



# ROAD MATTERS

## THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

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

### WHAT HAPPENED THIS MONTH: DRY JULY

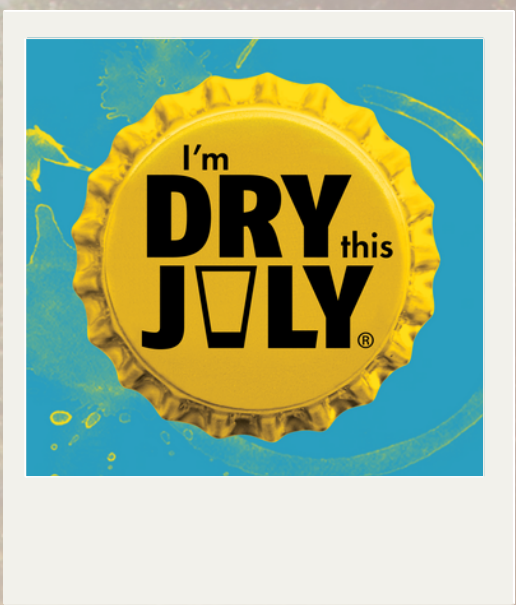
This month was Dry July!

During the month, people agree to abstain from alcohol and seek sponsorship to fundraise for the Dry July Foundation. The foundation aims to support and improve the well-being for those living with cancer and their loved ones.

Over the past decade and a half, the campaign has raised over \$82 million in funds that have helped support over 80 organisations and fund more than 1,200 programs.

Whether you considered going dry this July or not, and whatever the reason behind your support, now is also a great time to show your support for people living with cancer and to reflect on your relationship with alcohol and driving.

We would like to congratulate everyone who participated in Dry July in any way, and especially to the Dry July Foundation for all their amazing effort and achievements, the world is a better place because of them.



### ROAD SAFETY REMINDERS

#### School Holidays Ended This Month

This means that school zone speed limits are back in effect. Remember, it is an offence not to follow these speed limits:

- **NSW, TAS:** 40km/h Mon-Fri during school terms between 8–9.30 am and 2.30–4 pm\*
- **VIC:** 40km/h (when the original speed limit is less than 80km/h) or 60km/h (when the original speed limit is 80km/h or higher) Mon-Fri during school terms between 8–9.30 am and 2.30–4 pm\*
- **QLD:** 40km/h on roads (when the original speed limit is 50/60/70km/h) or 60km/h (when the original speed limit is 80km/h or above) Mon-Fri during school terms between 7–9 am and 2–4 pm\*
- **SA:** 25km/h whenever someone under the age of 18 or in a school uniform is present
- **NT:** 40km/h on school days during the times listed on the school zone sign
- **WA:** 40km/h on roads Mon-Fri during school terms between 7–9 am and 2–4 pm\*
- **ACT:** 40km/h Mon-Fri between 8 am - 4 pm when the sign is open; 50km/h when the sign is closed\*

Over the past 6 years, more than 900, 000 drivers have been caught speeding in NSW school zones alone, racking up over \$200 million in fines. Children are some of our more vulnerable road users, so it's essential to remain vigilant while driving past schools, especially at peak times.

*\* Some variations exist but are all clearly stated on signage.*

### WHAT'S ON NEXT MONTH?

Young novice drivers, disproportionately appear in road crash statistics.

In August, we aim to shed light on potential problems they may encounter and investigate effective strategies to lessen their involvement in crashes.



### MONTHLY ROAD FACT

DID YOU KNOW?

**Young driver's are most at risk of being involved in a road collision. The ABS estimates that those aged between 17 and 25 account for 20% of road trauma victims. There are a number of factors that contribute to this, including a lack of experience.**

**How many times more likely are young drivers to be involved in a fatal crash when other passengers are in the car?**

- a) 2
- b) 3
- c) 4
- d) 5



ANSWER: D

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### ROAD TIP OF THE MONTH

In the hustle and bustle of life, it may seem convenient to let an optometrist appointment slide, yet this may pose a greater risk than many people think. Any alteration to your sight can profoundly affect your capacity to manage everyday driving tasks. Spectacles, although occasionally irksome, frequently offer the simplest solution to return you to your prime driving capability. Some lens enhancements, such as tints or coatings, could serve to simplify the task of driving further still.

#### GET YOUR EYES CHECKED

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



#### VIDEOS

- [How To: Demist Vehicle Windshields](#)
- [Why Young Drivers are Over-represented in Road Fatalities](#)



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#### AUGUST KEY DATES:

**7th:** Rail Safety Week

**21st:** Queensland Road Safety Week

**25th:** Wear it Purple Day



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