



Towards Zero Action Plan 2020–2024

Quarterly Progress Report to RSAC as at 30 September 2022

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Progress on meeting Towards Zero Strategy targets

The key interim target for the Towards Zero – Tasmanian Road Safety Strategy 2017-2026 (Towards Zero Strategy) is to reduce the number of annual serious injuries and deaths on Tasmanian roads to fewer than 200 by 2026. This is an ambitious target of 100 fewer serious casualties per year than for the period 2012-2016 (annual average) and will move us towards the long-term goal of zero serious casualties on Tasmanian roads.

Serious Casualties

The number of serious casualties in 2021 was 285, compared to 327 in 2020, a 12.8 per cent decrease. The 2021 figure of 285 is a 7.2 per cent decrease on the five year serious casualty average of 307.2 (2016-2020).

Fatalities

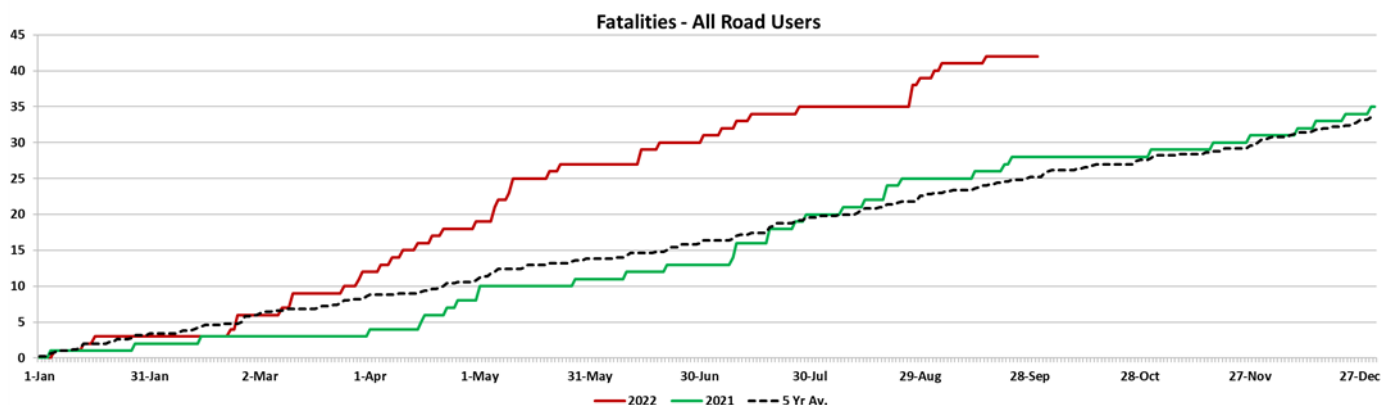
In 2021, there were 35 fatalities on Tasmanian roads which is three less than the number recorded in 2020. The figure of 35 fatalities in 2021 is a 4.8 per cent increase on the five-year fatality average of 33.4 (2016-2020).

