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Have You Had Your Say on the Future of Road of Road Safety in WA?

There are many ways to contribute to the development of the road safety strategy beyond 2020.

You can register to attend one of the many local forums being held across WA to share information and have your say. If you are unable to attend a forum, there are other ways to contribute to this important road safety conversation.



Road safety fast facts for WA:

- Seven out of ten (70%) of all serious crashes on WA roads involve people making a simple mistake, a lapse in concentration, inattention, distraction or being tired. Only a small proportion involve risk-taking behaviour.
- People travelling in vehicles are increasingly safer in urban areas, while people walking and riding are at greater risk.
- On country roads in WA, single vehicles leaving the side of the road is the most common and most severe crash type.
- In WA between the years of 2008-2017, 1810 people were killed and another 23,564 people were seriously injured as a result of road trauma.
- Approximately 39% of WA road fatalities and 65% of serious injuries occur on metropolitan roads. Most crashes occur at intersections and involve drivers, passengers, pedestrians and cyclists.
- In regional areas, single vehicles running off the road and head on crashes are the most common crash types. Approximately 61% of road fatalities and 35% of serious injuries occur on regional roads.
- If you are involved in a head-on crash, your risk of death and serious injury escalates if you are travelling at more than 70km/hr.
- If you are involved in a side impact crash, your chance of surviving death and serious injury is low if you are travelling at more than 50km/hr.
- If you are involved in a crash with a pedestrian, they are unlikely to survive death or serious injury if you are travelling at more than 30km/hr.
- If we continue with our current road safety efforts, it is estimated that 1623 people will die and a further 15,955 people will be seriously injured on our roads between 2020 and 2030.

How can we better protect road users and prevent crashes that result in death and serious injury? What changes are you willing to support to help make our roads safe? How can the system be changed to better protect all road users?

Visit <https://imaginezero.rsc.wa.gov.au/> to read the consultation paper and find out how you can have your say.

Human Spirit Road Safety Award: Margi Peet

The Kalbarri RoadWise Committee has recognised Margi Peet with a Human Spirit Road Safety Award for her contributions to the road safety effort in the Mid West region.

Margi has been a very active member of the Kalbarri RoadWise Committee since 2014, assisting in coordinating the bi-annual road trauma prevention days, advocating for speed reductions, as well as assisting with the registration reminder sticker project, Kal Kangaroo the Kalbarri road safety mascot initiative, and numerous other road safety activities in the community.

The Kalbarri RoadWise Committee will miss Margi as she leaves Kalbarri to broaden her horizons. On behalf of the road safety network, we wish Margi safe travels and the very best for the future.



Pictured above: Human Spirit Road Safety Award winner Margi Peet, with members of the Kalbarri RoadWise Committee.

Visit <https://www.roadwise.asn.au/human-spirit-awards.aspx> to find out more about the awards, or to download a nomination form to recognise a worthy recipient in your community.

Country Hockey Champions Back Fatigue Message

The taste of victory for teams competing in the 2019 Western Australian Men's and Women's Country Hockey Championships at Perth Hockey Stadium included a reminder about the need to prepare for travelling to and from sporting commitments.

Hockey WA, in partnership with WALGA's RoadWise, has promoted the need for associations, clubs, and individuals to plan ahead when travelling to and from sporting fixtures - whether it is local travel or the annual trip to Perth for the Country Hockey Championships.

"We as a sport have an obligation to promote road safety to our membership, to ensure positive road safety outcomes. The event partnerships with RoadWise give us an opportunity to highlight one of the real issues for regional people, that being driver fatigue," said Hockey WA Event Manager Shayley McGurk-Davey.

"Teams are travelling considerable distances to Perth and then returning after three days of hockey commitments. Whilst division winners take home the

silverware, it is important for all our participants and supporters to get home safely,” she said.

Remember to get plenty of rest the night before a trip. When travelling a long distance, take regular breaks - get out of the car, walk around to stimulate blood circulation, have a cup of coffee or tea, drink plenty of fresh water and have something to eat.



Pictured above: Geraldton Hockey Association was victorious in the Division 1 at the Men's Championships and Albany Hockey Association in the Division 1 of the Women's Championships.

To find out how you can get involved and help prevent death and serious injury on Wheatbelt South roads, contact Road Safety Advisor Rodney Thornton on mob: 0409 689 313 or email rthornton@walga.asn.au.

Snuggles Group Child Car Restraint Presentation

The Geraldton mothers and babies Snuggles Group recently got together to talk about the importance of correctly installed child car restraints.

It was an opportunity to learn about the safest positioning of restraints in a vehicle, laws around child car restraints and their safety benefits.

Questions on the day ranged from when to transition a baby from a baby capsule, when to move a child to a booster seat, and when a child can move to an adult seatbelt without a booster seat. The group also talked about assisting and informing extended family members about child car restraints when they need to drive around with young family members.



Pictured above: Road Safety Advisor Sam Adams (centre), with mums and babies from the Snuggles Group in Geraldton.

