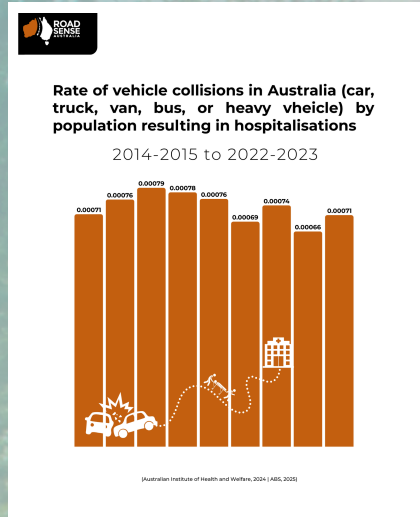




ROAD MATTERS

THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

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



THIS MONTH: Road Safety Review

Throughout May, we have been reviewing the new statistics that have been released from 2024 and looking at the early ones available for 2025.

It seems that speeding is not only the most common contributing factor in the fatal collisions in NSW between 2019 and 2023, but also the rate of it is increasing. Further, the rate of fatal collisions to the population in Australia also appears to be climbing from 2020 to 2024, however, last year's rate was the highest since 2015 to 2017, meaning that for the past seven years, we have seen an overall drop in the rate of fatal collisions.

The rate of hospitalisations resulting from a collision also seems to have been on a slow but steady decline since the 2016-2017 financial year. However, the rate is the same as that of the 2014-2015 financial year, so this could mean that no real change has been achieved.

What we do know is that 422 people have died in collisions between the 1st of January and the 30th of April this year. In the first 120 days of 2025 there has been an average of 3.5 fatalities a day, that is a loved one killed every seven hours.



Reduced Speed Limits in Moruya and Malua Bay

Starting the 11th of June 2025, Transport for NSW will begin erecting new reduced speed signs on 10 roads in the Moruya and Maula Bay area in response to safety concerns from police and locals.

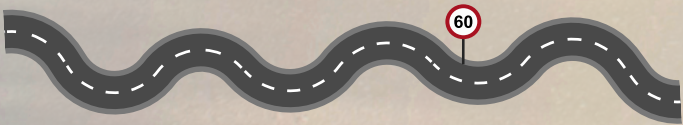
For Moruya, parts of Larrys Mountain and Pollwombra roads will be reduced to 80km/h, while portions of Bruce Cameron Drive, Tallara Drive, Nugara Drive, Janari Close, Narambi Close, and South Head Road will be reduced to 60km/h.

In Maula Bay sections of The Ridge Road, Link Road, Burri Road, Tallgums Way, and Ridge Avenue will be reduced to 60 km/h.

There will be signage to indicate there are new changes to the speed limit in these areas, as well as information available at local councils.

The current speed limits of these locations range from 100km/h to 70km/h.

Transport for NSW says that these new limits have been developed in consideration of the Safe System approach.



WHAT'S ON NEXT MONTH?

Next month we'll be focusing on Heavy Vehicle Safety. Heavy vehicles play a substantial role in our freight and logistics systems, allowing goods to move across the country and between communities. As frequent and essential users of our road network it's important to stay aware of how to drive safely near heavy vehicles, how to share the road with them, and if you're a heavy vehicle driver yourself, what you can do to remain safe behind the wheel.

Stay tuned and follow us on socials to find out more about Heavy Vehicles in the month of June!



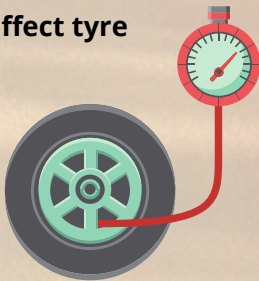
MONTHLY ROAD FACT

DID YOU KNOW?

Tyre pressure is important for not only keeping your car well maintained and minimal fuel consumption, but it's also important to maintain the appropriate traction on the road to keep you safe and in control while driving.

Which of the below do NOT affect tyre pressure?

- A) Humidity B) Wind
C) Temperature D) Time



ANSWER : B

TRAFFIC OFFENDER INTERVENTION PROGRAM

ONE-DAY \$185 BEHAVIOURAL CHANGE PROGRAM



DRIVE IT HOME

WHS PROGRAM FOR OCCUPATIONAL DRIVERS



ROAD TIP OF THE MONTH

THONGS MIGHT NOT BE ILLEGAL, BUT YOU CAN STILL GET IN TROUBLE

It's a common myth that wearing thongs or even no shoes at all while driving is illegal. This does not mean, however, that it is safe to do so or that you cannot get into legal trouble for doing so.

One of the key road laws throughout Australia is the need to have proper control over your vehicle, and failure to do so can result in legal consequences. This means that if the footwear, or lack thereof, that you're wearing while driving doesn't allow you to have proper traction with the pedals, you could be deemed at fault if you were to get into a collision.

While not a specific law, appropriate footwear is required before pushing the pedal.



KEY DATES • EVENTS TO REMEMBER

- 3rd** World Bicycle Day
- 9th** National Blood Donor Week
King's Birthday (excl. QLD, WA)
- 14th** World Blood Donor Day
Global Wellness Day

- 5th** International Level Crossing Awareness Day
- 11th** Thank a First Responder Day
- 23rd** United Nations Public Service Day

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