

Our Safety

Our Future

Tasmanian Road Safety Strategy 2007-2016

Progress Report

*to the*

*Road Safety Advisory Council*

*including progress on the Work Program*

*as at*

*31 March 2016*

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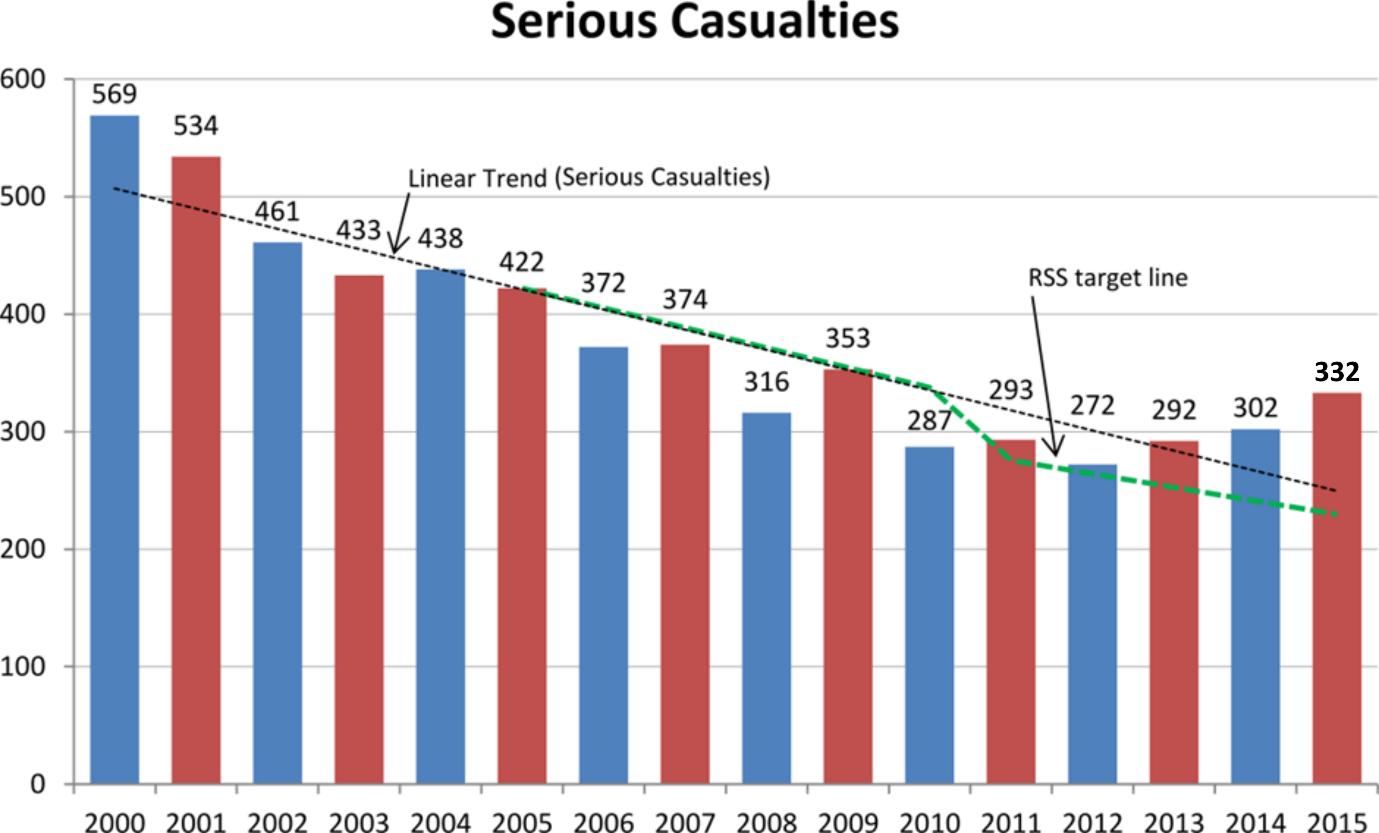
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Progress on meeting the Tasmanian Road Safety Strategy targets

* The number of serious casualties in 2015 was 332, compared to 302 in 2014, a 9.9 per cent increase. The 2015 figure of 332 is a 14.6 per cent increase on the five year serious casualty average of 289.6 (2010-2014).
* For the 2015 calendar year, there were 34 fatalities on Tasmanian roads which is one less than the 35 recorded in 2014. This is a 9.7 per cent increase on the five year fatalities average of 31.0 (2010-2014).
* There have been 107 serious casualties (11 fatalities and 96 serious injuries) to 31 March 2016, up 1.9 per cent on the same period last year of 105 serious casualties (11 fatalities and 94 serious injuries) and up 17.8 per cent on the five year average of 90.8 serious casualties.
* The table below outlines road crash deaths for individual states and territories for the period 2005 to 2015

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|  | **NSW** | **VIC** | **QLD** | **SA** | **WA** | **TAS** | **NT** | **ACT** | **AUST** |
| **2005** | **508** | **346** | **330** | **148** | **163** | **51** | **55** | **26** | **1,627** |
| **2006** | **496** | **337** | **335** | **117** | **200** | **55** | **45** | **13** | **1,598** |
| **2007** | **435** | **332** | **360** | **124** | **235** | **45** | **58** | **14** | **1,603** |
| **2008** | **374** | **303** | **328** | **99** | **205** | **39** | **75** | **14** | **1,437** |
| **2009** | **454** | **290** | **331** | **119** | **191** | **63** | **31** | **12** | **1,491** |
| **2010** | **405** | **288** | **249** | **118** | **193** | **31** | **50** | **19** | **1,353** |
| **2011** | **364** | **287** | **269** | **103** | **179** | **24** | **45** | **6** | **1,277** |
| **2012** | **369** | **282** | **280** | **94** | **183** | **31** | **49** | **12** | **1,300** |
| **2013** | **333** | **243** | **271** | **98** | **162** | **35** | **37** | **7** | **1,186** |
| **2014** | **307** | **249** | **223** | **107** | **183** | **35** | **39** | **10** | **1,153** |
| **2015** | **348** | **257** | **242** | **102** | **160** | **34** | **49** | **15** | **1,209** |
| **% change 2014-15** | **13.4%** | **3.2%** | **8.5%** | **-4.7%** | **-12.6%** | **-2.9%** | **25.6%** | **50%** | **4.9%** |

* The first target of ‘by 2010: a 20% reduction in serious injuries and fatalities from 2005’ has been reached with a reduction of 32%. Progress is indicated on the chart below.
* The second target of ‘by 2015: a 20% reduction in serious injuries and fatalities from 2010’ has not been met. Reasons for this include the fact that the number of serious casualties recorded in 2010 was the second lowest recorded, combined with the fact that since 2012 the number of serious casualties has been gradually increasing.

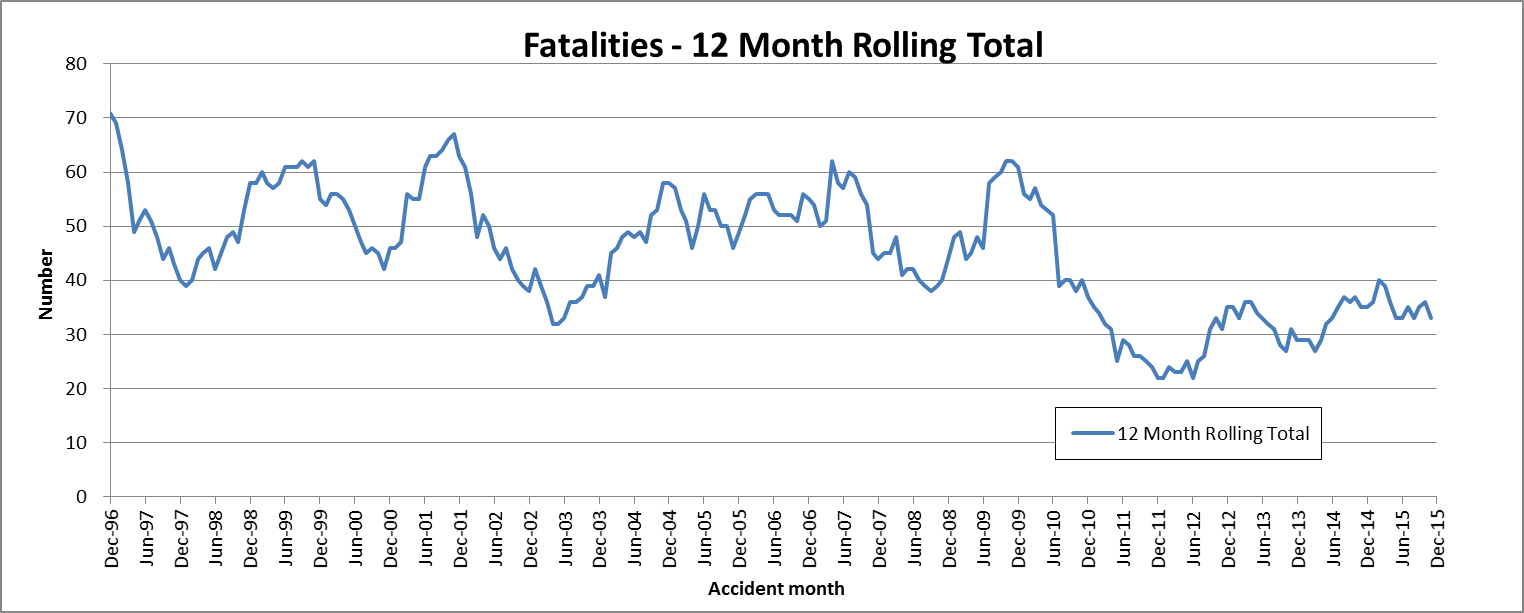


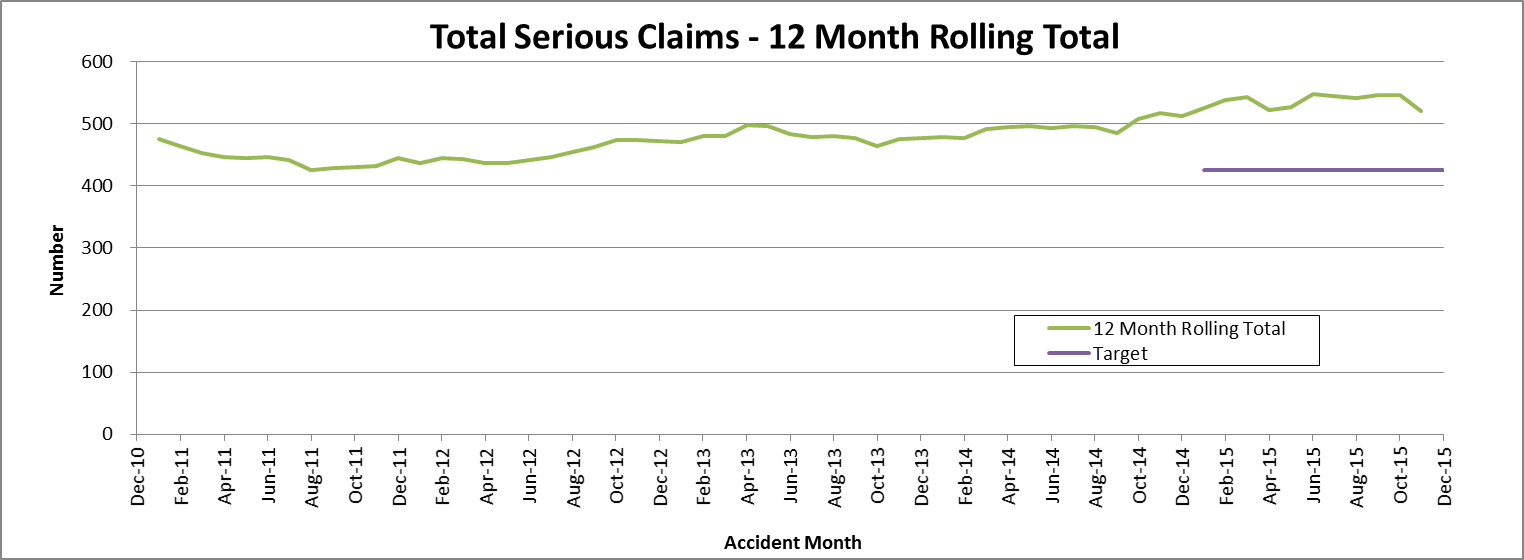
* The method above, used to access the TRSS target, compares points in time – a comparison between the year 2005 and the year 2010 and between 2010 and 2015.
* As an additional measure, the five year averages (and part thereof) are included below. This methodology smooths out anomalies between individual years and provides a holistic picture of serious casualties in Tasmania

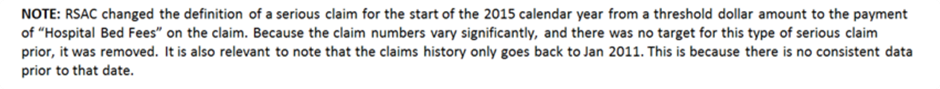
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| **Five year average timeframe** | **Average** | **% of change** | **Period** |
| Annual average of serious casualties 2001 - 2005 | 457.6 | N/A | Baseline period |
| Annual average of serious casualties 2006 – 2010 | 340.4 | - 25.6 | Period 1 |
| Annual average of serious casualties 2011 – 2015 | 298.4 | -12.3 | Period 2 |

## Progress on meeting the MAIB targets

* MAIB injury statistics show the number of fatalities and the level of claims for injuries on our roads. The charts below show the forecast level of claims for serious injuries.
* Various claim reduction targets are specified in the Memorandum of Understanding with the Motor Accidents Insurance Board (MAIB). Progress against high level targets is shown below, expressed as 12-month moving totals.



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## Key achievements since last report

Key project milestones

* *Towards Zero – Tasmanian Road Safety Strategy 2017-2026* Discussion Paper developed and released for public comment.

Projects completed this quarter

* Fixed Speed Cameras - All sites are now completed and cameras operational.

Projects with budget variance more than 10% *(further detail provided under specific projects)*

***Under Budget***

**65210034/R310015 – Midland Highway, Symmons Plains – 2 Plus 1**

Allocated budget: $7,750,000

Forecast expenditure: $6,950,000

Underspend: $800,000 (9%)

Reason

More complex negotiations with landholders together with pavement and drainage issues has resulted in the previously estimated saving of 13% being revised down to an estimated saving of 9%.

**65210034/R310016 – Bass Highway, North of Gannons Hill – 2 Plus 1**

Allocated budget: $7,365,000

Forecast expenditure: $5,985,000

Underspend: $1,380,000 (19%)

Reason

Better than expected contract price is expected to result in a saving of 19% on the estimated cost for this project.

**2202/2203 – Tourist Safety Strategy – Stage 1**

Allocated budget: $50,000

Forecast expenditure: $75,990

Overspend: $25,990

Reason

Produced higher quality Vlog than originally anticipated and expanded Bobbie the Bear materials due to popularity.

**Project progress: schedule and budget**

Budget information, milestones and project status are correct as at 31 March 2016.

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| **Project progress** | **Number of projects** |
| More than 12 months late | 0 |
| Between 6 and 12 months late | 0 |
| Between 3 and 6 months late | 0 |
| Less than 3 months late or on target | 25 |
| Ongoing | 2 |
| Completed | 2 |
| On hold | 1 |
| **TOTAL** | 30 |

Road Safety Levy Funded Project

1995 Safer Travel Speeds on Rural Roads Program

Description

In Tasmania, there is a serious crash problem on non-urban roads with a 100km/h speed limit, with more than 40% of serious casualty crashes occurring on these roads. The *Safer Roads: Non-Urban Road Network Strategy* was developed to address this issue. The Strategy,which is based on Safe System principles, identified the need to balance infrastructure treatments and speed management measures to improve the overall safety of the non-urban road network. The Strategy built on recommendations made to the previous Government by the RSAC and the results of community consultation.

The main focus of the Strategy was on improving, where possible, road and roadside infrastructure, with speed management being utilised as a risk mitigation measure where an infrastructure response was not possible. Independent criteria – the ‘Tasmanian Criteria for 100km/h Roads’ – were developed to assess whether roads are of a suitable standard to retain a 100km/h speed limit.

It was estimated that more than 100 people over six years would be spared serious injury or death should the non-urban speed limit be reduced to 90km/h on those roads that do not meet the Tasmanian criteria.

Following a decision by the former Government not to reduce the default speed limit from 100km/h to 90km/h on rural sealed roads, aprogram will be developed to consult with councils and local communities to negotiate appropriate speed limits on those roads determined to be unable to meet the Tasmanian criteria and that have a high crash risk. This new program is the Safer Travel Speeds on Rural Roads Program.

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| **Milestone Schedule** | | **Milestone Progress** | |
| **Date** |  | **Date** |  |
| February 2013 | Assessment of State Road Network against the ‘Tasmanian Criteria’ | June 2013 | Final Draft - on-site validations completed. Final Draft - Desk top assessments completed. |
| February 2013 | Assessment of nominated Local Government roads against the ‘Tasmanian Criteria’ | June 2013 | Final Draft - on-site validations completed. Final Draft - Desk top assessments completed. |
| February 2013 | Development of campaign to educate community about reduced non-urban speed limit and new signage | May 2013 | Communication Action Plan completed. Brief for engaging a communications consultant completed. |
| April 2013 | Launch of media campaign | February 2014 |  |
| May/June 2013 | Installation of new signage | February 2014 | Sign contract development 95% completed, upcoming tasks, confirming procurement strategy and associated processes. |

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| June 2013 | Introduction of new speed limits | February 2014 | New limits on gravel roads to commence 1 February 2014. |
| August 2013 | 12-month Evaluation | February 2014 | TBA |
| June 2013 | Amendment to road rules – subordinate legislation | February 2014 | Regulation changes commenced 1 February 2014. |
| December 2014 | Develop program for consultation with local government about appropriate speed limits on local sealed rural roads taking into account crash risk and ability to meet Tasmanian criteria. |  | Not commenced.  On hold. |

Status

State Growth will develop a framework to engage with local councils to review speed limits on sections of roads within their municipalities and where necessary to deliver more appropriate speed limits.

However, this has not yet commenced due to other priority projects. This project will be considered under the new Towards Zero – Tasmanian Road Safety Strategy 2017-2026.

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| **Budget ($)** | | |
| **Total allocated budget for project** | **1,000,000\*** | |
| Expenditure in 2012/13 | 85,639 | |
| Expenditure in 2013/14 | 520,473 | |
| Expenditure in 2014/15 | 19,556 | |
| **Total expenditure to date** | **625,668** | |
| **Current Balance** | **374,334** | |
| **Forecast total expenditure on completion** |  | **1,000,000** |
| **Forecast balance remaining on completion** |  | **0** |

**Comments**

\* Note: RSAC endorsed a revised budget at its meeting of 26 November 2013. Original budget was $1,500,000.

Road Safety Levy Funded Project

1997 Fixed Speed Camera Program

Description

Fixed pole infrastructure will be established to support Tasmania Police’s existing eight (8) speed cameras. Pole mounting maximises the automation benefit of speed cameras and increases enforcement capacity by releasing police camera operators to undertake additional active enforcement.

While the Project will incorporate site selection methodology, consideration will be given to high volume traffic locations such as main arterial routes out of cities that possess a speed related crash risk. This approach is consistent with Recommendation 5 of the Auditor-General’s Special Report No. 85: Speed Detection Devices.

Speed cameras will continue to operate under existing legislative provisions and use existing backend infrastructure and processes.

