

MATES Mens Support Group

BSN Inc

M Men

A Attaining

T Techniques

for

E Equality

and

S Self Awareness

Founded in 2003

MATES

We are a group of men who believe in ourselves, and commit ourselves to breaking;

“The Cycle of Violence”

By leading by example and in doing this teaching our children the benefits of respect and equality



Resource Centre & Mates for a Day

- Lending Library – Books & Videos
- Information on all other groups
- Mobile information trailer for outreach
- Own job network
- Teach work ethic
- Local employers source work for us

The Hub

- Youth Mandatory Project
- Working with dis-engaged youth
- Kids from local schools on work experience
- Project includes:
 - Rebuilding 1969 Ford Galaxie
 - Rebuilding Bicycles
 - Welding
 - Cabinet Making



The M.A.T.E.S House

Mens Accommodation to Ensure Safety



- Police have 24 hour access – encouraged to remove the male from domestics
- Used by members of group for cooling off
- Back up as emergency accommodation

M.O.V.E

(men overcoming violence for equality)



- 20 Week Anger Management, Relationship & Communication course
- Our own 24 hour crisis phone line
- Access to after hours counselling
- Use of 'cooling off' house
- On every week without fail
- Able to repeat

MATES

We believe that you can't help men if you are not available when they need you.



AWARDS

- 2004 Regional Achievers Community of the Year
- 2004 Australia Premiers Day Citizenship Award
- 2005 Rotary Professional Excellency Award
- 2006 Regional Achievers Regional Service Award
- 2006 Community Service Industry Award



AWARDS continued



- 2006 Cert of Merit Crime Prevention Awards
- 2006 place top in The Changemakers Worldwide Awards
- 2007 Regional Achievers Regional Service
- 2008 AMA Healthier WA Award

PARTNERSHIPS

Police	Dept of Education	St Vincent De Paul	Caring Friends
Dept of Child Protection	High Schools	South West Mental Health	LAMP Inc
Dept of Justice	Salvation Army	ICCWA	Disability Services

LINKED TO:

- Chairperson – Busselton Local Drug Action Group
- Chairperson – Geographe Investing in our Communities
- Domestic Violence Action Groups
- Suicide Prevention



WHERE TO NEXT



- Recently opened Professional Counselling rooms
- Outreach to other communities – we will train other communities to set up & run our style of program, following the MATES concepts