2022 YTD

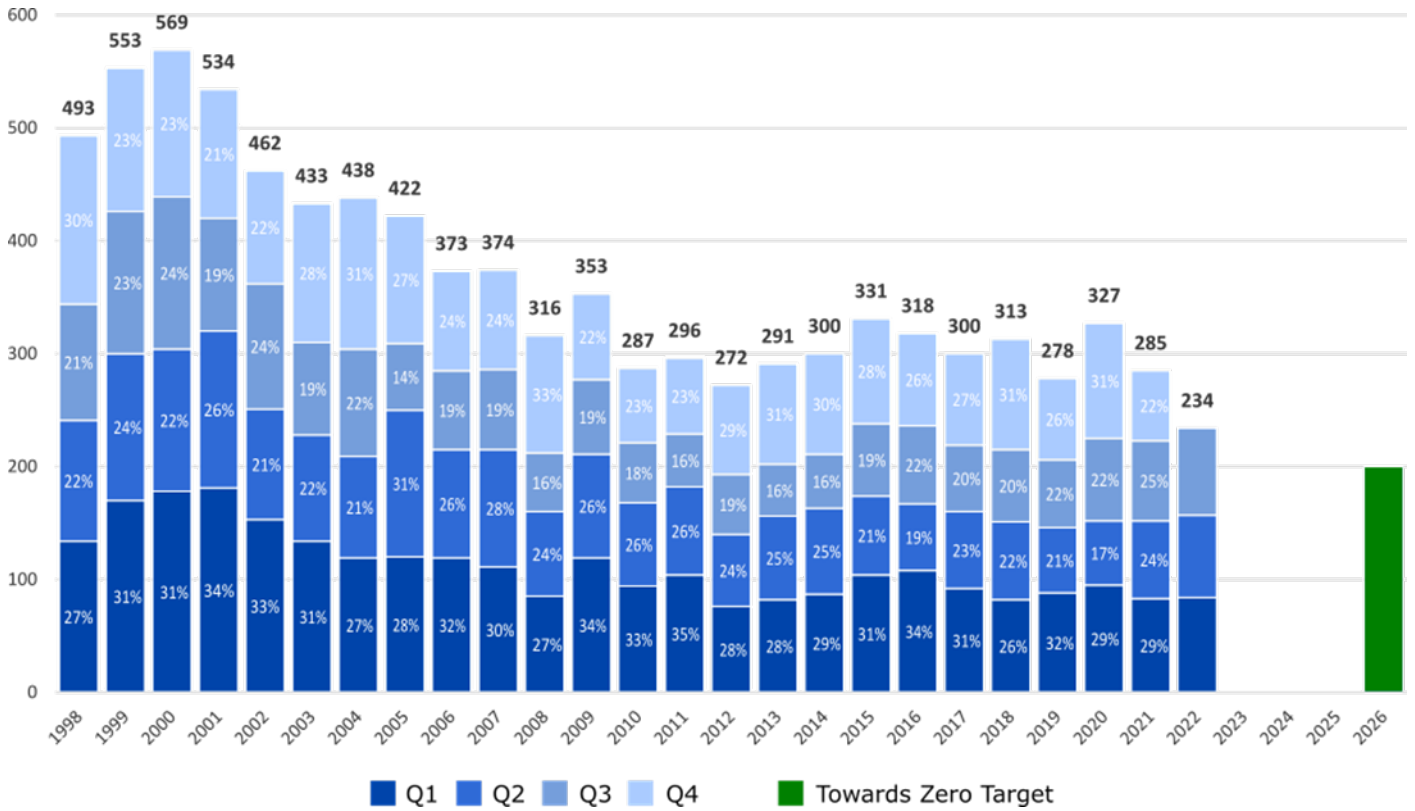
There have been 234 serious casualties (42 fatalities and 192 serious injuries) to 30 September 2022, 11 more than the number recorded at the same time last year (28 fatalities and 195 serious injuries) and an increase of 7.5 per cent on the five year average of 217.6 serious casualties.

The increase in fatalities in 2022, compared to both 2021 and the 5-year average, has continued to the end of Q3 2022.