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| **Milestone Schedule** | | **Milestone Progress** | |
| **Date** |  | **Date** |  |
| Dec 2014 | Fixed Camera Site Determination | Oct 2014  Feb 2015  Mar 2015 | Site & desktop identification **completed**.  Laser & WHS assessments **complete**  StateGrowth engineering assessment **complete**. |
| Dec 2014 | Launch of media campaign | Jan 2015 | Commenced - ongoing |
| April 2015 | Proof of Concept (Rosetta) | July 2015 | **Completed** |
| May 2015 | Site engineering and development - South  Commenced Operations - South | July 2015  Aug/Sept 2015 | **Completed** Rosetta/Tolmans Hill sites only  **Completed**  Rosetta/Tolmans Hill/Cornelian Bay |
| May 2015 | Site Engineering & Development – Nth/NW  Commence Operations - North | July 2015  Sept 2015 | **Completed**  Wivenhoe/Kings Meadow Link  **Completed**  Kings Meadow Link Rd |
| April 2015 | Camera adaption & enclosure build | Dec 2014 | Commenced - ongoing |
| June-July 2015 | Install of equipment on-site | Mar – Sep 2015 | **Completed**  Rosetta/Tolmans Hill/Cornelian Bay/Kings Meadow Link/Wivenhoe |
| October - December 2015 | Building and installation of equipment | Oct – Dec 2015 | **Completed**  East Devonport / Cambridge Park |
| January – March 2016 | Building and installation of equipment | Mar 2016 | **Completed**  Campbell Town |
| March 2016 | Project Complete | Mar 2016 | **Completed** |

Status

* The final site became operational at Campbell Town on 24th March 2016 following two weeks testing. Permanent warning signs have also been installed in this location.
* All sites are now completed and cameras operational
* All invoices have been received and processed
* The project is complete within budget

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| **Budget ($)** | | |
| **Total allocated budget for project** | **470,000** | |
| Expenditure in 2014/15 | 172,761 | |
| Expenditure in 2015/16 | 283,197 | |
| **Total expenditure to date** | **455,958** | |
| **Current Balance** | **14,043** | |
| **Forecast total expenditure on completion** |  | **455,958** |
| **Forecast balance remaining on completion** |  | **14,043** |

Road Safety Levy Funded Project

1997 Fixed Speed Cameras – Information Signage

Description

With the installation of the new fixed speed cameras, it is timely to review the network of signs across the State. There is an existing network of approximately 16 general information ‘*Red Light and Speed Cameras Operate in Tasmania*’ signs placed on major arterial routes around Tasmania; installed in 1992, these are ageing and in varying conditions of repair.

In August 2015 RSAC agreed to allocate funds for the installation of new speed camera information signs at the ports of entry and in the vicinity of the newly installed cameras; it was also agreed to remove the existing ageing speed camera signage to ensure a consistent approach to signing across the State.

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| **Milestone Schedule** | | **Milestone Progress** | |
| **Date** |  | **Date** |  |
| December 2015 | Install new signs in vicinity of newly installed fixed speed cameras | December 2015 | Completed |
| March 2016 | Install new signs at the five ports of entry | March 2016 | Final camera installed |
| April 2016 | Remove all existing ‘red light and speed cameras operate in Tasmania’ signs |  |  |

Status

The eighth and final fixed speed camera is now installed at the Weighbridge site just north of Campbell Town on the Midland Highway. Two information signs have been installed in the vicinity of the camera.

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| **Budget ($)** | | |
| **Total allocated budget for project** | **50,000** | |
| Expenditure in 2015/16 to date | 14,209 | |
| **Total expenditure to date** | **14,209** | |
| **Current Balance** | **35,791** | |
| **Forecast total expenditure on completion** |  | **50,000** |
| **Forecast balance remaining on completion** |  | **0** |

**Road Safety Levy Funded Project**

**R320009 Esk Main Road Shoulder Sealing, Edge Lining and Safety Improvements**

**Description**

Esk Main Road is the principal route to the East Coast from the Midland Highway and is a significant collector, carrying freight and commuters between regional communities.

The lack of sealed shoulders along sections of the Esk Main Road is a recognised deficiency in the State Arterial Road Network and is the highest priority road for shoulder sealing. Crash analysis for the 20 km section of the highway between Midland Highway and west of Avoca indicates that off-road-on-curve is the major crash type occurring along the road, resulting in a high injury rate of 60%.

Works to be undertaken include shoulder sealing, provision of edge lines and safety improvements. These works will be undertaken in two stages.

Stage 1: Develop a method-based contract, instead of standard detail design contract, over a 3.6km section of the Esk Main Road from the junction with the Midland Highway. Work for Stage 1 will be undertaken through a variation to an existing contract for Esk Main Road improvements, awarded under the Community Roads Program.

Stage 2: Successful methodology applied in Stage 1 will enable shoulder sealing to be delivered more efficiently and cost effectively between Midland Highway and Avoca.

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| **Milestone Schedule** | | **Milestone Progress** | |
| **Date** |  | **Date** |  |
| **Stage 1** |  |  |  |
| December 2012 | Award contract | December 2012 | Variation to existing contract. |
| February 2013 | Undertake geotechnical tests | March 2013 | Geotechnical tests and report completed. |
| April 2013 | Commence works on 3.6km section |  |  |
| June 2013 | Complete works on 3.6km section | September 2013 | Initial works completed. Final seal of section to be completed in 2013-2014 construction period. |
| June 2013 | Complete works on 3.6km section | December 2013 | All works completed. |
| **Stage 2** |  |  |  |
| October 2013 | Award contract | December 2013 | Stage 2 delayed 12 months. |
| January 2014 | Commence works | March 2014 | Scoping work has commenced. |
| June 2014 | Complete works | June 2014 | Tender to be released late July. |
|  |  | September 2014 | Tender advertised late July; successful tenderer to be announced in October. |
|  |  | December 2014 | Tender announced October. Work commenced early Nov. |
|  |  | March 2015 | All major shoulder work completed; some minor works to be completed early April. |
|  |  | June 2015 | Outstanding minor works completed May 2015. |
|  |  | Sept 2015 | Stage 3 scoping underway with works planned for summer season. |
|  |  | Dec 2015 | Stage 2 seal work to begin in January 2016; discussions with contractor for Stage 3 underway. |
|  |  | March 2016 | Final seal on Stage 2 completed. Stage 3 to be undertaken 2016/17. |

**Status**

Stage 1: All work completed.

Stage 2: Final seal applied; final line marking will be undertaken in spring/summer 2016.

Stage 3: Contractors did not have the capacity to include work in current construction period. Tender documents are to be prepared and released over winter 2016 for work to be undertaken spring/summer 2016.

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| **Budget ($)** | | |
| **Total allocated budget for project** | **8,500,000** | |
| Expenditure in 2012/13 | 208,386 |  |
| Expenditure in 2013/14 | 848,541 |  |
| Expenditure in 2014/15 | 2,716,272 |  |
| Expenditure in 2015/16 to date | 572,023 |  |
| **Total expenditure to date** | **4,345,222** | |
| **Current Balance** | **1,514,778** | |
| **Forecast total expenditure on completion** |  | **5,860,000** |
| **Forecast balance remaining on completion** |  | **0** |

**Comments**

In May 2015, RSAC agreed that savings from the audible line markings projects on the Bass and East Tamar Highways be allocated to the Esk Main Road project to allow for the completion of the section from the Midland Highway to Avoca. The reallocated savings totalled $1,000,000 providing a total budget to the project of $5,860,000.

In August 2014, RSAC agreed that $3.64m from the Esk Main Road Shoulder Sealing and Edge Lining and Safety Improvements project be re-allocated to the Road Safety Levy’s commitment to the Midland Highway Safety Improvements Program. This left a total amount of $4,860,000 to this project.

**Road Safety Levy Funded Project**

**655860 Motorcycle Safety Package – Infrastructure Safety Improvements**

**Description**

The Hodgman Government made a commitment at the last State election to implement motorcycle safety measures along the Great Eastern Drive (the newly named section of the Tasman Highway from Orford to St Helens). Motorcyclists continue to be over-represented in fatal and serious crashes in Tasmania.

The rollout of motorcycle safety infrastructure treatments is aimed at reducing the risk of injury to motorcyclists in the event of a crash. This initiative has been included in the Strategy’s Third Action Plan, with $300,000 being allocated to the project from the Road Safety Levy over three years (i.e. $100,000 per annum).

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| **Milestone Schedule** | | **Milestone Progress** | |
| **Date** |  | **Date** |  |
| May 2014 | Motorcycle Safety Working Group Established | May 2014 | Completed |
| October 2014 | Commencement of infrastructure projects for 2014/15 financial year (year 1) | December 2014 | Scoping completed. Work to begin early 2015. |
| April 2015 | Completion of 2014/15 financial year projects (year 1) | March 2015 | Contractor engaged to undertake rub rail and signage works. |
| July 2015 | Identification and endorsement of 2015/16 projects (year 2) | June 2015 | Rub rail and signage work completed. Scoping for 15-16 work underway. |
| October 2015 | Commencement of infrastructure projects for 2015/16 financial year (year 2) | September 2015 | Final scoping and costing for works in Sheffield area completed. |
| May 2016 | Completion of 2015/16 financial year projects (year 2) | Dec 2015 | Executed grant deed sent to Council; work to commence early 2016. |
|  | Safety improvements in Sheffield area underway. | March 2016 |  |
| July 2016 | Identification and endorsement of 2016/17 projects (year 3) |  |  |
| October 2016 | Commencement of infrastructure projects for 2016/17 financial year (year 3) |  |  |
| April 2017 | Completion of 2016/17 financial year projects (year 3) |  |  |

**Status**

Safety improvements in the Sheffield area are well underway and due for completion next quarter.

Tasmanian Motorcycle Council identifying treatments for 2016-17 on gateways to the Great Eastern Drive and other popular motorcycle routes.

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| **Budget ($)** | | |
| **Total allocated budget for project** | **300,000** | |
| Expenditure in 2014/15 | 0 |  |
| Expenditure in 2015/16 to date | 45,631 |  |
| **Total expenditure to date** | **45,631** | |
| **Current Balance** | **254,369** | |
| **Forecast total expenditure on completion** |  | **300,000** |
| **Forecast balance remaining on completion** |  | **0** |

**Comments**

**Road Safety Levy Funded Project**

R340004 Weather Warning Signs – Tunnel Hill, Tasman Highway

Description

The installation of two adverse weather warning signs at Tunnel Hill, Tasman Highway forms part of the Department of State Growth’s coordinated monitoring, evaluation and upgrading of the Variable Speed Limit (VSL) system on the Tasman Highway between the Cambridge Road Interchange and Liverpool Street, Hobart.

The provision of a VSL system on this section of the Tasman Highway was funded by the Road Safety Levy; the system went ‘live’ in January 2013 and incorporates a Road Weather Information Station (RWIS) at Tunnel Hill. The RWIS is fully automated and speed limits on the VSL signs are lowered at Tunnel Hill when the RWIS detects wet or icy road conditions.

Analysis of traffic data generated in the first 12 months of the VSL system’s operation suggested that compliance is poor when speed limits are reduced, if the reason for lowering the speed limit is not immediately apparent, eg the presence of black ice.

Research has shown that driver compliance to lowered speed limits significantly increases when a reason is provided. The proposed warning signage at Tunnel Hill will provide adverse weather warning advice to drivers. Increased driver response time to lowered speed limits at Tunnel Hill, will decrease the likelihood of a crash along this section of the highway.

One weather warning sign will be placed for inbound traffic and one for outbound traffic. Each sign will be able to display either ‘wet road’ or ‘icy road’ depending on road conditions.

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| **Milestone Schedule** | | **Milestone Progress** | |
| **Date** |  | **Date** |  |
| November 2014 | Warning Signs ordered | December 2014 | Delayed to early 2015 |
| March 2015 | Warning signs delivered | March 2015 | Warning signs have been ordered. |
| April 2015 | Installation of warning signs and period of testing | June 2015 | Signs to be delivered by end of October. |
| May 2015 | Warning signs fully operational | Sept 2015 | Operational by end of year. |
|  |  | Dec 2015 | Warning signs under test. |
|  |  | March 2016 | Safety barrier installed. |

Status

Extension to safety barrier for outbound location of sign (required to protect sign and for WH&S during sign maintenance) has been installed. Electronic signs will be erected next quarter and will be operating by end May 2016.

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| **Budget ($)** | | |
| **Total allocated budget for project** | **50,000** | |
| Expenditure in 2014/15 | 3,040 |  |
| Expenditure in 2015/16 to date | 4,213 |  |
| **Total expenditure to date** | **7,253** | |
| **Current Balance** | **42,747** | |
| **Forecast total expenditure on completion** |  | **65,000** |
| **Forecast balance remaining on completion** |  | **(15,000)** |

**Road Safety Levy Funded Project**

**2006 Safer Roads: Vulnerable Road User Program**

**Description**

The Safer Roads: Vulnerable Road User Program has been developed to improve the overall safety of vulnerable road users by minimising the opportunities for conflict between them and motor vehicles. The aim of the program is to reduce serious road crashes involving vulnerable road users. For the purposes of the program vulnerable road users include pedestrians, cyclists and motorcyclists.

The program is funded at $1.5 million over the two years (2013/14 and 2014/15), and $500 000 a year in future years through the Tasmanian Road Safety Levy (for the life of the Levy, currently to 30 November 2017).

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| **Milestone Schedule** | |  | **Milestone Progress** | |
| **Date** |  |  | **Date** |  |
| April 2013 | Submissions for funding invited |  | April 2013 | Completed |
| June 2013 | Assessment of submissions and recommendations made to Program Steering Committee |  | July 2013 | Completed |
| June 2013 | Successful projects for 2013/2014 financial year announced |  | 30 July 2013 | Announced  11 August 2013. |
| July 2013 | Commencement of projects for 2013/14 financial year |  | September 2013 | Many projects to be underway during October-December reporting quarter. |
| July 2013 | Commencement of projects for 2013/14 financial year |  | December 2013 | Three projects underway. |
| February 2014 | New round of submissions & assessment for projects commencing in financial year 2014/15 |  | March 2014 | Three projects completed; 10 underway. |
| May 2014 | Assessment of submissions and recommendations made to Program Steering Committee |  | June 2014 | Submissions assessed with advice to councils in July. |
| June 2014 | Projects for the 2013/14 financial year to be completed |  | June 2014 | 9 projects completed; 5 delayed; 2 reviewed. |
| June 2014 | Successful projects for 2014/2015 financial year announced |  | June 2014 | Announced August 2014. |
| December 2014 | Final funding provided by State Government for 2013/14 projects after completion audits |  | September 2014 | 1 project completed; 4 delayed; 1 withdrawn and 1 postponed. |
| December 2014 | Remaining projects in 2013-14 year to be completed.  Design plans for 2014-15 year to be finalised. |  | December 2014 | 2 projects completed; 2 almost completed.  Final design plans for 2014-15 projects being received. One further project approved for funding. |
| March 2015 | Submissions sought for 2015/16 projects |  | March 2015 | Letters to councils for the 2015-16 year have been sent. Two projects from the 2013-14 year are yet to be completed; 10 out of 12 2014-15 projects are underway. |
| April 2015 | 2015/16 submissions close |  | June 2015 | All submissions received end May. |
| May 2015 | Assessment of 2015/16 submissions and recommendations made to Program Steering Committee |  | June 2015 | Assessment Committee met in June; recommendations to Steering Committee in July. |
| June 2015 | Projects for the 2014/15 financial year to be completed |  | June 2015 | No projects completed. |
| June-July 2015 | Meeting of Program Steering Committee (via tele- or video conference) to discuss assessment of 2015/16 applications. |  | Sept 2015 | Completed |
| July-August 2015 | Successful projects for 2015/16 announced |  | Sept 2015 | Completed |
| September 2015 | Commencement of projects for 2015/16 |  | Sept 2015 | Seven of the 12 projects in the 2014-15 round have been completed. Detailed plans being submitted for the 2015-16 projects. |
| December 2015 | Final funding provided by State Government for 2014/15 projects after completion audits. |  | Dec 2015 | 11 of the 12 projects have been completed. |
|  |  |  | March 2016 | Final project for 2014/15 round underway. |

**Status**

***Round 2 – 2014-15***

Glenorchy City Council’s bike lanes project along Main Road from Abbotsfield Road, Claremont to St Virgil’s College Austins Ferry is well underway with completion due May 2016.

***Round 3 – 2015-16***

Seven grant deeds have been executed; two councils are finalising drawings after discussions with State Growth; one council is continuing to scope a challenging project – the footpath through Westerway.

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| **Budget ($)** | | |
| **Total allocated budget for project** | **2,500,000** | |
| Expenditure in 2013/14 | 329,200 |  |
| Expenditure in 2014/15 | 409,920 |  |
| Expenditure in 2015/16 to date | 419,670 |  |
| Expenditure in 2016/17 |  |  |
| **Total expenditure to date** | **1,158,790** | |
| **Current Balance** | **1,341,210** | |
| **Forecast total expenditure on completion** |  | **2,500,000** |
| **Forecast balance remaining on completion** |  | **0** |

**Road Safety Levy Funded Project**

**R320004 East Derwent Highway, Old Beach – Cassidy’s Road to Baskerville Road**

**Description**

The ‘Safe System’ approach aims to create safer roadsides to compensate for driver error, using infrastructure improvements. This project will consist of approximately 1.3km of shoulder sealing and the addition of three dedicated right turn lanes at junctions to reduce intersection crashes and reduce the severity of the S-curve near Cassidy’s Road junction.

At this site there were 29 crashes over a five year period (15 casualty crashes; 14 property damage crashes). These occurred in three clusters:

* Nine loss-of-control crashes (three casualty) on the S-curve near Cassidy’s Road;
* Seven loss-of-control crashes (three casualty) on the bend at Melane Road; and
* Three casualty crashes resulting from loss-of-control and five crashes (three casualty) at the Baskerville Road junction.

Shoulder sealing reduces run-off-road crashes by 30% and head on crashes by 15%. Dedicated right turn lanes at junctions reduce rear-end collisions by 60%. Reduces the severity of curves and hence reduces run-off-road crashes by 60%.

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| **Milestone Schedule** | | **Milestone Progress** | |
| **Date** |  | **Date** |  |
| October/early Nov 2010 | Tender Award | January 2011 | Awarded February 2011. |
| December 2010 | Commence Works | January 2011 | Commenced March 2011. |
| April 2011 | Complete Works | September 2011 | Work suspended due to weather and settlement. |
| Summer 2011/12 | Final Seal | December 2011 | Monitoring land settlement. Interim works planned. |
|  |  | March 2012 | Interim reseal of existing road completed. |
|  |  | December 2012 | Work to be finalised. |
| June 2013 | All work completed. | December 2013 | All major work completed. |
| June 2013 | All work completed | June 2014 | Contractor considering best approach to batter banks. |
| June 2013 | All work completed | Sept 2014 | All work completed. |
|  |  | Dec 2014 | Property boundary adjustments to be finalised. |
|  |  | Sept 2015 | Negotiations with private landholder well underway. |
|  |  | Dec 2015 | Property boundary negotiations continuing. |
|  |  | March 2016 | Negotiations in final stages. |

**Status**

Work continues on boundary readjustments with the council and adjacent landholder.

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| **Budget ($)** | | |
| **Total allocated budget for project** | **2,000,000** | |
| Expenditure in 2008/09 | 151,543 |  |
| Expenditure in 2009/10 | 91,162 |  |
| Expenditure in 2010/11 | 1,002,227 |  |
| Expenditure in 2011/12 | 90,541 |  |
| Expenditure in 2012/13 | 254,946 |  |
| Expenditure in 2013/14 | 68,037 |  |
| Expenditure in 2014/15 | 149,502 |  |
| Expenditure in 2015/16 to date | 13,059 |  |
| **Total expenditure to date** | **1,821,017** | |
| **Current Balance** | **178,983** | |
| **Forecast total expenditure on completion** |  | **2,000,000** |

**Road Safety Levy Funded Project**

**R310015 Midland Highway at Symmons Plains - 2 Plus 1**

**Description**

Detailed design and construction to widen the carriageway and provide two lanes in one direction and one lane in the other direction, separated by a painted median with wire rope safety fencing.

