



Improving Road Safety is Simply Good Business

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Welcome to the latest newsletter from the National Road Safety Partnership Program (NRSPPP). NRSPPP 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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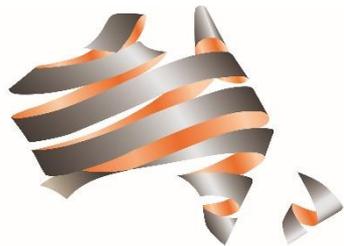
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NRSPPP Achievements

- NRSPPP welcomed a new program partner, [Ecolab](#).

- NRSPP held a strategy session hosted by Viva Energy and facilitated by Origin Energy which looked at what is over the horizon for the program. The session included a range of Steering Committee partners, Program Partners and the Flight Safety Foundation.
- Governance Board held its first meeting, confirming the new Steering Committee which will be announced shortly.
- National Heavy Vehicle Regulator (NHVR) is in the process of becoming a Core Funder.
- [Webinar: The leadership practices that support and constrain safe driver behaviour had 248 people register.](#)

NRSPP News



Austroads

Austroads Survey needs your organisation's insights Vehicles as a Workplace

In consultation with the Heads of Workplace Safety Authorities, Austroads has initiated a project to raise awareness of and help reduce work-related road trauma in Australia and New Zealand. Martin Small Consulting has been retained to develop a guidance document and engagement strategy to support these aims.

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Are organisations really aware of their workplace road safety risk and responsibilities?

Winners of the inaugural best paper for implications on Workplace Road Safety at ARSC2016, Dr Sharon Newnam and Dr Amanda Warmerdam, share with NRSPP their research insights to answer this question.

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Inside knowledge

1200 transport industry people interviewed:

- 911 'occupational drivers' across 37 organisations
- 161 supervisors with responsibility for those drivers
- 83 senior managers in OH&S or fleet management.



NRSPP Welcomes Ecolab as a Program Partner

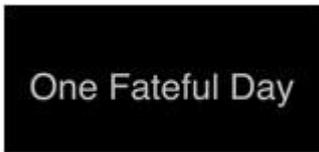
NRSPP would like to warmly welcome EcoLab as a Program Partner and looks forward to working with them in the future.

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How Apple Plans to Get You To Stop Texting and Driving

We've all felt the impulse to respond to an "urgent" text while driving, and research shows that distracted driving is a massive problem. Now Apple is releasing a "Do Not Disturb" driving mode in the fall in hopes of improving road safety.

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'One Fateful Day' (video/campaign)

'One Fateful Day' tells the story of a male van driver, distracted by using his mobile phone as he talks to his office.

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New Research Partnership

NeuRA has established a new research partnership with Transurban, launching a dedicated world-class research centre for road safety.

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Reinvented i30 debuts interactive smartphone app for smarter driving

Hyundai has launched a world-first smartphone app that helps new i30 owners become better drivers. [Read More...](#)

NTC calling for feedback to improve the load restraint guide



The National Transport Commission released a new draft version of its Load Restraint Guide which is designed to provide drivers, operators, and other participants in the transport chain of responsibility with practical advice on how to safely transport a load.

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UNSW workplace survey of quad bikes use highlights rollover risks

A UNSW study of quad bike safety has found that one in two riders has crashed and about two-thirds of crashes involved rollovers, putting riders at risk of serious chest injury and asphyxiation.

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Consumers, vehicle brands and regulators all have a role to play in encouraging autonomous technologies

Vehicle brands are not solely responsible for the rollout of autonomous vehicle technologies. Here is how you can be involved.

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NRSPP Monthly Focus

Have you ever gone to head check before changing lanes and suddenly you see a car or motorcyclist that you could not see before? This is because they were driving in your blind spot.

A blind spot is a position where you do not have peripheral vision. Poor peripheral vision means that you may not see cars or other road users travelling beside you on the road or you may not see a pedestrian standing on the side of the road. Blind spots can also be created by elements of the vehicle, such as the A-pillar.

The A-pillar is the diagonal pillar on the side of the windscreen running from the dashboard to the roof. The wider the A-pillar the wider the blind spot. A wide A-pillar can conceal motor cyclist, pedestrians, cyclists and even small cars.

For more information see the NRSPP's quick fact on [Decrease in Peripheral Vision = Increase in risk](#), and [What's Hiding Behind the A-Pillar?](#)

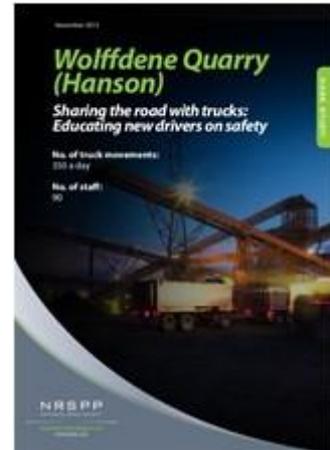


NRSPP Featured Case Study

Wolffdene Quarry (Hanson) - Sharing the road with trucks: Educating new drivers on safety

Educating car drivers about sharing the road safely with trucks should be part of driver's licence testing, and companies that operate close to schools should take a leading role in educating young people.

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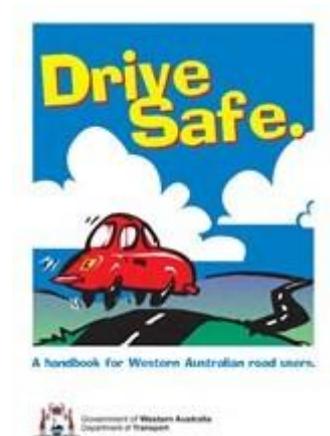
Mirror position - eliminate your blind spot

In Australia, we tend to use the older, narrower mirror setting. For more than 20 years, ADI has been promoting the European wide method and it works.

Drive Safe - A handbook for Western Australian road users

Drive Safe is a guide to safe driving and an interpretation of the law.

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Visual Forensics of Older Drivers

Although there are neural losses, the major decline is due to changes in the eye's optics. First, the lens becomes yellower, making discrimination of blue colours more difficult.

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FACT SHEET: Blind spot crashes

Crashes involving lorries turning right and cyclists going straight ahead usually have very serious consequences for the cyclist. The cyclist, who has right of way, is often overlooked by the lorry driver.

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Buying a Safer Car - A Public Education Campaign

A safe car will help protect you and your passengers if you are involved in a crash. Buying the safest car you can afford could save your life.

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Events



13th Transafe WA Road Transport Industry Safety Forum, Esperance

Join a broad range of road transport stakeholders (including owner operators, fleet drivers, HSE and operations staff, farmers, miners, energy companies, grain producers and processors, and industry service

providers) coming together for our first event in Esperance.

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The Inaugural Australian Road Research Board Gala Dinner & Awards Night 2017

In accordance with ARRB's mission to create knowledge for tomorrow's transport challenges, this event recognises and celebrates research excellence, in the roads and transport industry - within Australia and internationally.

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