

Welcome to the third edition of *In the Passenger Seat* for the year. With only three editions left, you would think we would have run out of things to say, nope! Here is another jammed pack edition for you. Enjoy!

TIP: Check out the [employment section](#) for job opportunities.

GOODBYE WINTER, HELLO SPRING



Picture: Sea Cliff Bridge | NSW

Many of our states had an amazing winter with places such as Gisborne and Riddells Creek within the Macedon Ranges spending the second last weekend in August covered in a blanket of snow.

State Emergency Services responded to more than 70 local calls for help as strong winds and freezing temperatures swept many of our states.



Gradually, spring is elbowing its way in and bringing with it plenty of reasons for people to hit the road and get active again. With sunny days, blue skies, blossoming trees and warm weather already starting to make an appearance, it's a great time to be on the road teaching.

While you're adjusting to a new season, remember your car is also trying to shake off the effects of a long winter. Considering how persistent the winter weather has been, it's understandable if you have fallen behind on your routine maintenance checks.

When the weather is lousy, most people are more inclined to simply assume that their engine's oil levels are OK or that their wipers will probably be OK for one more storm, and in extreme cases, that maybe the check-engine light will go out once it gets a little warmer.

It's time for some car-maintenance action, and with it comes a great opportunity to teach your learners about the importance of regular routine maintenance. Consider spending five minutes in a lesson, showing a student how to:



- > Check the oil
- > Check tyre pressures
- > Check the charge on your battery
- > Check your wiper blades
- > Check the tools and emergency equipment in the vehicle

While this is not a comprehensive list of items that should be routinely checked, this will provide your students with enough knowledge and inspiration to maintain their own vehicles.

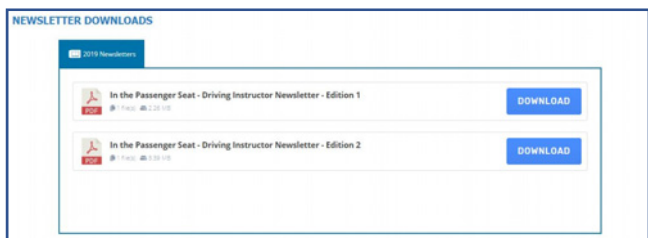


When it comes to carrying tools and emergency equipment, the list can be as extensive as you want, but a basic safety gear list includes:

- > Flashlight and extra batteries
- > A tool kit inclusive of screwdrivers, an adjustable spanner, pliers, duct tape etc.
- > Jumper cables or a portable jump starter
- > Reflective roadside triangles
- > A basic first aid kit
- > Paper version of your states road maps (in case your electronic system fails)
- > Specialised emergency tools such as a seatbelt cutter and window breaker

MISSED A PREVIOUS EDITION OF THIS NEWSLETTER, NO WORRIES!

If you missed any of the previous editions of this newsletter, simply click on the link below or visit the Intelligent Training Solutions website to download a free copy.



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INTELLIGENT TRAINING SOLUTIONS – NEW TRAINING CENTRE!



As of the 01st October 2019, Intelligent Training Solutions will have a brand-new Training Centre.

Our administration department and office will remain at our Riddells Creek location in Victoria, however, all our on-site training, including our Car and Heavy Vehicle Driving Instruction courses, student support and non-accredited training will be conducted at our new location.

We will also plan to host either a monthly or seasonal (winter, spring, summer and Autumn) catch-up and BBQ starting around 7pm for any driving instructor willing and able to drop in. More information on this will be available shortly.

If you are in the area and wish to visit us, you will be able to find us at 7/16a Keilor Park Drive, Keilor East, Victoria 3033

AUSTRALIAN TAX OFFICE SMALL BUSINESS NEWSROOM

This month from the Australian Tax Office

READY TO LODGE YOUR TAX RETURN?

Release 16th August 2019



It is not uncommon for many of us not to have lodged our 2017-2018 tax return, after all we are only two months into the new financial year!

If you are in the position of still needing to lodge your tax return, here is some information recently provided by the Australian Tax Office:

If you're considering lodging your own tax return, the ATO reminds you that:

- > Sole traders can lodge online with myTax – which you can also use to track the progress of your return
- > If you are a company, trust and partnership, returns can be lodged using standard business reporting (SBR) enabled software
- > Tax returns must be lodged by 31 October 2019 and finally;
- > Check your lodgment date if your business is a company as generally the lodgment and payment date for small companies is 28 February.

If you lodge your tax returns through a tax agent, you are reminded that:

- > You need to contact your tax agent before 31 October 2019
- > You need to confirm your due date with them
- > You should check that they are registered with the Tax Practitioners Board.

As always, double check what you report and claim, as well as your bank and contact

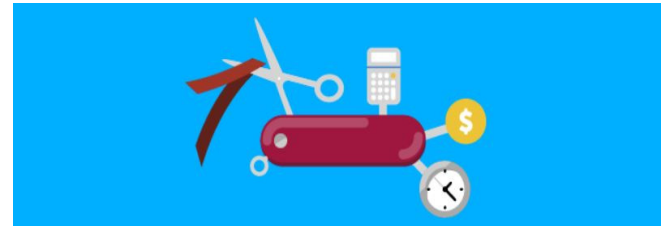
information before you lodge your return. It's your responsibility to get your tax right, even if you lodge with a registered tax agent.

SOURCE:

www.ato.gov.au/newsroom/smallbusiness

CONCESSIONS TO REDUCE YOUR TAX BILL

Release 15th August 2019



Be sure to check and see if you're eligible to use any of the ATO allowed concessions in your 2019 tax return:

Small business income tax offset

This offset can reduce your tax bill by up to \$1,000 if you run a business as a sole trader, partnership or trust, and it has a turnover of less than \$5 million. This is separate from the low and middle income tax offset, which you may also be eligible for.

Simply report your net small business income in your individual tax return. The ATO will then work out the offset amount you're eligible for and include it in your assessment.

Lower company tax rate

If you operate your business as a company, you may be eligible for the lower company tax rate of 27.5%.

Before using this rate, check whether your business is a 'base rate entity'. This depends on your company's aggregated turnover and how much of its incomes is passive

Deduction concessions

There are a range of concessions you can use to deduct expenses in full, that you would usually

have to deduct over several years. For example, the Instant asset write-off and concessions for start-up expenses.

SOURCE:

www.ato.gov.au/newsroom/smallbusiness

TOO SMART TO BE SCAMMED?

Release 28th August 2019



It's easy to think that you would never fall victim to a scam, and you could confidently spot one or know what to do if you were targeted. However, scammers are becoming increasingly sophisticated, working hard at this time of year to get as much information about you and your business in an attempt to commit tax fraud in your name.

To help you keep safe from scammers, the ATO wants you to know that they will never:

- > Threaten you with immediate arrest
- > Ask for payment via vouchers such as iTunes, Google Play or by cryptocurrency
- > Keep you on the line until payment is made
- > Ask you for payment of your tax debt into a bank account not held by the Reserve Bank of Australia.