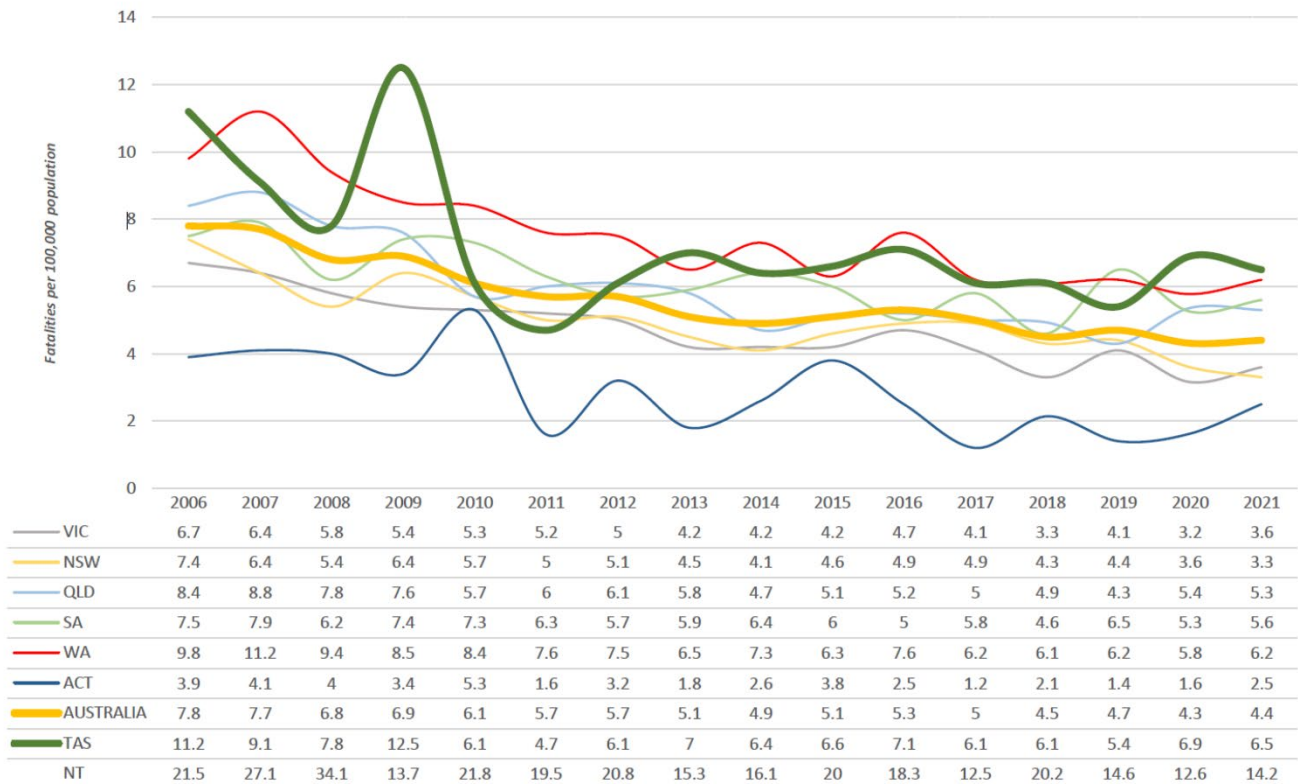
Fatalities Tasmania – Annual Count – 2022 (to 30 September), 2021 and 5-Year Average (2017-21)



Serious Casualties Tasmania – Annual Count, Percentage Split by Quarter and Towards Zero Target



Annual fatalities – Rate per 100,000 population



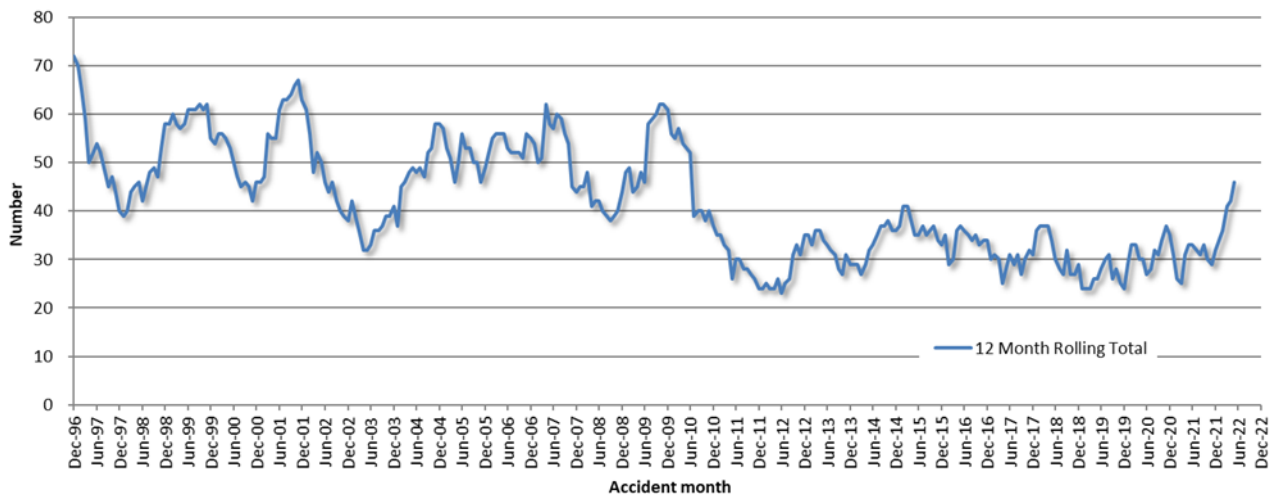
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Progress on meeting MAIB targets

