

# ROAD MATTERS THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

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

#### THIS MONTH: World Day of Remembrances for Road Traffic Victims

This month, we commemorated World Day of Remembrance by handing out over 900 candles on the day at Parramatta Westfield, as well as holding our virtual memorial. We expanded this from just posting on our social media to now having a <u>permanent page</u> on our website.

We are immensely grateful for everyone who came out to Westfield and incredibly honoured by everyone who chose to share their tribute with us and wanted it put on our Memorial page.



World Day of Remembrance for Road Traffic Victims is a day to honour those who have died from road trauma. It is also a day to think about those who have been injured on the road and the overall impact of road trauma on loved ones, communities, and first responders. Most importantly it is a day to bring about change to improve road safety for everyone so that no more lives are forever changed due to road trauma.



### NEWS UPDATE



#### Western Australia P-Platers Banned from Carrying More than One Passenger

In an effort to reduce the alarming rate of fatalities among young drivers in Western Australia (WA), a new rule will come into effect on 1 December 2024, restricting red P-plate drivers to carrying no more than one passenger at a time in their vehicles. Only a few exceptions will apply.

In WA, provisional drivers hold their red P-plates for six months before progressing to green P-plates, which they retain for an additional 18 months.

The new legislation, known as Tom's Law, was introduced in response to the tragic deaths of 15-year-old Tom Saffioti and his friend, 17-year-old Mark Bogoni. Both teenagers lost their lives in a crash three years ago when the vehicle they were travelling in—driven by a P-plater carrying five passengers—collided with a tree in Seville Grove.

#### WHAT'S ON NEXT MONTH?

December is all about the Holidays!

School holidays, shutdown periods for businesses, summer days, Christmas, New Year's Eve, and Hanukkah are just a few of the celebrations throughout December.

We will be putting out reminders during double demerit periods and reminders for everyone to be extra cautious about the busier conditions.

#### MONTHLY ROAD FACT DID YOU KNOW?



There are approximately **874,500 kms** of road in Australia, with only less than 20% of them being urban roads.

Can you guess the exact percentage of roads in Australia that are urban roads?

A) 8%

B) 19%

C) 13%

D) 17%

ANSWER: D

## TRAFFIC OFFENDER INTERVENTION PROGRAM

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## ROAD TIP OF THE MONTH

#### PLAN AHEAD AND LEAVE EARLY, IF NOT, REMEMBER, IT'S OKAY TO ARRIVE LATE

Whether it's your weekly shop, catching up with friends, a dinner date, work or an appointment, while not ideal, it's better to arrive late, rather than drive irresponsibly. Plan ahead and leave early, but if that's not possible, do not give in to reckless driving, as the ramifications from being late are much better than the ones from a crash. Taking an extra moment on the road to actually catch the red light might be the difference between arriving late or not at all.

#### **DECEMBER 2024** Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat 7 2 3 5 6 14 10 11 12 13 19 21 16 17 18 20 25 26 28 23 24 31 December: Holidays

#### International Day of Persons

with Disabilities

24th Christmas Eve

25th Christmas Day

26th Boxing Day

31st New Year's Eve



**KEY DATES + EVENTS TO REMEMBER** 



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