

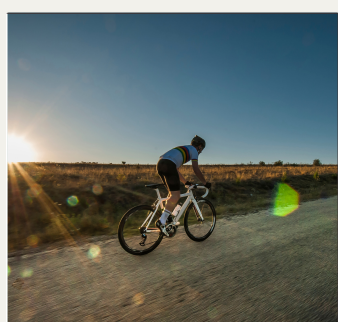


ROAD MATTERS

THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

PROVIDING COMMUNITY EDUCATION THAT CREATES RESPONSIBLE ROAD USERS AND SAFER COMMUNITIES

WHAT HAPPENED THIS MONTH? ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION MARCH



Active transport, which refers to any form of transportation that is human-powered, is beneficial to both the person and the environment. The health benefits of active transport, such as walking or cycling, are extensive and can help reduce the risks of various diseases, improve heart health and improve quality of sleep. By creating fewer needs for motor vehicles, active transport also promotes a greener world and better future. This month we took a deep dive into how Australians can benefit from active transport.

Find out more about Active Transportation March on our socials!



LAW & NEWS UPDATE

Updated Mobile Phone Laws in Victoria

From 31 March 2023, new laws covering the use of portable devices, wearable devices, inbuilt devices, mounted devices and motor bike helmet devices, will be introduced in Victoria.

The law states for all the aforementioned devices, that drivers must not, while driving:

- enter text, numbers or symbols,
- scroll (such as on websites, social media, playlists),
- play videos, games or take video calls,
- display text messages, social media, emails, or photos,
- rest a device on any part of the body, or pass a device to a passenger.

Fines for illegally using a device remain the same and range from \$555 and four demerit points to \$1,849. Learner and P-platers can also face loss of licence.

Road Rage With an Axe

On 10 March 2023, an alleged road rage incident took place in Modbury, Adelaide. When both cars involved in the incident stopped, one of the drivers got out and threatened the other driver, while armed with an axe.

A 23-year-old man has since been arrested on three counts of possessing a firearm without a licence, insecure ammunition, aggravated assault and driving disqualified. He has been bailed but is due to face court in late April.

First Date Ends up in Flames



A couple's first date blew up into smoke when their vehicle crashed into a parked car in Revesby, Sydney. Firefighters had to hose down the car, but both occupants were able to get out of the vehicle with no significant injuries. The 26-year-old male driver, who was suspected of being intoxicated, was arrested and taken for a blood alcohol test.

WHAT'S ON NEXT MONTH?

Easter Long Weekend

The Easter Long Weekend is fast approaching! A friendly reminder of the Five Fatal Factors and to drive safely. Double demerits may apply in your state.

World Day for Safety and Health at Work & Worker's Memorial Day

The World Day for Safety and Health at work is a UN initiative to raise awareness of the importance of workplace health and safety internationally. Worker's Memorial Day is an annual Australian awareness day remembering the many Australian workers who have died on the job.



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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YOU'VE HEARD OF THE 3-SECOND GAP BUT DID YOU KNOW ABOUT THE 5-SECOND GAP?

ROAD TIP OF THE MONTH

WHILE THE 3-SECOND GAP IS RECOMMENDED IN GOOD DRIVING CONDITIONS, THE NSW GOVERNMENT ENCOURAGES DRIVERS TO KEEP A 5-SECOND GAP WHEN DRIVING AT HIGHER SPEEDS. AS SPEED AFFECTS THE DISTANCE NEEDED TO STOP SAFELY, IT CAN TAKE LONGER FOR THE CAR TO STOP COMPLETELY.

Check us out elsewhere...



BLOGS

- [Now I Know My BACs](#)
- [The Three-Second Gap](#)
- [What Motivates Speedsters?](#)



VIDEOS

- [New Custom Mobile Speed Cameras QLD 2023](#)



NEWSLETTERS

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APRIL KEY DATES:

- 7th:** Easter Long Weekend
- 22nd:** Mother Earth Day
- 25th:** ANZAC Day
- 28th:** World Day for Safety and Health at Work
- 28th:** Worker's Memorial Day

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