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*Improving Road Safety is Simply Good Business*

## December 2016 Newsletter No. 31

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Welcome to the latest newsletter from the National Road Safety Partnership Program (NRSP). NRSP is a government-supported, industry-led collaborative network which aims to support Australian businesses and organisations to develop a positive road safety culture and help protect their workers and the public, not only during work hours, but also when staff are 'off-duty'.

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### NRSP ACHIEVEMENTS

- AfMA has had its first organisation sign the non-disclosure to undertake the [SUMV baseline](#) survey. For further information please email [sumv@afma.net.au](mailto:sumv@afma.net.au)
- Water Corporation will host the next Utilities Forum in Perth on August 31, 2017
- [NRSP Mobile Phone Use in Vehicles Policy Guide](#) featured in Traffic Management and Traffic Control Quarterly Magazine and lead article in [ECD \(Electrical+Comms+Data\) eNewsletter](#)

### NRSP NEWS



### **Peddalling home the message that 'a metre matters' to all Victorians**

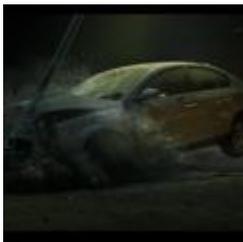
The Amy Gillett Foundation is increasing the watts on its push for the Victorian Government to accept the recommendation of the Victorian Parliamentary Inquiry and adopt a metre matters laws in Victoria without further delay. [Read more...](#)



### **Top Technologies for Mature Drivers: Expert Ranking**

A list of top vehicle technologies that benefit older drivers has been put together by The Hartford Center for Mature Market Excellence and MIT AgeLab. Ranking highest among the listed features are smart headlights, emergency response systems and reverse monitoring.

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### **TAC launches Rethink Speed campaign**

The Transport Accident Commission (TAC) has launched a new campaign urging Victorians to rethink the speeds they drive at. *The Rethink Speed* campaign features a television advertisement reminding Victorians that speed doesn't always cause crashes but it always determines the level of injuries sustained. [Read more...](#)



### **Australia' s largest intelligent vehicle trial to be held in Queensland**

Queensland is preparing for driverless and connected vehicles with ambitious plans underway for the largest on-road testing trial in Australia to ensure the State is ready for the future. Main Roads and Road Safety Minister Mark Bailey today announced Ipswich had been chosen as the site of the large-scale test-bed highly-automated to trial vehicles that can communicate with one another and with the infrastructure. [Read more...](#)



### **Researchers take a different approach to phone use while driving**

With mobile phone use by drivers an ongoing challenge, a new QUT review has taken a different approach, looking into whether the practice could be made safer. [Read more...](#)



### Have your say on the Load Restraint Guide

The NTC is working closely with the National Heavy Vehicle Regulator to review the current edition of the Load Restraint Guide and we are seeking your feedback on how this guide can be improved. [Read more...](#)



### Driving and mobile phone use: Building good habits early

Live the Moment aims to change behaviour around the growing use of mobile phones while driving, encouraging young drivers to take their eyes off their phones and keep them on the road. The campaign asks young people to 'promise to put my phone away when I'm in the driver's seat, to let the text wait and the call to go to voicemail and to always enjoy the journey'. [Read more...](#)



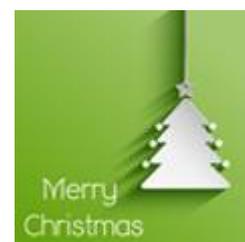
### Thatcham Research Continues its Sponsorship of the WhatCar? Safety Award

In support of its mission of "safer cars, fewer crashes", Thatcham Research, the independent automotive research centre, is once again sponsoring the WhatCar? Safety Award in 2017. The long list of potential winners will be available on 6 December 2016, with the winner being announced on 11 January 2017. [Read more...](#)

## NRSPP MONTHLY FOCUS

### NRSPP Monthly Focus: Wishing everyone a Merry Xmas to everyone, have a safe break!

NRSPP would like to thank everyone especially its partners for their support over the last year. The achievement of so many of the programs milestones was only possible through support from industry, government and researchers. Traditionally this is a high risk period on the roads, so please take your time, plan ahead, have a break and make it a celebration for family and not of a life remembered. See you all in 2017.



