



WSROC TARGETS YOUNG SPEEDING DRIVERS

The Council Road Safety Officers Program was pioneered in Western Sydney. Today it continues to forge ahead under the banner of WSROC, the Western Sydney Regional Organisation of Councils.

WSROC councils include Blacktown, Fairfield, Hawkesbury, Holroyd, Liverpool, Parramatta and Penrith. Each council is able to tailor its programme to suit the special needs of its community, which can vary quite dramatically even in neighbouring councils.

Road Safety Officers (RSOs) are responsible for managing their councils road safety strategic plan, and in many instances have also initiated such plans. Day-to-day activities include undertaking community consultations, addressing key stakeholder groups, organising educational and promotional campaigns and generating media output on local road safety issues.

The RSO Programme began as a pilot project in Fairfield in 1991, and has now extended across the state with support from the Roads and Traffic Authority. The RTA decided in 1995 to group RSOs into regions for its major campaigns targeting speeding, drink driving and pedestrian issues. The WSROC banner was a natural choice for Western Sydney RSOs.



Left to right: Ian Taylor, Lisa Faddoul, Douglas Dayznaya and Megan Masters

A recent WSROC success was the first phase of a campaign aimed at young speeding drivers. Public relations students from the University of Western Sydney travelled to various LGAs to record radio interviews with local youth. Their opinions and experiences about speeding were edited into a 30-second "vox pop" and aired on ONE-FM late last year. Good media coverage was given to the campaign, and follow-up research showed that the ads hit the spot with their 'real life' format. Phase 2 of the campaign will further the relationship with ONE-FM listeners via a song lyric competition.

WSROC RSOs also made a united presentation at the inaugural Local Government Road Safety Conference held last November. An impressive display of newspaper articles from each council left no doubt that WSROC regularly hits the headlines in the local press.

Road Safety Officers meet once a month to exchange information and to work on regional projects. They are also in close consultation with the WSROC Traffic Sub-Committee, which ensures that transport planning effectively integrates education with engineering.

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ROAD SAFETY 2000 LOCAL GOVERNMENT ROAD SAFETY PROGRAM

The Program began in 1991/92 and has evolved into the following three key components:

PROGRAM EVALUATION

Evaluation of the Program is currently underway. The following two recent survey reports will be published in the near future:

- **An Interim Activity Report on the Program.**
This study was commissioned in July 1996. The objective was to answer a number of key questions and to summarise the activities being undertaken in the Program.
- **A follow-up statewide survey of road safety planning and activity within local councils was undertaken in late 1996.**

The RTA will send copies of the final report to all councils and relevant stakeholders.



ROAD SAFETY SUMMIT

A Road Safety Summit held in Sydney in May was chaired by the Hon Carl Scully, Minister for Roads, and involved stakeholder groups including: RTA, Local Government and Shires Associations, NRMA, IMEA, Council Road Safety Officers, NSW Police Service, Education and Health sectors, Parent and Citizen Associations, transport

and trucking industries, and the Staysafe Committee.

Topics included a strategic overview and key issues, Road Toll Performance for 1996/97, and demerit points-the outcomes from an NRMA community survey on the use of double demerit point penalties for speeding offences over the Easter period.

A Speed Management Stakeholder Panel spoke on different aspects including; enforcement by the NSW Police Service, RTA public education and related strategies, the North Sydney/Mosman 50km/h General Urban Speed Limit Trial and Council perspectives on the GUSL. General discussion followed.

OUTCOMES

- The Minister subsequently announced the continuation of the trial of double

demerit points over the June long weekend and holiday periods and emphasised that as well as enforcement, legislation and education have an important role to play in increasing the level of road safety awareness in the community.

- The Minister also expressed appreciation of Local Governments' commitment to road safety and made reassurances that a decision regarding the 50km/h GUSL had not yet been made and that as a partner in road safety Local Government will be consulted prior to and during any decision making.
- The Summit gave the various stakeholders involved a valuable opportunity to network and discuss their views on the speed management issue.



