

Community Road Safety Network



WALGA's RoadWise Program supports local road safety committees and the state-wide network of groups and individuals with an interest in road safety. The community road safety network extends across 11 regions, encompassing metropolitan, regional and remote areas of Western Australia. These areas are serviced by Road Safety Advisors who are funded by the WA Government and supported by Local Governments. The network includes RoadWise committees, Local Governments, community groups and individuals who are working towards reducing deaths and serious injuries on WA roads.

The 11 regions are:

- Gascoyne
- Goldfields-Esperance
- Great Southern
- Kimberley
- Metro North
- Metro South
- Mid West
- Pilbara
- South West
- Wheatbelt North
- Wheatbelt South

Road Safety Committees

There are established RoadWise committees and local road safety committees throughout the state. RoadWise committees work towards addressing road safety issues at a local community level with involvement from various organisations and individual volunteers. Around 3,000 individuals are part of the community road safety network consisting of representatives from Local Government, Government agencies, local businesses, non-government organisations, community groups and individuals.



Members of RoadWise committees typically include representatives from:

- Local Government
- WA Police
- Main Roads WA
- Department of Transport
- Department of Health
- Department of Education
- Local emergency services
- Service clubs – Apex, Lions, Rotary
- Community groups and individuals
- Not for profit organisations

The committees provide a regular forum where local issues can be discussed and a network of people can work to develop and deliver community based strategies. Through these committees, local coordination of road safety efforts is enhanced.

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Road Safety Initiatives

RoadWise committees across the state are working towards reducing death and serious injuries from road crashes in their local area. Road safety activities coordinated by committees aim to support *Towards Zero*, WA's Road Safety Strategy 2008 - 2020 and are guided by individual committee action plans.

Local road safety groups engage in educational and promotional activities which include presentations, workshops, events, displays and publicity to increase community awareness and understanding of *Towards Zero* and the safe system cornerstones - safe roads and roadsides; safe vehicles; safe speeds; and safe road use.

Local activities focussing on the Safe System

Safe Roads and Roadsides

- Local Governments work to improve the safety of roads and roadsides through engineering initiatives.

Safe Speeds

- Local Governments, RoadWise committees and local communities advocate for targeted speed limit reductions; installation of traffic calming treatments; deploy speed display trailers and promote safe travel speeds to the community.

Safe Vehicles

- Encourage the community and organisations to purchase safer vehicles; and engage in promotion of ANCAP, Used Car Safety Ratings and key vehicle safety features.

Safe Road Use

- Committees support the Road Safety Council's community education campaigns through local level activities which target reducing speeding; countering drink and drug driving; increasing use of seatbelts and child car restraints; minimising driver distraction and preventing driver fatigue.



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