## NRSPP RESOURCES



### SAPN Safe Drive - Holiday Driving

As a corporate that has a keen interest in protecting its employees and the community it operates within, SA Power Networks invested in developing a series of Drive Safe Series. [Read more...](#)



### Recognising poor H.E.A.D.S.P.A.C.E. - perspectives from both oneself and managers

This fact sheet provides an educational summary to assist organisations with what managers and workers should be on the outlook for to help reduce the risk of a headspace event leading to a crash. [Read more...](#)



### BANG! Car dooring of cyclists - Brochure and Poster

Drivers opening their door without looking is the third most common cause of bicycle crashes. Reduce the risk by always checking over your shoulder before exiting your vehicle.

[Read more...](#)



### Drive to arrive: Matt's Story (Elders Campaign: Stand up speak up)

Stand Up Speak Up is an initiative of the Elders group to raise awareness of safe driving and road safety. The second installment of Elders' Stand Up Speak Up campaign tells the story of Matt Barker, Elders Deniliquin Agronomist, who survived a horrific car accident. [Read more...](#)



### Distracted driving – Driving with kids in the car

For many parents (myself included), there are pint-sized distractions every day in the back seat. Yes, driving with kids in the car can be particularly distracting especially if there is crying, whining, or some other issue that warrants attention. Usually it's either a dropped toy, needing a tissue, drink, or snack, that forces me to reach back and try to assist.

[Read more...](#)



### Drowsy Driving

Many people drive while they are drowsy. Some are able to recognise that there is a problem, but most are unaware that their driving is being affected. Sleepy drivers start yawning, their eyes go out of focus and they cannot remember driving the last few kilometres. [Read more...](#)



### Driving in floods (video)

GEM Motoring Assist has produced a short video providing simple advice to help drivers stay safe on wet and flooded roads. The main message from the free three-minute video is for drivers to postpone journeys and not attempt to drive through floods. [Read more...](#)



### Survive The Drive

In this booklet we explain how to pass a road train and what to do so you don't hit an animal. You'll get timely tips on preparing your vehicle, planning your trip and surviving the drive. An overview of Australian road rules is also included - essential reading for drivers from overseas. [Read more...](#)

## EVENTS



### Implementing a fleet crash management strategy

*Join us for a webinar on Dec 6, 2016 2:00 PM AEDT.*

The City of Sydney established the strategy in January 2015, in response to rising costs from vehicle crashes, and to reduce the potential for road trauma involving the fleet. Join us as we chat to Len Woodman and Chris Binns from the City of Sydney, to discuss the

challenges faced during implementation, and how these are were overcome. [Read more...](#)



### **Driver interactions with mobile phones - driving performance and safety implications**

*Join us for a webinar on Dec 8, 2016 at 2:00 PM AEDT.*

The aim of this webinar is to provide listeners with an understanding of the basic mechanisms of driver distraction, and the types of decrements in driving performance and safety risk associated with a range of driver interactions with mobile phones. [Read more...](#)



### **Treating Crash Locations**

*Join us for an online training series January to March 2017.*

ARRB is proud to present a six-part online learning series on the investigation and treatment of sites where crashes have occurred. This activity is an integral part of a road agency's road safety strategy, having been in effect and further developed since the 1980s in many developed countries around the world. [Read more...](#)



### **Traffic Management Association of Australia (TMAA) 2017 Conference**

The Traffic Management Association of Australia (TMAA) 2017 Conference will be held on Thursday & Friday 6 & 7 April, 2017. The Conference theme is Technology. Training. Traffic.

[Read more...](#)

## **LINKS**

Below are some links to other websites which may be of interest:

- [Safer Use of Mobiles in Vehicles \(SUMV\)](#)
- [Australasian College of Road Safety \(ACRS\)](#)
- [Australasian Road Safety Conference \(ARSC2017\)](#)
- [Holiday driving tips](#)
- [Ways to driver safer this Christmas](#)

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