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ANDREW WHITE

It will be Christmas soon.. can you believe it?

The holiday season will soon be upon us, a time of celebration but also reflection. Just a few weeks ago we were all saddened to learn of another traffic controller death in Victoria, our condolences to family and friends. We as an industry must continue to push for safer work conditions and ensure our road authorities, clients and our own people are fully engaged in this quest. We must do everything we can to get every one home safe every day no exceptions.

Matthew and Bailey's "Meet the Members Mission" has provided insightful feedback so far. Feedback has been great, and I am sure the TMAA team is learning more every visit. It is engagement like this that leads to growing Government engagement.

The results are in from our TMAA Industry Survey, the data is being sifted through to provide relevant information to our members, suppliers, road authorities and other interested parties. This data is key to establishing our position and requests for change.

After much deliberation and research our CEO and the board have concluded the 2024 conference will be held at RACV Royal Pines. I am sure you have seen this in our communication and socials as well as the new awards to celebrate excellence in the Traffic Control industry Conference. There will be further exciting announcements as we get closer and develop the event programme. The 2024 AGM will be held in conjunction with the conference, including the announcement of the 2024 2026 TMAA Board

As a Fair Work Registered Organisation each year our financial and operations must be audited. This has just been completed, all in line with requirements with a few minor improvements. This will be conveyed at our general members meeting in November.

You may be aware Intertraffic is one of the premier international trade events for mobility professionals. Held in Amsterdam April 16 - 19 2024 some 900 exhibitors across 13 halls. There are several people from our Australian industry attending; maybe something of interest for you?

Our next TMAA board meeting will be in Tasmania, looking forward to catching up with industry colleagues and the Board in person November 15 - 17 Tasmania board meeting.

Austrroads Train the Trainer has been held in several states. SA & NT will begin training under the new scheme in January, February 2024. There are and will continue to be some teething problems, they will be worked through as they arise with support from industry road authorities and Austrroads. There may be other considerations like remuneration for traffic controllers working and holding different qualifications.

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Andrew White
TMAA President



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MATTHEW BERENI

I am pleased to provide this update on the activities of the Traffic Management Association of Australia (TMAA). It has been an exciting time for our association as we continue engaging with members, advocating for the industry, and promoting road safety.

Firstly, I am thrilled to report an increase in state division meeting attendance across Australia. This demonstrates the value our members place on coming together to discuss key issues and opportunities facing traffic management. However, the high turnout has also created some logistical challenges as we hunt for larger venues to host our meetings. While this is a good problem to have, we are committed to finding spaces that can comfortably accommodate all who wish to participate. We aim to announce new state division meeting locations soon.

Secondly, we continue engaging closely with industry stakeholders, including recently at the National Roads & Traffic Expo in Sydney on October 11-12, 2023. As advocates for traffic controllers and traffic management companies, TMAA was proud to exhibit at the expo and share our work promoting road safety. We appreciated connecting with dedicated member organisations at the event, including Workforce Road Services, Traffio, INNOV8 Equipment, Roadrunner Parts, LDC Equipment, and RPM Hire. Engaging with members face-to-face is invaluable.

I also had the privilege of sharing a traffic controller's perspectives on improving road safety at the international AfPA conference held in Brisbane on October 30. Events like these allow us to liaise with partners across Australia and worldwide to enhance work zone safety.

In addition, we recently released the first edition of our annual National Traffic Controller Safety Survey. The data collected provides vital insights that inform our advocacy work. Shortly, you will receive a copy of the survey conducted by the National Transport Research Organisation on TMAA's behalf. We rely on this data to support lobbying efforts and strategic initiatives. I thank everyone who participated.

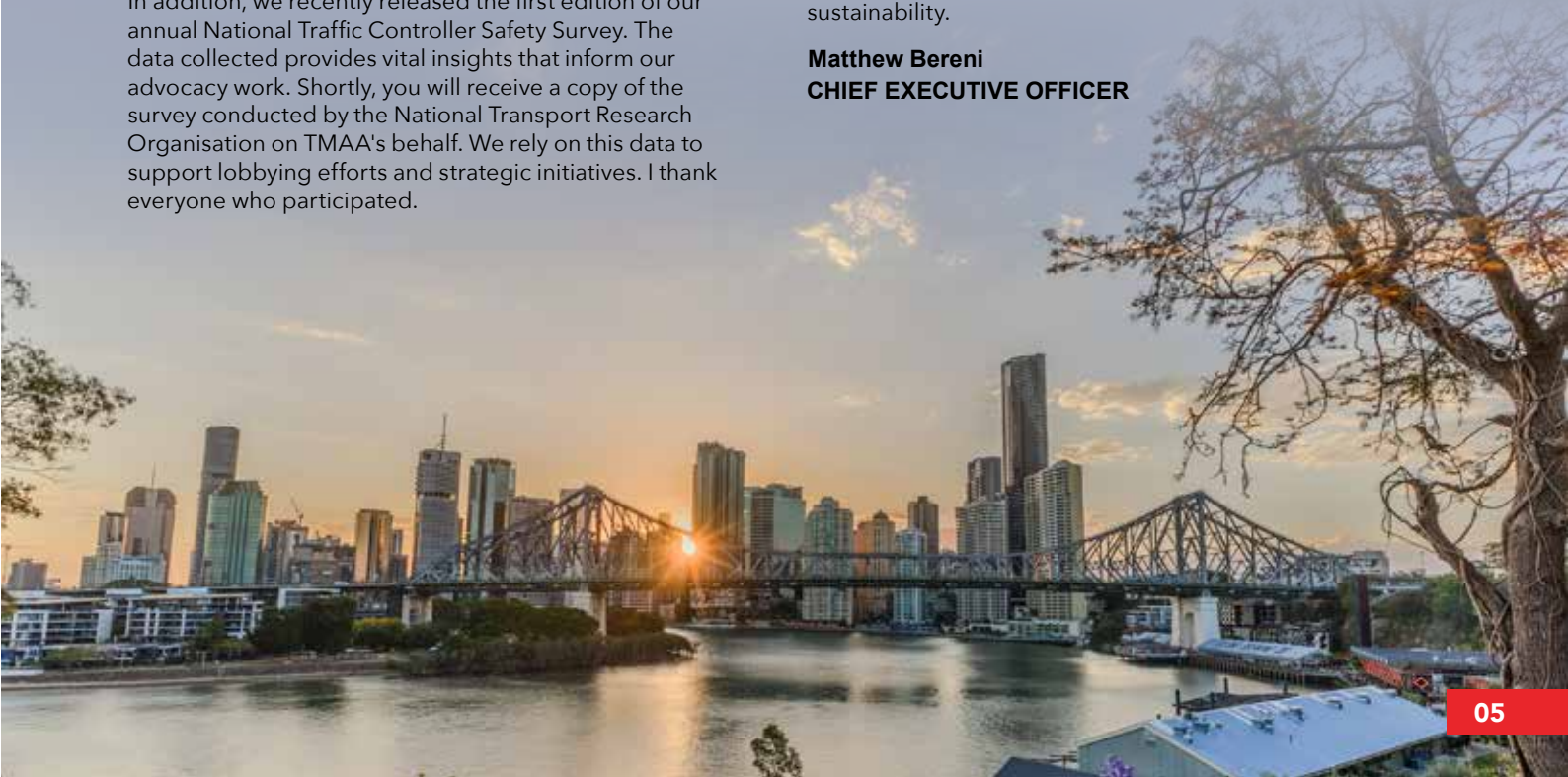
As we approach November 9th and Road Worker Day of Remembrance, TMAA is also developing plans for an Australian Work Zone Memorial. This memorial will pay tribute to roadworkers who lost their lives or suffered serious injuries while working. It will remind policymakers and motorists of the real human impacts of work zone incidents. I encourage all members to reflect on this initiative as we honour our colleagues.