Council Road Safety Champions



Safe Happy Community

One of the aims of the Program is to make an impact on the road toll through increased community involvement and localisation of statewide campaigns.

The following campaign is a very good example of how local government can help to localise the issue.

LOCALISATION OF THE RURAL MALE SEAT BELT CAMPAIGN

Eighty eight percent of the male drivers killed unrestrained in rural New South Wales in the years 1993 to 1995 were rural residents. The RTA and MAA jointly funded a campaign which ran from April 7 - June 30.

The campaign consisted of radio advertising throughout rural NSW which supported a localisation strategy involving local individuals and organisations in order to promote the relevance of the message within rural communities.

COUNCIL ROAD SAFETY OFFICERS TOOK THE LEAD. READ ON FOR EXAMPLES:

- in the Bega area radio station 2EC ran a bumper sticker competition - 3000 Buckle Up stickers were distributed through 15 hardware/ farm supply, outlets- vehicle first aid kits were used as prizes for vehicles spotted - drivers had to ring in within a certain time (Phil Astbury)
- 2,500 farmers notebooks were produced for the Moree area with the Buckle Up message on the front ~ distribution was through farm supply outlets (Anna Walker)
- the 'Buckle Up in the Bush' farm gate signs were distributed via the Australia Post agencies in the villages of the Ulmarra Shire near Grafton (Angela Ham.)
- the Buckle Up key rings were given out to members of the target group by Police as they conducted Random Breath Testing around Armidale (Natasha Ray.)
- the Crash Sled and two police officers appeared at the Taree and Gloucester cattle sales - not surprisingly this attracted good media -attention (Jennifer Kladis)
- the "This is a seat belt wearing community" signs in Lismore were removed with full media coverage and

various interviews highlighting the low driver compliance in the community and the even lower compliance for passengers (Wendy Johnson)

- a weekly 'are you the seat belt wearing driver in this photo' competition was run in and around Tamworth with prizes donated by local businesses and endorsement of the local paper and both local Councils - the advertisements appeared in the most popular edition (Margaret Hombsch)
- the large Buckle Up car park signs were erected in many hotel car parks in the Lithgow area following discussions with the local Australian Hotels Association group (Norm Wilson)
- the large Buckle Up car park signs were also used in the parking areas for the Walgett show and local Police were active in highlighting the message during the show (Penny Gardoll)
- radio interviews and talk back were successful in many areas, for example Inverell (Tracy Woodward)

For further information contact: Bob Scott Tel: 018 668 408 or Trish Grunert, RTA, (02) 92186024.



DID YOU KNOW?

ROAD FATALITIES AUSTRALIA: FORS MONTHLY BULLETIN MAY 1997

The year to date national road toll to the end of May 1997 is 746 fatalities. This is a 6.2% decrease from the same period in 1996.

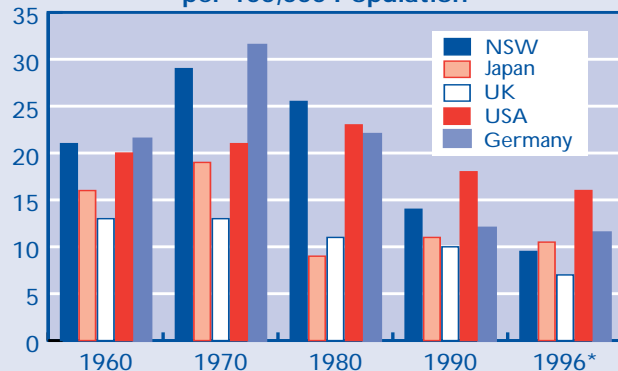
The national road toll for May 1997 was 160. This is a 3.9% increase from the May 1996 figure.

ROAD FATALITIES - NSW INTERNATIONAL COMPARISON (REFER TO GRAPH)

The most commonly used international measure of road safety is fatalities per 100,000 population. The results for the leading industrialised countries in the world since 1960 show that New South Wales has improved at an impressive rate.