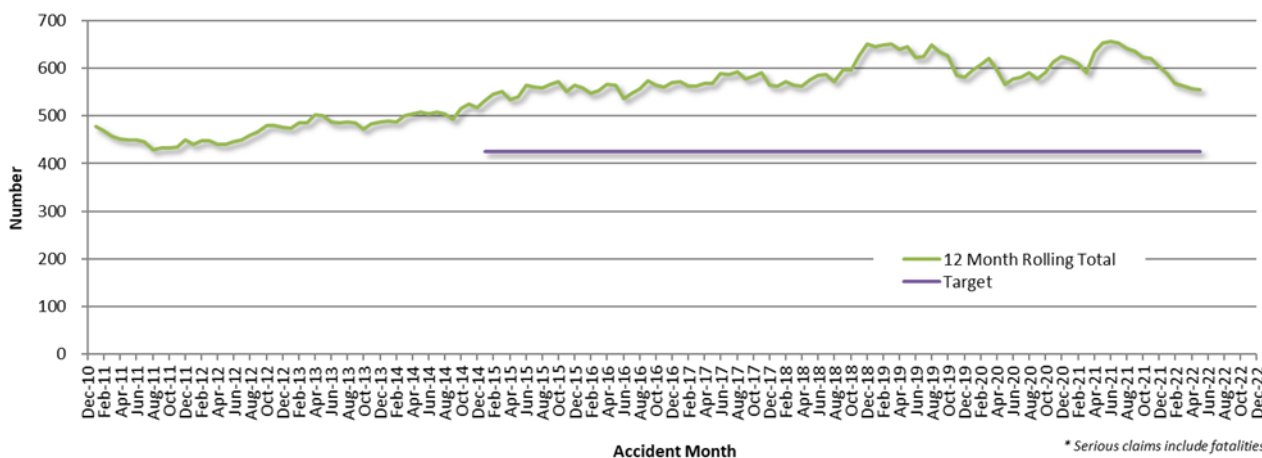
Motor Accidents Insurance Board (MAIB) injury statistics show the number of fatalities and the level of claims for serious injuries on our roads.

Various claim reduction targets are specified in the Memorandum of Understanding between the Department of State Growth (State Growth) and the MAIB. Progress against high level targets is shown below, expressed as 12 month moving totals

