

Media Statement

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4000 voluntary breath tests at Falls

Road Safety Advisory Council volunteers provided 4182 voluntarily breath tests today at the Falls festival.

A Road Safety Advisory Council spokesperson said 2188 tests were done at the RSAC tent and 1994 at information stations throughout the festival site. Some patrons might have had more than one test.

The number of tests this year was 35 percent of the 12,100 patrons, up on last year's test total of 3344 – about 26 percent of the crowd of 13,000.

The spokesperson said the testing gave people the chance to get an indication of their blood alcohol level before going home. Party revellers can still be above the blood alcohol limit hours after their last drink. The voluntary testing gives them the opportunity to make sure they're below the limit.

As part of our Towards Zero Action Plan 2020-2024, the Tasmanian Government will invest \$75 million to help save lives on our roads over the next five years.

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