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HAPPY & SAFE PARTYING

Member for Murchison Ruth Forrest today was excited to be involved in the Launch of iPARTY at Wynyard.

“This exciting new program promotes the registering of intending parties with the local police. One of the benefits of registering a party is to minimise the risk of having intoxicated guests or gatecrashers ruining your party” said Ms Forrest.

“This is such a great concept and as a parent of teenagers I think it will provide a lot of reassurance whilst addressing an extremely important issue that is more and more becoming a “hot social issue”, Ms Forrest stated.

As part of the registration police will pay “passing interest” to parties in their area and have staff “on hand” to respond appropriately and quickly in case of any problems.

The iparty project was established just over a year ago with a grant from the Alcohol Education and Rehabilitation Foundation (AER Foundation Ltd). The project provides accurate information about health, legal, social and safety aspects of alcohol and parties for those hosting or attending parties.

“We want our young people to be having fun and partying is a part of growing up, but as parents we want reassurance that they are safe and the party they are attending is responsibly managed” said Mr Forrest

Ms Forrest said that she hoped it would be common practice in the future for invitations to parties to be iparty registered and that the practice would be considered “cool” amongst teenagers.

Information about iparty can be obtained from the website www.iparty.com.au

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