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Working Together to Deliver the WA Driver Reviver and Coffee Stop Programs

Last month, Main Roads WA, the WA Police Force, the Road Safety Commission and WALGA's RoadWise gathered to re-commit to the delivery of the WA Driver Reviver and Coffee Stop Programs by signing a Memorandum of Understanding.

Acknowledging the work being undertaken to deliver the Program was a key factor on the day, which saw a representative from each agency sign a Memorandum of Understanding outlining their role in the Driver Reviver and Coffee Stop Programs to support volunteers across the state who implement these programs locally.

The event also provided an opportunity to showcase the results being achieved by volunteers who operate Driver Reviver sites and Coffee Stop locations.



Pictured above: (left to right) Acting Commissioner, Road Safety Commission - Iain Cameron; CEO, WALGA - Ricky Burges; Acting Commander State Traffic, WA Police Force - Darren Seivwright; and Manager Road Safety, Main Roads WA - David Moyses.

For more information on both these programs, visit the RoadWise website: Driver Reviver - www.roadwise.asn.au/driver-reviver.aspx, Coffee Stop - www.roadwise.asn.au/coffee-stop.aspx.

New Child Car Restraint Type 1 Fitters in the Pilbara

WALGA RoadWise conducted a Type 1 Child Car Restraint Fitters Course in Karratha last month.

Participants, who came from Karratha, Roebourne and Tom Price, now have the skills and knowledge to educate and assist their communities about the safest way to transport their children.

The course is nationally accredited, containing both theoretical and practical components. On completion, participants become part of a state-wide network of qualified Type 1 Fitters and are given ongoing support including access to resources, advice and the opportunity for refresher training in the future.

A correctly fitted, appropriate child car restraint can reduce the risk of death or serious injury to a child in a crash.

Having more local people trained as Type 1 Fitters means more parents and carers can access advice and help to ensure their children are safely transported.



Pictured above: New Child Car Restraint Type 1 Fitters in the Pilbara; Chantelle from Tom Price checks a restraint during the training course.

For more information about road safety in the Pilbara, visit www.roadwise.asn.au. For more information about child car restraints visit www.childcarrestraints.com.au.

Certificates of Recognition to 10 Western Australians for Contributions to Road Safety

Road Safety Minister Michelle Roberts MLA and Road Safety Council Chair Iain Cameron presented Certificates of Recognition to 10 Western Australians for their contribution to road safety in the fields of health, community engagement, communications and education.

WALGA's own Terri-Anne Pettet (Manager, RoadWise) was recognised for her dedicated service to local and regional road safety initiatives over many years, and for her role as a long serving deputy member of the Road Safety Council.

The other recipients included:

- Professor Tarun Weeramanthri from the Department of Health
- Linley Crackel from the Department of Transport
- Roger Farley, Road Safety Commission Assistant Director Strategic Communications
- John Chortis who has served on the Road Safety Council as the primary representative for Planning since July 2011.

- Andrea Pitcher, Main Roads WA Customer Service Manager in the Gascoyne region and Secretary and Treasurer of the Carnarvon RoadWise Committee
- Sean Rose, Main Roads WA in the Kimberley region and active member of two Kimberley RoadWise Committees.
- Ann Rintoul - School Drug Education and Road Aware consultant for the Wheatbelt South region
- Rose Power, School Drug Education and Road Aware consultant and active member of the Shire of Northam RoadWise Committee.
- Graeme Watson, Principal of Comet Bay Primary School



Picture above: WALGA's Terri-Anne Pettet, the Road Safety Commission's Roger Farley and Department of Transport's Linley Crackel at the award presentation in Perth. Note: Regional recipients were presented with their awards locally.

Read more about the contributions of these road safety advocates by viewing the full news release at www.rsc.wa.gov.au/News-Media/Latest-News/August-2018/Western-Australian-road-safety-advocates-acknowled.

Congratulations to the 2018 Western Australian Regional Achievement and Community Awards Finalists and Semi-Finalists

The Awards recognise, encourage and reward the positive achievements of regional and rural Western Australians, including a dedicated Regional Safety Award category.

Congratulations to the 2018 Insurance Commission of Western Australia Regional Safety Award semi-finalists:

- Carnarvon Roadwise Committee
- Northam Local Drug Action Group
- City of Busselton (for the *Wheels in Motion* campaign)
- Constable Care Child Safety Foundation
- Please Slow Down Consider Our Kids
- Royal Perth Hospital, P.A.R.T.Y. Program
- Narembeen Community Resource Centre
- Wanneroo Driver Reviver Team
- Rotary Club of Geraldton

Category finalists were announced on Tuesday, 4 September, and include Narembeen Community Resource Centre, the Rotary Club of Geraldton and the Northam Local Drug Action Group.

Winners will be announced at the Gala Presentation Dinner on Friday, **19 October**.

Whilst a judging panel will decide the winners in each category of the Regional Achievement and Community Awards, the People's Choice Award gives the power to the people, to vote for their favourite Finalist. Visit <https://apps.facebook.com/my-polls/2018waracapoll> to vote for one of the Regional Safety Award finalists.

