



# ROAD MATTERS

## THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

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

### THIS MONTH: DISTRACTED DRIVING APRIL


This month was all about one of the biggest killers on our roads; distraction. We, and often many others worldwide, recognise April as Distracted Driving Awareness Month.

One of the Five Fatal Factors, distraction, can come in many forms beyond mobile phones. Passengers, the radio, a cheeky couple of chips, and even adjusting the A/C sytem can all cause the driver to take their sole focus off their duty of driving, ultimately dividing their attention.

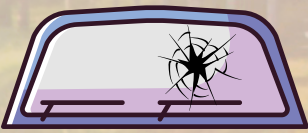
Lack of attention leads to slower reaction times, travelling blind, and can increase your risk of making errors in judgements you wouldn't otherwise make.

We ask that everyone considers what distractions they might face during their next trip and take steps to avoid them, whether this means eating before taking off, having your A/C system set up already so that you don't have to adjust it, or even asking your passenger to keep the chat to a minimum.





### NEWS UPDATE



#### Shattered Windscreens in Wollongong

Police near Wollongong are looking for information on people who may have been involved with a road incident on the night of April 18th.

At approximately 8:40pm on the Thursday night a Hyundai carrying two passengers traveling on the M1 in Dapto, had a rock thrown through their windscreen from the Fowlers Road overpass, shattering the glass.

Despite calling 000 and police attending the scene, no one was found in the area. If you have any information, please contact Crime Stoppers.

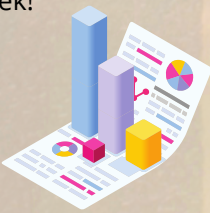
### WHAT'S ON NEXT MONTH?

In May, we'll conduct our road safety review by looking into last year's road statistics and new initiatives. We will then see how Australia is progressing with road safety.

Further, looking at crash trends and what areas may need more focus, as well as areas that are showing clear improvement so that we can see what initiatives may be most effective.

From the 5th to the 12th of May we will be supporting National Road Safety Week!

We ask that during May for you to consider your own driving trends and ways that you think Australian road safety could be improved.



### MONTHLY ROAD FACT

DID YOU KNOW?

Mobile phones are obviously one of the largest issues when it comes to driver distraction. Even if you don't pick up your phone, glancing over when those notifications go off still pose a risk.

Looking away from the road for only two seconds while travelling at 60km/h means that you have driven blind for over 30 meters, which is roughly three city buses.

**How much does your risk of crashing increase while using your phone and driving?**

- a) Two times
- b) Five times
- c) Seven times
- d) 10 times



ANSWER: D

#### TRAFFIC OFFENDER INTERVENTION PROGRAM

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### ROAD TIP OF THE MONTH



#### KEEP YOUR PET SAFE IN THE CAR BY SECURING THEM WITH SAFETY RESTRAINTS

Each state may have their own set of rules and laws regarding domestic animal transport in personal vehicles, but regardless, you are responsible for making sure that your animal passenger is securely placed. Securing them with the correct pet seatbelt, carrier or harness for their size, can help prevent them from wandering over to you for a snuggle while you're supposed to be driving, and prevent projectile movement in a crash, keeping them and yourself safe every drive.

#### MAY 2024

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May: Road Safety Review

#### KEY DATES + EVENTS TO REMEMBER

5th National Road Safety Week

20th World Bee Day

12th Mother's Day



17th Walk Safely to School Day

**Fatality Free Friday**  
Statistics show that approximately 21% of all road deaths occur on Fridays, making it one of the most deadly days on the road.

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