Additionally, we are actively engaging with Main Roads Western Australia regarding their recently announced changes to the WA Traffic Management Company Registration Scheme. TMAA aims to provide constructive feedback to ensure these changes do not lead to unforeseen consequences that could negatively impact our industry and related sectors. We believe open communication and collaboration foster the best outcomes.

Finally, we have received outstanding nominations for the TMAA Excellence Awards across all categories. I am grateful to everyone who took time to nominate their peers, companies, projects and events. Your participation highlights how much you care about the industry and inspires us to deliver even more value to members. Judging is underway and we look forward to announcing winners soon.

In closing, thank you for your ongoing support of TMAA. I am proud of what we have achieved together this year, but more work lies ahead. Our association will continue engaging, advocating and educating to position the traffic management sector for ongoing success. Please reach out if you would like to get more involved. I welcome your perspectives as we promote safety, professionalism and sustainability.

Matthew Bereni
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER



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DAN CROWLEY

Queensland members have continued to actively work with the Department of Main Roads engaging in an excellent working partnership covering all aspects of our industry.

Off the back of our numerous strategy meetings on the 5-year plan on 'What good looks like' for the industry and DTMR, we had Peter Kolesnik Executive Director, Safer Roads Infrastructure, present to our members meeting in November, around what DTMR and TMAA Q are looking to achieve for the future. We see this as our pathway forward in working together and continuing to enhance the industry.

Our technical committee has continued its great efforts behind the scenes working with Govt across the important issues of Harmonization such as but not limited to:

- Lobbying the QLD Government to keep harmonisation training cost neutral for current industry employees and RTOs.
- Approaching Construction Skill Queensland (CSQ) for harmonisation related funding.
- Continuing to provide harmonisation feedback via the QLD Traffic Management Industry Allianz working group, with proposed transition framework currently being considered by TMR.
- Continuing to provide traffic control (TC, TMI, TMD) training materials feedback to Austroads.
- Provide technical document feedback at TMR's September TTM Workshop.

Unfortunately, we saw the recent fatality of one of our Qld Traffic Control family due to a single vehicle roll over travelling to a regional site. Any loss of life is one too many. It was pleasing to see that our affected member started a Go Fund Me page to assist the family involved and was well backed by members across the Chapter. Our thanks go out to all who assisted and trust that in time of need we all brand together.

We continue to represent members in their significant and long running problems with delays in the provision of permits by Brisbane City Council. This is what we as an organisation are there for - to represent and stand up for members, where they as individuals have little opportunity. This matter is still not resolved after years of discussion, but we will continue until it is rectified.

We look forward to finishing the year safely and look forward to all members getting together in December for our long await Christmas function.

Stay safe

Dan Crowley
TMAA QLD Chair





Samantha Eveleigh speaks to NITV about working in Traffic Management in Darwin.

Traffic Controller of the Year 2022 - Sam Eveleigh

Looking back at Samantha Eveleigh's remarkable journey over the past six months as Traffic Controller of the Year, we're thrilled to share her inspiring story of dedication, leadership, and adventure in the traffic management industry. Samantha's impact reaches far beyond her daily responsibilities, as she actively promotes traffic management as a rewarding career choice, especially among indigenous youth. Her passion and commitment continue to make her a standout figure in the industry.

A CHAMPION FOR TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT

Samantha's interview with NITV shed light on her achievements and the gratifying nature of a career in traffic management. Her enthusiasm for working diverse jobs and connecting with people from all walks of life makes her a true ambassador for the profession.

NAVIGATING THE ROPER HIGHWAY

In the second quarter of 2022, Samantha embarked on a significant 12-week remote works project on the Roper Highway in the Katherine region. Her exceptional performance on the same project the previous year earned her a special request from Leon at Northern Machinery, showcasing her outstanding skills and dedication. Samantha's role involved overseeing shoulder rehabilitation, which required lane closures and daily traffic light setups. Her expertise in managing traffic flow and coordinating with construction teams was crucial to the project's success.

A LIAISON BEYOND TRAFFIC CONTROL

As an experienced traffic controller, Samantha plays a vital role in bridging the gap between workers, commuters, and project stakeholders. Her efficient management of the traffic light system and seamless escorting of workers



On-site images of Roper Highway Shoulder Rehabilitation.

through the site ensure smooth operations and minimal disruptions for road users. Samantha's unwavering commitment to safety has made her an invaluable asset to the team, earning her the respect of colleagues and employers alike.

A CONTINUING JOURNEY

Samantha Eveleigh's journey as the Traffic Controller of the Year continues to inspire indigenous youth to consider traffic management as a fulfilling career choice. Her ongoing success in the remote works project on the Roper Highway highlights her exceptional skills and dedication. As part of the Traffic Management Association of Australia, we take pride in spotlighting Samantha's accomplishments and the positive impact she brings to the field of traffic management.



WATCH SAMANTHA'S INSPIRING INTERVIEW

To watch Samantha's captivating interview please visit https://fb.watch/lrbG_hDYAd/.

SIX MONTHS OF EXCELLENCE

It's astonishing how quickly six months have flown by since Samantha earned the prestigious titles of Traffic Controller of the Year and Indigenous Traffic Controller of the Year. Time flies.

During July and August, Samantha took on a leadership role overseeing the City of Darwin Stormwater Network CCTV Operation project. Her adept management skills,

honed through years of experience, allowed her to expertly assess each site and implement Traffic Guidance Schemes (TGS) in real time. She also served as a mentor for new traffic controllers, instilling valuable techniques and a strong work ethic.

TOP SECRET IN THE TOP END

In an exciting development, Samantha led a top-secret filming project in the Northern Territory, set on a secluded beach in Darwin. While the details remain classified for now, stay tuned for the next issue of Detours, where we hope we can tell you more!