Compared with the other countries, the improvements in the New South Wales fatality rate is particularly dramatic since 1980.

INTERNATIONAL COMPARISON FATALITIES per 100,000 Population



* USA is 1994 data. Japan, UK and Germany 1995 data is preliminary

IMEA/RTA LOCAL GOVERNMENT ROAD SAFETY PROJECT

The projects that received 1997 MAA grants are:

COUNCIL	PROJECT	CONTACT
Albury	Safe Driving Policy Community Research: Road Safety Plan	Penny Dunstan
Auburn	Youth Road Safety Project	Pembe Mentesh
Ballina/Lismore	Community Education Video Work Safe, Drive Safe - Safe driving policy	Wendy Johnson
Bankstown	Community Research: Road Safety Strategic Plan	Vivienne Audus
Bathurst	Roundabout Education & Awareness Campaign	John Clarke
Bega Valley/Eurobodalla	Speed & Fatigue on Far South Coast	Phil Astbury
Bellingen	Council Safe Driving Policy De-restriction speed Tips for safe driving on rural roads Community Research Strategic Road Safety Plan	
Cabonne	Young Drivers Safety Awareness	Kevin Howell
Canterbury	Road Safety Strategic Plan	Angela Tocher
Cessnock	Using the Roundabout Way	Marie Ormiston
Coffs Harbour	Community Radio Road Safety Program Road Safety Strategic Plan- Community Research	Judi Clifton
Dubbo	Roundabout Education & Awareness campaign Safe Driving Policy	Carolyn Ashworth
Dungog	Safe Country Driving	David Uphill
Gosford /Wyong	Central Coast Young Driver Campaign	Jacqui Clark Alison Brown
Grafton	Safe Driving Policy - Code of Practice	W Moffitt
Greater Lithgow	Be Safe, Be Seen	Norm Wilson
Hawkesbury	Youth Strategic Plan 1997 - 2000	Diana Aspinall
Holroyd	Older & Safer Pedestrian Project -Brochure	Julie Edwards
Hornsby	Taking it to the Streets-Community consultation	Gillian Smitheran
Kempsey/ Nambucca	Rural Roads Campaign Young Drivers Campaign	Brenton Fox
Ku-ring-gai	Road Safety Attitudinal Study	Gabrielle Last
Leichhardt	Road Safety Strategic Plan 1997-99	Vera Zaccari
Lismore	Work Safe, Drive Safe - Safe Driving, Policy	Wendy Johnson
Liverpool	Safe Driving Policy	Alison Mortimer
Maitland	Using the Roundabout Way	Marie Ormiston
Marrickville	Child Pedestrian Safety	Mary Bailey
Moree Plains	Road safety at harvest 1997	Anna Walker
Newcastle	Women Travelling Safely - What's Standard	Lorna Davin
North Sydney	Stop Look Live - Pedestrian Safety Campaign - Phase 2	
Penrith	Rural Road Safety	Kathy Edwards
Port Stephens	Anti Drink Driving Campaign Safe Driving Policy & risk management of drivers	Ian Powell
Queanbeyan	Research & Development of Aboriginal Road Safety	Rhona Jason Smith
Singleton	Community Road Safety Survey-Road Safety Plan	Jennifer Andrews
Sutherland Shire	One Life One Chance Evaluation	Melissa King
Uralla	Rural Bus Stop Safety	Robert Bell
Wollongong City	Cycleway Map	Rob Reynolds
Wyong/ Gosford	Central Coast Speeding and Fatigue Project	Alison Brown Jacqui Clarke

COUNCIL ROAD SAFETY OFFICER PROJECT

Read on for some examples of road safety projects developed by Council Road Safety Officers around NSW.

QUEANBEYAN CITY COUNCIL

Young Driver: Personal Responsibility Training

The Road Safety Officer has been working with an ACT Trainer, Mediator and Control Therapist in developing a workshop for pre-learner drivers called Personal Responsibility Training.