Remember, do not reply to an email or confirm anything during a phone call if you are ever unsure whether an ATO interaction is genuine, instead call the ATO scam hotline on 1800 008 540 instead.

SOURCE:

www.ato.gov.au/newsroom/smallbusiness

SINGLE TOUCH PAYROLL



Australian Government
Australian Taxation Office

Single Touch Payroll

Update: August 2019

Just a quick reminder that the final date for small businesses to start reporting through STP or apply for a deferral is Monday 30th September 2019.

SOURCE: www.ato.gov.au/business/single-touch-payroll



FIRST AID COURSES FOR DRIVING INSTRUCTORS

CALL: 03 5415 0215

MAKE SURE YOU HAVE A VALID LOGBOOK

Release date: 30th August 2019



If you're providing your employees with a company car for either work or private use, under the operating cost method, make sure you have a valid logbook.

SOURCE: ATO Facebook Page

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GENERAL BUSINESS INFORMATION
AND REMINDERS

BAS DUE DATES FOR EACH QUARTER

Quarter	Due date
1. July, August and September	28 October
2. October, November and December	28 February
3. January, February and March	28 April
4. April, May and June	28 July

PL AND PI INSURANCE PROVIDERS

The following insurance brokers can quote you on PL and PI insurance.

FENTON GREEN & CO

T: 1800 642 747

W: <https://www.fentongreen.com.au/>

FOCUS INSURANCE

David can be contacted via the following methods:

E: david@focusinsurance.com.au

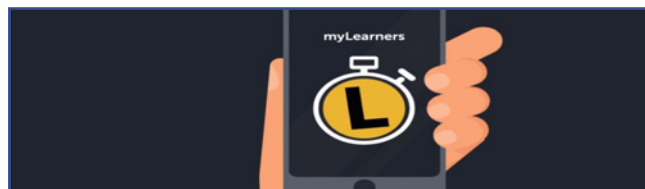
M: 0418 183 798

T: 03 9595 0224

Remember: You do not have to be a member of an association to gain access to PL and PI insurance cover.

VICROADS NEWS AND ROAD RULES UPDATES

myLearners COMMUNITY FACEBOOK PAGE



We don't have a lot of new information regarding the myLearners Community Facebook Page this month only to say that the page has continued to grow in July/August now with over 876 members. It is great to see so many familiar faces contributing to the page. The only disappointment has been the marketing of some driving schools to the public. Each to their own, however the page was clearly not created for that use.

If you are interested in joining this closed Facebook group, simply search for the 'myLearners Community' page on Facebook.



VICROADS: SPOTLIGHT ON DRIVING WITH TRAMS



Have you ever been confused about driving near trams in Victoria? It's important you know the rules when it comes to overtaking, merging and stopping near trams, just to name a few.

Tram rules for passengers



Here is a good conversation topic to have with your learner drivers.

Remind your learners, if they are getting on a tram, they must not cross the road until the tram has stopped at the tram stop.

If they are getting off a tram, a person must:

- > Cross the road to the nearest footpath, and
- > Not stay on the road for longer than necessary to cross the road safely.

Tram rules for tram drivers

The rules for tram drivers are published in Part 17 of the Road Safety Road Rules 2017.

The rules in detail

Some key road rules and reference numbers regarding trams are:

- > 76 – Keeping clear of trams travelling in tram lanes etc.
- > 84 – Giving way when driving through a break in a dividing strip
- > 137 – Keeping off a dividing strip
- > 155 – Tram lanes
- > 155A – Tramways
- > 160 - Passing or overtaking a tram that is not at or near the left side of a road

- > 161 - Passing or overtaking a tram at or near the left side of a road
- > 162 - Driving past a safety zone
- > 163 - Driving past the rear of a stopped tram at a tram stop
- > 164 - Stopping beside a stopped tram at a tram stop
- > 164A - Tram stopping beside a driver at a tram stop
- > 196 - Stopping at or near a tram stop
- > 233 - Crossing a road to or from a tram

Giving way to trams

When driving, you must:

- > Not move into the path of an approaching tram
- > Give way to a tram moving into or through a roundabout

Safety zones

You can ride or drive past a tram that is stopped at a safety zone. You must drive to the left of the safety zone at a speed that is safe for pedestrians who may be crossing the road.

A safety zone is a part of the road near a tram stop and is marked with a yellow 'Safety Zone' sign. Safety zones also have a traffic island and an area for pedestrians. This creates a barrier between the pedestrians and the vehicles on the road.

Tram stops

When there isn't a safety zone and the tram doors on your side of the road are open, you must stop at the rear of the tram until the doors close and the road is free of pedestrians.

Once the tram's doors are closed and all pedestrians have left the road, you can pass the tram. You are not allowed to drive faster than 10 km/h when passing a stopped tram which has its doors closed.

You must not park or stop within 20 metres leading up to a tram stop sign, unless there is a parking sign saying it's allowed.

Raised dividing strips

You are not allowed to drive over raised dividing strips which run beside some tram tracks.

You can drive through a break in the dividing strip but you must give way to any trams or vehicles travelling on the road you are entering.

Tramways

You are not allowed to drive in a tramway, unless you need to avoid an obstacle.

Tramways have:

- > overhead 'Tram Only' signs that show an picture of a tram and the word 'ONLY'
- > two solid yellow lines or raised dividing strips beside the tram tracks.

Tram lanes

You are not allowed to drive in a tram lane unless you need to:

- > avoid an obstacle
- > turn right, when you can drive in the lane for up to 50 metres.

Tram lanes have:

- > overhead 'Tram Lane' signs that show a picture of a tram and the word 'LANE'
- > a solid yellow line beside the tram tracks.

Some tram lanes operate all the time (full-time) while others are only part of time (part-time).

Part-time tram lane signs show the days and times that it is a tram lane. You are allowed to drive in these tram lanes at other times.

SOURCE: VicRoads Website

WORRIED ABOUT SOMEONE'S DRIVING?



Driving is a privilege, which brings responsibilities. One of those responsibilities is to ensure that you are capable of driving safely.

Ask your doctor for advice about the effect that any illness, disability or medical condition may have on your ability to drive safely, including any medicines you may be taking.

Failure to report a medical condition or disability may put your life and the lives of others at risk, and may also jeopardise your insurance cover.

SOURCE: VicRoads Website



VICROADS REGIONAL INSTRUCTOR NEWS



GEELONG-BACCHUS MARSH ROAD SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS

Travelling in and out of Lara just got a whole lot safer. The new roundabout at Geelong-Bacchus Marsh Road and Elcho Road is now complete, reducing the risk of crashes and improving access for the community.

The Victorian Government is investing \$1.4 billion into Towards Zero, a plan to achieve fewer than 200 deaths by 2020 and reduce serious injuries by 15% on Victoria's roads.