Fatalities – 12 Month Rolling Total



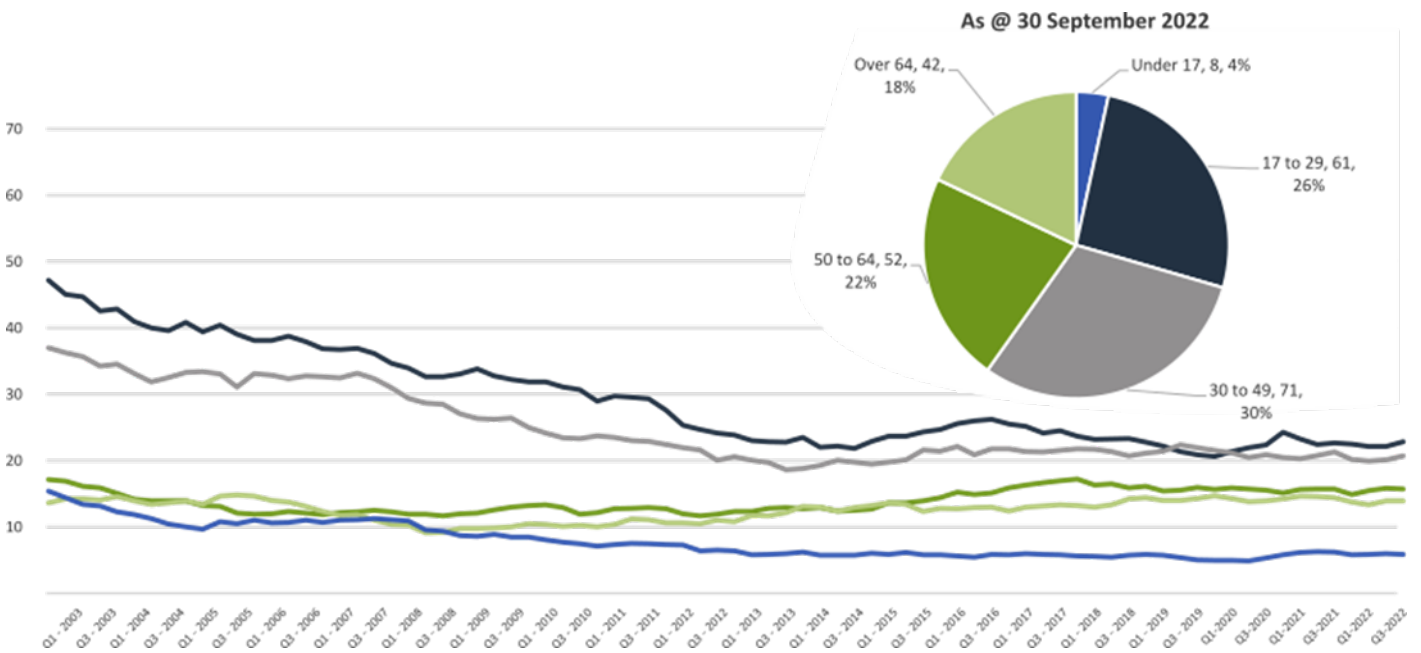
Total Serious Claims – 12 Month Rolling Total



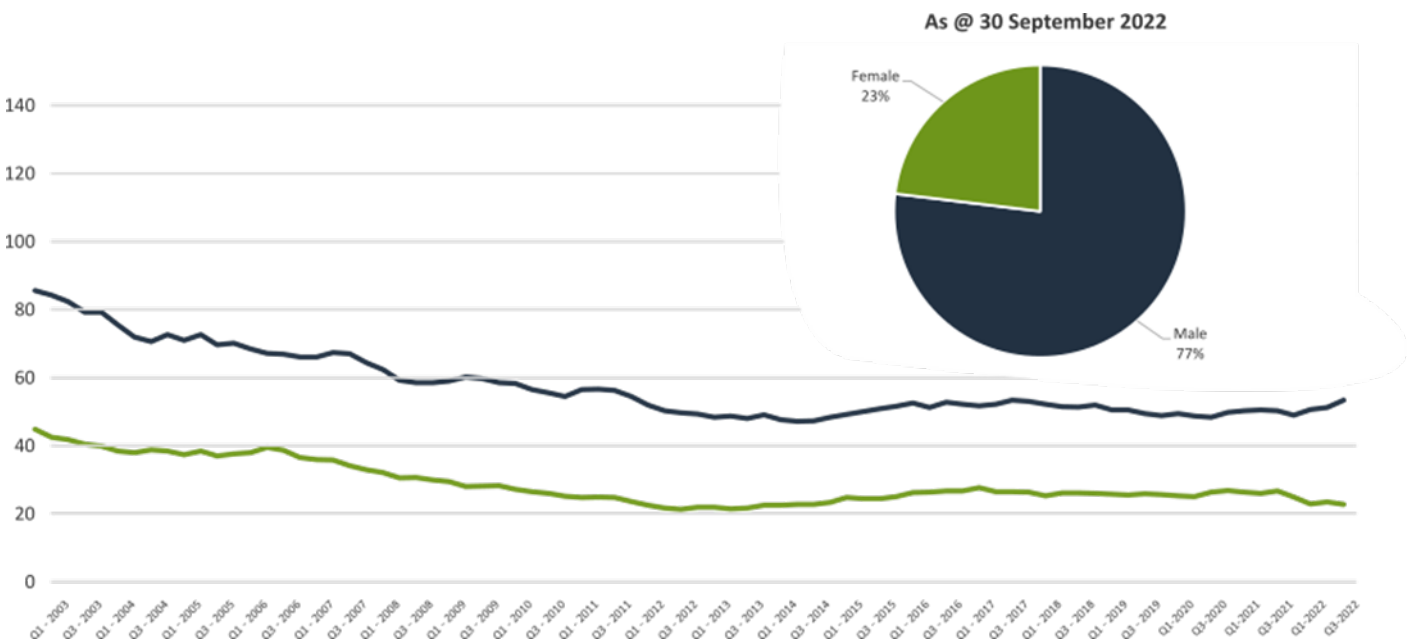
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Statistics