The objectives of the workshop are to give learner drivers an opportunity to understand and accept personal responsibility for their actions by becoming accountable for the consequences of their choices of behaviour.

The projected outcomes are to provide young people with an opportunity to review how and why they behave, and to know they have control and can exercise it with an appropriate measure of self discipline particularly when operating a motor vehicle.

The workshop was trialed by teachers and year 10 students. Content of the workshop covered:

- *How and why we behave*
- *What is personal responsibility*
- *Taking control of Road Rage*

The program evaluated well and a follow up evaluation of the students perceptions of the workshop five months later is currently underway.

For further information contact Rhona Jason Smith.

LAKE MACQUARIE CITY COUNCIL

Walk Safe/Cycle Safe on shared paths

The Road Safety Officer conducted a publicity campaign on shared pedestrian/cycleways due to a growing conflict between users in one particular facility.

A leaflet was produced and distributed in the community and Council Rangers distributed leaflets to cyclists and pedestrians.

Signs were erected at selected sites and Council advertised the leaflet in the local media. The project will be evaluated at the end of six months. For further information contact Scott Pickering.



HURSTVILLE CITY COUNCIL

'Young People Hit the Road' Youth Road Safety Survey & Strategic Plan

The aim of the Youth Road Safety Consultation and Strategy was to identify and incorporate youth needs into Councils Road Safety Strategic Plan which is aiming to achieve a significant reduction in road accidents and casualties by the year 2002.

Council's Community Worker Youth, Children's Services and the Road Safety Officer designed a series of surveys and a consultation process.

Young people were consulted on a range of issues including drink driving, 'showing off', speeding, fatigue, being a passenger, skateboarding and rollerblading.

This information provided a framework to

address behaviours and issues through targeted road safety activities. It also identified areas where youth service providers and associated community services can work jointly on projects to decrease the road accidents and fatality rate among young people in the municipality.

For further information contact Rima Awad.

BATHURST, DUBBO AND GREATER LITHGOW COUNCILS

Road Safety Strategic Plan Development

As part of the process of developing their Council's road safety strategic plans the three Road Safety Officers involved decided to examine whether there was any aspect they could work on collaboratively.

As each Council wanted to find out similar information from their communities such as road safety perceptions, priorities and suggestions a joint brief was prepared and submitted to three consultants to quote on a telephone survey for each of the councils.

It was estimated that each Council saved between \$500-\$1,000 by using the same survey forms with savings in development costs, piloting and analysis.

The survey was well received in all communities with a number of respondents commenting on what a good idea the survey was. This was encouraging for the officers whose role is to encourage local community participation and ownership of road safety. For further information contact: Carolyn Ashworth (Dubbo), Norm Wilson (Greater Lithgow), or John Clarke (Bathurst).

HURSTVILLE AND ROCKDALE CITY COUNCILS

'Laugh or Die' Anti Drink Drive Campaign

Using Shopfront Theatre, Hurstville and Rockdale Councils ran a campaign over the Easter period called 'Laugh or Die', which targeted high risk drink drivers by using stand up comedy in local pubs and clubs where the problem often starts.

The one hour pub show aimed to get the anti drink drive message across through an

entertaining medium. Drink coasters with the message 'Laugh til you Cry - Don't Drink Drive and Die' were produced. The Road Safety Officers involved believe that the drink drive issue can be approached with humour provided it is also regarded as a serious life threatening issue. For further information contact Rima Awad (Hurstville) or Catherine Barlow (Rockdale).



WOLLONGONG CITY COUNCIL

Older Driver Information

Older drivers have needs and expectations which are different to many other road users. While they have a wealth of experience on which to draw, the emergence of physical limitations imposes new challenges to driving and its key role in maintaining independence.

Wollongong City Council has drawn on a valuable working relationship with the Illawarra Retirement Trust to raise road safety issues with drivers.