ALMOST 250 WIRE ROPE STRIKES RECORDED ON HUME HIGHWAY IN NORTH EAST



To date this year, wire rope barriers have been hit 247 times along the Hume Highway, potentially preventing 247 serious injuries or fatalities.

What are your thoughts on the wire rope barriers?

Do you think they work?

Let us know: editorial@its.edu.au

VICROADS HOLIDAY OPENING HOURS FOR 2019

Public Holiday	What services are not available
27th Sep 19 AFL Grand Final Friday	VicRoads Call Centre and all Customer Service Centres are closed.
30th Oct 19	VicRoads Bendigo Customer Service Centre will be closed
05th Nov 19 Melbourne Cup Day	VicRoads Centre and all Customer Service Centres are closed except for Bendigo .

25th Dec 19 Christmas Day	VicRoads Call Centre and all Customer Service Centres are closed.
26th Dec 19 Boxing Day	VicRoads Call Centre and all Customer Service Centres are closed.

VICROADS DRIVING INSTRUCTOR MEETINGS FOR 2019

Here is a list of known VicRoads driving instructor meetings. As an industry, it is extremely important to support and encourage these meetings.

Please remember to check with your local CSC noticeboard to confirm the time and location of your meeting has not changed before attending.

DATE	LOCATION	TIME
05 th Sep 19	Geelong	5.00pm
10 th Sep 19	Sale	3.30pm
11 th Sep 19	Burwood East	5.00pm
18 th Sep 19	Broadmeadows	5.00pm
03 rd Oct 19	Melton	5.00pm
09 th Oct 19	Heatherton	5.00pm
16 th Oct 19	Bundoora	5.00pm

VICROADS ROADSMART PROGRAM

ROADSMART ACCREDITED OFF-ROAD PROVIDERS

- > **Intelligent Training Solutions Pty Ltd**
PH: 03 5415 0209 or 1300 585 866
W: <https://www.its.edu.au>
E: roadsmart@its.vic.edu.au
- > **Icon Drive Services**
PH: 0414 950 833 (Rita Waters)
W: <http://icondrive.com.au/>
E: info@icondrive.com.au
- > **ADTAV**
PH: (03) 9887 8074 (Jenny Ravlic)
W: www.adtav.org.au
E: info@adtav.org.au

The accredited providers listed above have off-road training venues utilised by the Road Smart program for the delivery of the practical driving component. If you are interested in working on this program, contact the accredited providers listed above.

VICROADS TESTING CENTRES

WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!

Your contribution to this section will determine its success. If you have any information about your local VicRoads office that would be beneficial for visiting or local instructors to know, please email us at editorial@its.edu.au

Your VICROADS testing offices are:

- VicRoads Ararat
- VicRoads Bairnsdale
- VicRoads Ballarat
- VicRoads Benalla
- VicRoads Bendigo
- VicRoads Broadmeadows
- VicRoads Bundoora
- VicRoads Burwood
- VicRoads Carlton
- VicRoads Cobram
- VicRoads Colac
- VicRoads Dandenong
- VicRoads Dromana
- VicRoads Echuca
- VicRoads Frankston
- VicRoads Geelong
- VicRoads Hamilton
- VicRoads Heatherton
- VicRoads Hoppers Crossing
- VicRoads Horsham
- VicRoads Kyneton
- VicRoads Leongatha
- VicRoads Melton
- VicRoads Mooroolbark (Appointments Only)
- VicRoads Morwell
- VicRoads Pakenham
- VicRoads Portland
- VicRoads Sale
- VicRoads Seymour
- VicRoads Shepparton
- VicRoads Swan Hill
- VicRoads Wangaratta

- VicRoads Warragul
- VicRoads Warrnambool
- VicRoads Werribee (Appointments Only)
- VicRoads Wodonga

If we have missed any testing stations in this list, please let us know. This newsletter is run by volunteers and its accuracy maintained by its contributors.

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VICTORIAN SCHOOL TERM DATES FOR 2019

Victoria School Term Dates for 2019		
School Holidays	Starts	Finishes
Term 3	15 July 19	20 Sep 19
Term 4	7 Oct 19	20 Dec 19

NEW SOUTH WALES SCHOOL TERM DATES FOR 2019

New South Wales – School Term Dates 2019		
School Holidays	Starts	Finishes
Term 3	23 July 19	27 Sep 19
Term 4	14 Oct 19	18 Dec 19

SOUTH AUSTRALIA SCHOOL TERM DATES FOR 2019

South Australia School Term Dates for 2019

School Holidays	Starts	Finishes
Term 3	22 July 19	27 Sep 19
Term 4	14 Oct 19	13 Dec 19

QUEENSLAND SCHOOL TERM DATES FOR 2019

Queensland School Term Dates 2019

School Holidays	Starts	Finishes
Term 3	15 July 19	20 Sep 19
Term 4	08 Oct 19	13 Dec 19

WHAT YOU MAY HAVE MISSED ON FACEBOOK THIS MONTH



It was great reading through all the August posts on Facebook this month on the Driver Trainers of Australia Facebook page.

With 25 instructors, contributing to 69 posts (+ countless comments) in the month of August, it was great to see such a balance of humor, shared industry information and support being posted with industry information being shared from around Australia!

For those of you not a part of the **Driver Trainers of Australia** Facebook group, here are some of the posts you may have missed through the month of August.

PLEASE NOTE: We have removed the identity of the people who posted these comments.



Visual storyteller · 4 August

When using a fast-food outlet's drive-thru service, can I use my phone to pay?

The Victorian police say:
The moment you've all been waiting for...

A: No. Using a handheld mobile phone while driving carries a \$484 fine and accrue 4 demerit points. ♦ If you intend to use your mobile phone to pay at the drive-thru window, apply the hand brake, switch the engine off and then access your mobile phone. In doing so, you are not considered driving....
See more

Victoria Police created a poll.
2 August at 13:13

When using a fast-food outlet's drive-thru service, can I use my phone to pay?
♦♦ Stay tuned for the answer later this afternoon

65% YES
35% NO

This poll ends in 4 days Undo Vote 48.5K Votes
781 reactions 3.2K comments 262 shares

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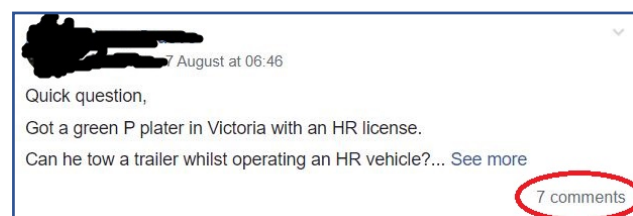


Visual storyteller · 6 August at 08:45



ABC.NET.AU
Laws banning mobile payments at takeaway drive-throughs spark motorist rage

3 comments



Visual storyteller · 7 August at 06:46

Quick question,
Got a green P plater in Victoria with an HR license.
Can he tow a trailer whilst operating an HR vehicle?... See more

7 comments



INTERESTING OBSERVATION

In the month of July, the Driver Trainers of Australia Facebook page had a total of **51** threads posted by its members. In the month of August, the page saw an increase with a total of **69 posts**... well done to the Driver Trainers of Australia Facebook page!