2018-19 State Black Spot Program Funding Announced

More than 100 safety upgrades worth \$25 million will be carried out on some of the State's most dangerous sections of road, under the 2018-19 State Black Spot Program.

Black spot funding will go towards improvements at 59 locations in the metropolitan area and 60 throughout regional Western Australia.

In the metropolitan area, projects range from an upgrade to the Guildford Road-King William Street intersection in Bayswater to shoulder improvements on Mundaring Weir Road in the City of Kalamunda.

Regional WA projects include shoulder widening on the Goldfields Highway in the Shire of Kalgoorlie-Boulder, and further safety features for a section of South Western Highway in the shires of Albany and Denmark.

The Black Spot Program is a joint State-Local Government initiative, with the State Government providing \$20 million and Local Governments funding the remaining \$5 million.

The program targets improvements to roads with a proven crash history and cost-effective treatments for high-risk intersections.

To find out more about the State Black Spot Program, visit the State Black Spot Program page of the [Main Roads WA](#) website.

Road Safety Forum Discusses Pedestrian Safety in Vincent

Perth MLA John Carey recently held a road safety forum with local community members in North Perth to discuss pedestrian safety issues along Charles Street.

Attended by more than 75 people, the aim of the forum was to provide the community with all the information available and the possible options to address safety concerns raised in regards to crossing Charles Street.

Main Roads WA and the City of Vincent had representatives attending to provide information about the road treatment options that would be available to address the concerns.

The forum produced a great range of discussion including how people move around the area and the most preferred option that would increase pedestrian safety. It was a good opportunity for the community to raise concerns and

receive information about how the possible options for upgrades could improve the road system to make the area safer for pedestrians.

People walking or riding are less protected and more likely to be killed or seriously injured in the case of a crash. Therefore we need to work towards making all parts of the system safe to eliminate death and serious injury.



Photo: Member for Perth, John Carey MLA along with Main Roads WA and City of Vincent representatives provided information about increasing pedestrian safety on Charles Street. Photo credit: Facebook, John Carey MLA.

Visit the City of Vincent's website at www.vincent.wa.gov.au/residents/environment-health/environmental-sustainability/travelsmart.aspx to find out more about the City's road safety and TravelSmart projects and initiatives.

Community Groups Collaborate to Curb Speeding

Community groups in the Shire of Murray have taken an active stand against speeding in their communities, through the acquisition of portable speed warning signs.

In June, South Yunderup Residents and Ratepayers Association Inc. (SYRRA) with the support of Coolup and North Pinjarra Progress Associations, North Yunderup Community Association and Ravenswood Community Group, secured over \$10,000 in funding from the Pinjarra Community Bank Branch of Bendigo Bank, as part of the Bendigo Bank Partnership Fund.

With additional funding from the Shire of Murray, the Community Safety and Crime Prevention Group were able to purchase two signs, which were installed along South Yunderup Road, in early September officially realising the commencement of the Bendigo Bank Speed Reduction Program.

The Bendigo Bank Speed Reduction Program was acknowledged as one of the top projects for community collaboration under the Bendigo Bank Partnership Fund.

The Community Safety and Crime Prevention Group will manage the deployment of the signs on an as needed basis.



Pictured above: Pinjarra Community Bank Branch of Bendigo Bank Customer Relationship Manager Natalie Myers (second from the left), with Community Safety and Crime Prevention Group members Shire of Murray Community Development Officer Kelly Shipway, Senior Sergeant Ian Francis and SYRRA Chairman Alastair Mckechnie at the location of the newly installed portable speed warning signs in South Yunderup. Photo credit: Josh Cowling.

Find out more about this community driven initiative by visiting the Shire of Murray's website at www.murray.wa.gov.au/.

▶ Black Spot Funding to Improve Three Intersections in the City of Stirling

The City of Stirling has received Federal Government Black Spot Funding to improve road safety at three of its intersections.

The intersections were identified for application for the program by local residents and the City of Stirling.

In Nollamara, a traffic island will be added to the intersection of Morley Drive and Constance Street to prevent right turns onto Morley Drive.

A new median strip will be installed at the intersection of Main and Hector Streets to prevent through traffic and increase road safety at this intersection.

In Hamersley, the left turn lanes on Beach Road will be extended. Local residents will be consulted by the City of Stirling before any roadworks go ahead.

The Black Spot Program provides funding to Local Governments to directly target improvements to the safety of roads with a proven crash history or high-risk locations.



Photo: The three intersections as they are currently (before works commence). Source: GoogleMaps, August 2018.

Find out more about the Australian Government Black Spot Program by visiting the [Main Roads WA](http://MainRoadsWA) website.

Road Safety at FeNaCING

Pilbara Heavy Haulage Girls (PHHG) were flying the road safety flag at the FeNaCING Festival in Karratha last month.

An active member of the Karratha RoadWise Group, PHHG Chief Executive Officer Heather Jones never gives up the chance to promote road safety and the recent FeNaCING Festival in Karratha was no exception.

A stand, made clearly visible by those distinctive pink trucks, contained a variety of messages aimed to help people safely share the roads with trucks and other road users.