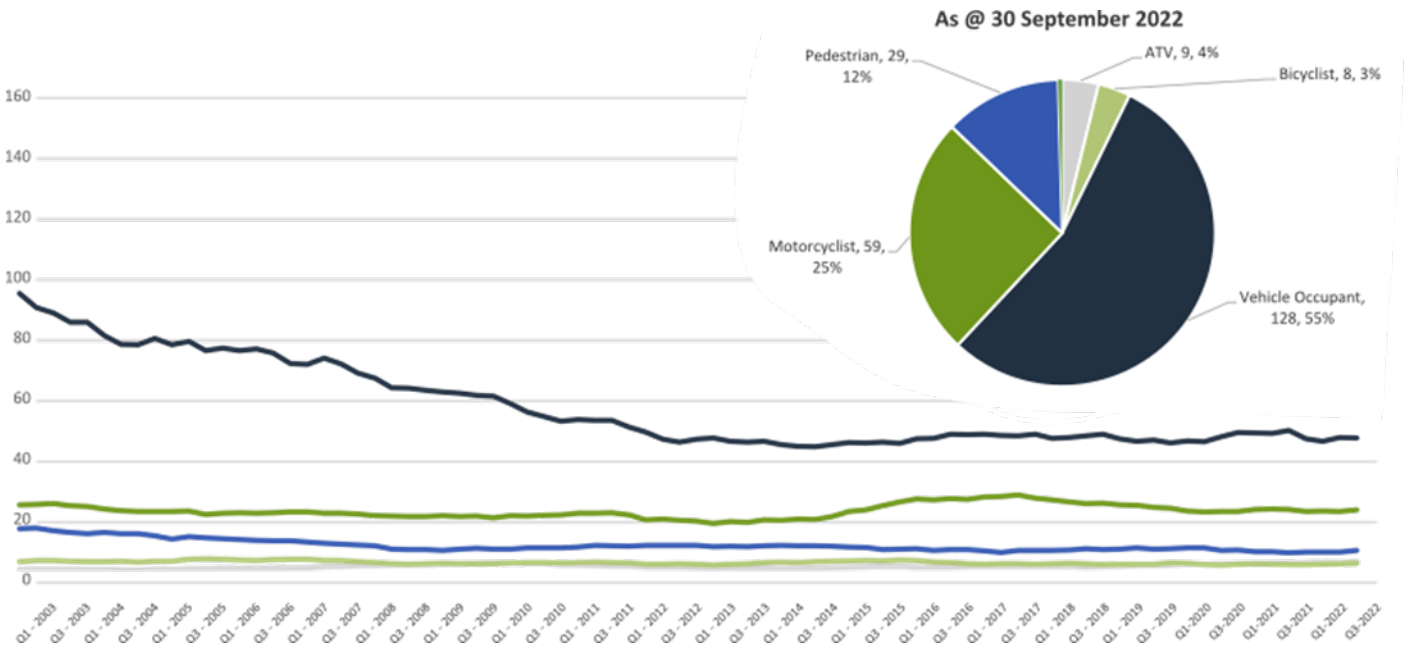
Serious Casualties by Quarter by Age Group – 12 period moving average