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| **Milestone Schedule** | | **Milestone Progress** | |
| **Date** |  | **Date** |  |
| July 2012 | Detailed design report to be received from engineering consultants | December 2011 | Consultant engaged. |
| July 2012 | Detailed design report to be received from engineering consultants | March 2012 | DA lodged with Northern Midlands Council. |
| July 2012 | Detailed design report to be received from engineering consultants | June 2012 | Detailed design report on track. |
| August 2012 | Tender process for construction phase | September 2012 | Tender process ongoing. |
| October 2012 | Award tender | December 2012 | Tender awarded. |
| December 2012 | Commence works | December 2012 | Works to commence early 2013. |
| December 2014 | Complete works | March 2014 | All major work completed. |
|  |  | March 2015 | Pavement repair work still being completed. Line marking scheduled for April 2015. |
|  |  | June 2015 | Pavement repairs completed; 90% of audible lines installed. |
|  |  | Sept 2015 | Audible lines on edge repair site to be done in summer. |
|  |  | Dec 2015 | Work to be undertaken in 2016. |

**Status**

Final seal on repair site has been undertaken. Final line marking on this section will be undertaken when the seal has cured.

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| **Budget ($)** | | |
| **Total allocated budget for project** | **7,750,000** | |
| Expenditure in 2011/12 | 326,455 |  |
| Expenditure in 2012/13 | 2,109,831 |  |
| Expenditure in 2013/14 | 3,948,030 |  |
| Expenditure in 2014/15 | 246,859 |  |
| Expenditure in 2015/16 to date | 191,823 |  |
| **Total expenditure to date** | **6,822,998** | |
| **Current Balance** | **927,002** | |
| **Forecast total expenditure on completion** |  | **6,950,000** |
| **Forecast balance remaining on completion** |  | **800,000** |

**Comments**

More complex negotiations with landholders together with pavement and drainage issues has resulted in the previously estimated saving of 13% being revised down to an estimated saving of 9%.

**Road Safety Levy Funded Project**

**R310016 Bass Highway, North of Gannons Hill Road - 2 Plus 1**

**Description**

Detailed design and construction to widen the carriageway and provide two lanes in one direction and one lane in the other direction, separated by a painted median with wire rope safety fencing.

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| **Milestone Schedule** | | **Milestone Progress** | |
| **Date** |  | **Date** |  |
| July 2012 | Detailed design report to be received from engineering consultants | December 2011 | Consultant engaged. |
| July 2012 | Detailed design report to be received from engineering consultants | March 2012 | DA lodged with Meander Valley Council. |
| July 2012 | Detailed design report to be received from engineering consultants | June 2012 | Detailed design work on track. |
| August 2012 | Tender process for construction phase | September 2012 | Tender advertised 29 September 2012. |
| October 2012 | Award tender | December 2012 | Tender awarded. |
| November 2012 | Commence works | March 2013 | Work commenced early January 2013. |
| December 2013 | Complete works | December 2013 | Major construction works completed. |
|  |  | March 2014 | Final seal to be done in April 2014. |
|  |  | Dec 2014 | Line marking scheduled for March/April 2015. |
|  |  | June 2015 | Pavement repair work still to be completed; line marking completed over 80% of site.  Weighbridge site to be completed July 2015. |
|  |  | Sept 2015 | Weighbridge site completed and opened end July. |
|  |  | Dec 2015 | Pavement and line marking work on repair sites to be completed first half of 2016. |
|  |  | March 2016 | Seal repair work at northern end completed. |

**Status**

Seal repair work on the northern section has been completed; final line marking on this section will be undertaken once seal has cured. Pavement correction work at Gannons Hill junction scheduled in next quarter.

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| **Budget ($)** | | |
| **Total allocated budget for project** | **7,365,000** | |
| Expenditure in 2011/12 | 231,539 |  |
| Expenditure in 2012/13 | 4,042,978 |  |
| Expenditure in 2013/14 | 873,962 |  |
| Expenditure in 2014/15 | 280,178 |  |
| Expenditure in 2015/16 to date | 96,081 |  |
| **Total expenditure to date** | **5,524,728** | |
| **Current Balance** | **1,840,272** | |
| **Forecast total expenditure on completion** |  | **5,985,000** |
| **Forecast balance remaining on completion** |  | **1,380,000** |

**Road Safety Levy Funded Project**

R360001 Midland Highway Safety Improvements – Integration with Commonwealth Funding

Description

A program of work is currently being prepared for priority road safety infrastructure improvements along the Midland Highway. Methodology being used is very similar to that endorsed by RSAC in February 2014 for projects to be funded under the Levy.

Projects are being identified by applying the ‘Safe System’ approach, adopted by all state and territory road authorities. The ‘Safe System’ approach recognises that persons will make mistakes, often resulting in crashes and that road infrastructure needs to be designed to take account of these errors. An important objective for safety improvements on the Midland Highway is to achieve a minimum 3 Stars Risk Rating based on AusRAP reporting methodology.

A number of infrastructure treatments are being scoped and planned including:

* installation of median flexible safety barriers and where appropriate edge flexible safety barriers;
* widening shoulders;
* audible edge and centre lines;
* additional climbing and/or overtaking lanes where required;
* junction improvements; and
* road cross-sections for the next generation of heavy vehicles.

***AusRAP Star Rating***

Midland Highway projects are being scoped to meet an AusRAP Rating of 3 stars using the following criteria:

1. where sections of median barrier are to be introduced, it will be important to provide consistency and reduce unnecessary driver confusion when transitioning from sections of road with a median barrier to sections without a median barrier;
2. road improvement projects identified under the Midlands Partnership Agreement;
3. road risk data from AusRAP; and
4. road auditing to ensure best practice infrastructure standards are met.

In November 2014 RSAC agreed that progress on the Midland Highway Safety Improvements Program will be reported on in the Progress Report for each RSAC meeting; with particular emphasis on the Midland Highway projects which have been cash-flowed from the Levy contribution.

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| **Milestone Schedule** |
| Ongoing to end of current Road Safety Strategy – November 2017. |

Status

The Dysart to South Kempton 2 Plus 1 project incurred construction and technical challenges and will now be completed in the 2015-16 construction period.

Projects are being designed for the 2016-17 construction season, with the Levy co-funding projects 1-3:

1. 2 Plus 1 with flexible safety barrier continuing from South of Kempton to Melton Mowbray.
2. 2 Plus 1 with flexible safety barrier at White Lagoon-Mona Vale.
3. Safety improvement options through Bagdad.
4. 2 Plus 1 with flexible safety barrier south of Tunbridge.
5. Perth to Breadalbane duplication.

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| **Budget ($)** | | |
| **Total allocated budget for project** | **20,000,000** | |
| Expenditure in 2014/15 | 2,043,878 |  |
| Expenditure in 2015/16 to date | 1,043,359 |  |
| **Total expenditure to date** | **3,087,237** | |
| **Current Balance** | **16,912,763** | |
| **Forecast total expenditure on completion** |  | **20,000,000** |
| **Forecast balance remaining on completion** |  | **0** |

**Comments**

The Commonwealth Government is providing $400 million over ten years under the Infrastructure Investment Program for improvements on the Midland Highway. The funding is contingent on the State providing a co-contribution of 20% of the project value.

In September 2014 RSAC endorsed that $20m from the Road Safety Levy be provided to form part of Tasmania’s commitment to the Midland Highway Program.

In November 2014 RSAC endorsed that the contribution from the Road Safety Levy to the Safety Improvements on the Midland Highway be allocated to a range of projects identified by the Department of State Growth.

**Road Safety Levy Funded Project**

R320013 East Derwent Highway / Cove Hill Road Roundabout

Description

In the five year period 2009-2013 there were 11 reported crashes, including three serious casualty crashes at the Cove Hill Road and Green Point Road junctions with the East Derwent Highway.

To address this high incidence of crashes, a new roundabout will be installed at the East Derwent Highway / Cove Hill Road junction, Bridgewater. The treatment is expected to reduce the incidence of angle collisions at this location by 85%.

Works will include a new link to Green Point Road by way of a fourth leg at the roundabout. The existing junction between Green Point Road and East Derwent Highway will be closed.

The new roundabout will be constructed to accommodate B-doubles; and new street lighting will be installed.

Funds are primarily coming from The Safer Roads Program with the Road Safety Levy contributing towards the cost of design and construction.

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| **Milestone Schedule** | | **Milestone Progress** | |
| **Date** |  | **Date** |  |
| September 2015 | Complete design work. | September 2015 | Design work being finalised. |
| December 2015 | Construction of roundabout and new link road underway. | Dec 2015 | Design work still being finalised; construction in 2016. |
|  |  | March 2016 | Construction work almost completed. |
| May 2016 | Project completed |  |  |

Status

Construction of roundabout, road realignment and associated road works almost completed; installation of lighting delayed due to competing priorities for TasNetworks.

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| **Budget ($)** | | |
| **Total allocated budget for project** | **500,000** | |
| Expenditure in 2015/16 to date | 34,000 |  |
| **Total expenditure to date** | **34,000** | |
| **Current Balance** | **466,000** | |
| **Forecast total expenditure on completion** |  | **500,000** |
| **Forecast balance remaining on completion** |  | **0** |

**Comments**

Contractor invoices not yet received.

**Road Safety Levy Funded Project**

R320014 Lyell Highway, south of Hamilton – Shoulder Sealing

Description

There were nine reported crashes (1 serious injury, 4 minor injury and 4 property damage) on this section of road in the five-year period 1 January 2010 to 31 December 2014. All involved loss-of-control.

Widening the carriageway to provide 3.0 metre wide traffic lanes and 1.0 metre wide sealed shoulders, will significantly reduce the risk of vehicles going into the gravel and losing control.

The widening will extend for some 5.5 kilometres. Sealed shoulders have already been provided to the south of the project site.

It will not be possible to provide 1.0 metre wide sealed shoulders past a series of four rock cuttings on the western side of the road, it is envisaged that works along this section of the road will be limited to the provision of a sealed spoon drain.

In addition to the above works a basic right turn facility in accordance with Austroads Guidelines is to be provided at the Hollow Tree Road junction.

Funds are primarily coming from The Safer Roads Program with the Road Safety Levy contributing towards the cost of design and construction. Design will be undertaken in the 2015-16 year with works to be undertaken in the 2016-17 construction period.

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| **Milestone Schedule** | | **Milestone Progress** | |
| **Date** |  | **Date** |  |
|  |  | March 2016 | Detailed design work progressing. |
| May 2016 | Design work completed and request for tender to be released. |  |  |
| May 2017 | Project completed |  |  |

Status

Detailed design work well underway. Release of tender for construction works scheduled for autumn/winter 2016 with construction in 2016-17.

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| **Budget ($)** | | |
| **Total allocated budget for project** | **400,000** | |
| Expenditure in 2015/16 to date | 66,362 |  |
| **Total expenditure to date** | **66,362** | |
| **Current Balance** | **333,638** | |
| **Forecast total expenditure on completion** |  | **400,000** |
| **Forecast balance remaining on completion** |  | **0** |

Road Safety Levy Funded Project

2009 Learner Driver Mentor Programs Grant Funding

Description

The Government has allocated $1.5 million over three years (2014 -2017) from the Road Safety Levy to continue to support Learner Driver Mentor Programs (LDMPs) and Driver Mentoring Tasmania (DMT), in recognition of their significant contribution towards assisting disadvantaged learner drivers to enter the licensing system.

Programs can apply for Government funding to establish, consolidate or expand their LDMP, providing a strong business case can be demonstrated.

The first round of funding was provided for a six month period, ending 30 June 2015. The second round of funding is for 12 months from 1 July 2015 – 30 June 2016 and has been completed. The final funding round in 2016-17 will also be for a 12 month period.

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| **Milestone Schedule** | | **Milestone Progress** | |
| **Date** |  | **Date** |  |
| November - December 2014 | First Funding Round advertised (6 month funding), applications assessed and applicants notified of outcome | November 2014 | Completed |
| May – June 2015 | Second Funding Round advertised (12 month funding), applications assessed and applicants notified of outcome | May 2015 | Completed |
| November 2015 | Review 5x low performing programs and applications for further 6 month funding | November 2015 | Completed |
| May – June 2016 | Third Funding Round to be advertised (12 month funding), applications to be assessed and applicants to be notified of outcome |  |  |
| August/September 2016 | Independent Evaluation on benefits of LDMPs |  |  |

Status

Round 1

$276,773.22 was provided to 16 successful Learner Driver Mentor Programs (LDMPs), including one new program as part of the first round of funding under the program in November 2014.

Round 2

A total of $375,027.12 in funding was granted to 14 programs as part of the second round of funding for the 2015/16 financial year.

Five programs who did not meet the minimum performance requirements received a grant for a reduced term of six months (until 31 December 2015) and were required to meet all minimum performance requirements including on-road hours should they seek to re-apply for funding for an additional six months.

All five low performing Programs sought funding for an additional six months. The Funding Assessment Panel met on 8 November 2015 to consider funding the programs up until 30 June 2016. The Panel was pleased to see that all of the Programs had improved their performance and were all meeting the minimum on-road hours required of government funded LDMPs. Subsequently all five Programs received additional funding, totalling $72,973.53 to continue to operate for six months. This has brought them in line with the Third and final LDMP funding round to be advertised in May 2016.

The performance of LDMPs has improved considerably with the introduction of minimum performance requirements including minimum on-road hours. This has resulted in the total number of on-road hours recorded per month tripling since the start of the funding program. LDMPs state-wide have gone from approximately 500 hours to approximately 1500 hours consistently.

Between October 2014 and 30 31 March 2016, approximately 157 L2 licences and 141 P1 licences have been obtained as a direct result of a learner accessing mentoring services. As of March 2016, there are 166 active mentors and 333 eligible participants on waiting lists.

The Department of State Growth in conjunction with DMT remains focused on consolidating existing programs to maximise performance and aid sustainability.

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| Budget | | |
| Total allocated budget for project | 1,500,000 | |
| Expenditure in 2014/15 | **399,637** |  |
| Expenditure in 2015/16 | **567,032** |  |
| Total expenditure to date | **966,669** | |
| Current Balance | 533,331 | |
| Forecast total expenditure on completion | 1,500,000 | |
| Forecast balance remaining on completion | 0 | |

\*NB: $120,000 in funding for DMT is included in this amount.

Road Safety Levy Funded Projects

**2032 Rotary Youth Driver Awareness Program (RYDA)**

**Description**

The Government made an election commitment to provide Rotary Tasmania with $300,000 from road safety levy funding, over four years, to support the ongoing delivery of the RYDA program in Tasmania.

RYDA involves grade 10 students participating in road safety education sessions organised by volunteers from Rotary Tasmania. The sessions are conducted State-wide.

RYDA is a one day course presented to students in mostly off-campus facilities. Students participate in six 40 minute sessions. The topics covered are;

* Stopping Distances
* Hazard Distractions and Risk
* Plan B: Alcohol, Medicines, Fatigue and Driving
* Police – You choose – the choice is yours
* Accidents do happen – Personal stories from accident victims
* My Wheels – Choosing and maintaining a safe vehicle

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| **Milestone Schedule** | | **Milestone Progress** | |
| **Date** |  | **Date** |  |
| July 2014 | Implementation process discussed and agreed to by Rotary Tasmania | July 2014 | Completed |
| August 2014 | Implementation process approved by the Minister | August 2014 | Completed |
| September 2014 | Funding Deed Developed | September 2014 | Completed |
| September 2014 | Funding released - $75,000 for 2014/15 | September 2014 | Completed |
| October 2014 | Media Event – Rotary Tasmania and Minister | October 2014 | Completed |
| June 2015 | Funding Deed established for second funding round | June 2015 | Completed |
| July 2015 | Funding released - $75,000 for 2015/16 | July 2015 | Complete |

**Status**

Currently Rotary Tasmania requires $100,000 each year ($75,000 of which is contributed by State Growth) to conduct RYDA state-wide. In addition to the Government’s funding, Rotary Tasmania has previously attracted funding from RACT and MAIB. As a result of the Government’s funding Rotary Tasmania has agreed to work in partnership with the Department of State Growth to review and evaluate how the program is organised and conducted within the State in order to achieve greater sustainability into the future.

In addition, Rotary Tasmania will use RYDA sessions to better engage schools to determine their delivery of and commitment to school road safety education both prior to and immediately following RYDA sessions.

The Government encourages all secondary schools to develop and deliver a comprehensive road safety education course. RYDA is a complementary activity which can add value to a school’s road safety education program, therefore, Government funding allocated to RYDA should be used to enhance existing school road safety education programs not replace them.

In 2014-15 Rotary delivered the RYDA program to 4,615 Tasmanian students.

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| **Budget ($)** | | |
| **Total allocated budget for project** | **300,000** | |
| Total expenditure for 2014 /15 | 75,000 | |
| **Total expenditure for 2015/16** | **75,000** | |
| **Current Balance** | **150,000** | |
| **Forecast total expenditure on completion (2017/18)** |  | **300,000** |
| **Forecast balance remaining on completion** |  | **0** |

# Road Safety Levy Funded Project

**2320 Back to School Road Safety Campaign**

**Description**

$90,000 over the next three years (2015-18) has been made available to develop a consistent and coordinated approach to the delivery of school road safety messages and resources. The education campaign aims to reduce the risk of serious injury or death to our most vulnerable road users.

**Proposed Budget**

Below are the costings for the proposed ‘Back to School Safely’ education campaign and initiatives over three years.

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| **Initiative** | **2016** | **2017** | **2018** |
| Production of TV advertisement | $5,000 | n/a | n/a |
| Running of TV advertisement | $20,000 | $20,000 | $20,000 |
| \*Prizes for promotion of website | $2,000 | $2,000 | $2,000 |
| Re-development of website | $15,000 | n/a | n/a |
| Total (each year) | $42,000 | $22,000 | $22,000 |
| Total | | | $86,000 |
| Plus contingency | | | $4,000 |
| Total (three years) | | | $90,000 |

## Status

The following activities were conducted prior to the commencement of the 2016 school year:

* The existing website containing school bus safety material was re-development to encompass school crossing safety content.
* Promotion of the redeveloped website was conducted through a competition offering prizes to students completing a road safety quiz.
* Promotional material was sent to schools to further increase engagement of students with the website and key messages.
* A television advertisement was created and then screened for the two weeks prior to and after school commencing in 2016. The focus for 2016 was school bus safety with the key messages consistent with the ‘Stop, Look, Listen and Think’ slogan from the website.
* A back to school media event and accompanying media release, reminding the community that students will be active around schools was conducted at East Launceston Primary School prior to school returning in 2016.

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| **Budget** | | |
| **Expenditure in 2015/16** |  | **$36,711** |
| **Total expenditure to date** |  | $36,711 |
| **Forecast total expenditure on completion** |  | $86,000 |
| **Forecast balance remaining on completion** |  | $0 |

# Road Safety Levy Funded Project

**2221 Bike Safety in Schools – Ride2School Program**

**Description**

The Ride2School program will enhance bike knowledge and skills in Tasmanian students, with an emphasis on road safety and awareness. This will create a generation of young road users who are active and commute safely on our road network. By engaging with schools through an initial data recording program (HandsUp!) and self-assessment, we can highlight areas which would benefit from a range of road safety interventions and skill development for young Tasmanians. This strategy was endorsed through by State Growth through the Ride2School plan document.

Schools will be ranked in order of need and risk, subject to the main focus locations of Greater Hobart, Launceston, Devonport, Burnie and Kingborough. Initiatives will be undertaken with regard to specific need by schools, based on the maximum positive outcome for the students within the expected 12 major initiatives Ride2School has forecast for completion during the 15/16 period.

