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Office of Road Safety: Update Fifteen – November 2020

National Road Safety Strategy 2021-2030 – Update from 14th Infrastructure and Transport Ministers' Meeting

The 14th meeting of Infrastructure and Transport Ministers was held on Friday 20 November 2020 via teleconference.

At the meeting, Ministers considered a draft of the National Road Safety Strategy 2021–2030 and accompanying Fact Sheets.

A draft of the Strategy is expected to be released in early 2021 and will be available via the [Office of Road Safety](#) website, including information on how to provide input. This ensures stakeholders will have the opportunity to contribute before the final Strategy is considered by Ministers for endorsement in 2021.

Ministers also agreed an interim target of 50 per cent reduction in the annual per capita fatality rate, and an interim target of 30 per cent reduction in the per capita serious injury rate by 2030. Interim targets are being used while modelling of the impact of a range of potential road safety countermeasures is completed.

Ministers also noted options for tracking delivery of the new Strategy and Action Plan and the potential for establishing an advisory group for the National Road Safety Strategy.

To view the full communique from the meeting, visit:
<https://www.transportinfrastructurecouncil.gov.au/communique>

ALGA Local Roads and Transport Congress – Wagga Wagga, NSW – 17 November 2020

Gabby O'Neill, and other staff from the Office of Road Safety, travelled to Wagga Wagga on 17 November to attend the Australian Local Government Association (ALGA) Local Roads and Transport Congress. Gabby gave a presentation on Road Safety, accompanied by Peter Tegart, CEO of Queanbeyan-Palerang Regional Council (QPRC).

Gabby provided local government attendees, both present and virtual, with an update on the approach for the next National Road Safety Strategy (2021-30). Gabby also shared the work that the Office of Road Safety has been doing to assist Local Government Areas (LGAs) to access road safety data in their state or territory. Peter shared the work that QPRC has been doing to reduce speeding on both suburban and regional roads throughout the large council area. Gabby and Peter fielded some excellent questions from attendees who showed strong engagement with the road safety topics.

The Office of Road Safety staff were also fortunate to view an inspiring keynote address from Australian of the Year (2019) Dr Richard Harris, who assisted with the rescue mission to save 12 boys and their coach from flooded caves in Thailand.

The Hon Mark Coulton MP, Minister for Regional Health, Regional Communications and Local Government also gave an address to attendees and presented awards to the winners of the National Local Government Awards. Congratulations again to those innovative groups of people.

To view the full list of award winners, including the award for Excellence on Road Safety, visit: www.regional.gov.au/local/awards/

To view the Office of Road Safety's information sheet on how to access road safety data for LGAs, visit: www.officeofroadsafety.gov.au/resources.

Roundup from National Road Safety Week 2020

National Road Safety Week 2020 (NRSW) took place between 15 – 22 November, launched in Sydney with a socially-distanced, live streamed event. The launch also coincided with the commemoration of United Nations [World Day of Remembrance for Road Victims](#).

NRSW is an important opportunity to highlight road safety and to remind everyone of the impact of road trauma in Australia. Approximately 1,200 people are killed and another 40,000 are seriously injured every year on Australian roads.

The week also saw the lighting up in yellow of some of the country's most significant national landmarks such as the Sydney Opera House and Sydney Harbour Bridge. To see some of the amazing images captured during the week, visit the NRSW [Facebook page](#).

The Australasian College of Road Safety Awards were also held during the evening. To view all the award winners, click [here](#).

Yellow Ribbon National Road Safety Week 2020 is proudly supported by the Office of Road Safety. For more information on the Office of Road Safety's programs, visit: www.officeofroadsafety.gov.au/programs

Schools urged to roll out ground breaking road safety program to save lives over the Christmas break

Just weeks before the end of Term 4, schools around the country are being urged to roll out a free road safety program to help save teenagers' lives this holiday season.

The web based platform, [RoadSet](#), was launched in July and provides an intuitive, user-friendly design which enables students to learn at their own pace and track their own progress.

Aimed at Year 9 students, the program has ten interactive learning modules. Each module is supported by additional curriculum-aligned teaching and learning resources for extending programs.