Remember, this group is open to all driving instructors across Australia. If you are interested

in joining this group, simply search for the 'Driver Trainers of Australia' on Facebook.



KEYS2DRIVE SOCIAL NEWS



AUGUST 2019.

Unfortunately, our key2drive news is a little light this month.

We have reached out to the Keys2drive administration team with hope we will have something to report in the October edition.

More information about the program can be found by visiting the [L2P page](#).

WHO CAN BECOME A KEYS2DRIVE ACCREDITED DRIVING INSTRUCTOR?

Any accredited driving instructor can register themselves to become an accredited Keys2Drive trainer. There is NO charge to complete the registration training and the whole course is completed online. From start to finish, the entire accreditation process should ideally take 3 to 6 weeks depending on the individual.

For more information on becoming accredited with Keys2Drive visit their website: <https://www.keys2drive.com.au/how-to-get-accredited> or call them on 1800 696 929.

COMMERCIAL PASSENGER VEHICLES VICTORIA (CPVV) NEWS

UPDATE TO MUTUAL RECOGNITION

The CPVV this month have introduced some welcome changes to their Mutual Recognition process. New South Wales commercial passenger vehicle drivers can now apply for mutual recognition in Victoria.

Driving instructors holding the equivalent of Victoria's Driving Instructor Authority (DIA) from another state or territory in Australia, or New Zealand, are also eligible to apply for mutual recognition.

WHO'S DRIVING YOU HOME?

The CPVV have warned drivers that if they want to earn extra funds by offering illegal lifts for cash, to think twice. In the last week of August, the CPVV issued fines to 17 drivers totalling close to \$34,000.

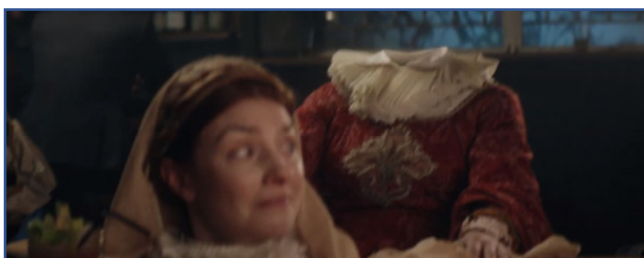
TRANSPORT ACCIDENT COMMISSION (TAC) NEWS

ROAD SAFETY HITS SILVER SCREEN WITH AFTER LIFE BAR DEBUT

A budding Victorian filmmaker's short film has debut on the silver screen thanks to the Transport Accident Commission.

The TAC has partnered with the Melbourne International Film Festival for the second year to present the Split Second Film Competition.

This year's winner, RMIT screenwriting student Alyssa De Leo, received \$50,000 to produce the film with a leading production company, giving her a taste of the film industry.



The film, titled *After Life Bar*, will premiere at the MIFF Opening Night Gala and will featured in all MIFF screenings.

TAC Engagement Senior Manager Megan Jacobs said the Split Second competition allowed crucial road safety messaging to reach a wide range of audiences.

"We've had a tragic start to the year on our roads, so it's particularly vital that we're connecting to as many Victorians as we can," Ms Jacobs said.

"This year's winning film also shares that message in a clever and innovative way while encouraging audiences to think about their own behaviours," she said.

"Partnering with MIFF means we're reaching the thousands of people who attend hundreds of screenings throughout the festival and appealing to them to support road safety."

Alyssa's film uses comedy to encourage audiences to think about the dangers of using a mobile phone while driving and also acts a reminder for people to turn off their phones during the movie.

The film will also head out to regional Victoria with MIFF's regional road show featuring before more than 500 films in total.

The Split Second Film Competition is open to Victorians between 18 and 25. Ms Jacobs said the competition was an opportunity to get young people thinking about driving.

"Young Victorians are some of our most vulnerable road users and asking them to be an active part of the conversation will encourage them to make safe decisions on the roads," she said.

The competition is part of the Victorian Government's \$146 million Young Driver Safety Package.

THERE'S A TIME AND PLACE FOR WORK, TEXTS AND EMAILS

There's a time and place for work texts and emails, and it's not in your car. Driving requires every bit of concentration, so the work can wait.

Do you use your driving time as phone call time?



SOURCE: [TAC Facebook Page](#)



INDUSTRY NEWS FROM AROUND AUSTRALIA!

VIC NEWS: IMPACT OF MAJOR INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS ON COMMUNITY ROADS



Written by Cameron Gutterson

On the 15th August 2019, Alex Mueller and Cameron Gutterson from Intelligent Training Solutions attended the Australian College of Road Safety's presentation on the 'Impact of Major Infrastructure Projects on Community Roads.

It is easy within our busy schedules to not make time for events like this or to even justify membership to an organisation like the ACRS. However, it was not difficult for Alex and I to identify why attendance at these meetings is worthwhile and why, after reading this article, we ask you to consider your own involvement in any road safety group.

As an example, on this day, the focus centred around the construction of a roundabout in South Melbourne. Admittedly, it would be easy to ask oneself, why or how would a bunch of people speaking about a roundabout help a driver trainer? And dismiss attendance?

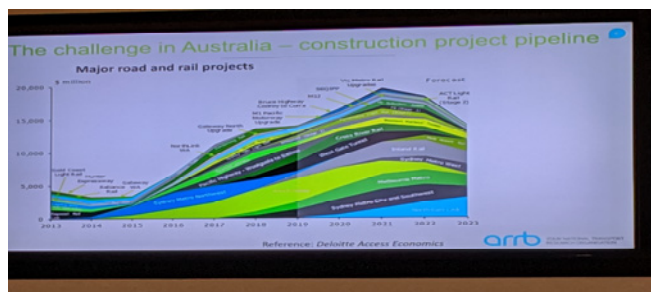
The fact is, it was interesting to hear about the results of various studies, findings and the like regarding the reconstruction process involved in a project like the one highlighted for this

presentation. Personally, it was rewarding to identify while listening and learning from the presenters, how their information will eventually filter through to the benefit trainee driving instructors and other students participating in our various courses, no matter what age, experience, licence or learner permit they hold.

Regarding your role as a driver trainer, training learner drivers, this is what we believe is the benefit and correlation for you.

As we know, too often, roadworks and new road infrastructure are interpreted by drivers as nothing more than an inconvenience, a change for the worse and a waste of public money.

We know that learner drivers are exposed to this negative attitude early on from their adult driving family members and friends. We know that before having any notable driving experience behind the wheel, a learner driver can develop and demonstrate poor driver psychology and behaviour when using new road infrastructure, not unlike their older more experienced drivers.



Unfortunately, despite the efforts of all involved, this poor psychology results in the safety benefits of the road development being undermined or negated by poor driver compliance and behaviour.