The Road Safety Officer has written a series of feature articles which are being published in the IRT newsletter which has an avid readership of over 2000.

The series includes information on:

- how to buy a new car with features that will keep you driving safely longer
- how to deal with road rage
- child restraint information for grandparents
- licensing information for older drivers including self-assessment of driving skills.

The articles promote existing resources such as the RTA's excellent Older Driver Handbook. Copies of the articles are available by contacting Rob Reynolds on Tel (042) 277261.



COFFS HARBOUR CITY COUNCIL

Community Road Safety Forum 18 April 1997

This event was designed as a way of raising the issue of local road safety within the local community and as a basis for the development of a Strategic Plan for Local Road Safety.

Speakers at the Forum were: Mayor, Councillor John Smith, Mr Tim Winders, NRMA and member of the Coffs Harbour Community Road Safety Group, Mr Grant McBride, Parliamentary Secretary to the NSW Minister for Roads, David Munk, member of the MAA Paralympian Program, Lori St John RTA, Gillian Browne IMEA and Rhonda Neuhold LGSA's.

More than hundred participants attended. The majority were representatives of local organisations and groups. Representatives from several road safety stakeholder organisations with a regional or state-wide involvement in road safety also attended.

Participants broke into small groups to identify local road safety issues and resources. The information gained will be used as a basis for further research and community consultation during the development of the Strategic Plan for Local Road Safety.

A high level of media coverage was gained by the event, including a local news story on both local television stations. The Forum also generated a very positive response from participants and the community in general.

The organisation and implementation of such a high profile road safety event relied on good intersectoral links and demonstrated the strong potential of localised road safety consultation and planning as a means of developing community ownership of road safety in the Coffs Harbour Local Government Area. For further information contact Judi Clifton.

HORNSBY SHIRE COUNCIL

"Kids, Love Them, Teach Them, Protect Them."

In response to an RTA grant initiative to aid the development of a parent/carer road safety information program Council's "Kids - Love Them, Teach Them, Protect Them" was developed together with the Hornsby/Kuring-gai Health Promotion, Safe Communities Project.

The aim is to increase the awareness of parents/carers of road safety issues and concerns in relation to their children and to enable them to encourage positive road safety behaviour.

The main strategy was to produce information kits for parents/carers of children aged 0-5 and the teachers and staff of all children's services within the Shire. The kits contain existing RTA, FORS, Council and Health resources, brochures and materials covering topics such as; child occupant restraints, pedestrian safety, bus safety, preparation for school road safety issues, bike safety, parent/carer parking issues, behaviour around child care centres and pre-schools, and an area contact list of local services related to children and road safety.

Posters displayed in all centres highlighted the road safety of children and the need to promote positive road safety behaviour, and alerted parents that information kits were available.

Implementation & Distribution

Members of the project team talked to the various centres about how to use the kits. A questionnaire was conducted with centre directors to find out information about the centre, the composition of families, NESB details, current road safety education strategies used with both the children and parents, road safety resources available and future strategies for the implementation of road safety in the program. This information has been kept on a central data base and follow up interviews will be conducted in 6 months.

Centres suggested strategies for how they would use and implement the kit. These included; centre newsletters, dedicating a section of parent libraries to Road Safety Information and Resources, sending fliers home and holding parent information nights. Centre directors have also been encouraged to send their staff to a 'Kids and Traffic' teachers inservice.

SPIN OFFS

As a result of media coverage the kits are now being requested by individuals, home carers, hospitals and families and a second distribution strategy involving relevant hospital clinics and wards has evolved. Councils' Occupant Restraint Program for the Chinese Community, which was running at the same time, has also added value to the parent/carer project.