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| **Milestone Schedule** | | **Milestone Progress** | |
| **Date** |  | **Date** |  |
| Term 3, 2015 | 1st Contact all schools (Primary) | End Term 3, 2015 | Initial contact all schools (primary) completed |
| 30/6/15 | Target 90 Schools registered, 30 actively participating\* in HandsUp! | 30/9/15 | 38 registered schools, 11 actively participating\*. |
| 30/6/15 | 12 Significant initiatives in Tasmanian Schools | 30/9/15 | 1 Initiative complete (Princes Street Primary) |
| 30/9/15 | Baseline data for HandsUp! | 30/9/15 | 38.89% active travel rate in participating schools. |
| 30/9/15 | Priority Areas developed | 30/9/15 | Complete |
| 25/9/15 | School visits underway | 25/9/15 | 15 School visits during term 3, 2015. |
| Term 4, 2015 | Implement second round of initiatives (4) | October – November 2015. | In Progress – 4 Complete |
| Term 4, 2015 | Monitor HandsUp! Active participation by schools | 11/12/15 | 41% Active Travel rate among participating schools. |
| Term 4, 2015 | School Visits | October – November 2015. | In Progress - 11 visits during term 4, 2015. |
| Term 4, 2015 | 90 Schools registered, 30 actively participating\* in HandsUp! | 11/12/15. | In Progress - 65 registered schools, 12 actively participating\*. |
| Term 1, 2016 | School Visits (16) | 31/3/16 | 14 School Visits Term 1, 2016 |
| Term 1, 2016 | Implement third round of initiatives (5) | 31/3/16 | 4 complete |
| Term 1, 2016 | School award | 31/3/16 | 2 awards allocated. |
| Term 1, 2016 | HandsUp! monitoring | 31/3/16 | In Progress. |
| Term 1, 2016 | Ride2School Day | 4/3 /16 | 76 schools participated for Tasmania. 5 Schools visited. |
| Term 2, 2016 | School visits (16) |  |  |
| Term 2, 2016 | Implement final round of initiatives (6) |  |  |
| Term 2, 2016 | Evaluation and recommendations |  |  |

Status

Term 1 2016 has been a productive term in relation to outreach to schools and general safety messaging. Key initiatives have also been determined and commenced. Four initiatives delivered: Safety brief and ride - The Hutchins School “Blokes n Spokes” and Invermay Primary. Awards to Ravenswood and Channel Christian School, including presentation and safety messaging. Over 1100 students received a direct engagement from the Ride2School program.

76 schools are now registered for Ride2School, with 18 Actively Participating. Eight schools are at the tipping point to becoming actively engaged.Active travel rates fell slightly to 34.98% across actively engaged schools during Term 1 2016. This is due to new schools engaging with the program enthusiastically, but subject to major barriers inhibiting active travel by students. Goals around safer options for travel including part way travel are being delivered to these schools.

Assembly presentations at Youngtown primary, Invermay Primary and Ravenswood Heights.

Ride2School Day a great success with 76 participating schools across Tasmania. 5 schools attended\*.

Ride2School visited Invermay\*, Youngtown\*, East Ulverstone\*, Westerway, Glenora District school, Brighton, Bowen Road\*, Austins Ferry, Mount Stuart, South Hobart, Sheffield, The Hutchins School, Bowen Road and Princes Street\* primary schools to support the messaging and encourage students to safely travel to school by active means. \*Ride2School day visits by Bicycle Network staff. A South Hobart Primary Safety committee joined to address traffic issues and key treatments.

Workshops for ACTIVEpaths were undertaken at Youngtown Primary, Bowen Road Primary and Austins Ferry Primary.

School awards issued during the first term of 2016. Due to their commitment to training rides and safety focus, as well as meeting program goals, a set of parking racks has been awarded to Channel Christian School.

Ravenswood Heights Primary School awarded a bike set (12 bmx bikes plus helmets and locks), including safety demonstration and learning tools. These are utilised in their Options program during the term. Michael Fergusson MP presented the bikes during a ceremony at the school.

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| Budget | | |
| Total allocated budget for project | $100,000 | |
| **Expenditure in 2015/16** | **$32,000** | **$68,000** |
| Total expenditure to date | **$39,649** | |
| Current Balance | $60,351 | |
| Forecast total expenditure on completion | $100,000 | |
| Forecast balance remaining on completion | $0 | |

Road Safety Levy Funded Project

2015 Australasian New Car Assessment Program (ANCAP)

Description

ANCAP aims to increase consumer awareness of the importance of purchasing a safer vehicle. Levy funds will be allocated annually to ANCAP for this purpose (approximately $11,000 per annum).

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| **Milestone Schedule** |
| This funding will be provided on an ongoing basis for the life of the Road Safety Levy |

Status

This is an ongoing program.

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| **Budget** | | |
| **Total allocated budget for project per annum** | **12,500** | |
| Expenditure in 2010/11 | 9,981 |  |
| Expenditure in 2011/12 | 10,310 |  |
| Expenditure in 2012/13 | 10,630 |  |
| Expenditure in 2014/15 | 11,157 |  |
| Expenditure in 2015/16 | 11,380 |  |
| **Total expenditure to date** | **53,458** | |

Comments

Since 2010/11 the Road Safety Levy has been used to support ANCAP.

Road Safety Levy Funded Project

2019 Mandatory Alcohol Interlock Program

Description

In July 2013, the former Government introduced the Mandatory Alcohol Interlocks Program (MAIP), targeting high-level and repeat drink drivers.

Following discussions with the Joint Standing Committee on Subordinate Legislation, on 27 November 2013 a fee waiver was introduced for those people eligible to participate in the MAIP whose offence occurred prior to 31 July 2013.

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| **Milestone Schedule** | **Milestone Progress** |
| Transitional arrangement in place while participants whose trigger offences were prior to 31 July 2013 return to the licensing system. | |

Status

As at 31 March 2016, 366 MAIP participants were in receipt of the fee waiver. 464 participants who were receiving the fee waiver have now successfully completed the MAIP.

It was originally estimated that up to 1,621 people would be eligible for the fee waiver, costing up to $5 million. Based on current participation rates, it is estimated that the fee waiver will cost around $3.3 million, spread over 7 years from 2013/14 to 2019/20.

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| **Budget ($)** | | |
| Total allocated budget for project | 5,000,000 | |
| Expenditure in 2013/14 | 427,258 |  |
| Expenditure in 2014/15 | 936,777 |  |
| Expenditure in 2015/16 | 371,355 |  |
| Estimated commitment to pay Guardian (as at April 16)\* | 259,000 |  |
| Revised forecast total expenditure on completion | 3,300,000 |  |
| Total expenditure to date (including Guardian commitment) | **1,994,390** | |
| Revised forecast balance remaining on completion | 1,305,610 | |

Comments

\* This figure is based on the average of the last six monthly payments to Guardian (ie $37K/month).

Note: R&LS’s auditing of the fee waiver element of MAIP has identified issues with one of the providers, namely Guardian which is likely to result in a significant refund to the Agency. This is likely to be due to a billing system issue that Guardian has advised us of, which has resulted in the Agency receiving no Guardian invoices since September 2015. We are working with them to resolve this issue as a priority.

The exact balance remaining to be paid to those people in receipt of the fee waiver is dependent upon how many of the people eligible for the fee waiver return to the licensing system and participate in the MAIP.

Based on current participation rates it is unlikely that $3,300,000 will be required. Further advice on a revised estimate will be provided next Quarter.

Road Safety Levy Funded Project

2300 MAIP Review

Description

The review of the MAIP is an initiative under the Third Action Plan of the *Tasmanian Road Safety Strategy 2007-2016*.

The MAIP Review consists of four major components: legislative, financial, policy and evaluation framework.

1. Legislative Framework: to consider the compliance and suitability of the MAIP’s current legislative framework. This includes identifying changes that could improve business processes and remove unnecessary impediments for participants.
2. Financial Sustainability: to consider the short and long term financial sustainability of the MAIP, including identifying key issues affecting the sustainability of the Program. This includes consideration of the current three provider business model, the fee waiver scheme and the current fee structure.
3. Policy Framework: to consider the MAIP’s policy framework within the Program’s current operating model. This includes identifying and recommending potential changes to the MAIP to improve its effectiveness and efficiency.
4. Evaluation Framework: to develop a framework for conducting an outcome and process evaluation of the MAIP. This includes details regarding the timing, potential methodology and data requirements for a future in-depth analysis of the effectiveness (outcome) and efficiency (process) of the MAIP.

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| **Milestone Schedule** | | **Milestone Progress** | |
| **Date** |  | **Date** |  |
| Jun 15 | Initial financial modelling | Jun 15 | Complete |
| Jul 15 | Legislative compliance register complete | Jul 15 | Complete |
| Aug 15 | Community and participant surveys | Aug 15 | Complete |
| Aug-Oct 15 | Stakeholder consultation | Sept 15 | Complete |
| Nov 15 | Policy Framework report complete |  | Ongoing |
| Nov 15 | Legislative Framework report complete |  | Complete |
| Nov 15 | Financial Sustainability report complete |  | Ongoing |
| Nov 15 | Evaluation Framework report complete |  | Ongoing |
| Dec 15 | Recommendations provided to Minister |  | Dec 2015 |

Status

The legislative framework review component of the MAIP review is almost complete. Initial modelling of the financial sustainability of the MAIP has been conducted by Wise, Lord and Ferguson; amendments to this model are being undertaken based on the outputs of policy and legislative framework reviews. Consultation with key stakeholders has been completed and the final policy review is currently being drafted. Further economic modelling is being conducted to scope out cost of policy recommendations.

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| **Budget ($)** | |
| **Total allocated budget for project** | **TBA** |
| Expenditure in 2015/16 | 7,900 |
| **Total expenditure to date** | 7,900 |
| **Current Balance** |  |

Road Safety Levy Funded Project

2021 RSAC and TRSS Support

Description

Road Safety Levy funding was approved for two positions to assist with the co-ordination and implementation of projects delivered under the Tasmanian Road Safety Strategy, for the life of the levy. One position is within the Road Safety Branch and one within the Traffic Engineering Branch.

This funding also supports the costs for operation of the Road Safety Advisory Council, including sitting fees for the Chair and expert advice to the Council.

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| Milestone Schedule |
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Status

Support of the RSAC and Tasmanian Road Safety Strategy projects is ongoing.

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| Budget | |
| **Total allocated budget for project** | **N/A** |
| Expenditure in 2007/08 | 95,017 |
| Expenditure in 2008/09 | 121,411 |
| Expenditure in 2009/10 | 287,119 |
| Expenditure in 2010/11 | 379,972 |
| Expenditure in 2011/12 | 384,448 |
| Expenditure in 2012/13 | 204,448 |
| Expenditure in 2013/14 | 284,028 |
| Expenditure in 2014/15 | 280,740 |
| Expenditure in 2015/16 | 264,194 |
| **Total expenditure to date** | **2,947,337** |

2223 Development of the Towards Zero – Tasmanian Road Safety Strategy 2017-2026

Description

The current *Tasmanian Road Safety Strategy 2007-2016* is nearing the end of its life (end 2016). The current Strategy was developed under the auspices of the former Tasmanian Road Safety Council (TRSC) and provided strategic directions to guide road safety activities in Tasmania over the 10 year period 2007-2016.

The development of the new *Towards Zero –* *Tasmanian Road Safety Strategy 2017-2026* (Towards Zero Strategy) is an initiative identified in the Third Action Plan of the current road safety strategy which was endorsed by the Road Safety Advisory Council and the Minister for Infrastructure.

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| **Milestone Schedule** | | **Milestone Progress** | |
| **Date** |  | **Date** |  |
| January - February 2016 | Stakeholder and Public Consultation Report – Stage 1 | January 2016 | Complete |
| February 2016 | Independent research report completed | February 2016 | Complete |
| February -March 2016 | Discussion Paper developed and presented to RSAC | March 2016 | Complete |
| April 2016 | Discussion Paper released for public comment | April 2016 | Complete |
| April 2016 | Website updated with stage 2 consultation information | April 2016 | Complete |
| April 2016 | Contact participants of stage 1 consultation to advise of stage 2 consultation | April 2016 | Complete |
| April - May 2016 | Drop in sessions – stage 2 | May 2016 | Complete |
| April - May 2016 | Online survey open | May 2016 | In progress - survey open from 14 April - 31 May 2016 |
| May 2016 | Independent survey sample conducted | May 2016 | In progress – being conducted by EMRS |
| June 2016 | RSAC Workshop to prioritise actions | June 2016 | Scheduled for 22 June. |
| June 2016 | Develop Stakeholder and Public Consultation Report – Stage 2 |  |  |
| July – August 2016 | Consultation feedback to participants |  |  |
| July - August 2016 | Draft Strategy and first Action Plan |  |  |
| August 2016 | Draft Strategy and first Action Plan to RSAC for endorsement |  |  |
| October 2016 | Cabinet Minute and final draft strategy to Government for endorsement |  |  |
| December 2016 | Launch new strategy |  |  |

Status

The Department of State Growth has commenced development of the Towards Zero Strategy. The Discussion Paper was released in mid-April and the second stage of public and stakeholder consultation is currently in progress. Drop-in sessions were held in Burnie, Launceston and Hobart, and the online survey will be open until 31 May. EMRS will soon conduct an independent survey across a random selection of the community to ensure feedback results are statistically relevant. When consultation is complete, RSAC will prioritise initiatives for the first Action Plan.

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| **Budget** | | |
| **Total allocated budget for project** | **400,000** | |
| Expenditure in 2015/16 |  | 181,716 |
| **Total expenditure to date** |  | 187,716 |
| **Current Balance** |  | **218,284** |
| **Forecast total expenditure on completion** |  | **400,000** |
| **Forecast balance remaining on completion** |  | **0** |

Road Safety Levy Funded Project

2026 Driver Mentoring Tasmania Inc

Description

Driver Mentoring Tasmania Inc (DMT), is the peak body representing Learner Driver Mentor Programs (LDMPs) in Tasmania. The Government has committed $1.5 million from the road safety levy to continue to support DMT and LDMPs for the next three years. Of this funding, approximately $120,000 will be provided to DMT each year for the next three financial years, to support DMT and in particular to continue the role of the state-wide coordinator.

The remaining funding of $1.14 million will be used to support LDMPs through the 2014-17 LDMP Grant Funding program.

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| **Milestone Schedule** | | **Milestone Progress** | |
| **Date** |  | **Date** |  |
| January 2013 | Grant Deed established and funds transferred | January 2013 | Completed |
| July 2013 | Interim progress report presented by DMT | October 2013 | Report timings were changed to align with 2012/13 LDMP Grant Funding six monthly reports. First report covers period to October 2013. The next report is due at the end of April 2014. |
| April 2014 | Report to be presented by DMT | April 2014 | Report presented |
| July and August 2014 | Grant Deed Established and funds transferred | July 2014 | Completed |
| March 2015 | Commence discussions and development of 2015-16 business priorities and DMT operational plan | March 2015 | Completed |
| June 2015 | Business plan and budget for 2015/16 submitted | June 2015 | Completed |
| June - July 2015 | Grant Deed established and funds transferred | June 2015 | Completed |
| April 2016 | DMT to provide Budget submission including Operation Plan for 2016-17 to be provided to State Growth for consideration |  |  |
| May 2016 | DMT to provide twelve month Progress Report for the period 2015/16 |  |  |
| June 2016 | Grant Deed Established and funds transferred |  |  |

Status

Based on the outcome of the second round of government funding for LDMPs (2015-16), DMT has been working with the five low performing LDMPs to support them to meet the minimum on-road hours required.

DMT continues to report to State Growth on the progress of individual Programs at monthly catch-up meetings.

DMT submitted their Operational Plan to support their submission for funding from the government for the 2015/16 financial year in June 2015. DMT submitted a budget totalling $119,031.17 (excluding GST) which was accepted.

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| Budget | | |
| Total allocated budget for project |  | |
| Expenditure in 2014/15 | 120,000\* |  |
| Expenditure in 2015/16 | 120,000\* |  |
| Total expenditure to date | 240,000 | |
| Current Balance | 0 | |

\*NB: Funding for DMT comes from the $1.5 million in funding committed to supporting LDMPs and DMT. Full reporting on the expenditure of these funds is under the LDMP funding program report.

Road Safety Levy Funded Projects

**655870 Motorcycle Safety Package – Safety Programs and Training**

**Description**

The Hodgman Government made an election commitment to carry out a full review of motorcyclist training and safety programs and have them assessed against best practice in other jurisdictions.

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| **Milestone Schedule** | | **Milestone Progress** | |
| **Date** |  | **Date** |  |
| May 2014 | Motorcycle Safety Working Group Established | May 2014 | Completed |
| July 2014 | Endorsement by Motorcycle Safety Working Group of public education and safety programs for inclusion in Motorcycle Safety Package | July 2014 | Funding endorsed to undertake training review and implement changes resulting from this process |
| August 2014 | Endorsement by RSAC of public education and safety programs for inclusion in Motorcycle Safety Package | August 2014 | Funding endorsed to undertake training review and implement changes resulting from this process |
| September 2014 | Endorsement by the Minister for Infrastructure of public education and safety programs for inclusion in Motorcycle Safety Package | September 2014 | Funding endorsed to undertake training review and implement changes resulting from this process |
| May 2015 | Motorcycle Working Group members to undertake investigative trip to discuss Victorian trial’s applicability for Tasmania | May 2015 | Complete |
| August 2015 | Expert consultant to be engaged to undertake gap analysis | September 2015 | Gap analysis and recommendation report received and accepted by members of the Motorcycle Safety Working Group |
| October 2015 | Television advertisement targeting motorcycle rider safety to commence for 6 month period | September 2015 | Endorsed by Motorcycle Safety Working Group. |
| October 2015 | Commence arrangements (including seeking Ministerial approval) to engage the University of New South Wales (UNSW) to analyse the applicability of the new Victorian curriculum against Tasmanian crash causes. | December 2015 | Complete, endorsement from Minister received 19 October 2015. |
| November 2015 | Commence a review of the current requirements for Assessors/Instructors and review current training assessment locations and range layouts to determine potential impacts. | December 2015 | Complete, findings to be outlined in the implementation strategy following the feasibility assessment. |
| November 2015 | Seek outcomes from VicRoads regarding the pilot of the new curriculum to gain understanding of any potential issues. | March 2016 | Final report due after VicRoads’ implementation scheduled for March 2016. |
| December 2015 | UNSW commence crash causation analysis work to determine the applicability of the new Victorian curriculum in Tasmania. | March 2016 | In progress. Research work scoped, consultant engaged and data spreads provided. Draft report anticipated end April 2016. |
| March 2016 | Development of a communication strategy that includes a discussion paper to enable the community to provide feedback on any proposed changes. | March 2016 | In progress |
| March 2016 | Commence undertaking a feasibility assessment which will include a comprehensive cost analysis to identify impacts to both community, business and Government. | March 2016 | In progress |
| July 2016 | Present findings from the crash causation analysis, VicRoads trial results and costs analysis to Minister for future direction. |  |  |
| August/ September 2016 | Commence developing an implementation strategy which will include the Motorcycle Assessor/Instructor training strategy and training location transitional plan. |  |  |

**Status**

The University of New South Wales has been engaged to undertake the analysis of Tasmanian motorcycle crash data to determine if the new Victorian curriculum and activities address the crash causes that may be unique to Tasmania. The findings from the analysis are expected to be delivered to the working group in June 2016.

Victoria commenced rolling out its new pre-learner, check ride and licence curriculum and course activities on 19 March 2016 in metropolitan areas. They are on schedule to have the new scheme fully introduced in the remainder of the state by early April 2016.

Officers from State Growth, together with representatives from the Tasmanian Motorcycle Council will travel to Victoria after the implementation to view the new training curriculum in operation and to take on-board any potential learnings for Tasmania.

The finding will provide further insight into the suitability of implementing the new pre-learner curriculum and activities in Tasmania.

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| **Budget ($)** | | |
| **Total allocated budget for project** | **200,000** | |
| **Total expenditure to date** | **27,390** | |
| **Current Balance** | **175,610** | |
| **Forecast total expenditure on completion** |  | **200,000** |
| **Forecast balance remaining on completion** |  | **0** |

**Comments**

The Third Action Plan of the Tasmanian Road Safety Strategy 2007-2016 identifies public education to promote motorcycle safety and a review of training and safety programs for motorcyclists. $200,000 has been allocated from the Road Safety Levy to fund such initiatives.

