



ROAD MATTERS

THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

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

THIS MONTH: Youth Road Safety

During August we focused on the education of young road users - particularly those who are not yet old enough to obtain a driver's license. The reasoning? Because road safety education during the early childhood stages are critical for setting up safe habits in adulthood. Rather than saving the more involved explanations for when young road users approach learner driver permit age, explaining the context around road safety measures to children at early ages, can help ensure that young people can navigate the road safely.



When teaching a young child the basics of road safety, it's important to not only instruct but also encourage discussions, questions, and supervised real-life practice. For example, when crossing the road, explain why we stop and look left and right before crossing - it's not just to check if the coast is clear, but also to ensure that drivers are behaving as expected. Emphasise that we cannot always predict other road users' behaviours, regardless of the rules; highlight that children often need to be extra cautious because they can be smaller and so might not be seen by others immediately; and stress the importance of learning and developing judgement by observing the situation, considering the outcomes, and only taking action when it's safe.

Queensland Road Safety Week

Queensland Road Safety Week also fell during the month of August. This year's theme encouraging everyone to view and tackle road safety not just as an individual task, but a greater team effort.

NEWS UPDATE



New South Wales Calls for Lowered Speed Limits in Yanderra

Speed limits in three streets in Yanderra, just over an hour south of Sydney, are being reduced from 80km/h to 60km/h.

Signs and road markings are being updated on Yanderra Road, Chandos Road, and Carlise Street, all of which are making the change in an effort to improve safety for both drivers and pedestrians.

The works will be completed by the end of August and there will be temporary traffic conditions in place to ensure the safety of road workers.

WHAT'S ON NEXT MONTH?



September is Rural Road Safety Month and this year's theme is *Help sow the seeds of change. Road safety starts with you.*

We will be discussing the issue of Australian rural roads, common misconceptions about rural driving, and key ways to stay safe while using them.

We'll also be attending the Australian Road Safety Conference 2024! We're glad to be sponsoring the Best Road Safety Poster award and have our CEO, Michael Fitzgibbins, present the award to the winners.



MONTHLY ROAD FACT

DID YOU KNOW?

It was actually the Paris Police Ordinance who first introduced licence plates. They decided it was essential to be able to identify vehicles on the road.

What year was it when France first mandated motor vehicle registration?

- A) 1893 B) 1890
C) 1903 D) 1883



ANSWER: A

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REMEMBER, CHILDREN WATCH AND MIMIC BEHAVIOURS THEY SEE!

ROAD TIP OF THE MONTH

One of the main ways that children learn is through modelling, which is when their behaviours develop based on the ones that they observe. Every time you cross the road, buckle your seatbelt, or even just get behind the wheel, the young people around you are learning about how they should behave. **Keep in mind who is around you and how what you do now will affect what they do when you're not around.**



KEY DATES • EVENTS TO REMEMBER

1st Father's Day

12th R U OK? Day

5th International Day of Charity

16th International Day for Preservation of the Ozone Layer

10th World Suicide Prevention Day

22nd World Car Free Day

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