WORKING IN THE HEART OF AUSTRALIA

Throughout September, Samantha has been stationed in Katherine, overseeing a significant Civil Defence project at the Tindal RAAF Base. Her passion for remote work shines through as she explores new locations and takes on extended assignments in the remote corners of Australia. Katherine, just a three-hour drive from home, offers Sam the chance to experience the camaraderie and the beauty of remote work.

SAM'S REFLECTIONS

Samantha shared her thoughts on the award and the future of the TMAA Excellence Awards. She expressed her gratitude for the recognition, emphasising her hope that it inspires others to join the field. As nominations for the 2023 TMAA Excellence Awards approach, Samantha is excited to see the expansion of award categories, celebrating all those who contribute to making Australian roads, work sites, and events safer for everyone.

Samantha's dedication and enthusiasm continue to make her a shining example in the Traffic Management industry. Her unwavering commitment to safety and her ongoing contributions reaffirm the passion and dedication that drive excellence in road safety.

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Tindal RAAF Base where Samantha Eveleigh has been based throughout September

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"Your Speed is Our Safety" Campaign Returns with a Fresh Look

A partnership between CCF Tasmania, TMAA, Road Safety Council of Tasmania and the Department of State Growth.

The media balancing act

September heralds the return of the much anticipated "Your Speed is Our Safety" (YSIOS) campaign. Building on the momentum of the previous year, this initiative aims to cast a spotlight on the vital need for motorists to slow down and exercise caution around road works and road workers.

This year, the campaign has undergone a visual makeover. The CCF Tasmania team has developed a fresh look and feel that harnesses the iconic "stop slow bat" symbol to amplify its message with striking standout. CCF Tasmania CEO, Andrew Winch said "the campaign has been hugely successful for a number of years and the new look and feel will inject new life into the campaign, but the core message remains the same, 'Slow down for road works and road workers'."

In our quest to delve deeper into the motivations of driver behavior around roadworks, we've gleaned insights from the public's perceptions and opinions, thanks to our "Meta" campaign during the 2022-2023 Christmas and New Year period. Comments from Facebook were transformed into a comprehensive Q&A, subsequently published in traditional press outlets. This initiative provides a handy checklist of topics that resonate with our target audience, enabling us to incorporate them into our messaging. This year, our target audience is broadening to include newly licensed drivers and those in the process of learning to drive. We aim to guide them on the appropriate conduct when encountering roadworks early in their driving career.

Due to the number of roadwork projects currently in full swing across our state's major arterials and roadways, both in rural and urban areas, chances are high that drivers will encounter controlled roadwork sites when moving around the State. This underscores the critical importance of expanding the reach of our safety message across Tasmania. An added challenge for us, when communicating the YSIOS messaging, is Tasmania's positioning as not only the most digitally excluded state but also with the lowest level of digital literacy in Australia.

From this we recognize that imagery often possesses the power to convey our message more effectively over text heavy executions.

For these reasons, our strategy is a well-balanced blend of digital and traditional channels, allowing us to engage our target audience in geographically relevant areas and age-appropriate contexts, amongst varying levels of literacy. We're utilizing a diverse array of mediums, spanning press, outdoor advertising, radio, and social media.

Among our most impactful strategies are strategically placed airport billboards. These billboards, positioned at Hobart Airport's luggage area, carousel, rental car pickup desk, and other key points, serve as a potent reminder to visiting motorists, including car rental customers, to exercise vigilance and be mindful of road workers. Moreover, these placements benefit from heavy traffic flow, catering to both local commuters and the public, including family and friends transporting airline passengers, taxis, buses, and Uber drivers.

This year's campaign launch promises to mark a significant stride toward ensuring the safety of our roads for all. Road safety is a collective responsibility, and with YSIOS at the forefront, we're steering Tasmania toward a safer, more cautious future on its highways and byways.



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ANTHONY SIMMONS

As always, we were pleased to welcome participation from key stakeholders at our meeting on 5 April 2023 - Department of Transport & Planning (DTP) and our Associate and Supplier Members.

ADOPTION OF AGTTM & NEW CODE OF PRACTICE (COP)

DTP provided updates to roll out and adoption of AGTTM and new COP.

It was noted that the new Code of Practice for traffic management becomes mandatory on 1 December 2023, however the Department of Transport and Planning (DTP) will not be enforcing compliance to the new Traffic Management Design (TMD) elements until TMD training is readily available in the market.

TEMPORARY TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT ACCREDITATION PROGRAM

The status of Accreditation applications as of 23 October is: Received 376; Granted 341; Pending 17; Rejected 5; Withdrawn 13.

- The team has finished the review of the outstanding Accreditation applications and the list of companies with Temporary

Accreditation status has now been removed from the VicRoads website. The list of accredited companies is now updated.

- We are still developing the Accreditation maintenance process and will provide more information about how we will start monitoring traffic management company performance once we have more details.

NEW NATIONAL TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT TRAINING FRAMEWORK

DTP provided update on the 1 December mandatory uptake date for the National Training Framework.

The National Training Framework will be introduced in Victoria next month (December), with the new Traffic Controller (TC) and Traffic Management Implementer (TMI) training available from 1 December. However, DTP have extended the mandatory uptake date to 1 March 2024 to allow time for the new training courses to become widely available. Delivery of the previous TC and TMI training courses can continue concurrently with the new training until 29 February 2024. The previous training courses completed by the end of February will be recognised by DTP.

DTP will provide an update on the roll out of the new TMD training as soon as the date is confirmed but until further notice the current TMD training can continue to be delivered by training organisations and will be recognised by DTP.

ROAD ACCESS PERMITS PORTAL (RAPP) AND MOA PERMITS

More improvements and features have been added to RAPP to streamline the MoA permit application process and better support the traffic management industry.

CHANGES IMPLEMENTED ON 8 OCTOBER:

New Traffic Management Implementer (TMI) Impact Numbers started replacing the Impact Numbers on authorised MoA permits. The new number needs to be used to activate and deactivate MoA permits, including quoting the dash and suffix at the end.

A new folder called 'Approved Documents' was also been added to the accounts of the admin and staff users to contain a copy of authorised MoA permit. The existing 'Documents' folder for the traffic controller and traffic controller restricted account types will only contain the supporting documents for the application.

CHANGES IMPLEMENTED ON 29 OCTOBER:

MoA Charging will start for MoA permit applications submitted through RAPP:

There will be new form under 'additional forms' uploaded for traffic management companies to submit with MoA permit applications for works related to a local council project to be eligible for an exemption.

There will also be some small changes to the MoA permit application form, including:

A new question called 'DTP Recommended change' and updates to the 'type of work' list.

TMA GUIDELINES

The Guidelines have been drafted to include TL2 up to 70kph and are currently with DTP Engineering Standards for review.

