



Steve Irons MP

your local member for Swan



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COMMUNITY REPORT



Steve Irons MP listens to the concern of residents at his community meeting in Lynwood.

Security improvements for Lynwood Village



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With the support of the Lynwood-Ferndale community, we have managed to **secure important security improvements for Lynwood Village Shopping Centre.**

Security guards will now be employed, a CCTV option is to be investigated, police patrols will increase their presence in the area and Security patrols by the City of Canning will now be stepped up, thanks to 200+ people who joined my community campaign.

I started the campaign after being contacted by local residents and a business operator and staff concerned about crime and anti-social behaviour impacting on their shopping experiences. Problems included:

- **Troublemakers, including hoons, using the site as a staging post for their activity after dark**
- **Graffiti and vandalism, particularly around the petrol station**
- **Customers and business staff facing verbal abuse in the car park during business hours.**

Of the more than 250 people who responded to my survey, over 88% said they were concerned about the current security situation, many outlining at some length their own recent experiences.

THE RESULT

The Centre Manager has committed to:

- Introduce security guards
- Investigate replacing CCTV cameras which had previously been stolen.

Canning Security Patrols have committed to step up patrols
Police will increase their presence in the area

Many residents attended a special community meeting I organised to bring together the major stakeholders, including centre management, business and law enforcement to find a solution.

I am pleased to say the meeting was a success with commitments made by all parties for improved security.

I will continue to monitor the situation and thank the Lynwood-Ferndale community for their support which has resulted in improvements to the situation and a safer shopping centre.

The introduction of these measures will see the safety of this shopping centre restored.

Canning Security Patrols want you to know they can be contacted 24/7 on **9231 0699**.

If you witness any bad behaviour or security problems, make sure you get in touch with them immediately.

Focus on Crime: Local Security Patrol Surveys

Residents call for security patrols

By Kate Murray

After overwhelming resident support, Member for Swan Steve Irons has called for security patrols within the Town of Victoria Park.

Victoria Park Examiner 12-Oct-2011

Thank you to the hundreds of Kensington and East Victoria Park residents who have been responding to my security patrol surveys.

It is clear from the response that residents in these suburbs support the concept of locally-run private security patrols as a means of targeting anti-social behaviour and I was pleased that there was strong community support for my involvement in this issue.

I decided to start the security patrols surveys after receiving emails and reports about a crime spike in the Kensington-East Vic Park area.

Security Patrols are high visibility anti-crime initiatives organised by some local councils. The City of Belmont and the City of Canning currently operate private security patrols but the Victoria Park and South Perth councils do not. Belmont and Canning councils use funding from their operating revenue to fund these services.

Patrols tend to focus on vandalism, public drinking, suspicious behaviour, graffiti, intruders and general rowdiness, complementing the work of the police.

Finding local solutions to tackle crime and anti-social behaviour is one of my key priorities and I have been working on a number of local initiatives across the electorate, such as in Lynwood, Burswood and East Victoria Park.

See www.steveirons.com.au for more details.

THE PROBLEMS

- Graffiti and vandalism e.g. at bus stops
- Anti-social behaviour near the train line
- Intimidating gangs present in area
- Small-scale incidents police are unable to attend

The results: East Victoria Park

In favour:	91.5%
Against:	6.9%
Unsure	1.6%

The results: Kensington

In favour:	84.6%
Against:	12.5%
Unsure	2.9%

Another drug house raided

We recently managed to get another drug house raided, this time in South Perth, after a constituent came forward with some information.

This is another good result for the community.



City of Belmont's Security Patrol Service



As the sun goes down, Steve Irons commences his after hours patrol with the police.

What you said: East Victoria Park

"I think this is a GREAT idea – something needs to be done in the area. After being broken into, home intruders and violence outside, I no longer feel safe in my home or this suburb" –

Hubert Street resident

"It would be reassuring to have security patrols around this area. It could curb crime/vandalism" –

Oats Street resident

"I think security patrols would be beneficial to the community especially around the train stations (Carlisle and Oat St Stations in particular). We live a few streets away from Carlisle Station but rarely use it as it's not a safe place" –

Kate Street resident

"Security patrols seem to work well in the City of Melville too. Having security patrols to phone would save wasting police time. We have occasionally had issues with people drinking, 'partying' and fighting on Kate Reserve opposite our home which have required police intervention. A local security patrol could just as easily enforce the 'move on' of such gatherings"