Contact Road Safety Advisor, Sam Adams on 0419 953 583 or email sadams@walga.asn.au to find out how your Local Government or organisation can implement targeted road safety initiatives or projects.

► Cambridge Black Spot Intersection Upgrade Complete

A challenging signals improvement at the Grantham Street-Harborne Street intersection in the Town of Cambridge is now complete.

The project, which commenced in 2018, was managed by the Town of Cambridge with support from Main Roads WA.

It involved extensive investigations and designs which initially pointed to a single diamond intersection. The improved benefits reflected the community's wishes and provided an effective signals modification which was mindful of safety and efficiency outcomes.

Community consultation and major service costs involved modifying the design to ban the right turn south bound along Harborne Street during the morning and evening peak periods. This also included a leading right hand turn which was a green right arrow for north bound Harborne Street motorists heading to freeway. Other benefits included a full pedestrian upgrade to parallel walks, flashing amber, and an upgrade to the street lights.

The project involved extensive traffic modelling, and ongoing meetings with Main Roads WA and consultants. The project was completed with the street light upgrades as the last component in April 2019. A camera will soon be installed as a measure to help enforce the correct driver behaviour.



Pictured above: The modified Grantham Street-Harborne Street intersection is now complete.

Visit the Town of Cambridge website at <https://www.cambridge.wa.gov.au/Town-Council/News> to read the [Cambridge News \(Issue 12\)](#) and find out more about the completed project.

Road Deaths Australia - Monthly Bulletin

The Bureau of Infrastructure, Transport and Regional Economics (BITRE) has released its latest monthly report.

This bulletin contains current counts and summaries of road crash deaths and fatal road crashes in Australia. It is produced monthly and published on BITRE's website on or around the 14th of each month. Data are sourced from the road traffic or police authorities in each jurisdiction.

Visit the BITRE website at www.bitre.gov.au to access the [monthly bulletin](#).

Tribute: John Kobelke

WALGA's RoadWise acknowledges the passing of City of Stirling Road Safety Advisory Group member, former Government of Western Australia Member of the Legislative Assembly (MLA) and former Minister responsible for road safety, John Kobelke.

Mr Kobelke was a well-respected and humble road safety advisory group member who was a fount of experience and knowledge, with a keen interest in community-level road safety.

Our thoughts are with Mr Kobelke's family and friends.

Road Safety Calendar

Each month, relevant events, seminars, professional development opportunities and awards will be listed as an easy reference for members of the road safety network.

Events, seminars and professional development opportunities

- Government of Western Australia Road Safety Community Grants - Event grant applications are assessed monthly and rounds close on the last Friday of every month at 5:00pm, <https://www.rsc.wa.gov.au/About/Community-Grants/Event-Grants>.
- Government of Western Australia Road Safety Community Grants - Project grant applications are assessed quarterly and close on the last Friday of September and December at 5:00pm, <https://www.rsc.wa.gov.au/About/Community-Grants/Project-Grants>.
- [2019 Australasian Road Safety Conference \(ARSC2019\)](#) - When: **25 to 27 September**, Adelaide Convention Centre complex, Adelaide.
- 11th International Conference on Managing Fatigue, Fremantle, **16-19 March 2020**, <http://managingfatigue2020.com/>.

- National Volunteering Conference, Perth - **18-20 March 2020**, <https://www.volunteeringaustralia.org/get-involved/events/nvc2018/>.

Road safety awards programs

- **Regional Achievement and Community Awards 2019** - The Western Australian Regional Achievement & Community Awards are designed to encourage, acknowledge and reward the valuable contributions individuals, communities and businesses are making throughout regional and rural Western Australia. The awards include the 'Insurance Commission of Western Australia Regional Safety Award'. Find out more information at <https://www.awardsaustralia.com/regional-achievement-community-awards/wa> - **Now open!**
- **Australasian College of Road Safety Awards 2019** - The Australasian College of Road Safety Awards continue the tradition of the original Australasian road safety awards and conferences by recognising and celebrating exemplary projects and people working hard across our region to save lives and reduce injuries on our roads. Find out more information at <http://theaustralasianroadsafetyawards.com.au/> - **Now open!**
- **Australian Road Safety Foundation, Road Safety Awards 2020** - The awards are designed to acknowledge the achievements of leading road safety stakeholders and provide an opportunity to formally recognise their commitment to improving road safety outcomes. Find out more information at <https://arsf.com.au/arsa/>.
- **WALGA Local Government Road Safety Awards 2020** - The Awards acknowledge outstanding achievements by Local Governments in the area of road safety, and recognise innovation in engineering countermeasures contributing to safe system implementation, along with local road safety partnerships and champions. Find out more information at <https://www.roadwise.asn.au/local-government-road-safety-awards.aspx>.

Event dates are also included on the WALGA RoadWise website event calendar at <https://www.roadwise.asn.au/events-calendar/>.

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