As driver trainers influencing inexperienced drivers, it is incumbent on us to lead the way. We need to demonstrate a deeper understanding of why road infrastructure projects have occurred and understand the rationale behind the decisions. We must promote a willingness to embrace new infrastructure.

So many of us work each day educating and influencing people who we will eventually share the road with.

Highlighting the benefits, identifying the reasons why, and training how to negotiate any new infrastructure correctly is a direct safety benefit for all involved.

At a community level, influencing our clients to embrace new safety infrastructure via a better understanding helps all involved, and cultivates the possibility of them educating their friends and family. At an individual level, you will present as a professional trainer, joined to an industry capable of playing a road safety role beyond teaching people on how to pass a driving test. That's a win, win for all of us.

SOURCE: Intelligent Training Solutions PTY LTD

QLD NEWS: DRIVER BEHAVIOUR NOT ALTERED BY ROADSIDE MEMORIALS – OTAGO STUDY



Dr Vanessa Beanland
University of Otago

Roadside memorials may be controversial, but a University of Otago study has found they have very little impact on driver behaviour or perception of road safety

Lead author Dr Vanessa Beanland, of the Department of Psychology, says the topic of roadside memorials is important because of the high number of deaths occurring on our roads – the World Health Organisation estimates the global figure to be 1.35 million each year.

“We often think of road deaths solely in terms of the person who dies, but those deaths have tremendous impact on the people left behind – loved ones, and anyone else involved in the collision and aftermath. Some of these people find comfort in establishing memorials, whereas others find it upsetting to have regular reminders of what happened. Likewise, governments around the world vary in their policies – some prohibit roadside memorials, whereas others

have used them to create road safety campaigns," she says.

While views on roadside memorials are mixed, there is almost no scientific research examining whether roadside memorials are distracting or whether they influence safety-related behaviours.

In order to address the gap, Dr Beanland and Rachael Wynne, of the University of the Sunshine Coast, Australia, recruited 40 drivers to determine if roadside memorials divert drivers' attention away from the road, and whether they affect their judgements of how safe a road is and what speed they should drive at.

The drivers watched videos of road scenes, with and without memorials, and had their eye movements to the side of the road, and speed reduction and perceived risk ratings monitored.

The results, published in the journal *Cognitive Research: Principles and Implications*, showed memorials captured visual attention but the fixations were relatively brief (about 400 milliseconds). Dr Beanland says such short glances away from the road are common and not considered unsafe.

Despite a common belief that roadside memorials provide a useful safety message to take care at that specific point, the study also found they actually had no impact on participants' perceived safety of a road or on their chosen speed.

"Our results show that roadside memorials frequently capture attention, but this doesn't necessarily result in an observable change in behaviour. This makes sense because there are so many other factors that influence our driving behaviour," she says.

The majority of study participants supported permanent roadside memorials, though some argued for their size and location to be regulated. A small number strongly opposed memorials on the belief they were distracting or emotionally distressing.

Read the [Original Story](#) here.

SOURCE: ACRS

TASMANIA NEWS: POLICE TAKE PART IN NATIONAL DAY OF ACTION FOR RURAL ROAD SAFETY



Tasmanians are more likely to die and suffer serious injuries from crashes on rural roads compared to urban areas, according to statistics released by the police.

Crashes on rural roads accounted for 62 per cent of all incidents, with 1069 recorded over the past five years.

Tasmania Police highlighted these figures on Tuesday as part of a national day of action for rural road safety

"Enough is enough," Senior Sergeant Darren Woolley said.
"There are people that are dying on our roads that don't need to die."

Senior Sergeant Woolley urged drivers to slow down, drive to the conditions, pay attention, wear a seat belt and not to drive when tired.

"And don't drive after drinking or if you've taken drugs. It's not just your life at risk," he said.
Tasmania Police will conduct rural road safety operations across the state on Tuesday as part of the day of action.

Senior Sergeant Ben Duffey said police could be "anywhere, anytime in any vehicle".

"So please drive safety - not just today but every day," he said.

FATIGUE MANAGEMENT WHAT DO YOU TEACH?

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VIC NEWS: POLICE MINISTER LISA NEVILLE REVEALS PLAN TO HALT SHOCKING ROAD TOLL



Better quality speed cameras and improved mobile phone detection are two areas the Government is focusing on to reduce the state's soaring road toll. Residents got to take their road safety concerns directly to Police and Emergency Services Minister Lisa Neville last night as part of a regional road safety forum

Ten people have been killed on Greater Geelong roads so far this year, including six drivers, two pedestrians, one passenger and one motorcyclist — six more fatalities than the same time last year. The latest fatality occurred yesterday afternoon in Ms Neville's Bellarine electorate after a car crashed into a house at St Leonards.

Ms Neville, who opened last night's Towards Zero Regional Road Safety Forum at GMHBA Stadium, said the Government remained committed to tackling the increasing rates of death and injury on our roads.

"Every morning I receive an email — about 7.30am — giving me the updated details of lives lost on our roads," she said. "This morning (Wednesday) the total lives lost was 185 — that's 61 more than last year. It's been a horrible year with an increase of around 50 per cent on the same time last year. So that's 185 people who won't join their families or friends this year at Christmas."

Ms Neville said this year's deaths have been overwhelmingly on regional roads with the vast majority in the Western District — about 40 per cent. She said enforcement was a major contribution in changing driver behaviour. This included an increased investment in this year's Budget on better quality speed cameras. She said the Government was also looking at improved mobile phone use detection, which could save 60 lives a year and 260 serious injuries.

Ms Neville said Australia still allowed 1-star rated cars into the country and our regulatory system was not as robust as overseas. "We have to make sure our kids have safe cars, not cheap old first cars," she said. "There's no question that speed is a major contributor, we need to make sure speeds reflect the conditions. We need to make sure that we design and plan roads with road safety in mind. We know that the wire rope barriers have also saved lives."

Ms Neville said Geelong Highway Patrol had been given two new members and more were coming. Extra operations were also planned targeting hoon driving, drink-driving, and increased targeting of mobile phone use and speeding

SOURCE: ACRS

SOUTH AUSTRALIA NEWS:

Using a mobile phone while driving is not the killer it's claimed to be, new research suggests,

and the most fatal risks are usually legal in SA. Mobile phone use while driving kills less people than motorists telling off the kids or picking something up from the floor of the car, according to new research.

Adelaide University has studied 186 fatal and injury crashes in South Australia in which "in-depth" data was kept by investigators between 2014 and 2018. Mobile phones could only be blamed for four of the 50 deaths and injuries in which "distraction or inattention" was a cause. Three of those cases included motorists using mobiles in "hands free mode", which is legal.

Research author Lisa Wundersitz said many distractions are ignored because they are legal. "A passenger can distract you, or you are reaching for your bag or something is on the ground. These are all small things which you think are no big deal," she said.

