



ROAD MATTERS

THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

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

YOU ARE INVITED TO THE **WORKPLACE, HEALTH & SAFETY SHOW!**



Road Sense Australia will be at the Sydney Workplace, Health & Safety Show at Sydney Olympic Park this September 20-21. Stop by booth i18 to say hello to the team or to learn more about our occupational driver training program, Drive It Home!

Our very own CEO, Michael Fitzgibbins, will also be presenting on Thursday 21st, from 9:15-9:35 a.m., to talk about how to reduce workplace trauma by improving road safety culture. Register for the FREE event [here](#).

WHAT HAPPENED THIS MONTH: YOUNG ADULTS AUGUST

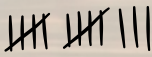
According to Transport for NSW, in 2021, drivers under the age of 26 made up only 14% of all licence holders. However, they were involved in almost a quarter of annual road deaths.

As the least experienced on the road, this trend of young adults being the most disproportionately represented in crash injury and fatality statistics remains. If you know of or are a young driver, remember to stay vigilant on the roads.

Check out our socials for the latest information on staying safe on the roads.



NEWS UPDATE



Under new legislation passed in parliament on the 2nd of August, NSW drivers who commit zero traffic offences for one year will be able to have one demerit point removed from their record. This is to encourage drivers to do the right thing by using incentives rather than just penalties.

This trial means that over 1.7 million unrestricted and professional license holders who currently have demerit points will be eligible to get one demerit point removed from their driving record if they have remained offence-free during the trial.

While it usually takes three years for demerit points to expire, during this trial, drivers who do not accrue any demerit points between January 17, 2023, and January 17, 2024, will be eligible to have a previously earned point wiped from their record.

After the trial concludes, it is expected to take three months to finalise offences, so eligible drivers can expect to see the removal of the demerit point around mid-April 2024.

Learner and provisional will not be eligible to participate in this trial, nor will license holders with no demerit points accrued.

WHAT'S ON NEXT MONTH?

September is National Rural Road Safety Month.

As always, we will be sharing information about rural roads and tips for the best ways to stay safe on them.

We will also be addressing some of the common misconceptions about rural driving.



MONTHLY ROAD FACT

DID YOU KNOW?

Fatigue is one of the "Fatal Five Factors" that are the largest contributors to collisions that lead to severe injury or death. It can be easy to overlook the dangers of driving tired, but being awake for 17 hours can produce similar reaction times as when driving at 0.05 BAC.

Fatigue is how many times more likely to contribute to a fatal collision for young drivers compared to older drivers?

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



ANSWER: B

TRAFFIC OFFENDER INTERVENTION PROGRAM

ONE-DAY \$180 BEHAVIOURAL CHANGE PROGRAM

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DRIVE IT HOME

WHS PROGRAM FOR OCCUPATIONAL DRIVERS

FIND OUT MORE

ROAD TIP OF THE MONTH

HAVE A "PLAN B" INSTEAD OF TRAVELLING TIRED

While it's the norm to make alternate plans for a night out drinking, driving fatigued is also comparable to driving under the influence. So, next time you know you will be fatigued throughout the day, plan for other modes of transport to get home and stay safe on our roads.

Check us out elsewhere...



BLOGS

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



VIDEOS

- [RSA's Top Tips for Biking Safely](#)
- [How Do Power Naps Work?](#)



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SEPTEMBER KEY DATES:

- 1st:** Rural Road Safety Month
- 3rd:** Father's Day
- 10th:** World Suicide Prevention Day
- 14th:** R U OK Day
- 16th:** International Day for the Preservation of the Ozone Layer
- 22nd:** World Car Free Day

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