More than 5,000 students have already trialled the program, which is proudly supported by the Office of Road Safety. For more information on the Office of Road Safety's programs, visit: www.officeofroadsafety.gov.au/programs.

Re:act Documentary – Driver Distraction

On 19 November 2020, a new documentary funded under the Office of Road Safety's Awareness and Enablers Fund was launched via global livestream during National Road Safety Week. The document reveals the road safety messages that resonate with young audiences in order to change their behaviour on our roads.

Entitled 'Distractions', the 35-minute documentary follows students from participating universities through the Re:act road safety behaviour change program. Re:act challenges university students to create campaigns that target road safety risks.

To view the documentary, visit: www.reactforchange.com/react-distractions-2020-documentary

New ANCAP safety campaign encourages vehicle safety technologies

ANCAP Safety has launched a national community awareness campaign demonstrating how the presence of two key vehicle safety technologies – autonomous emergency braking (AEB) and lane support systems (LSS) – can help turn a potentially negative outcome into a positive one.

The campaign draws on real-life dashcam footage captured and submitted to ANCAP by everyday Australians. Dashcam footage of two common crash scenarios – near-misses with pedestrians, and run-off-road crashes – highlights the stark reality and negative consequences of crashes that occur daily on our roads.

The campaign aims to drive community awareness of the availability, function and benefits of vehicles fitted with these safety systems, and encourage consumer uptake of newer vehicles with these collision avoidance features to help save lives.

For more information on the campaign, visit www.ancap.com.au/rewrite.

The Australian Government is currently consulting on a Regulation Impact Statement on the introduction of mandatory AEB systems for new light vehicles. This process will allow industry and the community to express their views on the introduction of AEB across all of the new light vehicle fleet.

Consultation will remain open until 11 December 2020. Submissions can be made by emailing standards@infrastructure.gov.au. The Regulation Impact Statement is available at: www.infrastructure.gov.au/vehicles/design/adr_comment.aspx.

National Road Safety Partnership Program (NRSP) Resources

The National Road Safety Partnership Program (NRSP) at Monash University will be holding a free webinar on 3 December 2020, *Adopting UK's Construction Logistics and Community Safety (CLOCS) Initiative to Australia* with Jon Lamonte, Chief Executive, Sydney Metro; Peter Binham, Transport Planner, Transport for London (TfL); Scott Tipping, Manager Logistics, Hanson Australia; and Dr Marilyn Johnson, Research and Policy Manager, Amy Gillett Foundation.

The webinar will explore current infrastructure projects in Australia, how TfL established CLOCS and the resulting benefits, how Sydney Metro adapted CLOCS, and next steps. To register for the webinar, click [here](#).

NRSP also recently released its second organisational road safety campaign on aggressive driving 'Travel Time. Your Time'. The campaign is a collaboration led by NRSP with Monash University Accident Research Centre and Budget Direct and includes fact sheets, videos, posters, campaign surveys and social media posts. The campaign aims to bring awareness to the issue of road rage and aggressive driving and provide useful, informative methods on how to manage road rage through mindfulness. Campaign materials are available for free download [here](#).

Vision Zero dashboard

The Bureau of Infrastructure and Transport Research Economics (BITRE) [Vision Zero Dashboard](#) is now available. The dashboard shows the number of years with zero deaths by Local Government Area (LGA) from 2008 to 2019.

All LGAs without a fatality (in the 12 years) had populations less than 10,000 persons. The best performing LGAs (with populations over 50,000 persons) were North Sydney (NSW) and Campbelltown (SA), both with six years of zero road fatalities.

Statistical releases - road safety

The Bureau of Infrastructure and Transport Research Economics (BITRE) has recently released a range of statistical bulletins. Its [October 2020 fatality figures](#) report 113 road deaths for the month of October 2020. The current figure is 10.1 per cent higher than the average for October over the previous five years.

BITRE also released its [Quarterly Bulletin on Fatal Heavy Vehicle Crashes](#). During the 12 months to the end of September 2020, 162 people died in crashes involving heavy trucks. These included 95 deaths in crashes involving articulated trucks and 70 deaths in crashes involving heavy rigid trucks.

For more information on road safety statistics, visit: <https://www.bitre.gov.au/statistics/safety>

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