

## CONSTABLE CARE SAYS...



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### In other news

#### A COMMUNITY OBL-IGA-TION

A long running and much loved part of the Constable Care Performance Experience is the famous 'Question and Answer' session, where the excited audience have the chance to win prizes by answering questions on the performance they have just seen.

Constable Care rely on sponsorship from local businesses and organisations to provide the prizes, and local

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### Business Edition #5



Constable Care's Sponsorship and Marketing Manager, Jessica Waters, with a herd of mini Rolf HARRISES at the RAC Ch 7 Christmas Pageant

### A-Grades A-Top Music Video Charts

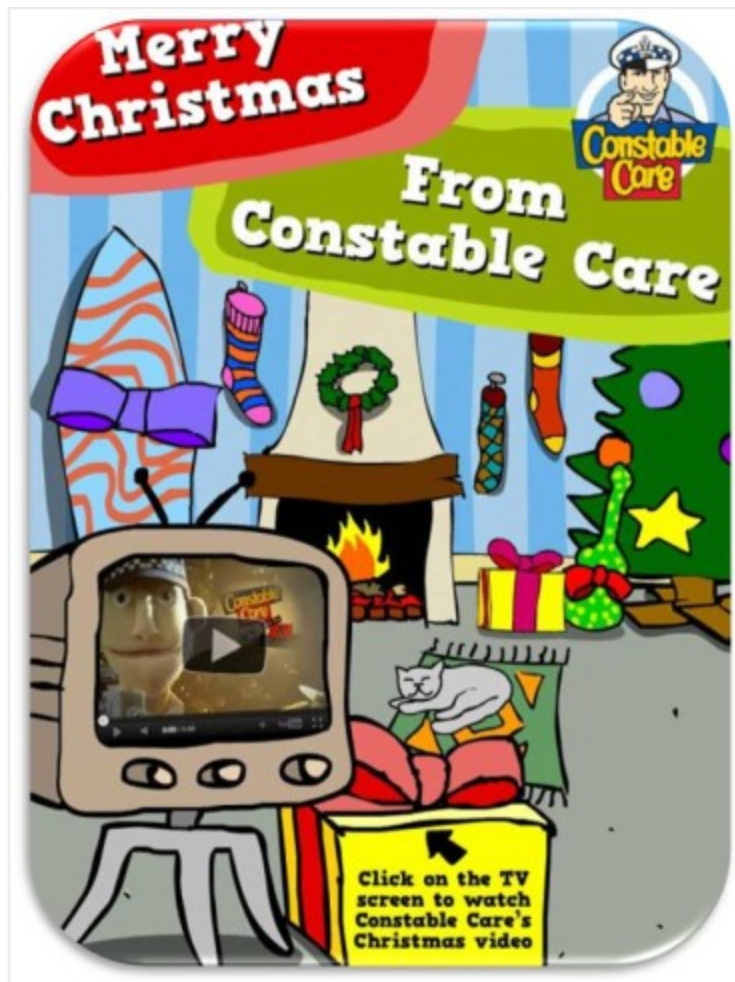
store manager **Michael Stavretis** of Maylands Park IGA has not only sponsored merchandise for the next performance at Maylands Peninsula Primary School, he has assembled healthy showbags for the kids as well. Thanks Michael!

If you are interested in promoting your business to the local community by sponsoring Constable Care merchandise, call our office on (08) 9272 0000 or email [mail@constablecare.org.au](mailto:mail@constablecare.org.au) to find out more.

#### 2012 - AN EVENTFUL YEAR

Regular readers of the "Constable Care says..." e-newsletter will know that the past year has been a busy one for Constable Care, and as we enter 2012 the team at Constable Care HQ have no intention of slowing down! As well as regular appearances and events such as our Golf Classic, Telethon and the Perth Royal Show, Constable Care will be bringing you some exciting new events for 2012, including a lecture series for teaching professionals and the child safety awards. For more information on upcoming events and appearances, please contact **Ashleigh Dewar** on (08) 9272 0015 or email [ashleigh@constablecare.org.au](mailto:ashleigh@constablecare.org.au).

COMPETITION WINNER



Breakthrough artists 'Constable Care and the A-Grades' made a huge impact on the Australian Christmas music charts late last year after the launch of their debut single "Merry Christmas!" The catchy Christmas single was launched on December 9th and within a two week period received over 23,500 YouTube views and was a hot 'stocking filler' seller on iTunes. The accompanying music video clip stars Constable Care, his band The A-Grades, and much loved actor and comedian Peter Rowsthorn. However, can you spot the cameo appearances from 'Rogan' the red dog, Howard Sattler and a number of other talented Perth locals? [Watch on YouTube now.](#)

**Constable Care Website Colouring  
In Competition**

Winner: Jack Eastwell  
(Maddington)  
Congratulations Jack!

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The single is still available to download from iTunes, and all profits go directly towards helping Constable Care teach kids to do the right thing.