The report also found seven crashes involved distracting thoughts like stress; three involved work or home tasks; and day dreaming accounted for one crash. Ms Wundersitz said 77 per cent of the distractions were caused by a conscious bad decision and could be prevented.

The findings come after police handed out almost 500 fines in just five days to distracted drivers, such as motorists using a mobile phone, during a statewide crackdown this month.

The RAA's 2019 driver behaviour survey of 532 motorists also showed 96 per cent of respondents have seen a driver illegally using a mobile phone. Fines for using a mobile phone behind the wheel increased from \$200 to \$534 on July 1. Up to 74 people have died in 71 fatal crashes on SA roads this year alone.

SOURCE: ACRS

WA NEWS: PERTH'S TRIAL TO SWITCH OFF RED TURNING LIGHTS AT NIGHT ABANDONED DUE TO SPIKE IN CRASHES

A trial investigating whether red right-turn arrows along busy Perth roads should be turned off at night has been abandoned early following an

increase in crashes. Main Roads commenced the trial in late 2015 in an attempt to reduce traffic delays and end the driver frustration that came with sitting at a red turning light when no cars were around.

Right-hand turning lights were switched off between 9pm and 6am at 14 intersection locations across Perth including six along Canning Highway, three on Orrong Road, two on Karrinyup Road, and one on South Street, Morley Drive and Guildford Drive.



Perth's red light turning arrow trial has been aborted early after an increase in crashes. MARTA PASCUAL JUANOLA

An interim report in 2016 looking into the impact of the first four trial locations along Canning Highway estimated traffic flow in the area had improved by 24 per cent, with vehicles travelling westbound less impeded by red lights allowing opposing vehicles to turn right. It also showed drivers waiting to turn right had their wait time halved.

However, an evaluation of the trial to the end of 2018 - obtained by *WA today* - revealed right turn crashes at the selected intersection locations had increased from zero to nine - with four crashes resulting in casualties, one being serious. The July 2019 report found the odds of having a casualty crash at a traffic light with the turning arrow turned off was 11 times more likely than if the intersection was controlled by a turning light.

The result prompted Main Roads to abort the trial early and for the traffic light signals to be returned to normal, despite the agency only

collecting three out of five years' worth of traffic data.

The agency estimated if it had continued and collected five years of data as planned, an estimated total of 22 avoidable crashes would have occurred.

"This study results showed a statistically significant increase in right turn crashes during non-peak hours after the introduction of right turn partial filtering," the evaluation concluded. "At this stage, from a road safety perspective, there is no evidence that supports expansion or continuation of the trial as it would expose road users to greater risk in the future, including of serious injury. Therefore, despite a small crash sample size and short post-trial exposure, it is recommended that traffic signal operations at trial locations are reverted to original configuration."

Transport Workers Union state secretary, Tim Dawson, said traffic congestion was an ongoing issue for road users, but agreed with the state government's decision to pull the trial.

"We appreciate that the trial was done, but any statistics that show that road safety is going in the wrong direction, then we'd be very wary about governments implementing any changes," he said. "The pressure that congested roads and too many traffic lights put on truck drivers, we'd definitely like to see that improved on any road network. But we don't want to see changes where those changes may well make the roads more dangerous, it needs to be done in a measured way and it needs to be done with the right infrastructure around it."

Current road laws mean a right-turning traffic light must be in place if an intersection has more than 200 vehicles passing through an hour, for more than four hours a day; or if an intersection has a speed limit 80km/h or greater, or more than three opposing traffic lanes.

Main Roads media manager Dean Roberts said the agency would continue to look for alternative ways to reduce congestion following the failed trial.

"Main Roads is addressing congestion with major expenditure on the likes of Mitchell and Kwinana Freeways and the Tonkin Highway – and more investment is planned on these and other key routes into the future with the development of Smart Freeways, the Karel Avenue upgrade and the Roe Highway-Kalamunda Road intersection upgrade to name a few," he said.

"In parallel to these major infrastructure improvements, Main Roads continuously looks to improve the operation of the road network through low to medium cost performance improvements. These includes Main Roads' Traffic Signal Timing Improvement Project, which is has been running for a few years and systematically reviews traffic signal timings on all state roads to improve travel times and reliability."

NATIONAL ROAD SAFETY STRATEGY – PROGRESS REPORT – KEY TARGETS NOT BEING MET



The attached AAA (Australian Automobile Association) media release / report came across our desk. In this report the AAA identifies that nearly all state and territories (accept the ACT) will fail in meeting their road trauma reduction targets as set by the NRSS (National Road Safety Strategy).

NATIONAL ROAD SAFETY STRATEGY PROGRESS REPORT



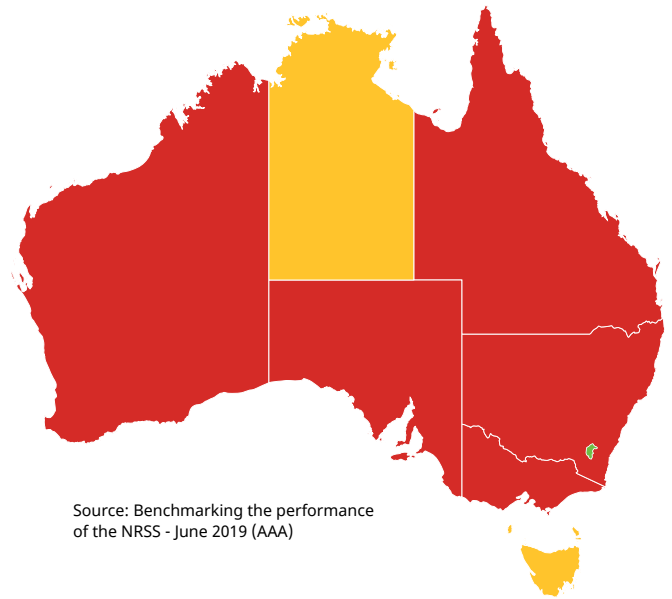
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IMPLEMENTATION FAILURE

Australia is failing to meet the road trauma reduction targets set by the Commonwealth, State and Territory governments as a part of the National Road Safety Strategy (NRSS).

Latest data shows there has been little improvement since the Strategy began. Australians are still being killed or seriously injured on our roads at an alarming rate, and many road safety measures are worse today than they were when the NRSS was established nearly a decade ago.

The most recent report tracking the Australian Government's implementation of the NRSS - current to the end of 2017 only - confirms that most of the Strategy's safety performance targets will not be met. Even worse, many still cannot be measured.