Road Safety Levy Funded Projects

2235 Distance makes the difference – cyclist safety campaign

Description

RSAC’s Cycling Safety Committee (CSSC) recommended that the Department of State Growth should monitor the Queensland trial of the one metre law over the next two years, and develop a major education campaign encouraging motorists to overtake cyclists with a minimum passing distance of one metre (in speed zones 60km/h and under) and of 1.5 metres (in speed zones greater than 60km/h).

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| **Milestone Schedule** | | **Milestone Progress** | |
| **Date** |  | **Date** |  |
| October 2015 | Launch of campaign | 18 October 2015 | Complete |
| August 2016 | Review of 1 metre law and development of stage 2 of campaign |  |  |

This campaign is the priority project under the Cycling Safety Package. Development of the campaign will be ongoing over a minimum of two years. A wide range of communication tools and media will be used to communicate this key message to road users.

Status

The campaign was launched on 18 October 2015. The campaign has proven to be very successful with:

* 152,000 views on YouTube
* TVN News Poland requesting permission to run the ad
* Well over 1 million views on Cycle Australia Facebook page
* Stories on SBS, Herald Sun, Daily Telegraph websites and story of its success on Southern Cross news.
* it featuring on the *Best Ads on TV* website alongside Nike, IBM, Harley Davidson and Pizza Hut (running second to IBM’s Runkeeper campaign).

The campaign will be reviewed and stage 2 of the campaign developed for summer 2016/17. Any changes to the law mandating a minimum passing distance of 1 metre will be taken into consideration before stage 2 is developed.

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| **Budget ($)** | | |
| **Total allocated budget for project** | **350,000** | |
| **Total expenditure to date** | **251,697** | |
| **Current Balance** | **98,303** | |
| **Forecast total expenditure on completion** |  | **350,000** |
| **Forecast balance remaining on completion** |  | **0** |

Road Safety Levy Funded Project

**2314 Baseline Cycling Data Collection**

**Description**

In line with recommendations of RSAC’s Cycling Safety Steering Committee, a project to collect baseline cycling data is currently being scoped out to enable the effective evaluation of the minimum 1 and 1.5 metre passing distance law, should Tasmania introduce such a law in the future.

The Queensland Government commissioned CARRS-Q to develop an evaluation framework for the Queensland minimum passing distance road rule. This framework is currently being reviewed and will inform the collection of baseline cycling data in Tasmania. It is envisaged that a combination of qualitative and quantitative baseline data be collected to allow for a potential future evaluation of minimum passing distance legislation should it be introduced in Tasmania.

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| **Milestone Schedule** | | **Milestone Progress** | |
| **Date** |  | **Date** |  |
| January 2015 | Project scope | March 2015 | Scoping paper completed |
| March 2015 | Initial baseline data collected | Completed | Proposed that this be deferred to December 2015 |
| June 2015 | Baseline data collection finalised |  | Completed |

The cycling survey was completed in December 2015.

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| **Budget ($)** | |
| **Total allocated budget for project** | **20,000** |
| **Total expenditure to date** | **10,800** |
| **Current Balance** | **9,200** |

Road Safety Initiatives Funded Project

2302 & 2303 Tourist Safety Strategy

Description

Tourism brings around 1.3 billion Australian dollars into the Tasmanian economy every year. Perceptions of safety and security are an important component in the attractiveness of any tourist destination.

In particular, international tourists are of concern, as road crashes are the most common cause of injury or death for international visitors in Australia, however interstate tourists present a significant statistical concern.

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| Milestone Schedule | | **Milestone Progress** | |
| Date |  | Date |  |
| April 2015 | Commence investigation of tourist crashes in Tasmania | April 2015 | Complete |
| May 2015 | Complete investigation of tourist crashes in Tasmania | May 2015 | Complete |
| July 2015 | Develop Strategy and Actions | July 2015 | Complete |
| August 2015 | Tourist Road Safety Strategy (Strategy) and funding endorsed by RSAC | August 2015 | Complete |
| September & October 2015 | Development of Stage 1 initiatives of the Strategy including motorcycle v-log | November 2015 | Complete |
| February 2016 | Review of RSAC endorsed tourist strategy and stage 1 deliverables. Concept development for Stage 2 and budget. | February 2016 | Complete |
| March 2016 | RSAC to note progress and endorse stage 2 | March 2016 | Carried over to August meeting |
| August 2016 | RSAC to note stage 2 campaign and deliverables | August 2016 |  |

Status

State Growth prepared a report for RSAC, investigating the crash rate of interstate and international tourists on Tasmanian roads. The investigation included an in-depth analysis of the available crash data and the Tasmanian Visitor Survey which provides a profile of the characteristics, travel behaviour and expenditure of international and domestic visitors to Tasmania.

Available crash data indicates that between 2010 and 2014, there was a total of 1,249 serious casualty crashes in Tasmania, of these there were 131 crashes involving tourists.

This means that interstate and international tourists accounted for 10 per cent of all serious casualty crashes in Tasmania (2010 – 2014). Interstate motorcycle riders made up 46 per cent of tourist serious casualty crashes.

On 19 May 2015, RSAC recommended the development of an evidence-based strategy addressing tourist safety which was endorsed at the 18 August meeting.

The Tourist Road Safety Strategy (Strategy) targets three groups that have a high crash risk whilst visiting Tasmania; interstate motorcyclists, interstate drivers and international drivers. The initiatives contained in the Strategy are designed to be innovative and capitalise on existing tourist networks.

The Strategy is being delivered in two stages.

**Stage one:**

**Motorcyclists**

Stage one involved the development of a short video aimed at interstate motorcyclists (motorcycle v-log). The v-log is designed to create awareness of Tasmania’s unique riding conditions and provide practical road safety advice to riders on how to explore Tasmania safely. The video is being distributed through tourist networks, including Tasmanian and interstate motorcycle clubs, the Spirit of Tasmania as well as via other key stakeholders, including the RACT.

This video was used to provide information about riding safely in Tasmania to the 4,000 interstate Ulysses motorcycle riders who visited Tasmania in February 2016. Ulysses also assisted with broad dissemination of the v-log.

**International Tourists**

The second part of stage one focused on international tourists and in particular Chinese visitors. Through a partnership with Bridestowe Lavender Farm, ‘Bobbie Bear’ has been used as a mascot to engage visitors and promote road safety messages. High quality DL flyers have been made available at airports with life size ‘Bobbie Bear’ cut-outs providing an innovative drawcard to capture visitor attention. The campaign has also include distribution of posters and DL flyers across the Tasmania’s tourist network.

**Stage Two:**

Stage 2 will continue to engage visitors to promote road safety in Tasmania and will be informed through review of Stage 1.

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| Budget | | |
| Total allocated budget for project | $50,000 | |
| Expenditure in 2015/16 | $75,990 |  |
| Total expenditure to date | $75,990 | |

**Comments**

The original budget of $50,000 has been overspent. The original budget was based on a Vlog being produced in a GoPro (low budget) format, but a decision was made to upgrade the production to create a higher quality product with more options for re-using in other formats.

Due to the popularity of the ‘Bobbie Bear’ collateral, re-prints have been ordered, stock replacement was arranged and additional opportunities taken to promote the key messages, such as at Chinese New Year celebrations.

**Road Safety Levy Funded Project**

**2222 Community Road Safety Grants Program**

**Description**

The Community Road Safety Grants (CRSG) Program seeks to reduce the number of serious casualties on Tasmanian roads each year, through:

* supporting community involvement in addressing local road safety issues and promoting road safety; and
* assisting key road safety stakeholders and the community to develop and implement effective community road safety programs that contribute to positive and sustainable road safety outcomes.

$600,000 has been made available from the Road Safety Levy to support the new CRSG Program over three years, from 2015-16 until 2017-18. Up to $200,000 each financial year has been allocated.

For the first year, two funding rounds are to be administered on a half yearly basis. This will be reviewed after the first year. Approximately $100,000 will be available for each of the first year rounds.

Projects that will be considered for funding under this grants program must be evidence-based, using research or best practice principles. They must address identified localised road safety issues or be of road safety benefit, targeting a specific group or issue and align with the *Tasmanian Road Safety Strategy 2007 – 2016.*

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| Milestone Schedule | | **Milestone Progress** | |
| Date |  | Date |  |
| July – October 2015 | Administer first funding round | September 2015 | Complete |
| February – April 2016 | Administer second funding round |  | In progress |

**Status**

**Round 1**

The first funding round of the CRSG Program was advertised on 11 July 2015 and applications closed on 11 September 2015. 20 applications were received. Of the 20 applications received, eight received CRSG funding, totalling $103,056.70. The successful applications proposed good solutions to localised road safety issues and will contribute to positive road safety outcomes. The projects involve a range of stakeholders (local councils, community organisations and a school) and provide good state-wide and regional coverage.

**Round 2**

The second round of the CRSG Funding Program for 2015-16 was to be advertised on 1 February 2016 with applications closing on 1 April 2016.

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| **Budget** | | |
| **Annual budget for project (3 year program totalling $600,000)** | **200,000** | |
| Expenditure in 2015/16 |  | 105,087 |
| **Total expenditure to date** |  | 105,087 |
| **Current Balance** |  | **94,913** |
| **Forecast total expenditure on completion** |  | **200,000** |
| **Forecast balance remaining on completion** |  | **0** |

**Road Safety Levy Funded Project**

**2322 Securing loads on light vehicles campaign - new**

**Description**

Unsecured loads can cause serious crashes by falling onto the road and into the path of other vehicles. People have died in crashes caused by unsecured loads In Tasmania.

A ‘Secured Loads’ education campaign will be to be launched in May, with targeted initiatives running up until July 2016. The campaign will target all road users, but specifically Ute and trailer owners, reminding them to ensure their loads are safe and secure.

The tagline for the campaign is ‘Keep Your Load off the Road’ and key initiatives of the campaign include distributing flyers to the owners of Utes and trailers through their registration renewal notices and installing 12 large signs at selected waste disposal sites throughout the state.

Stage 2 of the campaign will focus on secure loads for heavy vehicles.

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| **Milestone Schedule** | | **Milestone Progress** | |
| **Date** |  | **Date** |  |
| March 2016 | Develop and print campaign collateral | March 2016 | Complete |
| May 2016 | Insert flyers into registration renewals |  |  |
| May 2016 | Install 12x signs at selected waste disposal sites state-wide |  |  |
| May –July 2016 | Advertise in major newspapers and industry publications |  |  |
| 19 May 2016 | Launch campaign |  |  |
| July 2016 | Assist Police in undertaking ‘Unsecured loads’ Blitz |  |  |

**Status**

Design company Clemenger was engaged to design campaign collateral including a DL flyer, sign and press advertisement. The final design is a similar look and feel to the RSAC’s very successful ‘Distance Makes a Difference’ campaign.

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| **Budget** | | |
| **Total allocated budget for project** | $10,000 | |
| Expenditure in 2015/16 |  | 0 |
| **Total expenditure to date** | **0** | |
| **Current Balance** | **0** | |
| **Forecast total expenditure on completion** |  | **0** |
| **Forecast balance remaining on completion** |  | **0** |

## Road Safety Levy 2015/16

As at 31 March 2016

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| **2015/16 Financial Year** | **Proposed Budget 2015/16** | **Actual (ytd) 2015/16** |
| Opening Balance (at 1 July 2015) |  | 12,751,774 |
| **Revenue** |  |  |
| Road Safety Levy collected | 12,600,000 | 9,580,378 |
| Funds available for distribution | 10,000,000 | **6,980,378** |
| **Total Funds available for distribution** | **22,751,774** | 19,732,152 |
|  |  |  |
| **Expenditure** |  |  |
| Safer Travel Speeds | 100,000 | 20,126 |
| Best Practice Infrastructure | 7,620,000 | 2,547,706 |
| Improved Safety for Young Road Users | 1,075,000 | 778,742 |
| Enhanced Vehicle Safety | 62,500 | 11,380 |
| Complementary Initiatives | 3,020,000 | 1,423,896 |
| **Total** | **11,877,500** | **4,781,850** |
| Closing Balance | 10,874,274 | **14,950,302** |

The above figures include completed projects that are not reported on in this progress report.

## MAIB Funding

As at 31 March 2016

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **2015/16 Financial Year** | **Budget 2015/16** | **Actual 2015/16** |  | **Balance** |
| **Expenditure  (State Growth)** |  |  |  |  |
| Administration & Public Relations | 601,579 | 147,921 |  | 453,658 |
| Public Education | 649,920 | 869,019 |  | -219,099 |
| Research | 161,638 | 72,096 |  | 89,542 |
|  | **1,413,137** | **1,089,036** |  | **324,101** |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| **Expenditure (Police)** |  |  |  |  |
| Salaries | 1,847,303 | 1,321,188 |  | 526,115 |
| Operating Expenses | 186,000 | 131,491 |  | 54,509 |
| Equipment | 462,389 | 172,276 |  | 290,113 |
|  | **2,495,692** | **1,624,955** |  | **870,737** |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| **Total** | **3,908,829** | **2,713,991** |  | **1,194,838** |

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Please note: Budget includes carry forwards of $176,211 to State Growth and $94,598 to Police.

## Statistics Overview

### 2015

* The number of serious casualties in 2015 was 332, compared to 301 in 2014, a 10.3 per cent increase. The 2015 figure of 332 is a 14.6 per cent increase on the five year serious casualty average of 289.6 (2010-2014).
* For the 2015 calendar year, there were 34 fatalities on Tasmanian roads the same number as recorded in 2014. This is an 11.1 per cent increase on the five year fatalities average of 30.6 (2010-2014).
* The number of motorcyclists as a proportion of all serious casualties is trending upwards. Motorcyclists accounted for 32.8% of serious casualties in 2015, 26.8% of serious casualties in 2014 and 24.8% of serious casualties over the five year average. Motorcycles account for approximately 4% of vehicle registrations in Tasmania.
* There was a single bicyclist fatality in 2015, one more than the zero recorded in 2014. There were 13 bicyclist serious casualties in 2015, which was one more than the number recorded in 2014 and slightly up on the 5 year average of 11 serious casualties.
* 17 of the 34 fatalities (50%) occurred in 100km/h or 110km/h zones while 100 of the 298 serious injuries (33.5%) occurred in speed zones 60km/h or less.
* The highest contributing crash factors in 2015 were; excessive speed for the conditions/circumstances (22.8%), alcohol (17.6%), inattentiveness (15.2%) and inexperience (11.7%). *Note: more than one crash factor can be attributed to a single crash.*
* Run-off road continues to be the major crash type accounting for 43.6% of serious casualties, followed by head-on crashes with 15.9%.

**To 31 March 2016**

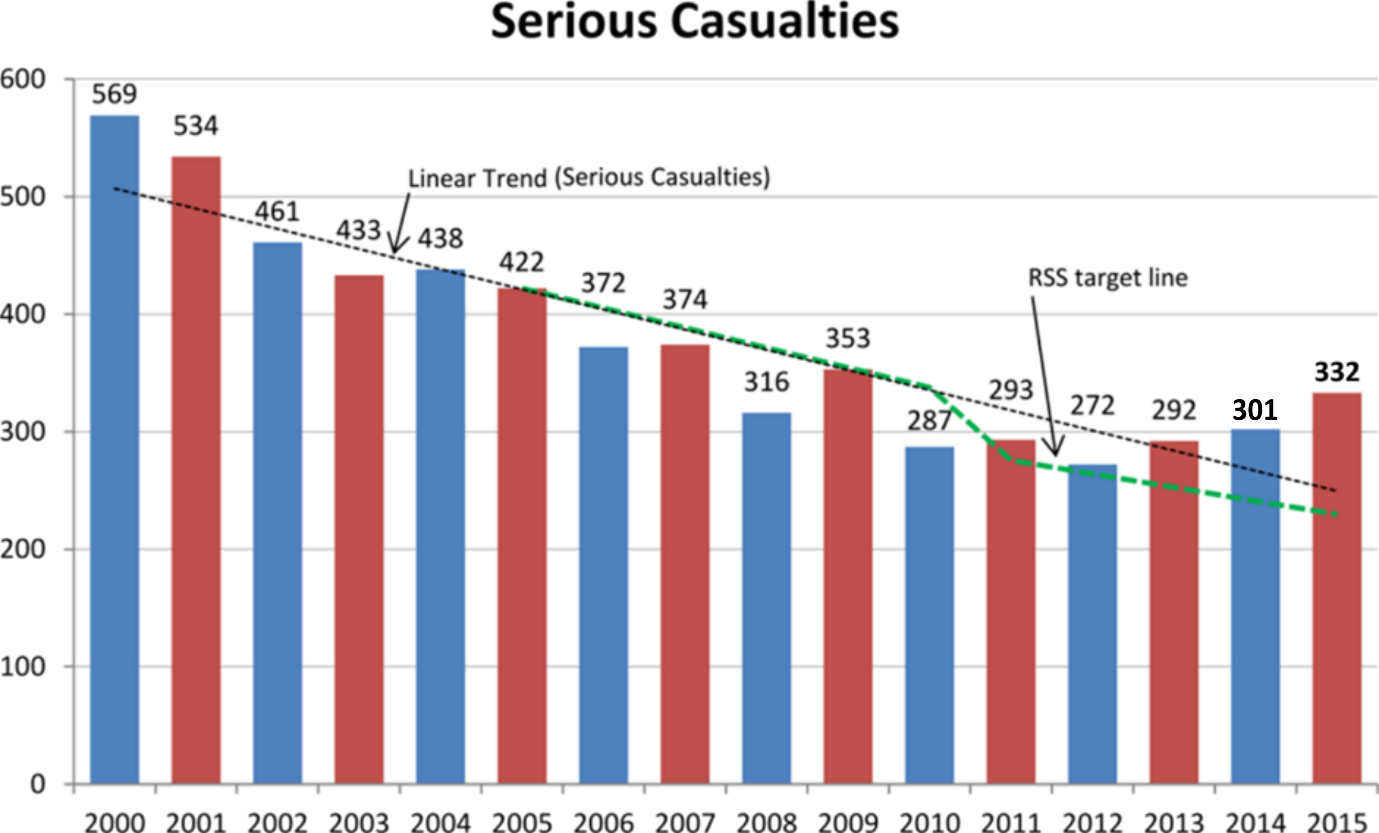
* There have been 107 serious casualties (11 fatalities and 96 serious injuries) to 31 March 2016, up 1.9 per cent on the same period last year of 105 serious casualties (11 fatalities and 94 serious injuries) and up 17.8 per cent on the five year average of 90.8 serious casualties.
* Motorcyclists (riders and pillion passengers) account for 36 per cent of serious casualties to 31 March 2016.
* 48.6 per cent of serious casualties occurred in 100 and 110km/h speed zones.
* The highest reported crash factors to 31 March 2016 are:
  + Other[[1]](#footnote-1) - 21.0%
  + Excessive speed for the conditions / circumstances - 13.3%
  + Inattentiveness - 11.2%
  + Alcohol - 9.1%
  + Inexperience - 7.0%
  + Fail to give way and Fail to observe road signs and markings, both 5.6%; and
  + Drugs - 4.9%

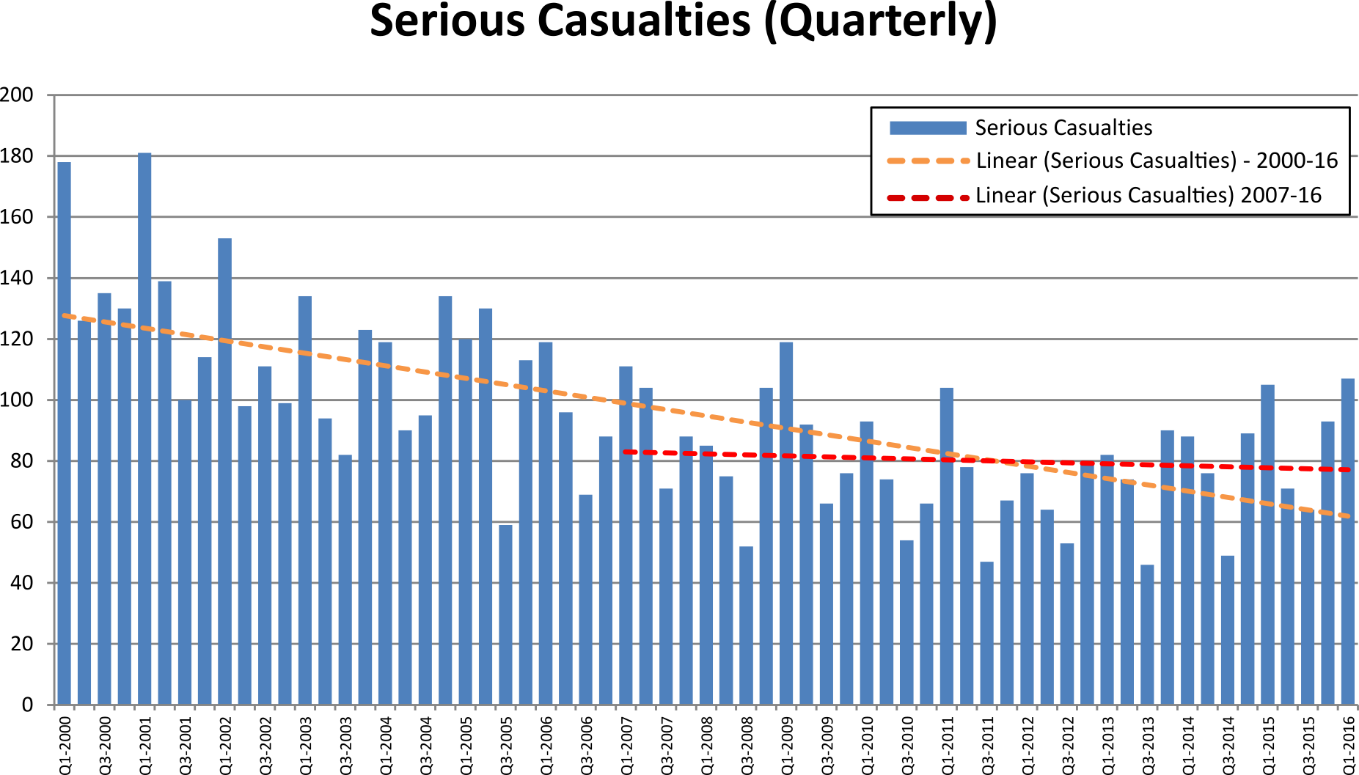
• Run off road crashes account for 56 per cent of serious casualties to 31 March 2016.

