



ROAD MATTERS

THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

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

Approximately
73% of crashes on
roads in regional
areas were due to
lane **departures**

(National Road Safety Strategy, 2021)

THIS MONTH: Rural Road Safety Month

This month, we explored Rural Road Safety and some of the unique challenges faced by drivers on rural roads.

Often characterised by long, isolated and unchanging stretches, rural roads can contribute to driver fatigue—especially when combined with the extended travel times typical of rural trips. On the other hand, these same conditions, combined with a lack of traffic and other road users, can create the perception that rural roads are less dangerous—a misconception that causes drivers to feel they don’t need to be as alert when driving, as they would be in urban areas.

Unfortunately, these factors, and others such as higher speed limits and poor road conditions, continue to contribute to the high-number of rural road-related fatalities occurring annually. In fact, in 2023, rural road deaths accounted for two-thirds of Australian road fatalities.

The facts are, that what ever the reasons, rural roads require just as much vigilance as any other road that you travel on. Next time you are heading out of town, plan your trip and ensure that you are in the best possible condition to drive.





NEWS UPDATE

Reform for Ticketless Parking Fines Issued in NSW

The NSW government is developing new legislation regarding councils issuing ticketless parking fines that will be put towards parliament during September.

The new rules will reduce the circumstances that allow for ticketless parking fines in NSW, and will require photo evidence of the vehicle, relevant signage, and notice that a parking offence has been committed and that the offender will be issued a fine. Zones that will still allow for ticketless parking fines, such as national parks that may have limited phone coverage or enclosed facilities that use number plate recognition, will need to have clear signage that drivers are entering a ticketless fine area.

Currently, councils are still able to issue ticketless parking fines, which can cause issues if people are unaware that they have committed an offence and continue to park in the same manner until the first fine arrives.

WHAT’S ON NEXT MONTH?

October is both National Safe Work Month and Motorcycle Awareness Month.

Throughout October, we will be discussing what workplace driving is and looking into the statistics around it.

We will also be talking about the specific safety issues that motorcycle riders face and tips for drivers to help them be more aware of who they are sharing the road with.

MONTHLY ROAD FACT

DID YOU KNOW?



Discovering the different words English-speaking countries use to refer to everyday items can sometimes be one of the most interesting aspects of travelling.

Between Australia and New Zealand alone there’s *esky* vs *chilly bin*, *thongs* vs *jandals*, and *milkbar* vs *dairy*.

What do they call speed bumps in New Zealand?

- A) Slowers
- B) Judder bars
- C) Speed bumps
- D) Tiger humps

ANSWER: B

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EMPTY ROADS DON’T MEAN SAFE ROADS

ROAD TIP OF THE MONTH

Often, one of the ways you can tell you’re on a rural road is the lack of traffic — it’s not uncommon to travel for several kilometres without seeing another vehicle. However, people can falsely believe this means that the roads are safer. Unfortunately, rural roads are the deadliest in Australia and one of the biggest dangers is the driver of your vehicle. **Remember to remain alert and aware of your surroundings, even if there are no other vehicles in sight.**

OCTOBER 2024

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KEY DATES • EVENTS TO REMEMBER

- 2nd International Day of Non-Violence
- 10th World Mental Health Day
- 5th World Mental Health Week
- 18th Pink Ribbon Day
- 7th World Habitat Day
- 25th World Teachers’ Day
- 31st Halloween

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