– **Kate Street resident**

What you said: Kensington

"A great initiative. Well done for proposing a valuable community wide program. Prevention is a key element of delivering integrated security solutions for everyone!" –

Campbell Street resident

"Our streets need to be a safe haven for our children and the elderly. No one should be confined to their home"

– **Bland Street resident**

"I am very supportive of this proposal providing there was not a substantial cost to the individual through council rates and taxes"

– **Dyson Street resident**

"Security and safety are a top priority for myself, my husband and children. We would welcome the security patrols"

– **Gwenyfred Road resident**

"I personally would really like to see security patrols after having an intruder come on to my property – it would definitely make me feel safer. Knowing many residents in this street it is agreed it would be very beneficial to protecting people and property"

– **Kennard Street resident**

Train crime campaign update



In continuing my campaign for permanent guards at train stations on the Armadale/Thornlie Line, I made a submission in August to the State Government calling for them to consider implementing a plan that is soon to go before the Victorian Parliament.

The Baillieu Liberal Government plan involves putting Police Protective Services Officers at every metropolitan train station all night, every night from 6pm until last train, 7 days a week.

Our train stations need to be guarded. This is what you told me in my train crime survey and this is what I have been campaigning for.

I will continue to campaign on behalf of the community on this matter.

Steve's campaign so far:

- Commenced June 2009 following the bashing of a teenager at Burswood station.
- Meetings with commuters at all stations on the line.
- Patrol of line and assessment of CCTV HQ in Perth.
- Survey of train users and residents in the local community to seek feedback.
- Personal presentation of results and meetings with:
 - ◆ Public Transport Authority.
 - ◆ Assistant Police Commissioner.
 - ◆ Ministers.
- Secured Physical upgrades for Burswood train station.
- On patrol with police to assess the situation in areas adjacent to the line.
- Representation to Premier calling for implementation of Baillieu plan.

In the Parliament: Irons launches new seniors' advocacy group

In Canberra, the Member for Shortland and I have started a new parliamentary organisation to investigate seniors' issues and stand up for Australia's elderly community. These issues are close to my heart given the significant seniors' community we have in the electorate.

Parliamentary Friends of Seniors and Ageing (PFSA) is to be a bipartisan group that aims to raise awareness of issues relevant to seniors and older Australians while at the same time considering the impact of an ageing population and strategies for the future.

We held our first meeting with the Council of The Ageing. One of the major issues raised was housing availability and housing security for seniors.

One of the areas I particularly want to look into is the diversity of standards for aged care and finding a solution to the aged care crisis in Australia.

I thank my friend and colleague from the other side of the House Jill Hall MP for being the co-founder of the group and hope we can make a real difference over the coming years.

Do you have an issue you want PFSA to investigate? If so please write in, contact my office on **9355 0099** or email me direct at **steve.irons.mp@aph.gov.au** and we will look into it for you.

Steve Irons addresses attendees at the very first meeting of the Parliamentary Friends of Seniors and Ageing.



Christmas for the Troops 2011: Special Swan Collection program



This year I have been running a special Swan collection program for 2011 Christmas for the Troops and many people in the electorate have got involved.

The Department of Defence allows local people to send a care package to our troops on the front line, free of charge, through Australia Post, to show the troops that we are thinking of them at this time of year. Residents can send a letter of support with their care package and a self-stamped addressed envelope for the recipient to send a reply.

It is a great morale booster to our front line troops who will be away from their families this Christmas.

Common items sent included food, toiletries and books. Some even sent items for the explosive detection dogs.

I have been running a special packaging and collection program to make sure residents in retirement homes, who may be unable to get to the post office, have an opportunity to take part. Thank you to everyone who got involved.

The program concluded on 9 December to ensure packages reach the front line in time for Christmas Day.

Thank you for all your support.

Merry Christmas

Irons pays respects at Hellfire Pass

On Remembrance Day this year I paid my respects by laying a wreath at Hellfire Pass, Thailand, as part of a special Parliamentary Delegation to the region.

Hellfire Pass is the site where thousands of Prisoners of War were forced to build the Thai-Burma railway by the Japanese army during WWII.

Forced to work at night, the cutting was nicknamed Hellfire Pass because of a mixture of hammering noise, lighting from fires, oil fired bamboo torches and carbide lamps that created an eerie illusion that looked like the 'fires from hell'.

Over 1300 Australians are buried at a nearby cemetery. All members were deeply moved to visit a place where so many lives were lost.



Don't forget to keep checking my website for updates on my ongoing aircraft noise campaign on behalf of the community.