CONCLUSION

A reminder to all VIC Traffic Members, although we are entering into the busy rush towards Christmas:

With the raft of changes coming through to DTP processes and compliance I feel that this is a timely reminder to ensure that members are represented at our bimonthly meetings to ensure that you are receiving these updates from DTP as early as possible. And utilise the chance to ask questions or seek clarification.

If your unable to attend, please ensure that another company representative attends in your place!

Our next meeting will include our End of Year Xmas Lunch.

Look forward to seeing you all there!

Anthony Simmons
TMAA VIC Chair

Transforming Traffic

Management in

Victoria

Under the Traffic Management Reform (TMR) program, the Department of Transport and Planning (DTP) has been making changes to how traffic management activities are planned and delivered in Victoria.

WHAT HAS CHANGED SO FAR?

The TMR program aims to promote safety on the road network and reduce unnecessary congestion and delays around worksites. Since it was launched in February 2022, a range of initiatives have started to create a more consistent and safety-focused approach to traffic management activities including:

Temporary Traffic Management

Accreditation (Accreditation) program: the Accreditation program became mandatory in February 2023. Only accredited companies can now work on DTP managed roads and apply for DTP issued Memorandum of Authorisation (MoA) permits. The list of accredited companies is on the VicRoads website - vicroads.vic.gov.au/accreditation.

Road Access Permit Portal (RAPP): RAPP was launched in October 2022 to make it easier for traffic management companies to submit and keep track of MoA and Working Within the Road Reserve (WWRR) permit applications. Find out more about RAPP by visiting vicroads.vic.gov.au/rapp.

WHAT'S COMING UP?

The upcoming changes the traffic management industry should be preparing for are:

New Code of Practice for Worksite Safety - Traffic Management (CoP): the new CoP provides a safer, nationally aligned approach to traffic management. It's been updated to incorporate the Austroads Guide to Temporary Traffic Management (AGTTM) but retains the current measures that preserve higher safety standards and address circumstances specific to Victoria.

It was gazetted on 1 June and becomes mandatory on 1 December 2023 to give the traffic management industry time to adjust to the new obligations. However, DTP will not be enforcing compliance to the new Traffic Management Design (TMD) elements of the new CoP until the TMD training is readily available in market. If industry have upskilled in the new requirements, they can design in accordance with the new CoP but traffic management implementation must be carried out as per the authorised Traffic Guidance Scheme (TGS).

Please visit vicroads.vic.gov.au/cop for a copy of the CoP, AGTTM and supporting information.

New traffic management training: traffic management training in Victoria is being updated to align with the new CoP. This involves adopting the National Training Framework for Temporary Traffic Management, which includes:

- qualifications to be refreshed every three years
- graduated learning approach
- standardised teaching tools and resources, kept current as relevant acts and regulations are updated



- an Approved Training Provider process and regular auditing
- Recognition of Prior Learning

The new Traffic Controller (TC) and Traffic Management Implementer (TMI) training will be available from 1 December. DTP has extended the mandatory uptake date of the new TC and TMI training from 1 December 2023 to 1 March 2024 to make sure the training is widely available in the market.

Please note - any previous TC and TMI courses taken between December and March will be recognised by DTP. Qualifications received under the previous TC, TMI and TMD courses will be recognised until they expire.

Please visit vicroads.vic.gov.au/tmr for more information on the new training requirements.

MoA Charging: The new fee to process MoA permit applications started on 29 October 2023. The fee will be paid upfront when MoA permit applications are submitted in RAPP. Please make sure you incorporate this cost into your business model. Please visit vicroads.vic.gov.au/tmr for more information about the fee amounts and application scenarios.



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Visit vicroads.vic.gov.au/tmr to find out more about the TMR program and access support materials for the changes being implemented by each of the initiatives. While you are there, subscribe to the TMR program newsletter to get progress updates and detail of upcoming industry information sessions.

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Our change from ARRB to NTRO reflects the shift from State and territory road agencies into transport agencies. That shift means our integrated transport research, innovation and experience has been increasingly sought to drive innovative outcomes across rail, port and airport projects, as well as roads.

Despite our changes, roads remain critical to our DNA as an organisation. In recent months, our infrastructure measurement teams have been helping the post-flood road recovery, surveying thousands of kilometres of road in NSW and Victoria to help government determine the scale of the rebuild and providing clues as to what needs to happen next, and what that rebuild should look like. We continue to work on important road safety projects, including data-driven solutions to identify dangerous areas of our road network and help road managers make them safer.

Just like the TMAA, road safety and innovation are core tenets, embedded into everything we do. Better, smarter, safer, more sustainable roads are our drivers.

We are involved in many projects - both with government and the private sector - which involve innovation in the traffic management space.



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Safier Australian Roads And Highways (SARAH) works closely with the traffic management industry so that we can understand the day-to-day issues that road and construction workers face. And with these learnings, we lobby State and Territory governments so that they implement improved safety campaigns, as well as better compliance and enforcement policies.

We do this for one simple reason ...

"You have a right to get home safe to your loved ones... every day ... no exceptions!"

As for history, SARAH's association with the traffic management industry commenced in May 2015. I had just given the keynote address for the Roads Australia/International Road Federation conference in Sydney, highlighting our "Drive So Others Survive!" message. I emphasized why our community had to actively protect all those who were vulnerable so that everyone could "Get home safe".

The following week I received a call from James Pennings who spoke to me about Altus Traffic's commitment to not only promote road safety, but to help the Australian community understand that our traffic controllers need to be actively protected. There was a clear synergy and Altus Traffic offered to help our organisation, so that together, we could elevate the protection of vulnerable road users, and especially our TCs. I am proud to say that Altus not only continues as a major supporter of SARAH's work but for the past eight years has been a Principal Partner of the major event SARAH created, Australia's National Road Safety Week (NRSW).

Just two years later, it would be contacts from the TMAA's then President, Steve O'Dwyer, as well as then CEO, Louise Van Ristell, that would commence SARAH's road safety work with the

Traffic Management Association of Australia. SARAH is proud of this now six-year involvement and the TMAA is not only a supporter of SARAH's road safety work, but also a Gold Partner of National Road Safety Week!

We also acknowledge the Australian Flexible Pavement Association and the Civil Contractors Federation as well as the many other organisations that support road safety, whether through organising special toolboxes in the leadup to or during NRSW, promoting the "Drive So Others Survive!" message, or by flying SARAH's yellow ribbons on vehicles and/or displaying stickers to publicly show support every day of the year.

SARAH believes that you, your colleagues, friends and family all have a right to get home safe! Let's work together so the Australian community realises they need to actively look after your safety!

Peter Frazer OAM, President, SARAH
Sarahgroup.org

NB. If you want to find out how you can support SARAH's work, email Peter Frazer at president@sarahgroup.org or contact him directly on 0466 968 700 .





How will you honour "Road Worker Day of Remembrance?"

