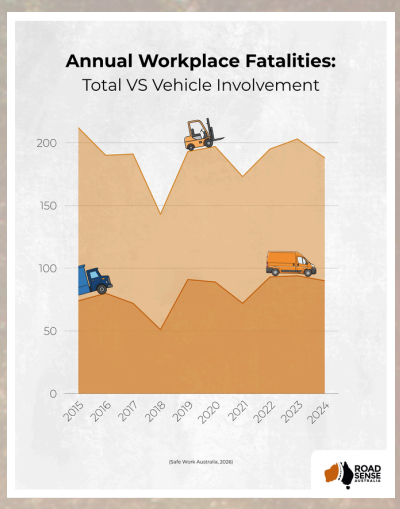
ROAD MATTERS

THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

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

THIS MONTH: National Safe Work Month



Looking at the preliminary fatality data for this year, as well as fatality data from previous years, there is no denying that vehicles pose a significant risk to workers. Vehicle incidents have been the leading cause of Australian workplace fatalities for more than two decades, accounting for nearly 48% of workplace deaths in 2024 alone.

When we look at the stats in terms of just the employed population, the Northern Territory had the highest rate of vehicle-related fatalities, despite having one of the lowest total numbers of vehicle-related fatalities.

Further, from the data available at the start of the month to the end of the month, a four-week period, a further 19 people died from a workplace incident, five of which were vehicle-related.

You can't properly assess and improve workplace safety if you ignore the risk that vehicles pose. While it's true that road conditions and the general public are out of the control of your organisation, policies that prioritise safety, such as preventing workers who are fatigued from operating a vehicle, can help mitigate the risks that go with working alongside vehicles and on the road.



Road Safety Upgrades for Nine Regional Locations

The State Government has addressed identified safety risks through the Towards Zero Fatal Crash Response Sub-Program, and will allocate more than $900,000 to deliver improvements at regional locations where a fatal crash has recently occurred.

The funding will be divided between:

- Bega Valley Council along Mount Darragah Rd
- Bega Valley on Towamba Rd between Princes Hwy and Silver Top Cresent intersections in Eden
- Byron Shire along Raftons Rd, Bangalow
- Mitchell Highway at Naroongal Rd in Bakers Swamp
- Castlereagh Highway near Wallaroo Rd in Mendooran
- Henry Parkes Way between Overland Rd and Yarrabandai Rd at Bogan Gate
- Kamilaroi High near Wee Waa
- Moss Vale Rd Intersection
- Bulli Pass

Implemented safety measures include safety-barrier installations and extensions, line marking upgrades including audio-tactile additions, improved or static signage, retroreflective pavement markers, pedestrian safety measures, vehicle activated signs and changes to intersections at st specific roads.

Councils can nominate a location to be reviewed for funding under the Fatal Crash Response Sub-Program.

WHAT'S ON NEXT MONTH?

World Day of Remembrance for Road Traffic Victims takes place on Sunday, the 15th of November this year.

This year, you are again welcome to light a virtual candle on our website, and we will be adding tributes to our World Day of Remembrance Memorial Wall and sharing tributes on our social media.

If you would like to submit a tribute or light a candle, please click here. If you have any questions, please reach out to us at communications@roadsense.org.au

MONTHLY ROAD FACT

DID YOU KNOW?

Many people remember the iconic Holden brand. In 1944, the federal government invited the General Motors subsidiary to build a family vehicle fit for Australian conditions. In 1946, the first three hand-built test sedans for this project were shipped from Detroit, Michigan to Fishermans Bend in Melbourne. After continued testing, the Holden 48-215 (FX) was released and became the first car to be mass-produced on Australian shores.

In November of what year did Australia's first locally manufactured car debut?

A) 1938 B) 1948
C) 1958 D) 1968

ANSWER: B

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WORLD DAY OF REMEMBRANCE FOR ROAD TRAFFIC VICTIMS

SUNDAY, 15 NOVEMBER 2026

On the third Sunday of November each year, World Day of Remembrance is commemorated to remember those who have not only died from road trauma but have also been affected by it. Friends, families, and first responders are often deeply impacted after someone is injured or killed in a collision.

The day is underlined by the principles of remember, support, and act, encouraging people to not only remember the victims, but also to support those affected and ensure that your actions are contributing to safer roads. This year's theme, *A Light That Unites Us*, focuses on how the memory of those who have died or been seriously injured due to road trauma can bring us together in our understanding of the need to be safe road users to create safer roads.

REMEMBER SUPPORT ACT

NOVEMBER 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
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29	30					

November: Month of Remembrance

KEY DATES • EVENTS TO REMEMBER

11th	Remembrance Day
15th	World Day of Remembrance for Road Traffic Victims



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