



# ROAD MATTERS

## THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

PROVIDING COMMUNITY EDUCATION THAT CREATES RESPONSIBLE ROAD USERS AND SAFER COMMUNITIES

### WHAT HAPPENED THIS MONTH? ARSF COMMUNITY PROGRAMS AWARD

This month, we had the honour of attending the 11th Annual Australian Road Safety Awards hosted by the Australian Road Safety Foundation (ARSF) and presented by Suncorp. Our Traffic Offender Intervention Program was nominated for two awards and by the end of the event we walked home with the Community Programs Award! The Community Programs Award recognises original and praiseworthy initiatives tackling significant local issues in the area of road safety.

We would like to express our thanks and gratitude to the ARSF for this award as well as the many TOIP participants, team members and our lovely TOIP presenters - this award would not be possible without all of you.



### BEHIND THE ROAD TOLL

#### EPISODE FOUR OUT NOW!



Click to listen to Athanasia!

Road safety activist and crash survivor Athanasia Houvarda joins us on this episode of BTRT all the way from Canada!

Listen to her life story and what important piece of advice she'd give to her younger self.

More of BTRT:



PREVIOUS EPISODE



45% of all young Australian deaths are due to road traffic crashes

### YOUNG ADULTS AUGUST RETURNS!

It's that time of the year again when we dive deep into issues surrounding young adults and driving, namely Young Adults August!

Log book hours may be considered a norm for Learner drivers but did you know not all states require Learners to practice a specific amount of hours? Check out our socials and blog posts for more on young drivers!



### NEWS & LAW UPDATES

#### NSW Bill To Turn Unused Rail Tracks into Cycling & Walking Paths

NSW Parliament has passed a bill allowing regional communities to convert unused rail corridors into walking and riding tracks so that non-operational rail lines can be converted to allow for recreational or tourism uses.

According to the Regional Transport and Roads minister, making it easier to authorise the use of non-operational rail lines for other uses will benefit rural communities and economies. Similar state-funded pilot projects are already creating hundreds of additional jobs while attracting thousands of visitors each year.

### WHAT'S ON IN SEPTEMBER?

Did you know more than 65% of annual road deaths in Australia occur on regional roads?

Rural Road Safety Month is a national awareness campaign that educates drivers on the additional risks associated with driving on rural and remote roads.

Keep a look out on our social media pages for more information about the ARSF organised initiative throughout the month of September.



#### TRAFFIC OFFENDER INTERVENTION PROGRAM

ONE-DAY \$170 REHABILITATION PROGRAM

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#### DRIVE IT HOME

WHS PROGRAM FOR OCCUPATIONAL DRIVERS

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*DID YOU KNOW THAT SKILLS RELATING TO DECISION-MAKING ARE MOST DIFFICULT TO LEARN?*

### ROAD TIP OF THE MONTH

WHILE LEARNER DRIVERS SAY THAT PARKING SKILLS ARE MOST DIFFICULT TO LEARN, PROFESSIONAL DRIVING INSTRUCTORS SHARED THAT COMPLEX SKILLS THAT INVOLVE MAKING DECISIONS ARE ACTUALLY THE MOST DIFFICULT TO MASTER.

### Check us out elsewhere...



#### BLOGS

- [Why You Want Your Car to Crumple](#)
- [Telematics and Young Drivers](#)
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#### SEPTEMBER KEY DATES:

- 4th:** Father's Day
- 8th:** R U OK? DAY ☺
- 10th:** World Suicide Prevention Day
- 16th:** International Day for the Preservation of the Ozone Layer
- 22nd:** World Car Free Day

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