

# Mawson Lakes, South Australia #226



Following a successful site visit in October 2010 attended by representatives from Safe Communities Foundation New Zealand and the Australian Safe Communities Foundation, on 12<sup>th</sup> December, 2010 Mawson Lakes became the 2<sup>nd</sup> community in South Australia and 226<sup>th</sup> International Safe Community to achieve designation.

A special ceremony formalising the accreditation took place at the commencement of the Mawson Lakes Christmas Carols held in Mobarra Park, Mawson Lakes, South Australia. Mawson Lakes forms part of the City of Salisbury. As Mayor Gillian Aldridge stated *“The City of Salisbury is supportive of the Mawson Lakes Community’s commitment to best practice in the promotion and delivery of sustainable community safety outcomes”*.

Dr Coggan officiated at the Ceremony and stated *“The Mawson Lakes Safe Community Network is to be commended on their efforts to improve community safety”*. She also acknowledged the tremendous leadership provided by the Chair, Alan Peucker.

Particular strengths highlighted during the review process included the: emphasis on lifelong learning; collaborative leadership and support provided by the City of Salisbury, Delfin Lend Lease, and the University of South Australia; extensive safety by design features; comprehensiveness of initiatives to improve safety for children and youth; strong emphasis on community engagement; comprehensive nature of the positive ageing initiatives for seniors; and the effective integration of workplace and community safety. The collective commitment to share skills, time, energy, information and resources for the development of a positive safety culture and safer environments throughout the Mawson Lakes community was evident both in the ISC application and during the site visit.

As Mawson Lakes, Project Director, Vince Rigger said *“There is a natural fit between the vision behind the ISC model and our commitment to developing communities that are safe and inclusive. Accreditation formalises our commitment to doing all we can to create the safest possible environments for those who live, learn, work or play at Mawson Lakes”*.

Further information can be found by visiting the Safe Communities Foundation NZ web site [www.safecommunities.org.nz/sc/ml](http://www.safecommunities.org.nz/sc/ml)



Members of Mawson Lakes celebrate with Mayor Gillian Aldridge, City of Salisbury and Dr Carolyn Coggan, SCFNZ.



Members of Mawson Lakes Community and Certifiers at the Site Visit.



The official ceremony, with members of the community, SCFNZ and ASCF.