To watch the video, go to [www.youtube.com/constablecaretv](http://www.youtube.com/constablecaretv) or check out the [Constable Care website](#) and [Facebook page](#) for behind the scenes pictures and footage.

A sincere thank you to the wonderfully generous and incredibly talented cast and crew that helped to create "Merry Christmas!"

## Out and About



"It's not often you get to meet your heroes..." thought Pete. Constable Care and Arts Patron Peter Rowsthorn take a break from filming the Christmas video.

## Connected Community



Actors Ethan Marrell and Kat Shaw rehearse one of Constable Care's new plays for 2012 entitled 'Connected'. Fellow performer Charlene Short looks on.

As we enter a new school year, Constable Care has developed a number of fresh scripts and performances which reflect the changing issues affecting local communities in Western Australia.

In addition to new performances confronting the issues of cyber bullying and arson, Constable Care has produced a challenging script around the theme of community mindedness.

'Connected' aims to educate primary school children about the importance of being a responsible member of their local community. And importantly, how to do this in a safe manner.

The 'Connected' script has been written for middle to upper primary school students. The main protagonist, James, sees something happening in his local area that makes him suspicious; he is conflicted about how best to confront it. The performance covers themes and issues including theft, personal responsibility, home security and the consequences of not speaking up when we are a witness to something we know is wrong. The play covers how to identify warning signs and teaches children how to make a difference through safe and effective decision making.

'Connected' has been developed in partnership with the City of

Joondalup as part of a collaborative approach to tackling real issues and safety priorities of local communities. This play, along with 'Spark, an arson theme developed with the City of Swan and 'Forward' (cyber bullying theme) will be three new plays rolled-out in WA primary schools throughout 2012.

To find out more or book a Constable Care performance, contact our office on (08) 9272 0000 or email [mail@constablecare.org.au](mailto:mail@constablecare.org.au).

## Santa, Snags and Sunshine in South Perth



**My Kitchen Rules!**

**Constable Care and his South Perth sous-chefs take a break from the BBQ**

The Constable Care Child Safety Foundation receives support from a number of Western Australian Rotary Clubs, so when Constable Care heard that South Perth Rotary were sizzling snags at the South Perth Christmas Market to raise money in his name, he jumped in the squad car and headed-on-down to Mends Street to say "thank you and merry Christmas" in person.

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It was a beautiful morning and the smelt of sausages mingled with the sounds of Christmas carols in the warm December air.

Constable Care was spotted perusing the Christmas Market stalls, chatting to locals and joining in the carol singing outside Millstream Arcade before following his nose to the sausage sizzle. From Mill Point Road to the river, Mends Street bustled with Christmas shoppers throughout the morning, and by lunchtime the residents of South Perth were heading off with full bellies and even fuller shopping bags.

The Constable Care Child Safety Foundation would like to extend their thanks to the Rotary Clubs across Western Australia for their continued support. Their generosity, and that of our other regular supporters, enables us to ensure our service continues to reach over 160,000 kids every year.

To check out some more photos from the South Perth Christmas Market, [click here...](#)

## Performer's Postcard

This month's tour took Charlene and I to one of the most remote parts of WA, the Central Desert. We stayed at Blackstone, and performed shows in the communities of Wingellina, Warburton, Warakuna, Tjikalli and Tjutjuntjarra.

Being a professional actor isn't always glamorous. We slept on couches as there were no beds available, and took all our own food as none of the community stores were open during our stay. In very remote communities such as these, English is often children's second language, but with puppets being a big part of indigenous performance culture we were able to connect with them and communicate Constable Care's safety messages.

Although it was a challenging trip, the small size of these communities meant that we were able to really get to know the teachers and kids, and made our time there really valuable. It was also a chance to see some beautiful country that we would otherwise have missed.



CENTRAL DESERT TOUR  
NOVEMBER 2011

Constable Care

Jonathan Best

Constable Care performer, thespian and all round good egg

## Constable Care Staff Q+A



**Name** - Charlene Short

**Position** - Performer

**Describe yourself in three words** - Energetic, caring, spontaneous.

**What is the most embarrassing record you've ever bought?**

I recently purchased Boyzone. I love a good boy band.

**If your house was on fire, what wouldn't you save?**

My dining table. I could do with a new one!

**What is your favourite film?**

Dumb and Dumber cracks me up every time.

**What was your first car?**

A yellow Hyundai Getz. Sadly I crashed him.

**If you could be anywhere in the world right now, where would you be?**

Greece would be nice!

**What is the most terrifying thing you have ever done?**

Having a snake around my neck for one minute seemed like a lifetime. I was trying to conquer the fear but I don't think it worked!

**Which is your favourite Constable Care performance, and why?**

Decisions of A Lifetime. It has a great message and I love playing multiple characters.

**What is the best thing about working for Constable Care?**

Making kids laugh whilst teaching some great life lessons. Oh, and when kids ask for your autograph it's always a nice ego boost!

**Tell us a joke!**

Two muffins are in the oven. One says to the other "Gee its hot in here" The other one replies "Oh no...it's a talking muffin - ahhhh!!!"

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