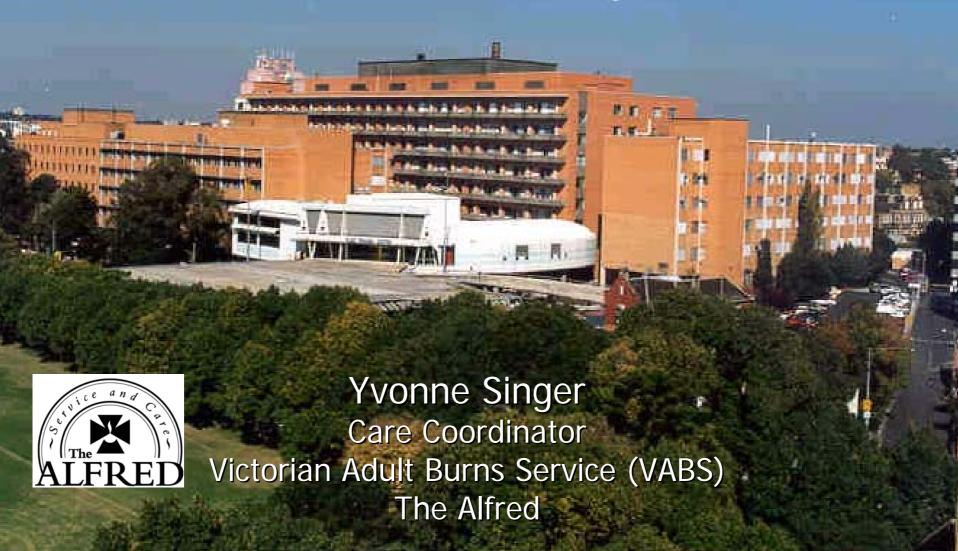
## Making a Difference The Victorian Burns Prevention Partnership



# Victorian Burns Prevention Partnership History

- Tertiary prevention?
- Victorian Trauma Foundation scholarship 2003
- US model collaboration between Fire Departments and Burns Units
- 2004 Replicated in Victoria
- Snowballed from there

#### Victorian Burns Prevention Partnership

- Metropolitan Fire Brigade (MFB)
- Country Fire Authority (CFA)
- Royal Childrens Hospital (RCH)
- Victorian Adult Burns Service (VABS)

#### Aims

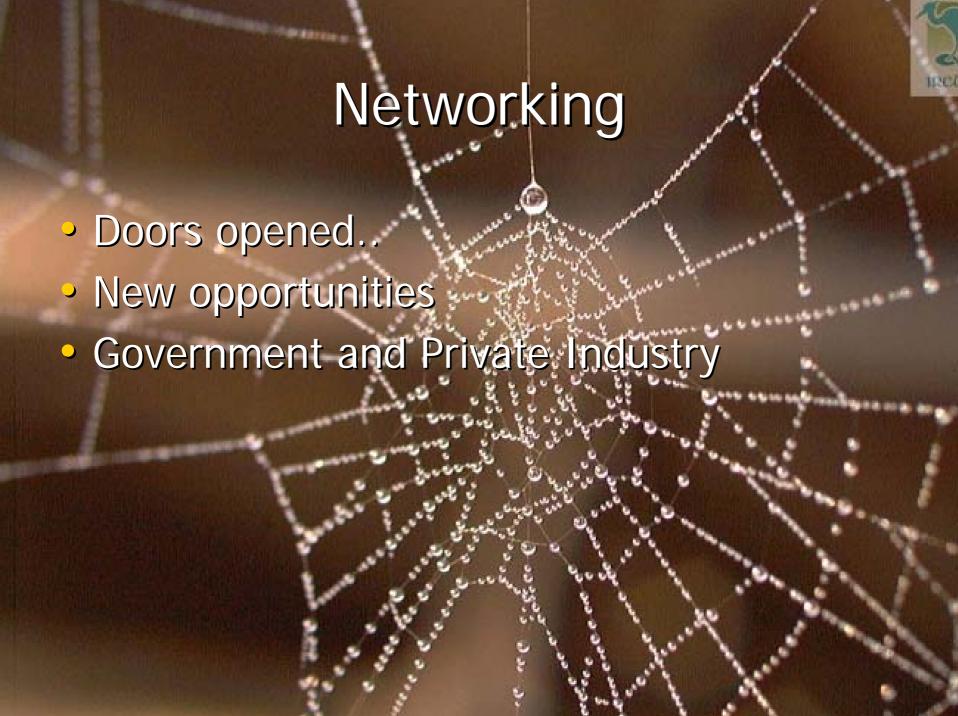
- Exchange/share information and resources
- Pursue opportunities that raise community awareness of burn injuries/fatalities
- Seek funding for research initiatives
- Seek funding for prevention programs initiatives

#### Outcomes

- Burn unit visits to MFB training campus
- MFB visits to VABS
- Burn unit staff & patients speaking at Juvenile Justice Education program
- Fordstar presentations regarding burns management to MFB & CFA

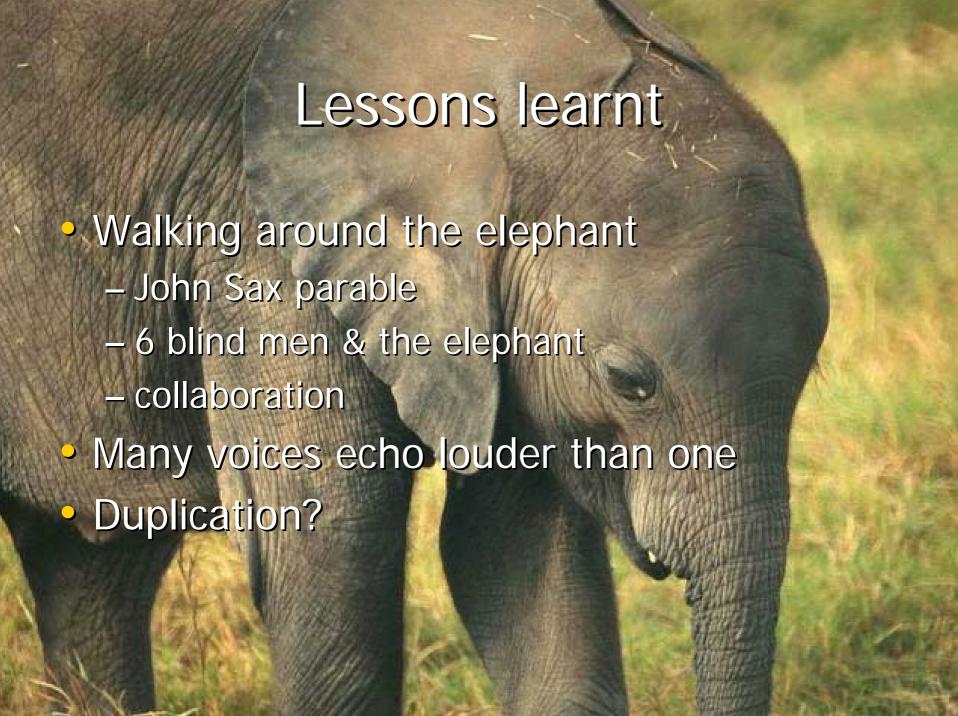
#### Outcomes

- Royal Melbourne Show
- Generic first aid guidelines
- Injury Prevention Week activities:
  - first aid guidelines for the food service industry
  - burns & the elderly



### The future...

- Research into drugs, alcohol, fire and burn injuries
- Immediate response to major fire incidents
- Awareness campaign regarding the safe uses of flammable substances



Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has

Margaret Mead