I have a very basic question to ask of you...

"How many more of those who work in the traffic management industry have to be seriously injured or killed on our roads and highways?"

As you may know I was brought into this space back in February 2012 when my beautiful daughter Sarah Frazer was horrifically killed in what was a completely avoidable road crash. Since then, my passion has been to try to improve the community's understanding that we can make a difference by actively protecting all those on the road ahead.

I've met too many loved ones of workers killed on Australia's roads and my heart breaks for them. Their stories most often begin with that day they were just heading off to work, it was a day like any other... just doing their job ... when someone driving towards them doesn't slow down ... perhaps that driver was speeding ... in other cases, the driver was distracted ... or affected perhaps by drugs or alcohol... and the driver ploughs directly into the person they love. It happens all too often, so much so that our community hardly notices another life has been lost.

But this industry notices and we need the Australian community to notice too!

Road Worker Day of Remembrance

People often call them "accidents" but often these are no accidents... there are often crashes caused by people who

don't care. They have forgotten that the most important job they have to do when driving is to actively protect those on the road ahead. Let's be clear, these crashes are absolutely avoidable because they are completely in the control of the person at the wheel of the car.

For instance, On 29 August (just four weeks prior to writing this article), an out-of-control speeding sports car crashed into Traffic Controller Peter Dyck on the Eastern Freeway Melbourne. Peter was taken to hospital but unfortunately, died later that night from his injuries.

According to the report at the time from 7 News Melbourne, Peter had "pulled his ute over on the outbound lanes of the Eastern Freeway to inspect a pole... It's believed a red sports car lost control as it entered the freeway from Alexandra Pde, crossing five lanes and hitting the 58-year-old father."



I never met Mr Dyck but having lost my own beautiful daughter Sarah in a completely avoidable crash I can certainly understand what his family and loved ones are going through, and will continue to go through, for the rest of their lives. Be very clear, they have been given a life sentence.

Last November, I met Tania Boyte and we both contributed to a video being made for "Road Worker Day of Remembrance". You may be aware that on 10 November 2022, Tania had lost her partner Timmy Rakei, the Traffic Controller killed by a speeding driver in Carrum Downs, Melbourne. Timmy and his colleague, Traffic Controller Shaun Kilmartin had been setting up that morning when they were both struck. It should be noted that Mr Kilmartin was severely injured with injuries that continue to this day.

Its less than two years since Brendan Moreland lost his life. On 26 October 2021 Mr Moreland was killed while working on upgrades to the Bruce Highway. He was putting out cones when a driver's speeding car crashed into him on the Bruce Highway near Mackay Queensland.

While the traffic management industry will continue to argue for enhanced alert technology, better enforcement by our police services, we also need improved community education so that people choose to slow down and protect the lives of those who are vulnerable... and having industry publicly commemorating Road Worker Day of Remembrance on Thursday 9 November is very appropriate.

So why not consider wearing a yellow ribbon, or perhaps placing a yellow ribbon on your work or personal vehicles as both a public display of remembrance and secondly, to show that you stand in solidarity with all our road workers... and perhaps you could encourage your customers and suppliers to do the same. If you use social media, talk about the importance of the day prior in the leadup and post the RWDOR image on your account, and encourage your family, friends and colleagues to do the same. Make sure your staff know about the Day by holding a toolbox in early November.

Lastly, I know that I've only made mention of the last two years but there are so many of our road workers who's been killed and injured since I came into this space in 2012.



Credit: 7NEWS

SARAH intends to ensure that each of these individuals is remembered and will be setting up a link on our Sarahgroup.org website. Let us know who you want remembered, send us an image and 100 words about them and we will put it up on our remembrance page.

And with United Nations Day of Remembrance for Road Victims on Sunday 19th November 2012, they will also be remembered here.

**Peter Frazer OAM, President, SARAH
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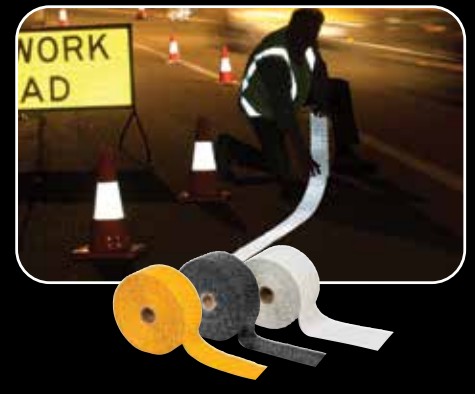
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STEFAN WEBB

On the 14th of September the SA Division held its first breakfast meeting in a very long time. The setting was the Premiership Room overlooking the stunning Adelaide Oval. Our special guest was Patsy Thomas from Austroads who provided an in-depth update regarding all things AGTTM. Patsy's presentation focused on the status of the tiered training rollout across the country. It is great to see that we are moving toward the pointy end of the rollout, with DIT expected to adopt the new package(s) early in the new year.

The tiered system is seemingly falling into place with the hint that DIT will be releasing the road categories in the not too distant future which will tie in with the training structure for traffic controllers.

It was fantastic to see so many faces at the meeting from industry as well as our associate members, valued suppliers and other Associations including CCF SA & AFPA. The RTO's present gained further insight into the changes, and it was great to see them collaborating with members regarding the proposed 20 hours of training for the new traffic controllers.

These changes for our industry are designed to improve safety outcomes for our workers and to improve the industry which in turn, will provide a consistent product across the network. All TM companies must be on board and promote the changes through their businesses.

Spring in Adelaide has finally sprung with some fantastic blue skies and light winds. Winter seemed long and cold this year (maybe because I am getting old) however remained busy for most member companies. There have been plenty of works occurring over many sectors including larger projects to the North and South of Adelaide. The Fleurieu Connections Alliance are steaming through their projects at McLaren Vale and Aldinga, creating dual lane carriageways on two of the busiest roads of the South being Victor Harbor Road and Main South Road. The dual carriageways will increase safety for the road user as well as allow easier access for residents and tourists to the wine regions and holiday areas of the Fleurieu.

In the North the upgrades at Port Wakefield and beyond are bringing improved road conditions and safer passage for road users. As part of the National Freight Route this corridor has an abundance of heavy vehicles at all times of the day and night and the upgrades can only improve the safety outcomes of the road users.

Recently, the refurbishment of 'Old' Murray Bridge was completed. This bridge is the first major bridge to span the Murray and has been in place since 1879. Works carried out included infrastructure repair, upgrading the lighting systems, pedestrian access, installation of corrosion protection and more. The majority of work was completed under stop slow using portable traffic lights to ensure that access was maintained to the Northern suburbs of Murray Bridge located across the river.

