

Media Release

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Local Organisation Wins National Suicide Prevention Award

West Perth based organisation, the Injury Control Council of WA (ICCWA) won the 2009 Healthy Communities LIFE Award from Suicide Prevention Australia for their Building Resilience project.

The event was held at the Perth Convention Centre on 11th September where ICCWA was recognised for its outstanding contributions made to suicide prevention in our community.

Deborah Costello, CEO of ICCWA was deeply honoured to accept the award and said, "From the personal stories I have heard, I believe we have touched people in an extraordinary and that we have given people a sense of hope."

"My gratitude goes to the hundreds of community members and individuals that have supported the project."

ICCWA's head office is in West Perth but projects are far further reaching and address a number of community safety issues across Perth and our vast state.

Injury prevention and community safety promotion covers a range of unintentional and intentional injuries such as suicide, falls, community violence and alcohol related injury.

The Building Resilience project has been given the honour of being promoted as a best practice model for suicide prevention in other regions of Western Australia and Australia.

Continued funding by the Department of Health and Ageing will ensure the Building Resilience project will reach other much needed areas across our state, with a strong focus on groups such as youth, men and indigenous people.

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Photo L to R: Chris Peck – President ICCWA, Shelley O'Brien – Project Officer, Marina Johns – Project Coordinator, Deborah Costello – CEO ICCWA, Dr Beth Jackson – Project Officer, Shaun Nannup – Indigenous Liaison Officer.)