159    | 84     | 203   |
| Presentations to emergency     | -      | 63     | 72     | 76    |
| Clean-up costs                 | 22,700 | 11,000 | 14,500 | 11479 |
| Admissions to Sobering Up Tent | 64     | 48     | 20     | 103   |
| St John Ambulance call outs    | 28     | 12     | 17     |       |

**It is estimated that *Leavers* brings over \$2 million  
to the local economy**

## *Pre - 2005*

*“limited and reluctant acceptance”*

Response characterised by:

- Reactions to requests after the fact
- Unbudgeted works needed justifying
- No planning team involvement
- Leavers was someone else's problem
- Works and Ranger Services centric

# 2005 and beyond

Strategy characterised by:

- Pre-emptive risk management action
- Actions planned and resourced
- Active member of the Leavers team
- Shire Officer co-ordinating local activities
- A major stakeholder in the problem
- Cross Directorate response (internally)

# Shire Report Card ... a brief example

## *Clean up and repair costs to Shire of Busselton (2005 – 07)*

| <b>Category</b>  | <b>2004 (\$)</b>   | <b>2005 (\$)</b>   | <b>2006 (\$)</b>   | <b>2007 (\$)</b>   |
|------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Litter clean-up  | 14,644.76          | 8,028.15           | 10,400.00          | 8,769.33           |
| Street clean     | 2,348.00           | 1,008.00           | 2,664.00           | 2,340.00           |
| Graffiti removal | 0.00               | 892.30             | 623.00             | 80.00              |
| Sanitary         | 5,000.00           | 270.00             | 270.00             | 290.48             |
| Street signs     | 716.97             | 1,676.32           | 500.00             | 3,030.08*          |
| <b>TOTAL</b>     | <b>\$22,709.73</b> | <b>\$11,874.77</b> | <b>\$14,457.00</b> | <b>\$14,509.89</b> |

\* The 2007 figure includes the human resource costs associated with the installation of temporary No Parking and Road Closure signage – not the replacement of damaged signs.

# Shire Lessons Learnt

- **The value of maintaining local coordination**
- **Improved community engagement**
- **Clarification of Shire costs for analysis**
- **Continued Ranger presence in 'hot spots'**

Where we are now compared  
to 2004.

The Leavers Zone and Transport  
Strategy.

# Where to from here...

- Continue Management by Event
- Move entertainment area further from Dunsborough
- Local coordination
- More work with accommodation providers
- Community education
- New and Innovative Harm Minimisation strategies.



Thankyou

Questions?