Source: Benchmarking the performance of the NRSS - June 2019 (AAA)

- Target unlikely to be met
- Target not on track to be met
- On track

KEY TARGETS NOT BEING MET

REDUCE FATALITIES 30%	NOT ON TARGET <div style="border: 2px dashed red; padding: 5px; text-align: center; color: red; font-weight: bold; font-size: 1.2em;">FAIL</div>	<p>Progress towards this target is poor. 635 people died on Australian roads in the first six months of 2019 – this is a 14% increase on the same period last year.</p>
REDUCE SERIOUS INJURIES 30%	STILL NOT MEASURED <div style="border: 2px dashed red; padding: 5px; text-align: center; color: red; font-weight: bold; font-size: 1.2em;">FAIL</div>	<p>There is still no national measurement of serious injury from road crashes, meaning this target cannot be evaluated. This same problem exists for several other targets.</p>
IMPROVE VEHICLE SAFETY NO TARGET SET	NO TARGET SET <div style="border: 2px dashed red; padding: 5px; text-align: center; color: red; font-weight: bold; font-size: 1.2em;">FAIL</div>	<p>The strategy includes some safety performance indicators, such as the average age of the vehicle fleet, for which no target is yet specified. Without a target it is impossible to evaluate progress, even where data is available.</p>



High level outcomes

	2008-10 BASELINE	2017 STATUS*	2020 TARGET**
	3 YR. AVERAGE		30% REDUCTION
Number of deaths resulting from road crashes	1,426	1,226 -14.0%	998
Number of road crashes resulting in deaths	1,297	1,130 -12.9%	908
Number of deaths per 100,000 population	6.6	5.0 -25.4%	4.6
Number of deaths per 100 million vehicle kilometres travelled	0.63	0.48 -24.2%	0.44
Number of deaths per 10,000 registered vehicles	0.91	0.65 -28.3%	0.64
Number of serious injuries resulting from road crashes		STILL NOT MEASURED	

Safety performance indicators

Safe roads

Number of deaths from head-on crashes	271	223 -17.8%	190
Number of deaths from single-vehicle crashes	651	521 -19.9%	456
Number of deaths from intersection crashes	301	269 -10.6%	211
Number of deaths from crashes on metropolitan roads	515	432 -16.1%	361
Number of deaths from crashes on regional roads	766	705 -7.9%	536
Number of deaths from crashes on remote roads	136	82 -39.6%	95

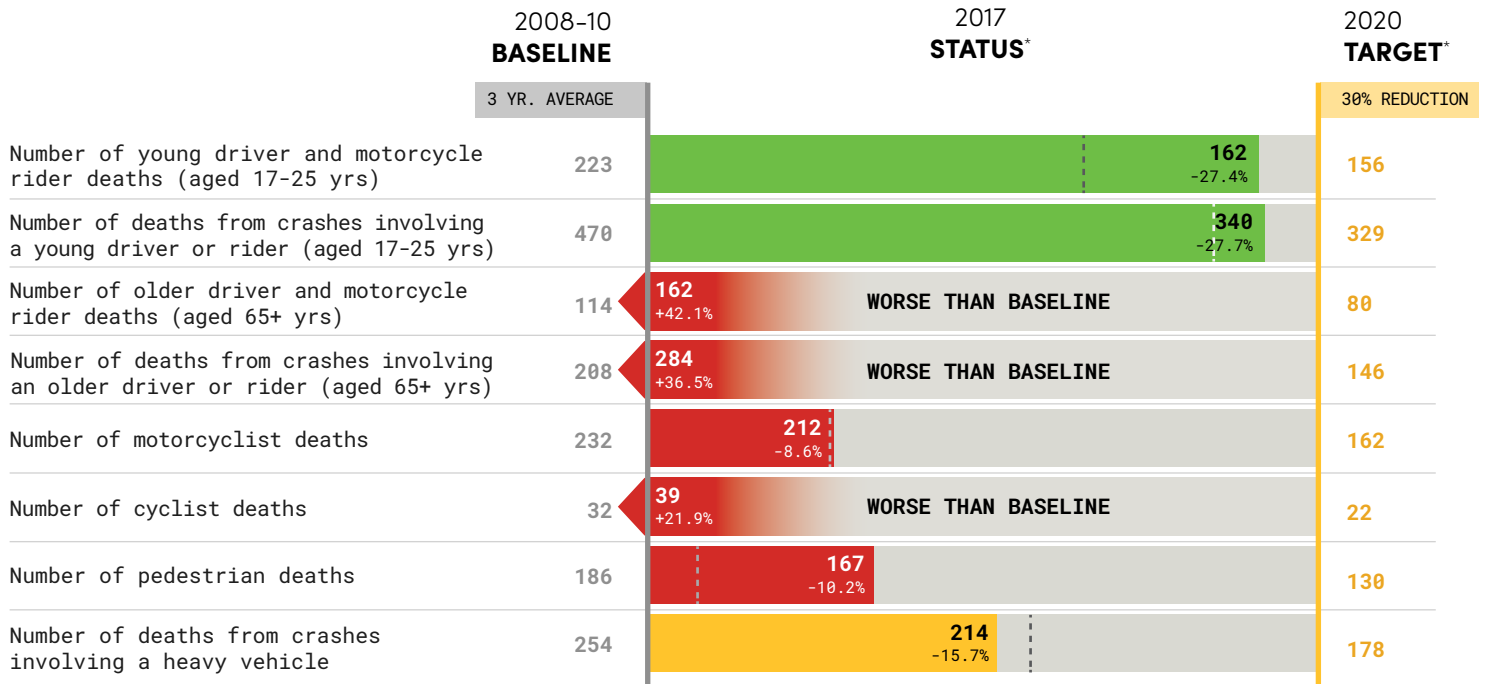
Safe speeds

Number of deaths from crashes where speed was a contributory factor		STILL NOT MEASURED	
Mean free speeds at designated sites across the network		STILL NOT MEASURED	
Percentage of vehicles speeding by vehicle type and offence category		STILL NOT MEASURED	

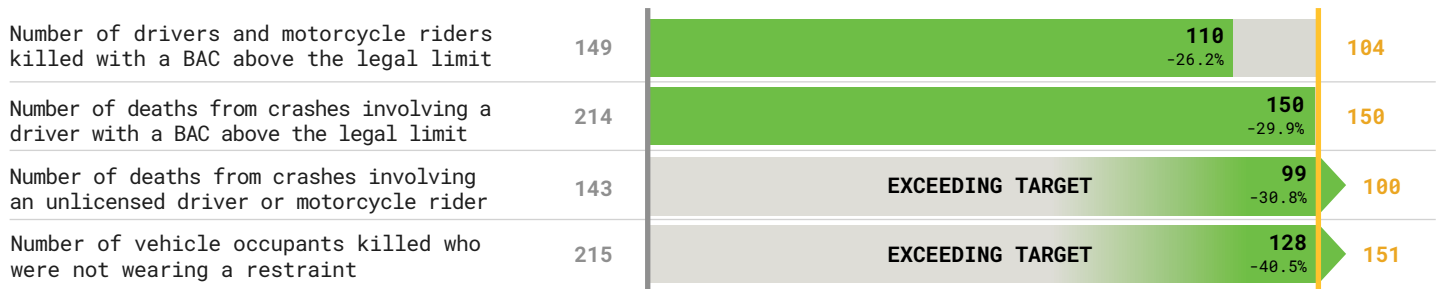
Safe vehicles

Average age of the Australian vehicle fleet (years)	10	10.1	NO TARGET
Average age of passenger vehicles	9.7	9.8	NO TARGET
Percentage of new light vehicles sold with a 5-star ANCAP rating	56% [^]	91%	NO TARGET
Percentage of new vehicles sold with key safety features		STILL NOT MEASURED	