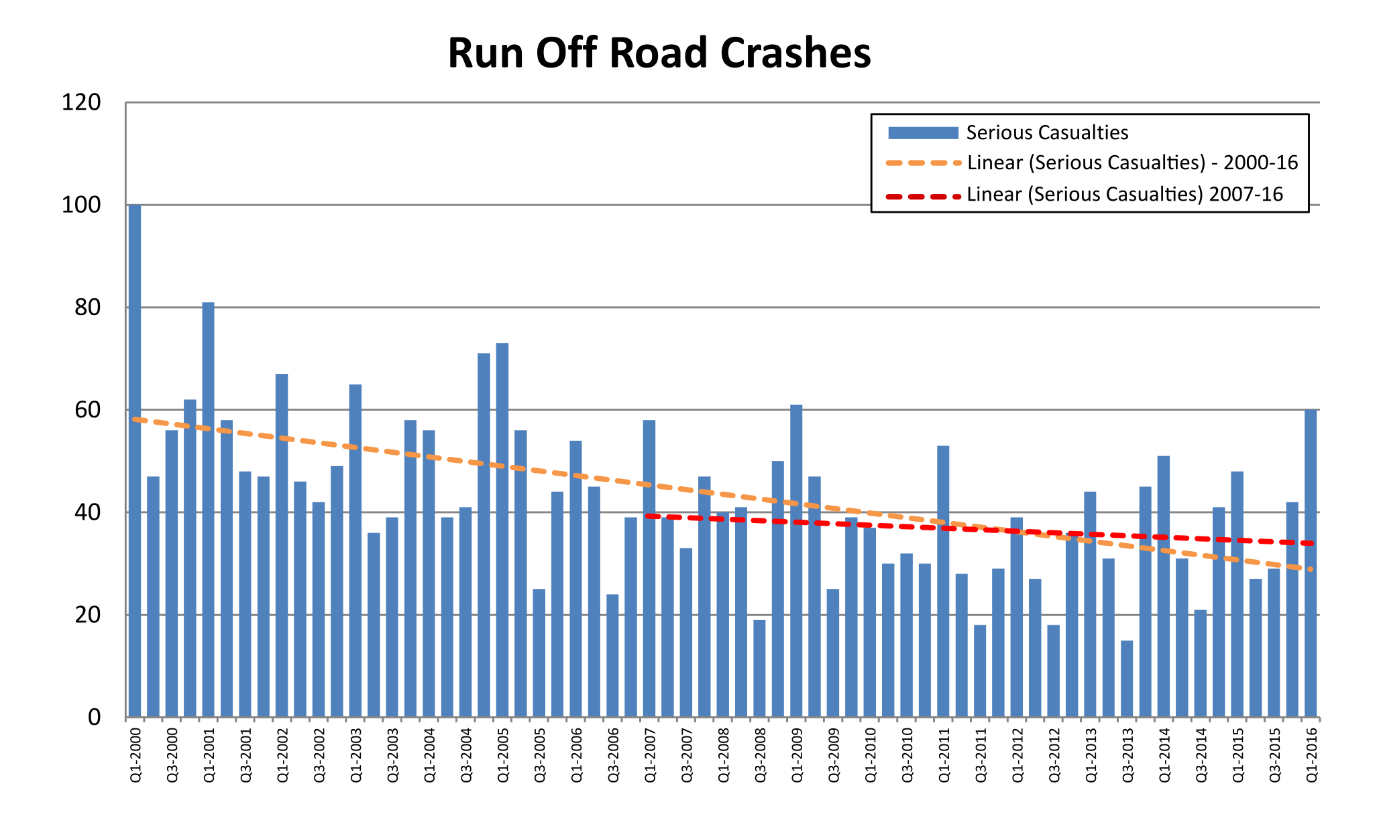
The source is data from Police reports at the time of the crash.

|  |  | **2005** | **2006** | **2007** | **2008** | **2009** | **2010** | **2011** | **2012** | **2013** | **2014** | **2015** |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **TOTAL Serious Casualties** | **422** | **372** | **374** | **316** | **353** | **288** | **296** | **272** | **291** | **301** | **332** |
| **By Police District** | North | 124 | 94 | 87 | 58 | 98 | 71 | 84 | 92 | 91 | 83 | 114 |
|  | West | 102 | 99 | 94 | 86 | 87 | 80 | 77 | 52 | 80 | 92 | 75 |
|  | South | 78 | 71 | 65 | 67 | 56 | 51 | 55 | 51 | 60 | 51 | 56 |
|  | East | 118 | 108 | 128 | 105 | 112 | 86 | 80 | 77 | 60 | 75 | 85 |
| **By Speed Zone** | 60 or less | 136 | 124 | 110 | 120 | 132 | 97 | 103 | 91 | 104 | 103 | 107 |
|  | 70-90 | 67 | 59 | 59 | 49 | 48 | 49 | 48 | 51 | 46 | 54 | 59 |
|  | 100-110 | 219 | 189 | 205 | 147 | 173 | 142 | 145 | 130 | 135 | 120 | 132 |
|  | Not stated | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| **By Road User Type** | Driver | 190 | 148 | 169 | 139 | 138 | 122 | 131 | 121 | 91 | 114 | 123 |
|  | Passenger | 85 | 96 | 94 | 68 | 83 | 43 | 52 | 52 | 66 | 57 | 54 |
|  | Pedestrian | 44 | 31 | 27 | 26 | 32 | 32 | 33 | 36 | 30 | 31 | 25 |
|  | Motorcyclist | 78 | 80 | 66 | 68 | 76 | 77 | 68 | 51 | 83 | 81 | 106 |
|  | ATV Rider | 6 | 4 | 11 | 7 | 11 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 3 | 6 | 8 |
|  | Bicyclist | 17 | 12 | 7 | 8 | 13 | 10 | 8 | 7 | 18 | 12 | 13 |
|  | Other | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| **By Age Group** | Under 17 | 50 | 35 | 41 | 21 | 32 | 25 | 24 | 20 | 23 | 22 | 19 |
|  | 17-29 | 136 | 144 | 131 | 116 | 130 | 96 | 99 | 85 | 92 | 92 | 107 |
|  | 30-49 | 141 | 112 | 113 | 94 | 87 | 99 | 78 | 65 | 76 | 88 | 89 |
|  | 50-64 | 46 | 43 | 51 | 43 | 58 | 38 | 50 | 53 | 43 | 49 | 74 |
|  | Over 64 | 45 | 37 | 35 | 38 | 46 | 29 | 45 | 48 | 57 | 45 | 44 |
|  | Not known | 3 | 1 | 3 | 4 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 5 | 0 |
| **By Crash Type** | **Multi-Vehicle** |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | From adjacent directions | 28 | 21 | 22 | 21 | 19 | 15 | 12 | 12 | 16 | 16 | 28 |
|  | From opposing direction | 64 | 94 | 74 | 58 | 57 | 56 | 66 | 60 | 45 | 54 | 53 |
|  | From same direction | 19 | 18 | 9 | 18 | 12 | 14 | 17 | 15 | 13 | 13 | 21 |
|  | Overtaking | 27 | 11 | 23 | 4 | 20 | 10 | 11 | 5 | 10 | 5 | 13 |
|  | Manoeuvring | 22 | 18 | 31 | 29 | 31 | 18 | 18 | 14 | 22 | 24 | 24 |
|  | **Pedestrian & Other** |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Pedestrian | 43 | 32 | 26 | 26 | 31 | 33 | 34 | 35 | 31 | 34 | 26 |
|  | Passenger & Misc | 12 | 5 | 3 | 2 | 4 | 2 | 3 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 7 |
|  | **Single Vehicle** |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Off path on curve | 118 | 98 | 107 | 79 | 107 | 81 | 83 | 76 | 76 | 95 | 100 |
|  | Off path on straight | 80 | 64 | 70 | 71 | 65 | 48 | 45 | 44 | 59 | 50 | 45 |
|  | On path | 9 | 11 | 9 | 8 | 7 | 11 | 7 | 6 | 14 | 5 | 14 |
| **Crash Factor**  (as per police report at scene of crash) | Alcohol  Animal on road  Asleep-fatigue  Distraction – external to  vehicle  Distraction – in vehicle  Drugs | 88  4  25  19  14  32 | 77  4  30  17  19  38 | 86  8  43  32  12  62 | 93  8  15  30  13  48 | 91  4  25  40  12  53 | 73  15  12  42  15  32 | 63  5  18  37  9  24 | 55  6  12  25  10  23 | 37  8  9  30  16  45 | 51  4  12  6  4  38 | 51  6  11  8  7  25 |
|  | Exceeding speed limit  Excessive speed for the  conditions/circumstances | 49  111 | 65  110 | 45  73 | 59  74 | 57  85 | 34  66 | 31  88 | 28  78 | 29  85 | 27  57 | 31  66 |
| There may be more  than one crash factor  associated with a crash. | Fail to give way  Fail to obey traffic signals  Fail to observe road signs  & markings  Improper overtaking  Inattentiveness  Inexperience  Other  Other obstruction on road  Pedestrian on road  Reversing without care  Road defect  Turning without care  Unwell-infirm  Using a mobile phone  Vehicle defect | 19  3  31  17  186  78  0  6  35  6  22  7  26  2  23 | 29  6  12  8  145  98  0  8  22  4  29  15  37  2  18 | 25  5  17  21  147  107  0  12  22  4  18  12  32  3  28 | 36  7  21  7  160  93  0  6  19  5  23  19  40  1  18 | 31  2  25  27  158  126  0  12  28  3  20  22  44  1  49 | 27  6  18  14  75  103  0  15  29  5  20  18  36  2  13 | 38  5  12  13  11  75  0  12  33  7  10  20  35  2  21 | 38  3  27  7  13  84  5  5  35  7  10  21  44  1  22 | 38  9  21  10  32  75  15  2  28  3  17  17  17  0  11 | 28  5  11  4  43  43  57  2  17  3  29  15  18  4  8 | 29  1  17  13  44  34  84  0  13  7  17  15  11  0  6 |
|  | **TOTAL Crash Factors** | **803** | **793** | **814** | **795** | **915** | **670** | **569** | **559** | **554** | **486** | **499** |

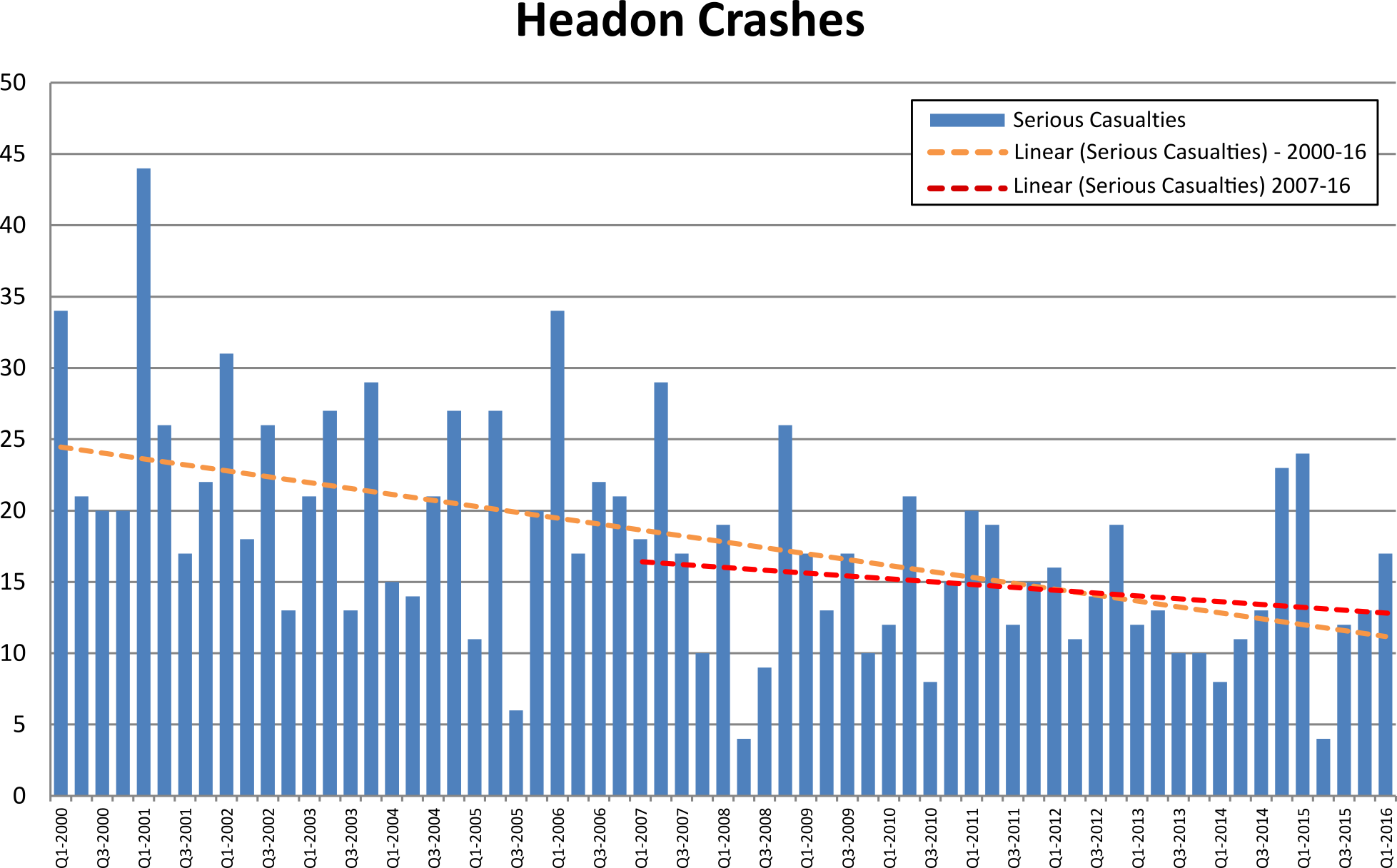
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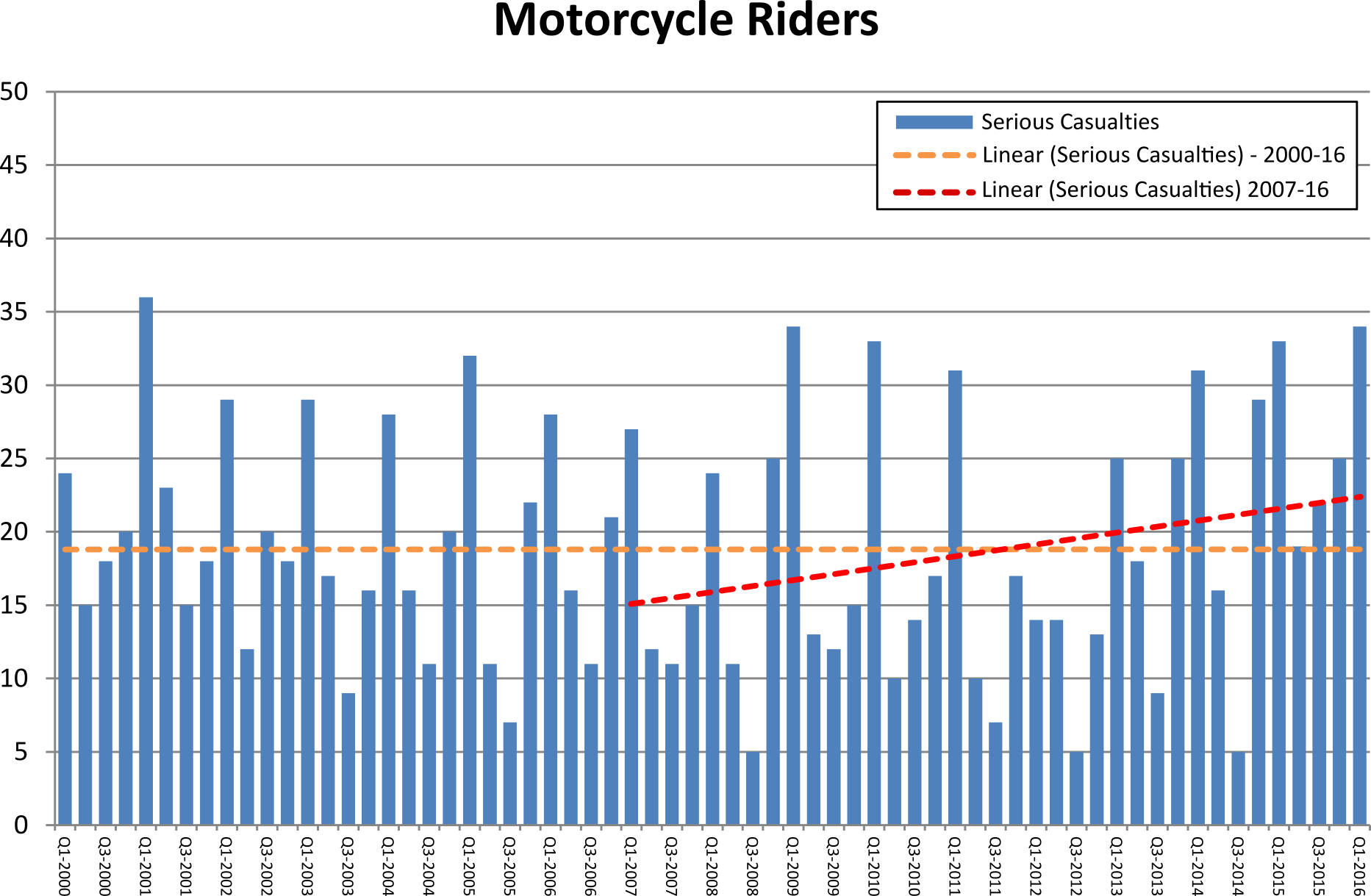