In the near future there will be some localised larger projects kicking off which are required to facilitate traffic flows away from South Road while the Torrens to Darlington Project is in operation starting in 2025. The most exciting project is the Tram Grade Separation project which involves removing the tram line from current level crossings at Marion Road, Cross Road and Morphett Road with additional maintenance work at the existing South Road tram overpass. For anyone that has driven the stretch on Marion Road during peak hour it will be welcome relief to remove the level crossing and only have to deal with the intersections at Cross Road and Anzac Highway. Another larger project that is almost at delivery stage is the Majors Road Interchange Project. On / Off ramps will be constructed at the Majors Road overpass on the Southern Expressway to aid access for business and residents of the immediate surrounding areas.

Unfortunately, a concerning aspect for the State is the current lack of funding for regular maintenance of our infrastructure network. Unfortunately, there are many roads on our network that require immediate attention with just as many that will require attention in the not-too-distant future. Hopefully our Politicians can free up some much-needed funds to allocate to infrastructure maintenance immediately.

Recently, I and some other members have been invited to collaborate with the Traffic Management Working Group which is a subsidiary of the DIT Safety Influencers Group. This sub committee deals directly with all facets of Traffic Management safety, education, innovation and improvement. One of the highest risks for the Safety Influencers Group is traffic management and the group was created to bring together constructors and the TM industry to raise awareness and improve safety outcomes. It is great to see leaders from the large constructors playing a role in the safety of the traffic management industry.

Currently we are focusing on the use of Truck Mounted Attenuators (TMA) as we don't currently have a standard to work to here in SA. We are often pointed to use the Vic standard however there are many anomalies in this standard that can't apply to South Australia. Austroads are also on the verge of releasing a standard for comment.

Another point that was raised recently was the fact that a large percentage of the travelling public in SA do not know what a TMA is, what it looks like, how it works or what it is designed for (and protecting). We are currently looking at ways to raise awareness and educate the public about TMA's and what they can expect when they approach one on a high speed road and within work sites.

All in all, there is a lot to look forward to over the coming period and I look forward to sharing the journey with you.

Until next time, Stay Safe.

Stefan Webb
TMAA SA CHAIR



An update on the National Harmonisation of Temporary Traffic Management Practice

Geoff Allan,
Austroads Chief Executive



Austroads, the association of Australian and New Zealand government road and transport agencies, continues to work with members, local government, and industry to harmonise temporary traffic management practice.

PATSY THOMAS - NATIONAL TEMPORARY TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT OPERATIONS MANAGER

Patsy Thomas was appointed Austroads National Temporary Traffic Management Operations Manager in 2022 moving from the Department for Infrastructure and Transport (South Australia). In her role Patsy has primary responsibility for the day-to-day management and operation of the National Temporary Traffic Management Training Framework. Patsy brings 30+ years of experience in the training and audit industry includes lecturing and senior management roles.

Since the last edition of TMAA Detours Patsy has met with trainers attending the Train the Trainer program and other key stakeholders while presenting at meetings/conferences including the TMAA Victorian breakfast meeting and TMAA South Australian breakfast meeting.

TRAIN THE TRAINER INITIATIVE

More than 300 eligible trainers have successfully gained the skill set required to deliver training in the National Training Framework for Temporary Traffic Management. Train the Trainer courses for Traffic Controller and Traffic Management Implementer skill sets will finish in December. After this date, a trainer will need to enrol with an Approved Training Provider to gain the skill sets required.

Traffic Management Designer Train the Trainer will be delivered in Victoria in November, Tasmania in December and Western Australia in February.

STATE/TERRITORY ADOPTION

Applications have been received from Registered Training Organisations in Victoria, South Australia, Northern Territory and Tasmania to become Approved Training Providers. This is extremely positive and is an indication of success in State/Territory adoption.

State / Territory	ATP Application Process Opens	National Training Framework Becomes Mandatory	Transition Period *
Victoria	Now open	Please refer to New traffic management training in Victoria : VicRoads for implementation and transition details	
Tasmania	Now Open	1 January 2024	Please refer to www.transport.tas.gov.au/
South Australia	1 October 2023	1 February 2024	February 2024 – December 2026
Northern Territory	Second half of 2023	1 February 2024	February 2024 – December 2026
Western Australia	Second half of 2023	Category 1: Feb 2025 Category 2 and 3: Feb 2026	Category 1: February 2025 – Feb 2028

*as current qualifications expire an individual will transition to the National Training Framework For Temporary Traffic Management



NATIONAL TEMPORARY TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT TRAINING MATERIAL

Austrroads is committed to continually improve the national temporary traffic management training material. All feedback from trainers about the Traffic Controller and Traffic Management Designer suites has been considered and, where applicable, the material has been updated. Feedback for the Traffic Management Designer (TMD) training packages (TMD1, TMD2 and TMD3) has also been compiled and reviewed. Changes to the training material are being discussed with Austrroads Technical Reference group (this group consists of representations from every State/Territory).

Austrroads would sincerely like to thank everyone who has provided feedback. This strong industry engagement has and will continue to provide an opportunity for continuous improvement of the National Temporary Traffic Management Training Material.

AITSDA

The Austrroads Innovative Temporary Traffic Management Device and Solution Assessment (AITSDA) panel met in September 2023 to review new submissions and follow the progress of AITSDA's in-field assessments.

The meeting was the fifth panel meeting held since AITSDA commenced operation on 1 July 2022.

