



Warming to it: South Perth Cycle Club members enjoy a coffee at Barrack Street jetty after an early ride. Picture: Guy Magowan

Social cyclists drive a WA bike boom

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Cycling has become the new golf, with an unprecedented surge in popularity.

Cycling WA acting chief executive Neil Manning said membership of the not-for-profit group had risen 22 per cent in three years, sparked by high fuel prices, climate change concerns, traffic congestion and more awareness of healthy lifestyles.

Mr Manning said the sport had developed more of a social and networking aspect and was no longer just the domain of elite athletes.

"Cycling is like the new golf in that a lot of events take part on a regular basis whereby someone wants to enter an event and gets their friends, work buddies and business associates to make up a team," he said.

"It is very much a networking sport, not just the elite high-performance side."

Participation at the elite end of the scale has also increased, with Mr Manning attributing it to media coverage of the Tour de France and Australian racing events. More people are expected to compete in

the Tour de Perth in November than in last year's event.

Mr Manning said cycling was low impact, toning, strength building and suitable for older people.

South Perth Cycle Club president Peter Mah said the club had about 50 members since forming at the start of the year.

"Last Saturday, we still had 50 people come out even though it was 4C and had been raining all week," he said. "It's dark and cold so you have to be fairly dedicated."

"You get used to it — it tends to become a lifestyle kind of thing."

Booze linked to almost half of all killings

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Nearly half of all killings in Australia are fuelled by alcohol, according to new research.

An Australian Institute of Criminology study showed that over a six-year period between 2000 and 2006, 47 per cent of homicides were classified as alcohol-related.

In 60 per cent of those cases, the offender and victim were drunk.

Beatings and stabbings were the most common cause of death in which drinking was involved, occurring in more than 50 per cent of cases.

The institute said its work was more comprehensive than a 2001 study that found only 13 per cent of murders were the result of an alcohol-related altercation.

WA victim support groups said the new figures were not surprising.

"A lot of homicides wouldn't happen if people were thinking logically and rationally and weren't disinhibited through excessive alcohol consumption and a lot of families would be spared extreme grief," Angelhands director Ann O'Neill said.

Homicide Victims Support Group convenor Jean Wilby said it was usual-

ly a mix of alcohol and drugs that contributed to violent crimes.

The institute's report also found that alcohol was far more likely to be involved in incidents where a woman killed her male partner (73 per cent) than in cases where the man was the offender (36 per cent).

"This contradicts international research on the correlation of alcohol to intimate-partner homicide," the report said.

Ms Wilby said: "We do hear that women are getting more violent and women are drinking more than we find, especially young women."

Ms O'Neill said with drinking becoming more socially acceptable for women and young girls, there was a potential for killings committed by females to increase.

Alcohol was overwhelmingly a factor in domestic killings involving indigenous partners (87 per cent), the study said.

When offenders were under 18, drinking played a part 60 per cent of the time.

Ms O'Neill said despite the role of alcohol in homicides, it should not be used to excuse offenders.

"Drinking is a disinhibitor, it's not a cause," she said.

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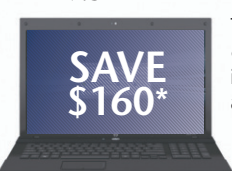
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