



ROAD MATTERS

THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

PROVIDING COMMUNITY EDUCATION THAT CREATES RESPONSIBLE ROAD USERS AND SAFER COMMUNITIES.

THIS MONTH: HEAVY VEHICLE AWARENESS

Trucks and buses are essential service providers in Australia, and we would grind to a halt without them. As road users, we share the space with them, yet many of us know little about heavy vehicles, and this can create an unsafe environment.

Some heavy vehicles can have significant blind spots, making it very difficult for their drivers to see other road users. In addition to that, given their size, it takes heavy vehicles much longer to slow-down and come to a complete stop than other vehicles and therefore they need a considerably larger safety gap. This is why sometimes when a car pulls in front of them on the road, you may notice the heavy vehicle change lanes. This is because the driver knows that the vehicle in front of them did not leave enough of a safety barrier.

So the next time you are sharing the road with a heavy vehicle, keep in mind that their needs are different to yours



NEWS UPDATE

Finland Speeding Driver Fined Almost \$200,000

A driver in Finland has been fined nearly \$200,000 AUD for exceeding the speed limit.



The driver was caught travelling at 82km/hr in a 50km/hr-zone on the Åland Islands in the southwest of the country, resulting in a fine of 121,000 Euros (\$195,796 AUD) and a 10-day license suspension.

Comparatively, in NSW, if you were caught exceeding the speed limit by 32km/hr in a 50km/hr-zone, the fine would be \$2200 and a license disqualification of at least three months.

NEW PROGRAM: LEARN 2 LIVE

Shortly, Road Sense will be launching a trial period of our school-based program "Learn 2 Live", a road safety, mental health and well-being program for young people.

Know a school that could benefit from a FREE program trial?

Let us know at: communications@roadsense.org.au

WHAT'S ON NEXT MONTH?



Did you know that every 65 minutes, an Australian suffers some form of vision impairment?

This is despite the fact that around 75% of all vision loss is preventable if detected early.

Vision is integral to safe driving. Get your eyes checked next month during JULIEYE!

MONTHLY ROAD FACT

DID YOU KNOW?

There is no single "truck licence".

Truck Licences have different "classes" which increase with vehicle size. However, those with higher class licences, like the Multi Combination (MC), can drive vehicles from licence classes below them.

Can you guess how many heavy vehicle licence classes there are in NSW?

- a) 2
- b) 3
- c) 5
- d) 7



ANSWER: C

TRAFFIC OFFENDER INTERVENTION PROGRAM

ONE-DAY \$180 BEHAVIOURAL CHANGE PROGRAM

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DRIVE IT HOME

WHS PROGRAM FOR OCCUPATIONAL DRIVERS

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ROAD TIP OF THE MONTH

SLOW DOWN AT DAWN AND DUSK ON RURAL ROADS

Many of our native wildlife are most active during dawn and dusk, which poses a higher risk while driving at these times. Kangaroos are the most dangerous due to their size and their seeming predilection to jumping in front of moving vehicles. Slowing down helps gives you more reaction time and reduces impact force in the event of a collision.

Check us out elsewhere...



BLOGS

- [Complete Guide: Demerit Points in NSW](#)
- [9 Tips for Avoiding Rural Road Risks](#)



VIDEOS

- [How Red Light Cameras Work](#)
- [A Brief History of the Seatbelt](#)



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JULY KEY DATES:

- 1st:** JULIEYE
- 2nd:** NAIDOC Week
- 11th:** World Population Day
- 16th:** National Farm Safety Week
- 23rd:** DonateLife Week
- 24th:** World Tequila Day

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