

Another accolade for Michelle



LOCAL silk artist Michelle Miller was "completely shocked" to win the Business Woman of the Year Award at a Business and Professional Women of WA function last week.

Ms Miller won a plaque for her work in the area of textile design production, arts and tourism.

She has developed a design business into a fashion label and is involved with the Margaret River Artisans.

In September she was elected the State president of the Business and Professional Women of WA organisation.

BPW aims to network at State, national and international events, support friendship and personal development, voice clear opinions within the economic lobby, mentor projects and collaborate with like-minded other women's groups.

BUSINESS SAVVY: (left) Michelle Miller with Jaye Radisich MLA.

News in brief

Extra funds for schoolies

COMMUNITY groups throughout Western Australia will receive a special funding boost of more than \$76,000 from the State Government to help manage schoolies' celebrations in November and December.

Premier Geoff Gallop announced the funds while in Busselton recently as part of the recent Cabinet visit.

While Dunsborough is the traditional focus for school leavers' celebrations, extra police resources will be on duty in Margaret River, Sergeant Scott Etherton said.

"We don't know how large or how small the impact will be so we will be playing it by ear," he said.

"Extra staff and special operational procedures will be in place from November 24 to December 12."

A risk management plan is in place.

Premier Geoff Gallop said the extra resources would help small communities to manage the large influx of young people.

"The overwhelming majority of leavers celebrate responsibly—but some do not," he said.

"When very large groups of young people get together in places like Dunsborough in that post-exam state of celebration, they can be difficult to manage and their behaviour can have a very damaging effect on community safety."

Activities planned include a music festival, the establishment of a school leaver party zone at the Dunsborough playing fields, surfing competitions and movie nights.

The funding has been provided by the Office of Crime Prevention, Lotterywest and the Office of Children and Youth.

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Independent retirees

THE Augusta-Margaret River branch of the Association of Independent Retirees will hold its next monthly meeting from 10am on Monday, November 7 at Watershed Winery.

A barrister and solicitor firm's managing director will speak on estate planning.

Members are encouraged to attend and visitors are welcome.

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