

# Community Safety Month 2009

## Working together for a safer community

### International Safe Communities Day 1<sup>st</sup> October 2009

Safe Communities Day was celebrated on 1 October 2009 as an international event to recognise the importance of promoting safety and preventing injuries in local communities.

Safe Communities Day marked the commencement of the 13<sup>th</sup> Community Safety Month (CSM) in Australia during October 2009. CSM is a time when local safe community programs can showcase

their work to develop and implement local solutions for specific local community safety issues. It is also been an

opportunity for coalitions at all levels to reflect on their achievements and to work on new approaches to achieving a safer, injury free future.



Adelle Thompson Royal Children's Hospital Safety Centre, Chief Fire Officer Tony Murphy, Thingle Toodle, Road Safety Mascot, Hon. Bob Cameron MP Minister for Police & Emergency Services, Barbara Minuzzo, The Royal Children's Hospital Safety Centre, Christine Withers Office Of the Child Safety Commissioner

Community Safety Month is a community based program initiated by the Victorian Safe Communities Network currently coordinated by Victoria Police in partnership with Victorian Safe Communities Network. The Victorian Safe Communities Network (VSCN) in association with the Safer Communities Unit of Victoria Police oversaw the launch of Community Safety Month 2009. The official launch **of the 13<sup>th</sup> year of**

**Community Safety Month** was conducted by the Minister for Police and Emergency Services, the Hon Bob Cameron, together with the Child Safety Commissioner, Mr Bernie Geary,

the Chief Fire Officer Tony Murphy, Mr Bryce Moore Chief Operating Officer, Delfin Lend Lease (major CSM sponsor) Nello Marino and Chief Inspector Alan Kennedy (VSCN co-chairs) and other officers. **The launch was held at Federation Square On Thursday, 1<sup>st</sup> October 2009 at 12:30- 1:30**

Stakeholder organisations including the Royal Children's Hospital Safety Centre, Office of the Child Safety Commissioner, St John's Ambulance, Playgroup Victoria, Consumer Affairs Victoria, KidSafe Victoria, Neighbourhood Watch, were given the opportunity to showcase their events and resources, and CSM banners were presented to participating organisations. Participants were invited to meet the Minister and the Child Safety Commissioner at morning tea after the official launch.

Community Safety Month is held every October and reminds us that we all have a



role to play in  
keeping our community safe.

The aim of Community Safety Month is to get people within the community to participate in activities or events focused on a safety issue of concern in their community.

The aim of the launch was:

1. To give Community Safety Month 2009 a high profile at Federation Square and promote CSM events including Bushfire Action Week, the Weapons Amnesty and Community Safety Family Day at Docklands (Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> October)
2. To promote safe practices at home, work and play.
3. To enhance confidence in public safety
4. To facilitate partnerships between all levels of Government, community and the private sector.
5. To provide resources and educational materials on safety initiatives to the community.



CSM contributes to each of the three primary safety promotion and injury prevention goals: to-

- (1) adopt risk management behaviours
- (2) create safe environments
- (3) Implement a positive safety culture

