



# ROAD MATTERS

## THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

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

### THIS MONTH: WORLD DAY OF REMEBRANCE

We participated in World Day of Remembrance for Road Traffic Victims on the 19th of November. It is an internationally recognised event that gives everyone a space to remember those whom they may have lost to road trauma, as well as to recognise the effect it has on the larger community.

Following last years event, we set out to inform the public of this day by holding a stall at the Bondi Markets. We handed out hundreds of candles with information about World Day of Remembrance, encouraging people to take one, honour those lost on the roads and stay safe as road users.

The response from market attendees was amazing, and many took the opportunity to find out more about the day and share how important they feel road safety is.

We also took submissions from the public for tributes to people who have been affected by road trauma, many of whom had passed. We posted these tributes to our social media accounts throughout the day and were honoured to receive messages thanking us for providing a space for them to talk about their loved ones.



### NEWS UPDATE



#### 30 is the new 40 when it comes to speed in shared zones

In 2021, the World Health Organisation launched the Streets for Life Campaign in a push to lower speed limits for shared zones between pedestrians and vehicles to 30km/h; an act that would not only reduce instances of road trauma, but promote active transport and zero-carbon mobility.

NSW took up the recommendation earlier this year, allowing for speed limits to be dropped to 30km/h in areas where vulnerable road user safety is at risk.

Victoria aims to follow suit, with the state implementing the reduced speed limit in trial zones such as Fitzroy and Collingwood until official Victorian state government approval.



With the chances of a pedestrian or cyclist being killed by a car travelling 50km/h standing at 90% on impact, and lowering to 10% at a 30km/h speed limit, the change could truly make an impact on the number of annual deaths occurring on our roads.

### WHAT'S ON NEXT MONTH?

It's the silly season! December and January mark the busiest holiday season for most Australians with Christmas, Hanukkah, New Year's, and the Summer school holidays, all taking place in close succession.

We want to use this time to ensure that everyone remembers that road safety doesn't take a break, and the best way to have a happy holidays is to have a safe holidays.



### MONTHLY ROAD FACT

DID YOU KNOW?

**We all know that Australia has a large land mass, resulting in many of us viewing the need for a motor vehicle as essential.**

**In 2021 there were a total of 20,142,942 motor vehicles registered in Australia.**

*Which state or territory do you think has the highest number of motor vehicles registered relative to its population?*

- a) NSW
- b) WA
- c) TAS
- d) QLD



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

**EVEN IF YOU'RE SUPERVISING, YOU STILL NEED TO BEHAVE LIKE YOU'RE THE DRIVER**

A common misconception is that supervising drivers do not have to abide by the same rules they would if they were driving. However, this is not the case and supervising drivers are required to be as alert as they would be if they were driving; this means being awake, off your phone or other devices, and within the legal BAC limit.



#### KEY DATES + EVENTS TO REMEMBER

**3rd:** International Day of Persons with Disabilities

**22nd:** Road Sense Australia goes on break  
Double Demerits Period Starts (NSW, ACT, WA)

**24th:** Christmas Eve

**25th:** Christmas Day

**26th:** Boxing Day

**31st:** New Year's Eve

Don't forget to have a plan B when travelling this holiday!

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