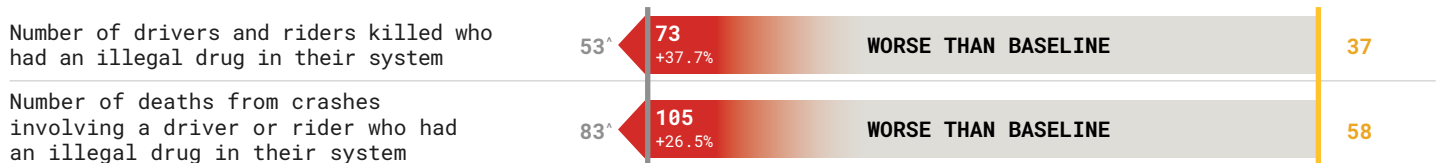
Safe people - responsible road use



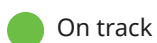
Safe people - irresponsible road use



Safe people - irresponsible substance use



Indicators^{^^}



On track



Target not on track to be met



Target unlikely to be met



Progress not measured/
target not set

2016
status

* Data sourced from the latest available National Road Safety Strategy 2011-2020 Implementation Status Report (published November 2018)

** Where Safety Performance Indicators relate to road fatalities and injuries, a 30 per cent reduction target has been assumed in line with the NRSS target of reducing Australia's annual number of road deaths and serious injuries by at least 30 per cent by 2020.

[^] Baseline calculated from 2010 data only

^{^^} Progress has been sourced from the National Road Safety Strategy 2011-2020 Implementation Status Report (published November 2018). Progress classifications are defined as **RED** less than 15% reduction on the baseline year; **AMBER** 15-25% reduction on the baseline year; **GREEN** >25% reduction on the baseline year.

THE WAY FORWARD

WE NEED A COMPREHENSIVE RESPONSE

Almost one year has passed since the Australian Government received a report of the Inquiry into the NRSS – an Inquiry commissioned by the Government to review the effectiveness of the NRSS and identify priorities for improvement. The Government is yet to provide a meaningful response and the AAA implores the Government to fulfil its commitment to provide a comprehensive implementation plan for the Inquiry's 12 recommendations.

THE CLOCK IS TICKING

635 people were killed on Australian roads in the first six months of 2019 – this is a 14% increase on the same period last year. Every month we delay in accelerating an appropriate response must be recognised as contributing to preventable deaths and injuries.

**THE AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT MUST RESPOND
WITH URGENCY AND ON A SCALE THAT REFLECTS
THE TRUE MEASURE OF THE PROBLEM.**

UPCOMING INDUSTRY CONFERENCES



WHEN: 25th to 27th September 2019

LOCATION: Adelaide

COST: Ranges between \$880 to \$1,650 plus accommodation.

If you are yet to visit the beautiful city of Adelaide, then the 2019 Australasian Road Safety Conference (ARSC2019) is the conference for you!

2019 TRANZnet CONFERENCE



This year's TRANZnet conference will be hosted in Darwin, NT.

With a strong emphasis on networking and Heavy Vehicle driver training, this year's conference offers great opportunities for all. Keep up to date on the latest RTO and trainer / assessor requirements.



TRANZnet Association Inc.

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Darwin, N.T.

WHEN: 09th October to 11th October 2019

LOCATION: Darwin, NT

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2019 ADTAV ANNUAL CONFERENCE



SUNDAY 27 OCTOBER 2019

The Australian Driver Trainers Association (Victoria) will hold their annual driving instructors conference on Sunday 27th October 2019.

Early bird tickets are now available until Friday 20th September.

This year's conference theme is 'Cutting the Road Toll through Driver Education – The Role of the Driver Trainer'

This year's conference program includes information from:

- > Fit to Drive Foundation
- > Keys2Drive
- > Victoria Police – The Marketers Club
- > Bookito
- > Dual Controls Queensland
- > HiViz Plates

ADTAV financial members can now register and buy tickets for this event through the ADTAV website:

<https://adtav.org.au/events/>

For any questions regarding this event, contact Helen from the ADTAV on 03 8393 9387 or email info@adtav.org.au

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES



ROAD SMART TRAINING

The ADTAV together with VicRoads will be hosting their training session for any instructor waiting to become an accredited off-road Road Smart instructor.

This is a great Professional Development opportunity and creates a new range of work for your business. Lunch will be provided to you on the day.

SESSION 1

WHEN: Wednesday 11th September 2019

WHERE: Stawell Airport in Stawell

HOST: ADTAV

TIME: 08:30am to 4.30pm

COST: **FREE**

REGISTER: roadsmart@adtav.org.au

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOPS



As mentioned previously in this newsletter, Intelligent Training Solutions plans to conduct, what could turn out to be, monthly or seasonal driving instructor catch-ups whereby we extend a free invitation to all driving instructors to join us at our new Keilor East Training Centre for a BBQ and chat, allowing us all to take a moment away from our busy lives and business to share an evening, some food and conversation with likeminded people.

As part of this evening we hope to provide a professional development workshop on current topics such as website development, marketing, training techniques etc... all aimed at supporting you and your business.

Our first catch-up is currently planned for Tuesday 29th October 2019 starting at 6.30pm until 9.30pm. There will be no PD workshop at our first get-together, instead it will serve as a simply catch-up over a few soft drinks and a light BBQ dinner. It will also provide you with an opportunity to see our new training center.

Additional information will be available in the next edition of this newsletter.

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Pay Rate: \$45 per hour

WORKING AT HEIGHTS AND/OR CONFINED SPACES TRAINER AND ASSESSOR REQUIRED



This next job post has nothing to do with driving instructing, however, may still appeal to those of you who have experience with either Working at Heights or with Confined Spaces.

Intelligent Training Solutions is currently seeking a trainer/assessor to teach either one or both of the qualifications above. This is a casual position and would be well suited to a self-employed person who can run a course with a weeks notice. All training materials and required equipment is provided by our RTO.

Pay Rate: Between \$40 to \$60 per hour

TRAINER AND ASSESSOR REQUIRED with MECHANICAL EXPERIENCE



We apologise in advance that this next job post, again, has nothing to do with driving instructing, however, like the previous job opportunity, it may still appeal to those of you who have experience with general tools or have worked in a mechanical workshop.

Intelligent Training Solutions is currently seeking a trainer/assessor to join our team and teach our test and tag fire extinguisher course. This is a casual position and would be well suited to a self-employed person who can run course with short notice. All training materials, equipment and training will be provided by our RTO.

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