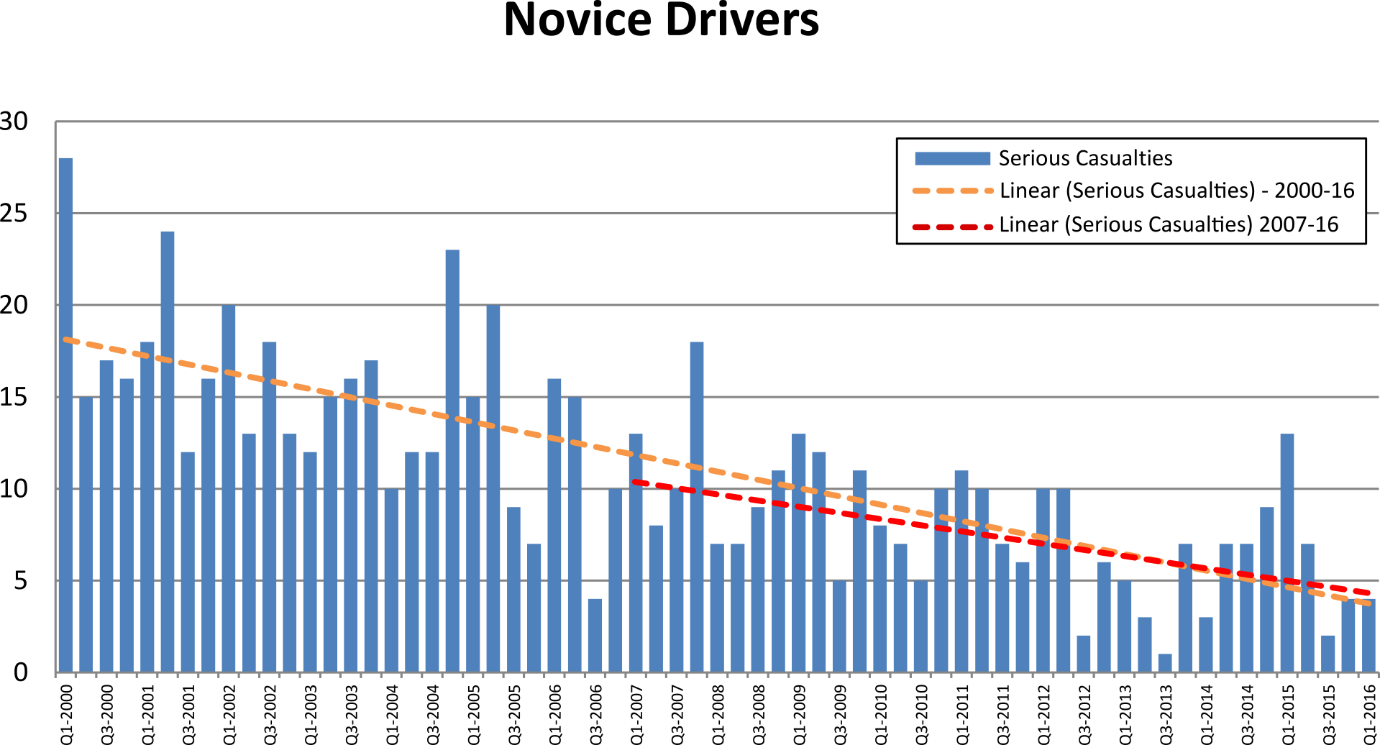


\*Depicts serious casualties where a crash has occurred with the vehicle travelling off path through a curve or off path travelling straight

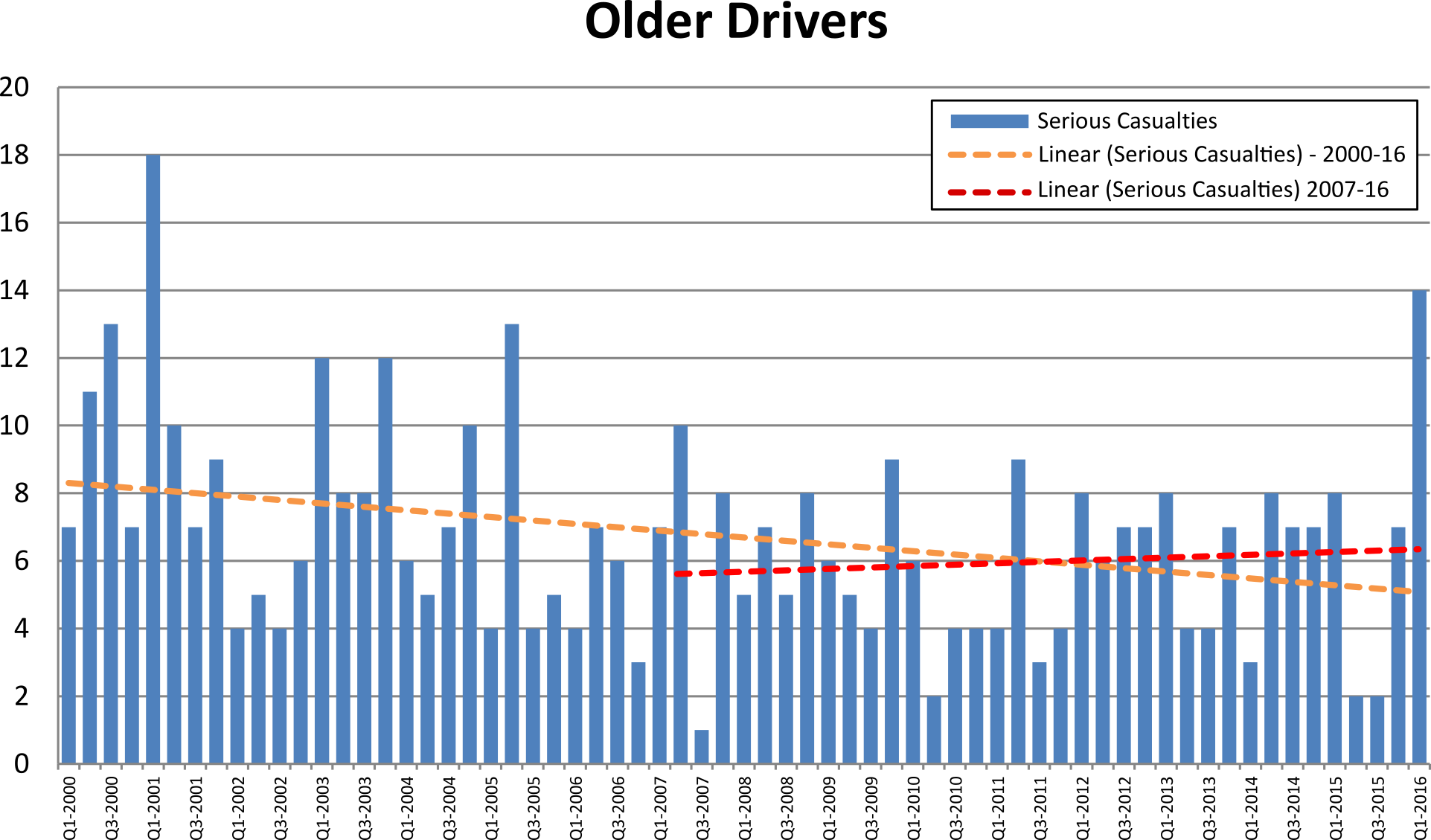


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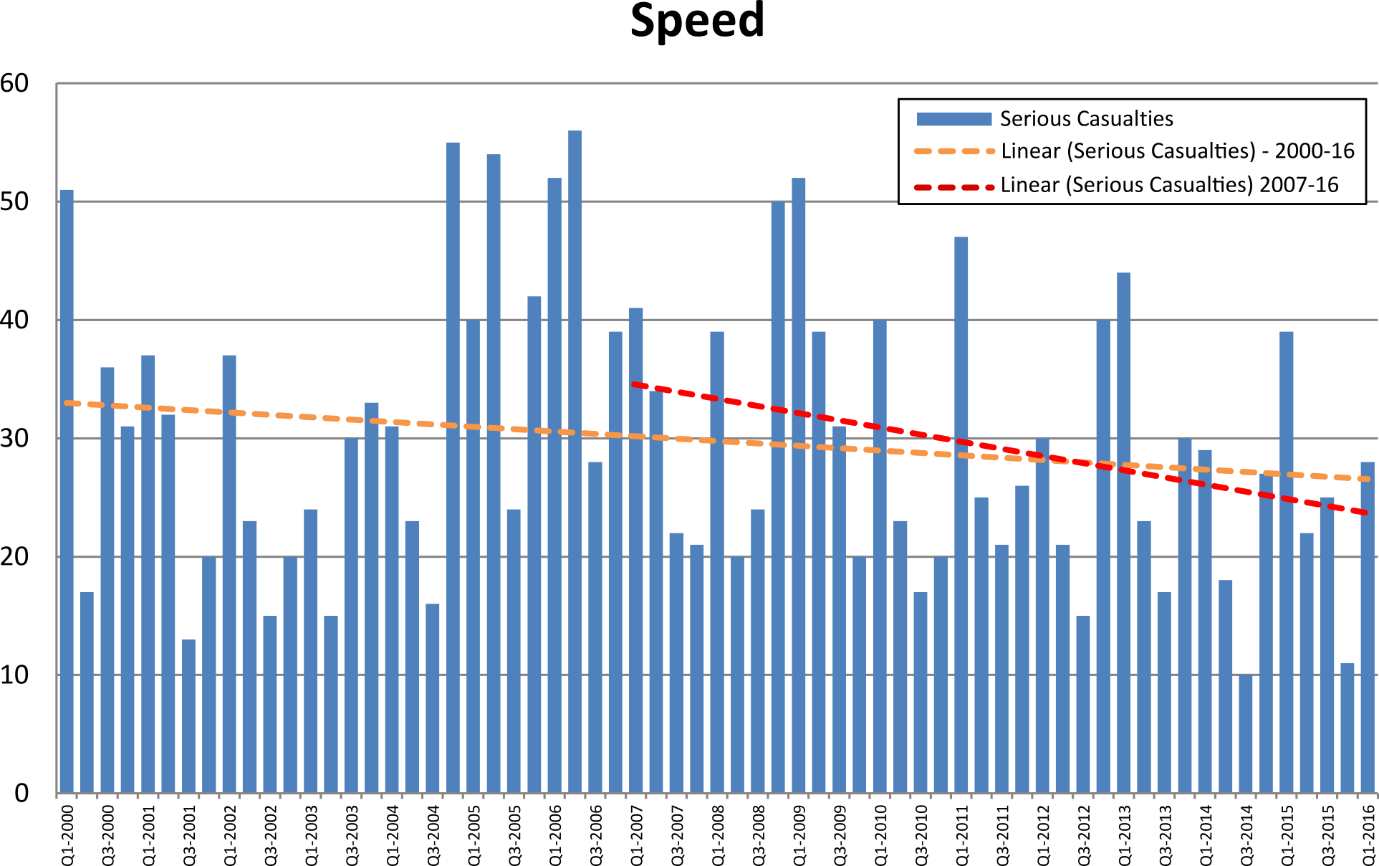




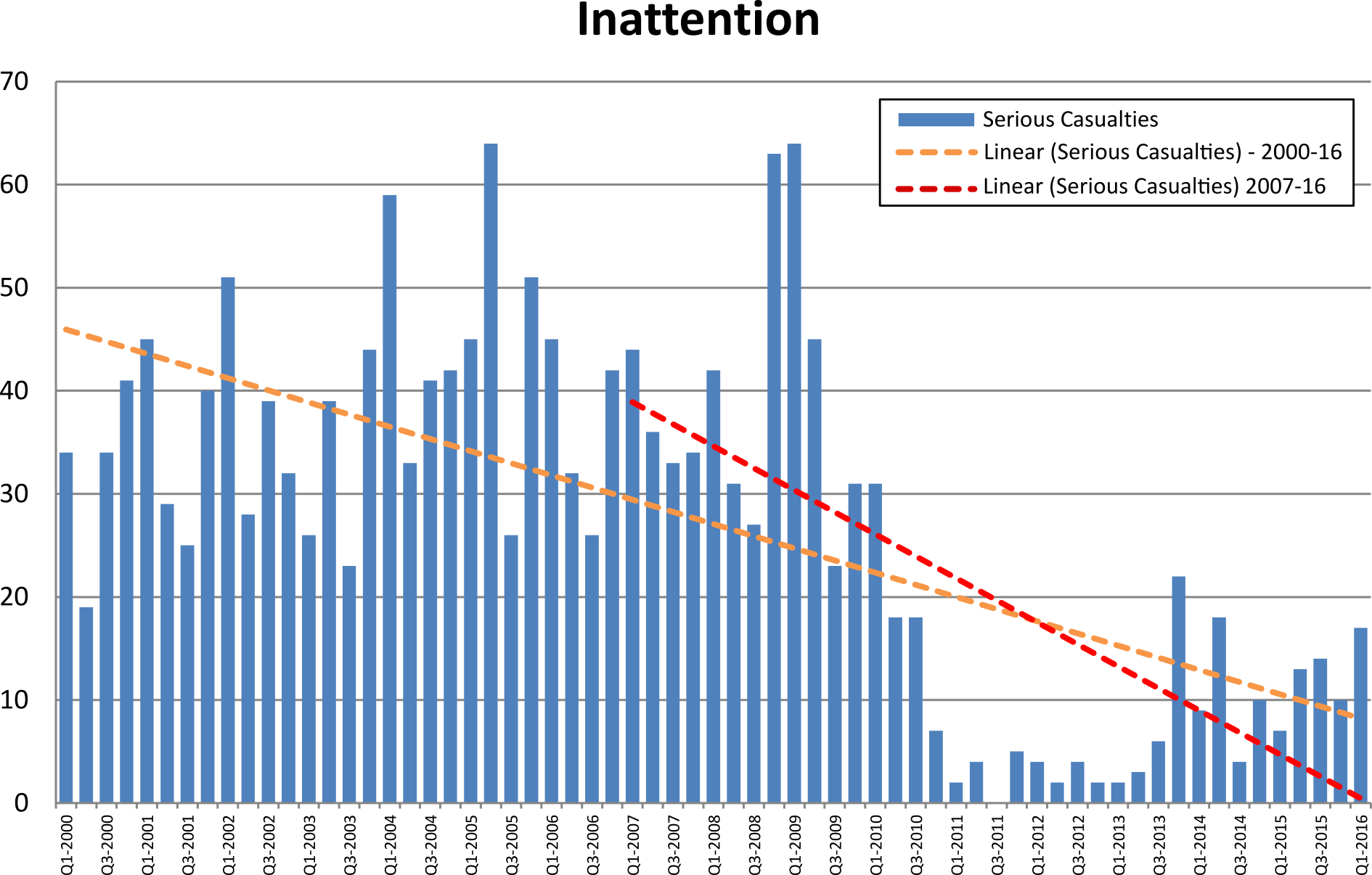
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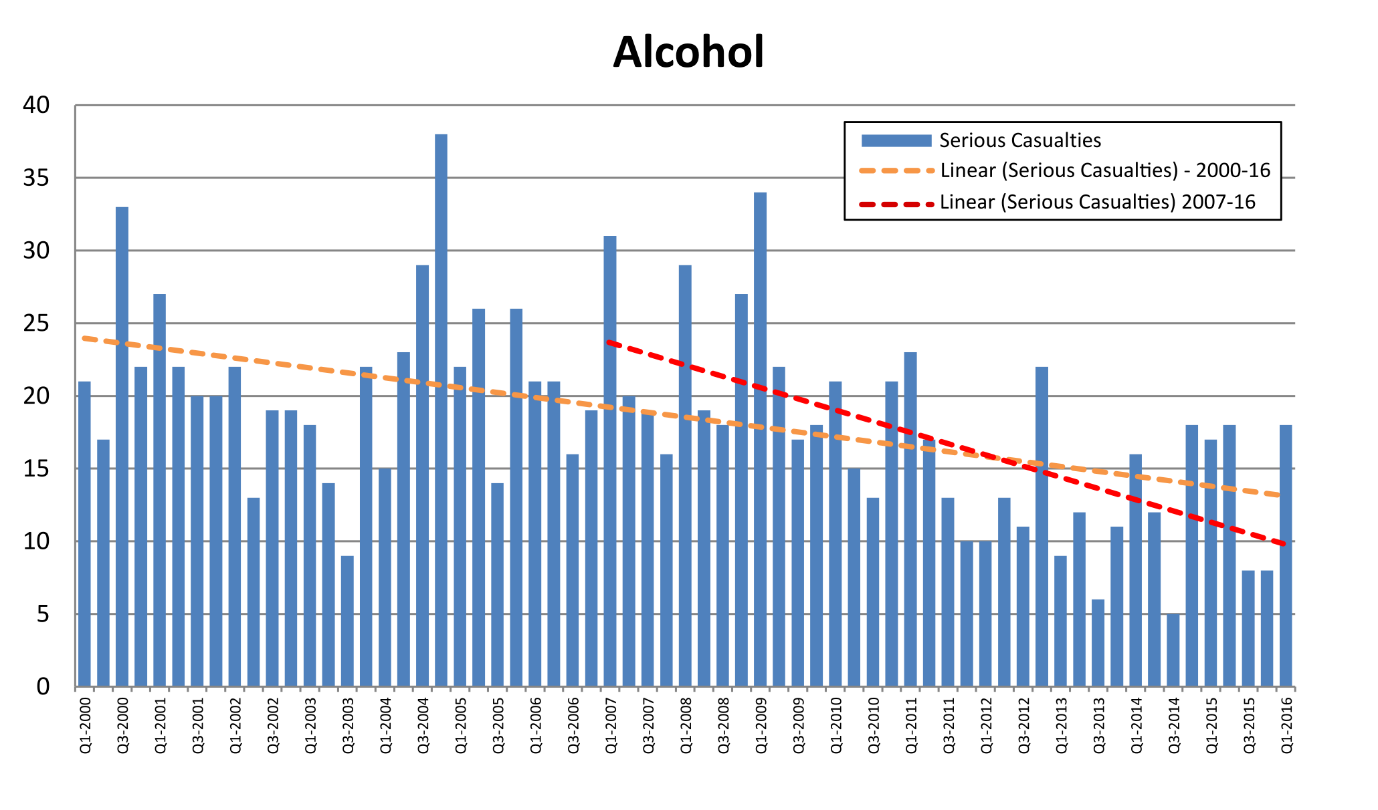
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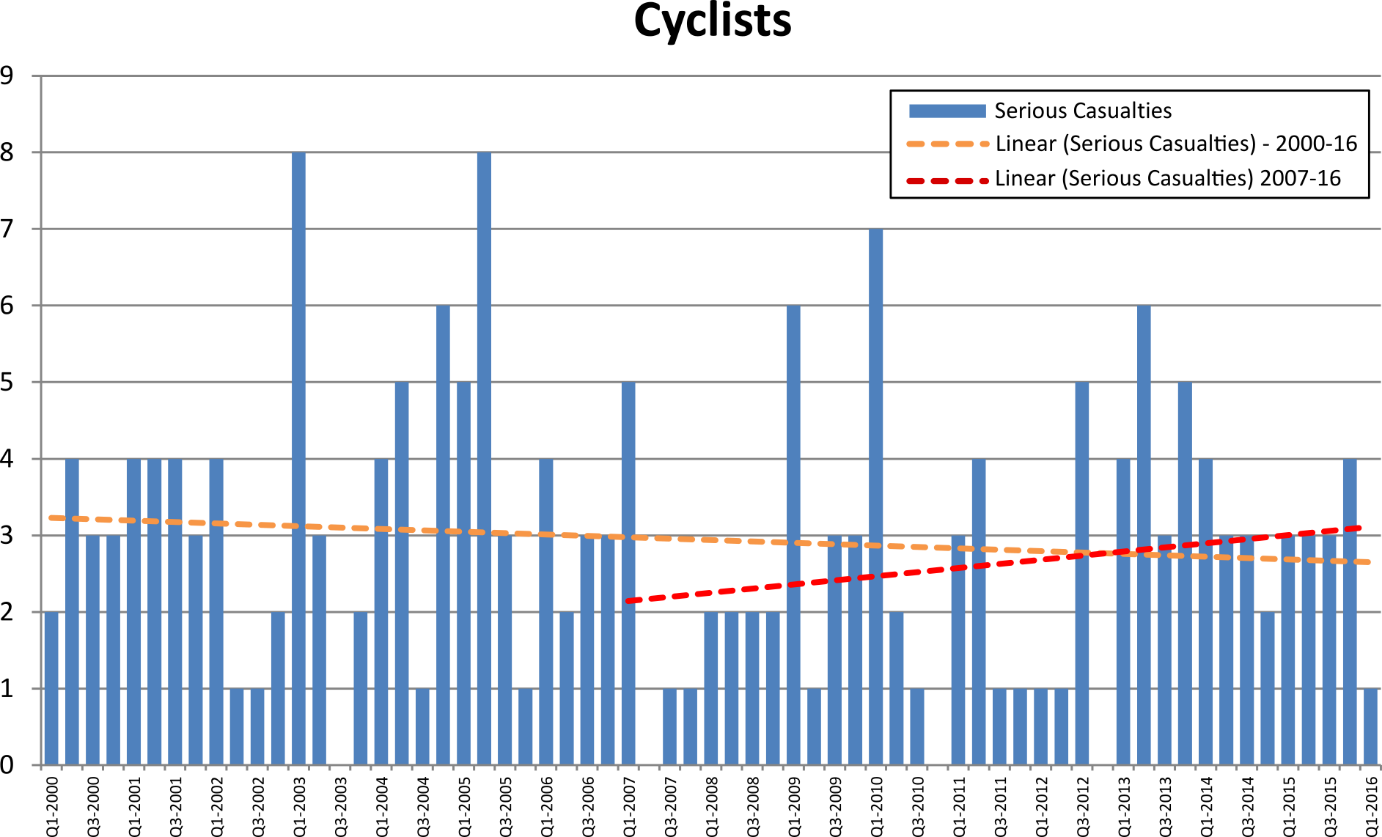