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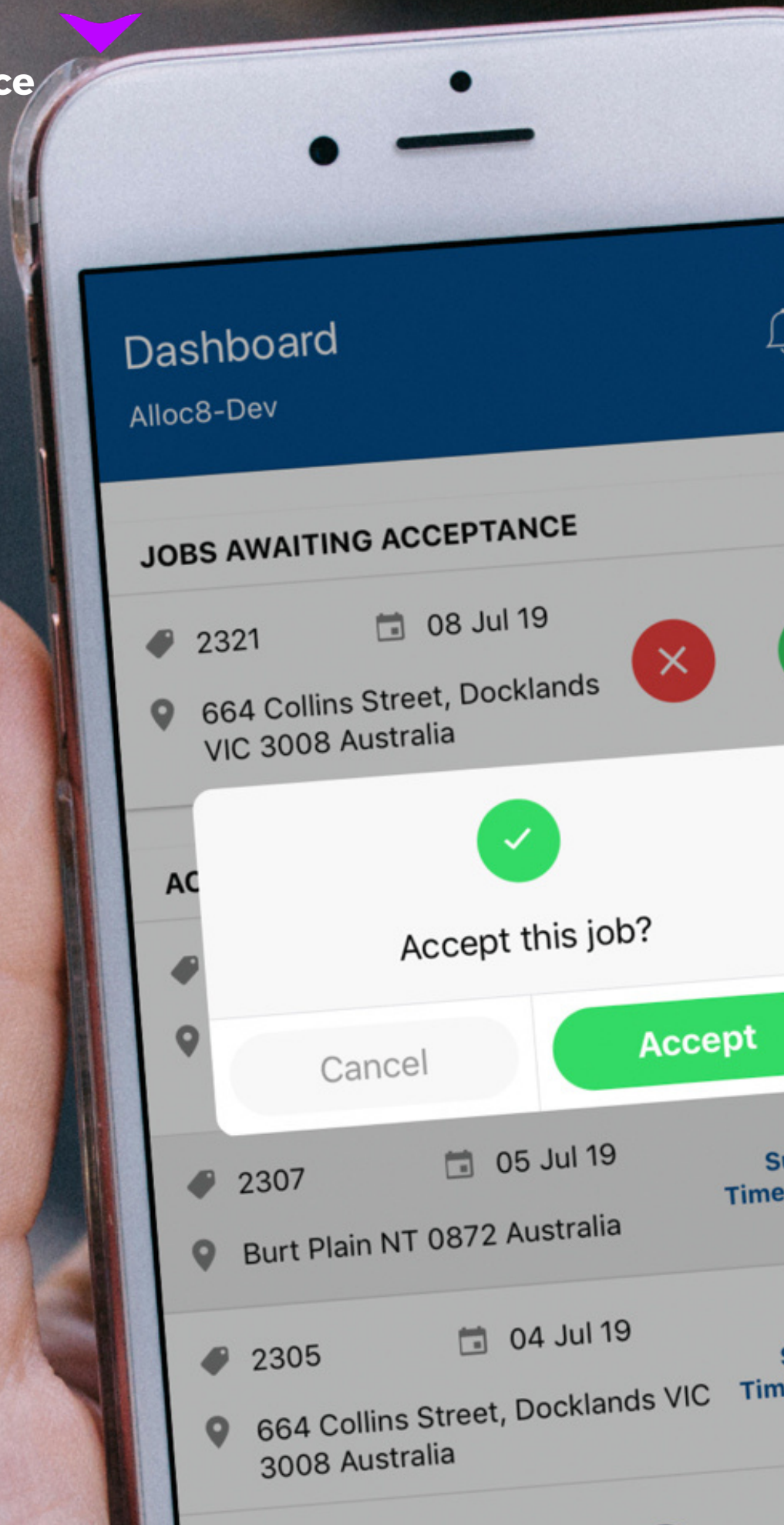
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able to ensure that those jobs are getting done the right way. Protecting both ends of your business is crucial to sustainable growth.

THE PRACTICALITIES OF PLANNING AND FORECASTING

Technology directly supports the planning and forecasting aspects of growing your business. Effective planning and scheduling tools allow your teams to allot resources for upcoming projects and match the right personnel to the right jobs. In addition, an automated functionality will help guide you by suggesting allocation levels and personnel scheduling based on project requirements, effectively streamlining the whole process. Eliminating human data entry and manual processes makes planning more efficient and reduce the potential for errors. Plus, it saves all employees time and energy.

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CHRIS BOYER

As we find ourselves in the midst of an ever-evolving landscape in the world of traffic management, with the aid of my amazing team it brings me great pleasure to provide you with an update on the state of affairs right here in the Northern Territory.

Firstly, I'd like to introduce our NT Vice Chair, Doug Core of Core Traffic Control. Having a Vice Chair is a huge step in the right direction as it signifies the growing strength and leadership within our organisation. Doug brings a wealth of experience and expertise to the table, and his commitment to enhancing traffic management in the Northern Territory is truly commendable. With Doug by our side, we are better equipped than ever to address the challenges and opportunities that lie ahead. His dedication exemplifies the collaborative spirit that defines our association, and I have no doubt that together, we will continue to make significant strides in ensuring the safety and efficiency of our roadways for all. Welcome aboard, Doug!

The Northern Territory is witnessing a surge in infrastructure projects, with several major initiatives receiving the green light and others progressing into further stages. These projects play a crucial role in enhancing our region's connectivity, accessibility, and economic growth.

As we speak, road expansions, bridge constructions, and maintenance projects are in full swing. This increased workload underscores the importance of well-managed traffic systems to minimise disruptions and ensure the safety of both road workers and the public.

On the 12th of September, we held our NT Division Online Meeting, a forum where we came together to discuss the latest developments in the field. It was an enriching experience with insightful updates from various stakeholders. Matthew Bereni shared valuable insights into TMAA's progress, Bailey Morgan provided a glimpse of upcoming events and future meetings, and we received important updates from the Road Authority, CCF, City of Darwin, and other local government areas.

The collaboration and exchange of ideas during these meetings are instrumental in driving positive change

within our industry. It's through such gatherings that we align our efforts and collectively work towards a safer and more efficient traffic management environment.

As we look ahead, the Traffic Management Association of Australia (TMAA) is evolving into the next generation. With recent rebranding efforts, including the unveiling of a fresh and modern TMAA logo, symbolise our commitment to growth, professionalism, and the pursuit of excellence in traffic management.

Our new website is not just a facelift; it's a central hub for industry engagement. Its where prospective members can now join our Association online, streamlining the onboarding process and making it easier for those who wish to be part of our community. From messaging to content, our aim is clear: to provide a seamless experience for all our members.

Moreover, the expanding of award categories to recognise excellence in the traffic management industry comprehensively. This expansion is a testament to our commitment to celebrating outstanding contributions and promoting a safe and sustainable working environment.

In conclusion, the road ahead for traffic management in the Northern Territory is filled with promise and progress. By adopting the AGTTM training framework and continuing our collaboration with the NT government, we aim to eliminate risks to our staff's safety amidst the surge in infrastructure projects. Alongside our collaborative online meetings, these efforts have placed us on a path to establish a safer and more efficient road network. The next generation of TMAA, marked by rebranding and expansion, ensures that we remain at the forefront of industry advancements.

Together, we continue to navigate the ever-evolving landscape of traffic management, ensuring the safety and efficiency of our roadways for all.

Warmest regards,

Christopher Boyer
TMAA Northern Territory Chair

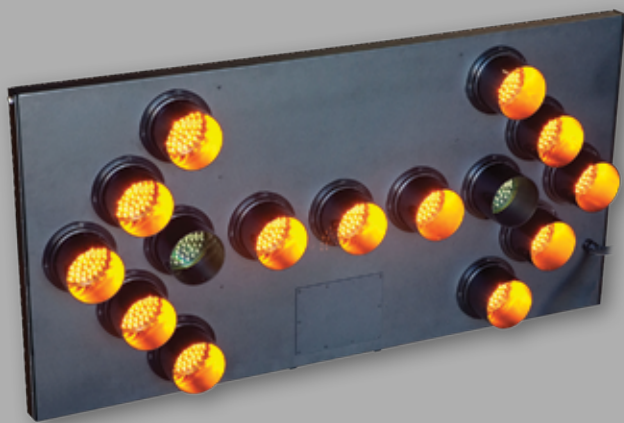
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As the end of the year approaches, families and friends are gearing up for festive celebrations and well-deserved vacations. However, amidst the excitement, it's crucial to remember the significance of road safety, especially during the holiday period. With the summer months also coinciding with increased roadworks, it's imperative to prioritize the safety of the travelling public, tourists and road workers.