The kit has been adapted and incorporated into the 1997 launch of Council's 'Safety Outside Schools' (SOS) program which has continued to grow since its introduction in 1995. The 'Kids, Love Them, Teach Them, Protect Them' kits were sent to all school Principals and P&C Presidents at the beginning of the school year, with a covering letter and copies of Council's new "SOS road safety brochure." For further information contact Gillian McGregor on Tel: (02) 9847 6524.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND SHIRES ASSOCIATIONS/RTA PROJECT

ROAD SAFETY INTERNET PILOT

Work is continuing on the development of the Road Safety Internet Pilot which is set to be launched on July 1! The Network aims to facilitate the exchange of information and practices between councils, their communities, LGSA, IMEA, RTA, and ALGA in the area of road safety.

The concept has been enthusiastically received by the selected councils approached by the ALGA and Associations. Wollongong, Lismore, Dubbo, Port Stephens, Newcastle, Lake Macquarie, Hurstville and Penrith Councils have been visited and have agreed to participate in the twelve month pilot.

All participating councils are required to provide information on road safety planning and projects as well as promoting road safety resources, launches and events. The overall project will be reviewed regularly and on going support will be provided to participating councils by the project team.

For further information contact Rhonda Neuhold, at the Associations on Tel (02) 92424073 or Wendy Michaels at ALGA on Tel (06) 2811211.



NSW Internet Pilot
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<http://www.alga.com.au/rsnpart.htm>

COUNCIL VISITS

When visiting councils about the Road Safety Internet pilot, the Policy Officer has taken the opportunity to meet with council engineers, councillors and general managers to discuss road safety and transport issues which are pertinent to Local Government.

Apart from the councils involved in the Internet pilot, Gloucester, Dungog, Scone and Ballina councils have been visited.

These discussions have been helpful, providing an opportunity to discuss the Local Government Road Safety Program, Federal Inquiry into road funding, mass limits review and national road transport reform.

1997 LOCAL GOVERNMENT ROAD SAFETY CONFERENCE

The Policy Officer is the convenor of the 1997 Local Government Road Safety Conference to be held 9-10 September at the Sydney Airport Sheraton Hotel. The conference organising committee meets monthly and comprises representatives from the IMEA, RTA and three Road Safety Officers.

The conference will focus on the behavioural aspects of road safety with presentations on the issues of:

- pedestrian safety
- occupant restraints
- speed
- drink driving
- bicycle safety
- fatigue.

A Road Safety Forum will be held with representation from the various States.



Special interest sessions will include:

- use of road safety data
- road safety audits
- road safety planning
- project briefs.

A special pre-conference session will be held on Monday 8 September for RSOs and engineers/supervisors.

This day will provide a networking opportunity and sessions will be held on issues specific to the Local Government Road Safety Officers Project. A preliminary program and registration forms will be sent to all councils in July.



WESTERN AUSTRALIAN MUNICIPAL ASSOCIATION VISIT

In March the Policy Officer accompanied Wendy Michaels from ALGA to meet with Julie Parsons, Roadwise coordinator in the Western Australian Municipal Association. Roadwise is funded by the Road Safety Trust Fund provided through the WA Office of Road Safety. A Local Government Road Safety Council forms a powerful steering committee which guides the program.

Local Government has responded positively to the Roadwise program in Western Australia participating in specific campaigns and taking ownership of the Roadwise program. Local Government takes responsibility in forming a Roadwise Committee involving local community organisations similar to the structure of the

Council which oversees the entire program. The Roadwise committee develops a road safety strategy, and is guided by the materials and advice provided by the Roadwise coordinator, thus allowing the strategy to be developed, tailored and owned by the local community.

Apart from meeting the Roadwise team, meetings were held with Dr Ken Michael Commissioner, and Rob Giles, Manager Management Services, WA Main Roads, representatives from WA Police, Local Government and other road safety stakeholders.

For further information contact Rhonda Neuhold, LGSA's Ph (02)92424073.

NEW PUBLICATIONS

1997 LOCAL GOVERNMENT EXCELLENCE IN ROAD SAFETY AWARDS BOOKLET

A booklet outlining all of the grant submissions is currently being circulated to all councils and relevant organisations.