People can also see the road safety flag flying outside the PHHG yard where Heather provided a free venue to hold last month's Child Car Restraint Type 1 Fitters Course as well as hosting the Karratha RoadWise Group meeting. Thanks Heather!



Pictured above: The road safety display at FeNaCING; PHHG CEO Heather Jones with RoadWise Program staff – flying the flag for road safety!

For more information on road safety in the Pilbara visit www.roadwise.asn.au. For more information on Pilbara Heavy Haulage Girls visit www.facebook.com/PHHGWA/?fref=ts.

Edith Cowan University (ECU) Open Days Target Safe Vehicles

The Cities of Joondalup and Stirling recently attended ECU Open Days at the Joondalup and Mount Lawley campuses, providing road safety information to young and novice drivers.

Safe vehicle choices and increased supervised driving were the focus at the City of Stirling display at the Mount Lawley Campus, with the message "safer vehicles save lives". Young drivers were encouraged to purchase the safest vehicle they could afford to help increase safety outcomes.

The Joondalup Campus Open Day featured the *Towards Zero* road safety display trailer, providing road safety information about safe vehicle choices, distraction, speed and drink driving.

The Campus Open Days were busy with future and current students, providing a great opportunity to discuss road safety with young and novice drivers.

Find out more about road safety for novice drivers by visiting www.rsc.wa.gov.au/Your-Safety/Safety-Topics/Novice-Drivers.

Armadale RoadWise Thanks First Responders

The City of Armadale RoadWise Advisory Committee thanked emergency services at a gathering last month.

More than 50 SES, Police, Fire Emergency and Ambulance Services first responders mingled with RoadWise Committee members at the event.

Armadale RoadWise Committee Chair, Councillor Kerry Busby said, "The first responders have an incredibly tough job being on the front line in emergency situations across metropolitan Perth, so they deserve our thanks and gratitude for the work that they do.

"For more than 20 years, the City has worked with RoadWise in collaboration with other road safety partners to assist with road safety issues."

The City of Armadale was one of the first Local Governments in Western Australia to form a community based RoadWise Committee. Committee members play an important role in contributing to saving lives and reducing road trauma in the community through education and raising awareness.



Pictured above: Committee Deputy Chair, Sandra Baraiolo and member Sharon Hampton with a WA Police representative; Committee member Sharon Knapp (centre) with SES representatives.

For more information about road safety in the City of Armadale, visit the City's page on the WALGA RoadWise website at www.roadwise.asn.au.

▶ Great Eastern Fatigue Stop Highlights Fatigue Dangers

A Fatigue Stop, held off the Great Eastern Highway in Meckering and organised by two Shire of Cunderdin Councillors, aimed to raise awareness of the dangers of driver fatigue.

Councillors Bernie Daly and Doug Kelly, along with Road Safety Advisor Cliff Simpson, set up at the caravan stop.

Visitors stopped for a free coffee and biscuit, as well as a chat about road safety. Two of the travellers were from South Korea, and as luck would have it, Cliff had a road safety booklet from the Road Safety Commission written in Korean - they were very impressed!

The "Guide to Driving on WA Roads" booklets were produced in nine languages by the Road Safety Commission and distributed to car hire companies in Perth and made available to visitor centres and roadhouses throughout WA by WALGA's RoadWise.



Pictured above: Road Safety Advisor Cliff Simpson with visitors to the Meckering Fatigue Stop.

Community organisations can order the booklets through the Road Safety Commission and find information for visitors to WA at www.rsc.wa.gov.au/Your-Safety/Safety-Topics/Visitors-to-WA.

▶ Drug Driving is Never Okay

The 2018 Avon River Festival saw volunteers from Northam Local Drug Action Group and the Shire of Northam RoadWise Committee engage with visitors on the subject of drug driving.

Forty-six visitors answered a drug-driving quiz as part of road safety activities at the festival. The first correct entry drawn was Trent Toovey, who received a \$50 fuel voucher.

The Shire of Northam RoadWise Committee received Government of Western Australia Road Safety Community Grant to support this event.



Pictured above: "Drive on drugs and you'll get caught" was the message on display at the Avon River Festival.

Search the hashtag #avonlocalsdrivingchange to find out more about road safety activities in the Avon region. The [Northam Local Drug Action Group](#) also has a new Facebook page - follow them to keep up with local initiatives by visiting www.facebook.com/LDAGInc/.

Mingenew Expo

The City of Greater Geraldton RoadWise Committee and Mid West Industry Road Safety Alliance combined efforts to provide an interactive stall at the 2018 Mingenew Expo.

The Expo provided the public with an opportunity to discuss road safety, participate in an educational safe load restraint competition and to pick up some valuable road safety information.

A poll was also available for the public to have their say about perceived dangerous driving in the Mid West region.



Pictured above: The City of Greater Geraldton RoadWise Committee and Mid West Industry Road Safety Alliance combined forces at the 2018 Mingenew Expo.

To find out more about local road safety initiatives in the Mid West region, email Road Safety Advisor Samantha Adams, sadams@walga.asn.au or call 0419 953 583.

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