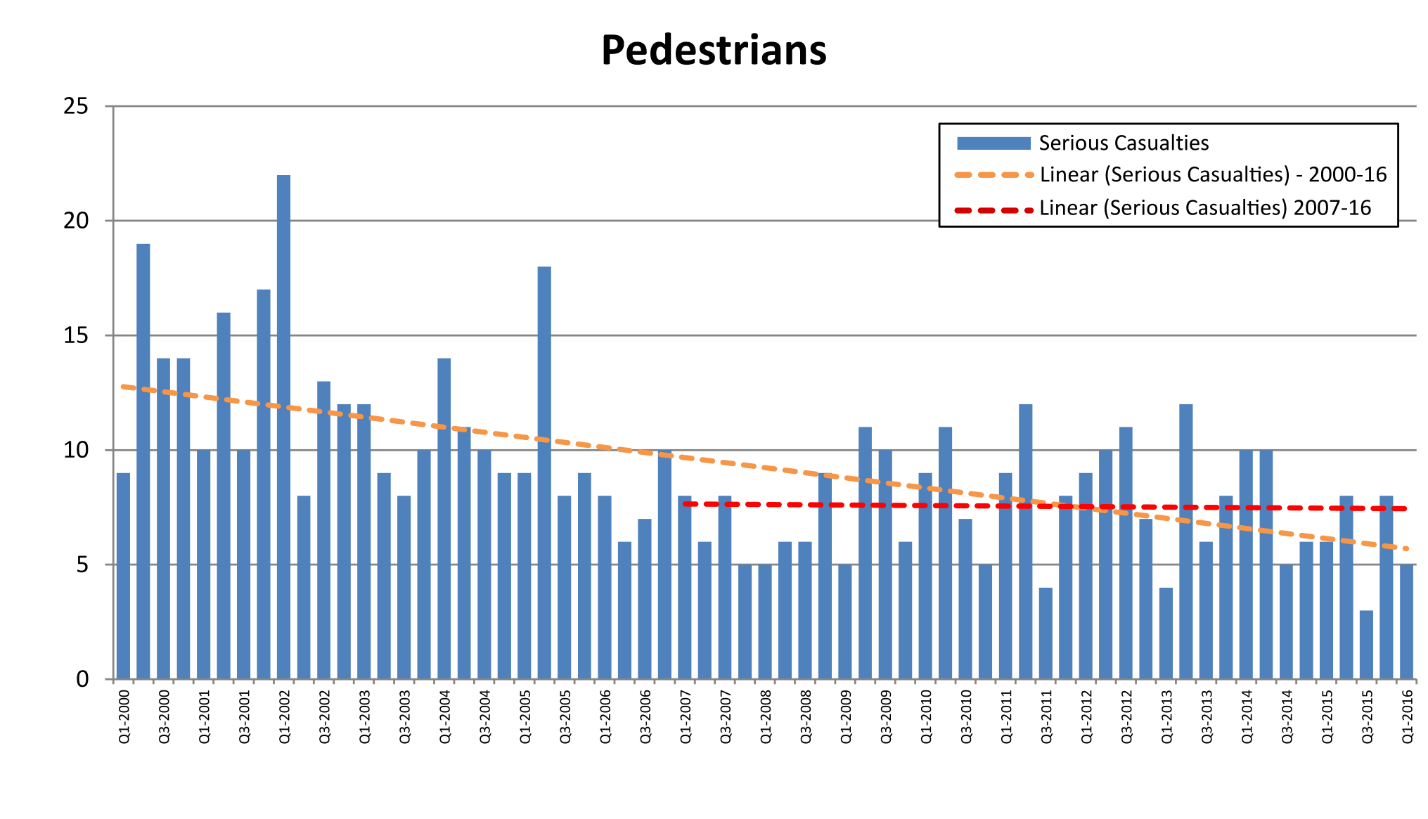
\*Depicts serious casualties where the crash factor of exceeding the speed limit and/or excessive speed for the conditions/circumstances is listed as a contributing factor to the crash. There may be instances where both speed factors are recorded for a single crash.

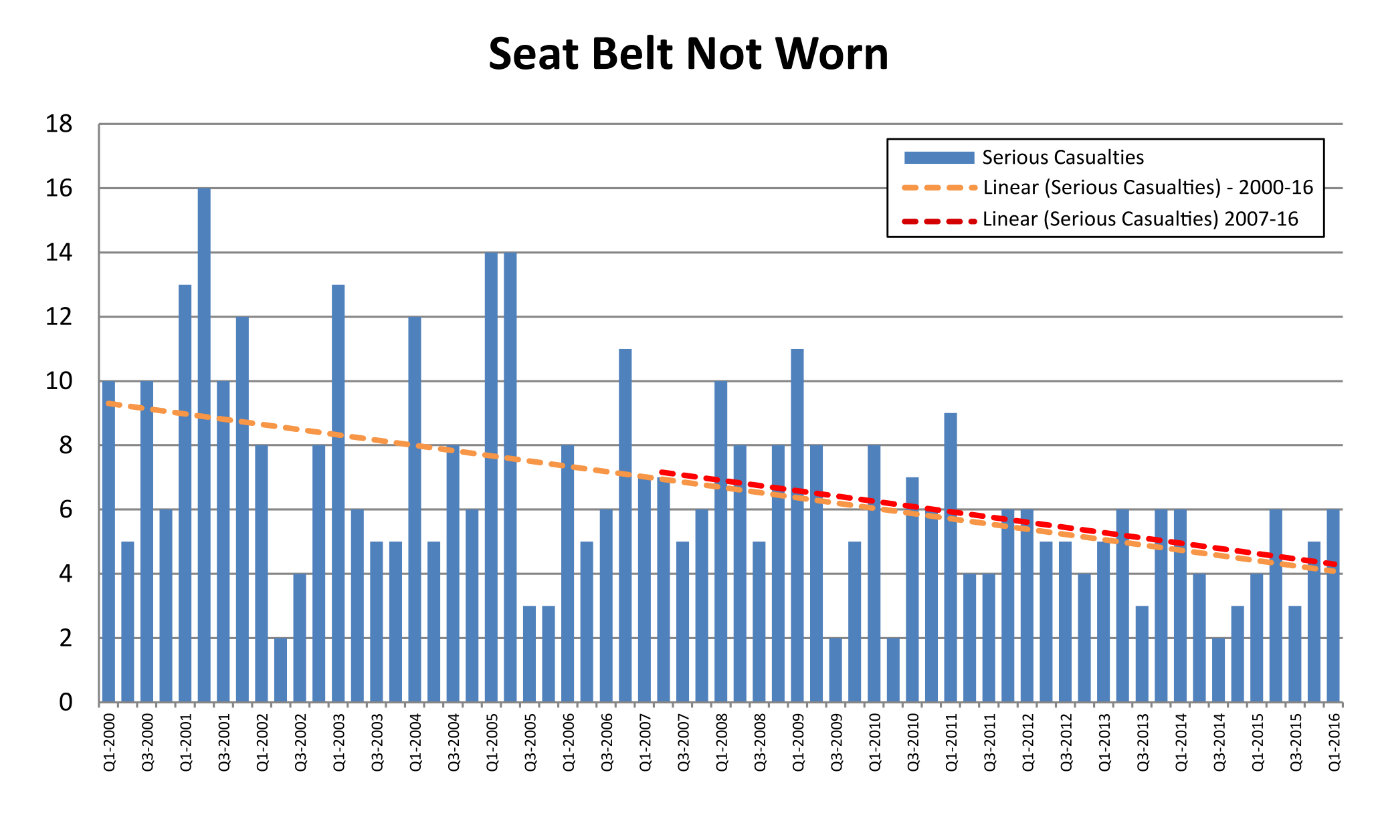


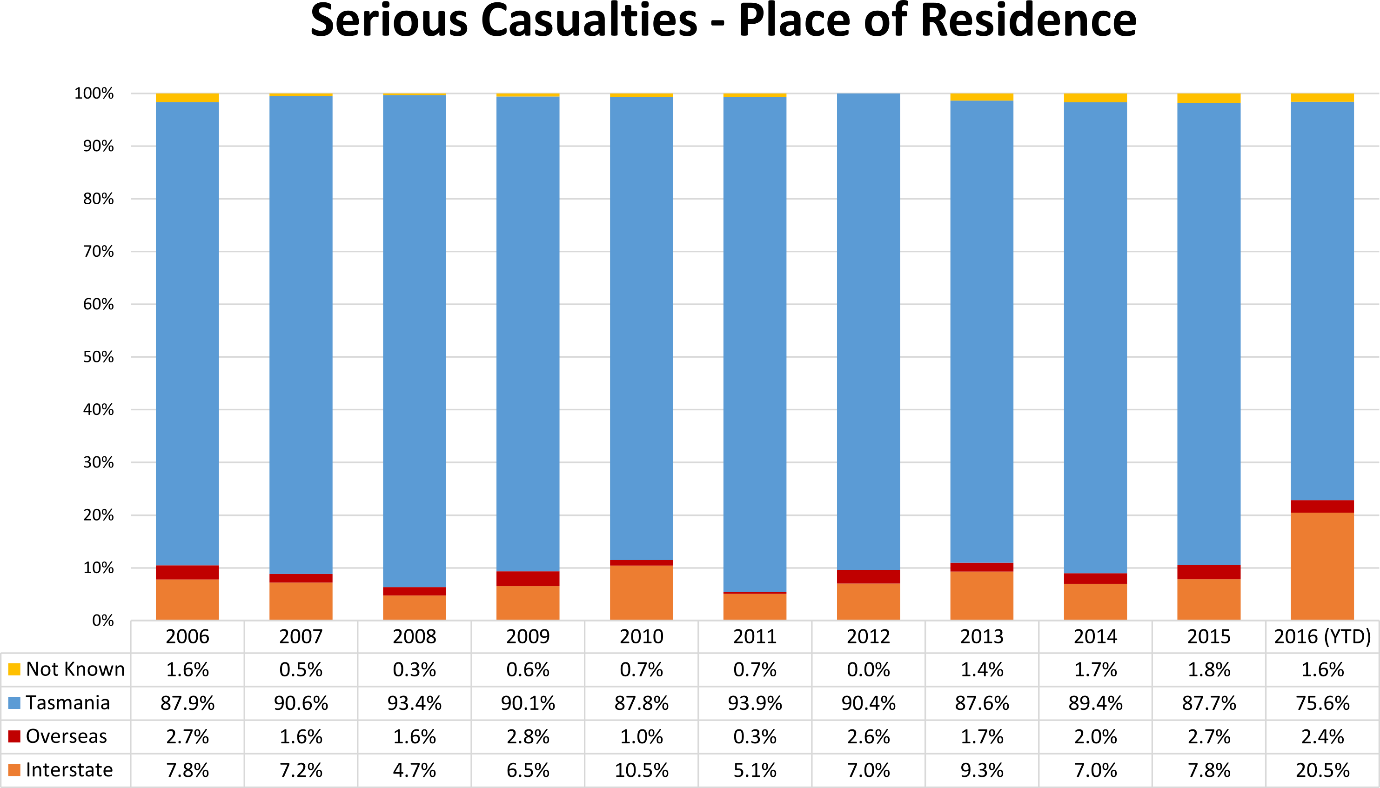
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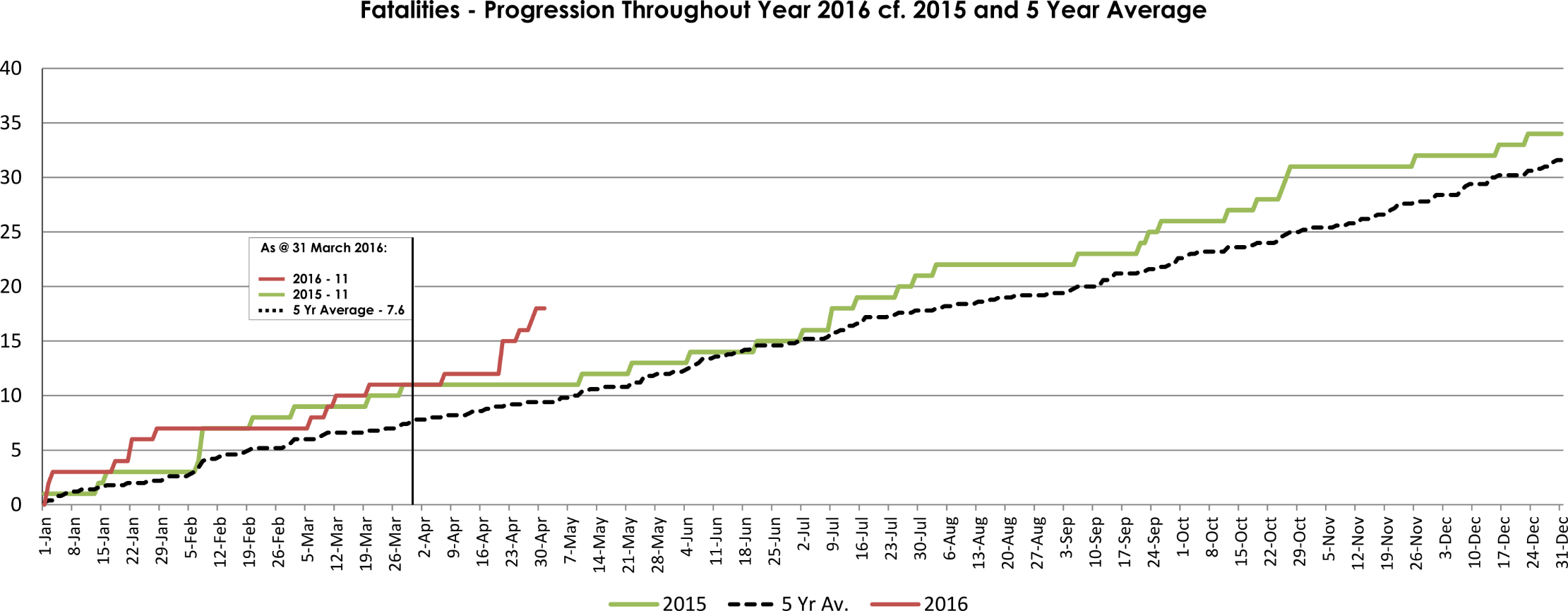
\*Depicts serious casualties where alcohol is listed as a contributing factor

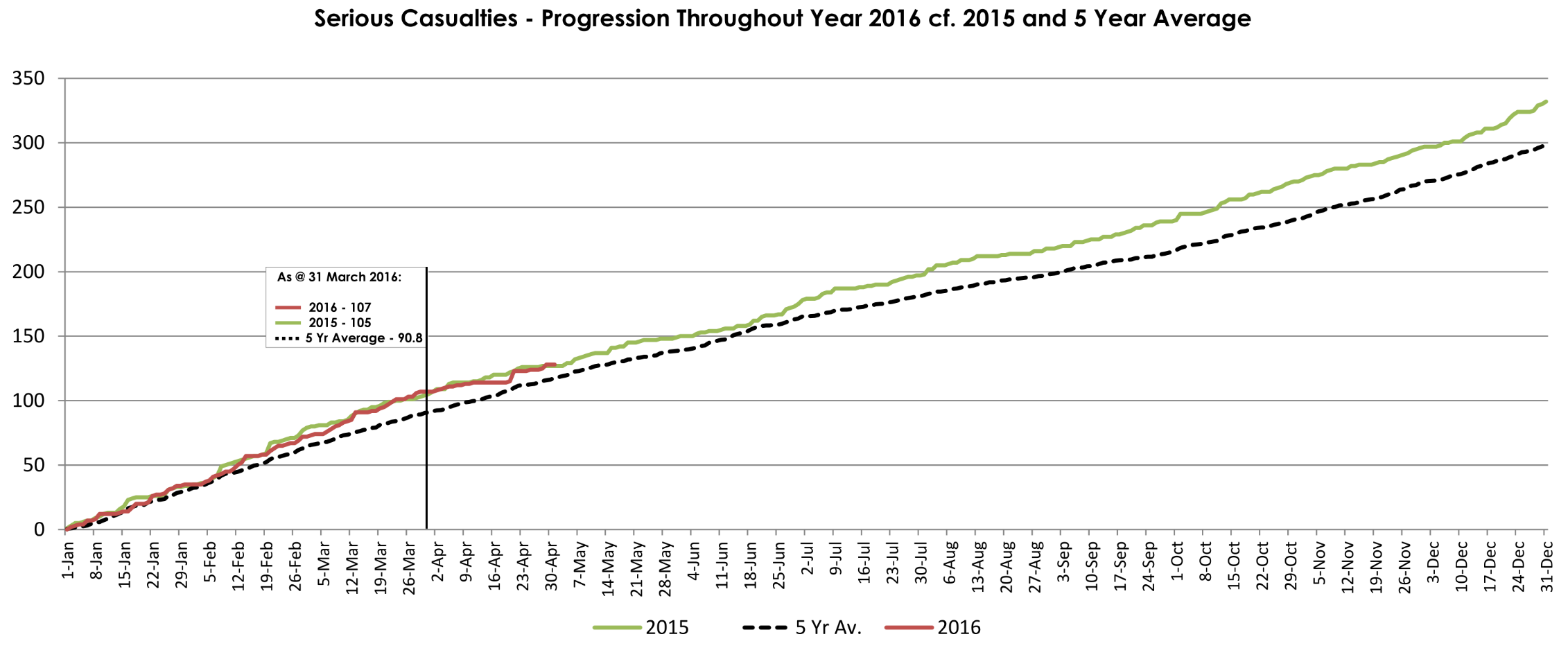












1. ‘Other’ as a crash factor can be used in situations where the reporting police officer believes that the circumstances of the crash are not adequately covered by the existing list of 23 crash factors or where, in the case of a fatality, the death is subject to a coronial inquest. In cases where the Coroner makes findings in relation to the cause or causes of a fatality, the crash record is amended from ‘other’ to reflect the Coroner’s findings. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)