NEW RESOURCE FOR ROAD SAFETY OFFICERS

The RTA has developed a new guide for Road Safety Officers for dealing with older road user issues. Older road users (particularly drivers) are not specifically targeted for road safety programs as they represent a very small proportion of the road toll. However, Road Safety Officers are often expected to address older people.

The guide presents information to help RSO's make the most effective use of such opportunities. The material is designed for easy incorporation into the Behavioural Issues in Road Safety folder and will be distributed to all Road Safety Officers in July.

For any further information please contact Barbara Black on Tel: (02) 9218-3578

NEW ETHNIC COMMUNITY PROFILES RESOURCE

The RTA's new ethnic community profiles resource is expected to be available in July 1997. It has been produced in consultation with 9 Road Safety Officers in councils with high density NESB populations. There are twenty-six NESB communities included in the resource. Information on each community includes:

- background information
- size of the community
- English language proficiency
- socio-economic status
- community infrastructures
- media contacts

Councils will find the material useful when planning road safety campaigns and strategies that target and/or include NESB communities. It is expected that as new census data becomes available, pages of the resource will be updated and sent to Road Safety Officers to insert into the folders.

If you have any inquiries, please contact Linda Owen, RTA, on Tel: (02) 9218 6087.

RTA ROAD USER UPDATES

The purpose of the Updates is to provide current information relating to behavioural issues in road safety in a summary form. Nine updates have been produced since 1993. These include:

1. The Who, When and How of seat belt use in 92/93
2. What do we know about Drink Driving?
3. Confusion over: Keep left unless overtaking rule
4. The current state of bicycle riding
5. Lessons from the stories of fatigue victims
6. The facts on Older drivers
7. People from a Non-English Speaking Background: Do they have special road safety needs
8. Seat belt use in NSW, 1996 Update
9. Driver Fatigue, 1996 update
10. Mobile phone use and road safety
11. 'In vehicle distraction' as a factor in road safety.

If you would like copies of any of these updates or would like to be on the mailing list please contact Barbara Black, RTA, requesting an order form on Fax (02) 92183670.

FORS MONOGRAPH 16, 1997: AUSTRALIA'S INTERNATIONAL ROAD SAFETY PERFORMANCE

This monograph compares Australia's road safety performance to its OECD counterparts. The comparisons are drawn taking into account the level of motorisation and population of the countries reported. The results highlight the substantial gains made in road safety both in Australia and many other countries from 1997 to 1994. Compared to OECD nations, Australia ranked:

- fourth in terms of fatalities per 10,000 registered vehicles: and
- ninth in terms of fatalities per 100,000 population

For further information contact the Federal Office of Road Safety.

FEEDBACK

If you would like to contribute to this newsletter contact:

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COMING UP WORKSHOPS/ TRAINING

IMEA/RTA WORKSHOPS ON DEVELOPING ROAD SAFETY STRATEGIC PLANS

A 1 day workshop on road safety planning will be held on June 30 for councils that are known to be developing plans or about to start the process.

Both Road Safety Officers and Engineers are being encouraged to attend.

A further workshop is planned for August/September. For further information contact: Gillian Browne, Tel (02) 92675224.

IMEA PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT COURSES

Training courses available include: Road Safety Audits, Powers and Duties (Local Government Law), Asset Management for Sustainability, Competitive Provision of Services, Road Line Marking and Signage, Introduction for Gangers, Flexible Road Pavements, Road Design and other programs in conjunction with RTA and APPI.

ROAD SAFETY AUDIT COURSES:

Tamworth July 1 & 2

Grafton July 3 & 4

Sydney 28/29 July

Nowra 31 July/1 August

Orange 25/26 August

Wagga Wagga 15/16

September

For further information contact IMEA, Suzanna Barnes Tel (02) 92675238 or Fax (02) 92835255.

1997 LOCAL GOVERNMENT ROAD SAFETY CONFERENCE

9 - 10 September, Sydney

Pre conference session for RSOI/Engineers Sept 8. Registration forms will be sent to councils in July.