The end of the year is synonymous with holiday getaways, road trips, and reunions. Australians take to the roads in large numbers to visit loved ones, explore the beautiful landscapes, or simply enjoy a change of scenery. While this is undoubtedly a time of joy and relaxation, it's also a time when road safety must be at the forefront of our minds.

I implore drivers to please stay alert and avoid distractions.

One of the most significant contributors to road accidents is distracted driving. With the allure of smartphones, in-car entertainment systems, and busy conversations with fellow passengers, it's easy to become preoccupied while behind the wheel. During the holiday season, it's crucial to stay focused on the road, obey speed limits, and avoid using mobile devices while driving. Distracted driving endangers not only your life but also the lives of those around you.

Please be mindful of road works and all road workers.

In the summer months, roadworks become more prevalent, especially in Tasmania as authorities take advantage of the milder weather to make essential repairs and improvements to our infrastructure. While roadworks are essential for the safety and functionality of our road networks, they can also pose risks to drivers and, especially, to road workers.

To ensure the safety of everyone on the road, it's crucial to observe the following precautions:

- 1. Obey Road Signs:** Pay close attention to road signs and signals indicating upcoming roadworks. These signs provide valuable information about speed limits, lane closures, and potential hazards.
- 2. Slow Down:** Reduce your speed when approaching roadwork zones. Slower speeds not only ensure your safety but also give you more time to react to changing road conditions.
- 3. Follow Detour Routes:** Be prepared for detours and follow the specified routes. Deviating from these routes can lead to confusion and increased risks.
- 4. Watch for Workers:** Keep an eye out for road workers and their equipment. These individuals are working to improve our roadways, and their safety depends on your vigilance.
- 5. Patience Is Key:** Roadworks can cause delays, but it's essential to remain patient. Aggressive driving or impatience can lead to incidents.
- 6. Plan Ahead:** Check for roadwork information before your journey and plan alternate routes if necessary. This can help you avoid unexpected delays and ensure a smoother trip.

As the year-end holiday season approaches, it's essential to remember that road safety should always be a top priority. Whether you're embarking on a long road trip or simply navigating your daily commute, staying alert, obeying traffic rules, and being considerate of road workers are vital to ensuring a safe and enjoyable holiday period for all. Let's make this season one to remember for all the right reasons - a time of joy, celebration, and responsible driving.

Your Speed Is Our Safety!

Nicole Willing
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****FORWARD, TOGETHER****

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AGGRESSION ON THE ROAD

(Light vehicles)

Introduction

Driver aggression is a significant risk to road safety, and a concern for all road users. Aggressive driving behaviours include tailgating, excessive speeding, and dangerous lane changing. Extreme aggression can include acts of physical violence or road rage.⁽¹⁾

How frequent is aggression?

Drivers in Australia report frequent Aggressive driving behaviors.⁽¹⁾

1. Sounding The Horn

71%



2. Tailgating

45%



3. Chasing Another Driver

18%



Severity and Risk

The odds of crash increase as the severity of aggression increases.⁽²⁾



Stress and Risk-taking

When work drivers are more stressed, they may be more aggressive and take more risks that increased stress-induced levels of aggression of drivers was associated with increased levels of risk-taking behaviour.⁽³⁾



Illusion of Control

A driver's "illusion of control" has also been found to predict their aggressive driving behaviour, whereby a driver may be overconfident in their ability to handle a driving situation with a belief that their driving skills are superior to other drivers.⁽⁴⁾

Workplace interventions

Education and awareness interventions are effective in supporting drivers to recognise high risk situations and manage emotions and behaviour effectively, and/or training on stress mitigation via workplace stress management techniques may be helpful interventions for work-related drivers.^(1,4)



Seeking Support

Drivers who feel that aggressive driving may be a concern for them, could contact their workplace management for support strategies, or alternatively, contact a counselling professional via the Australian Psychological Society on 1800 333 497.

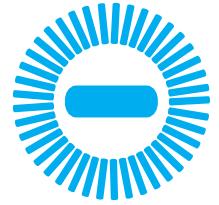


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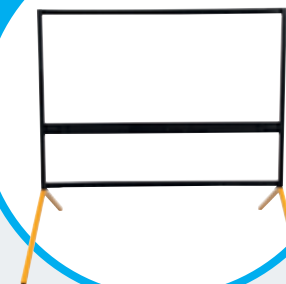


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THOUGHT LEADERSHIP

All hands to the wheel: Understanding the impacts of road trauma - and driving recovery

His truck. The one place he felt safe.

"I have spoken to many truck drivers who were involved in road incidents. Can I give you an example of one, where the driver was driving a cattle truck and a car driver deliberately drove into his truck

"He couldn't do anything to avoid the collision. The truck tipped. The driver of the car died at the scene.

"He saw the car coming at him and thought 'what am I going to do here? I can't do anything'.

"It was extremely traumatic.

"He was referred to our service, so we contacted him shortly after the crash and I said 'we're ringing to see how you are going'. He, not surprisingly and fairly typically of a lot of truck drivers, said 'I'm fine mate, I'm all good. No I don't need any help.' I encouraged him to reach out to our service in the future if needed.

"Six months later I got a call from his wife saying 'he's not okay'. He was very detached from his young family, and prone to uncharacteristic anger bursts. They had three small children, and he was just not himself.

"He started to report to his wife at the end of the day – when she could get something out of him – that when he was driving, he was having what I would suggest were panic attacks.

"I also remember a phone call I received from his employer, because his wife gave his employer our details. The employer had no clue what to do – and that is not a criticism, I gave him enormous credit for ringing me – and the employer said 'how do I help him, what do I need to do?'

"The driver was eventually diagnosed with PTSD [post-traumatic stress disorder], partly because those symptoms in the early days weren't addressed.

The screenshot shows a webpage layout for a 'Thought Leadership' article. At the top, there is a header with logos for Monash University, Accident Research Centre, and NRSPP. Below the header is a large image of a yellow and orange truck on a road. The article title is 'All hands to the wheel: Understanding the impacts of road trauma - and driving recovery'. The main text is organized into several columns and paragraphs, with some text highlighted in green. The article discusses a case study of a truck driver involved in a collision, the impact on his mental health (PTSD), and the support he received from his employer and the service. The article is dated September 2019.

Read the full Case Study on the NRSPP website

"I think for him the biggest concern was he was terrified that he wouldn't be able to continue to work as a truck driver. This was his passion. It was the only thing he'd ever done. It was generational in his family, and he was terrified he would never be able to drive again.

"The one place he had felt safe was in his truck."



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