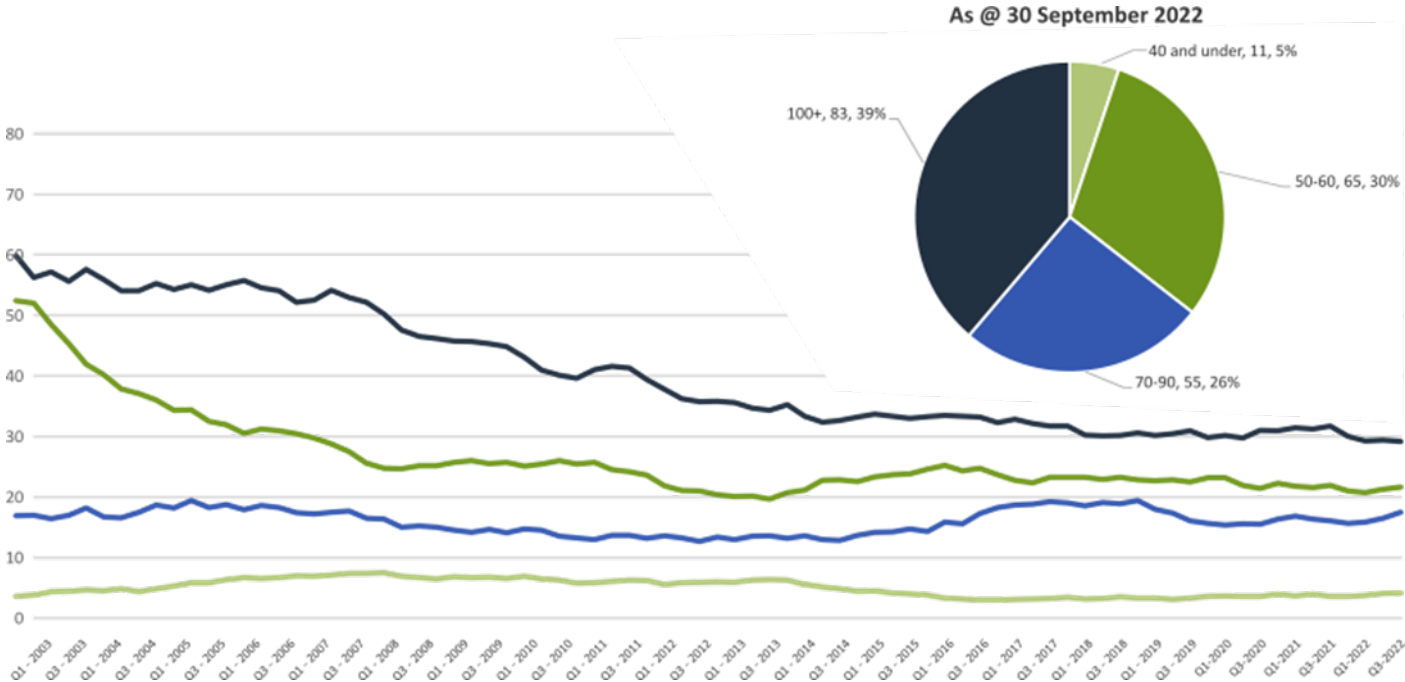
Serious Casualties by Quarter by Sex – 12 period moving average



Serious Casualties by Quarter by Road User Type – 12 period moving average

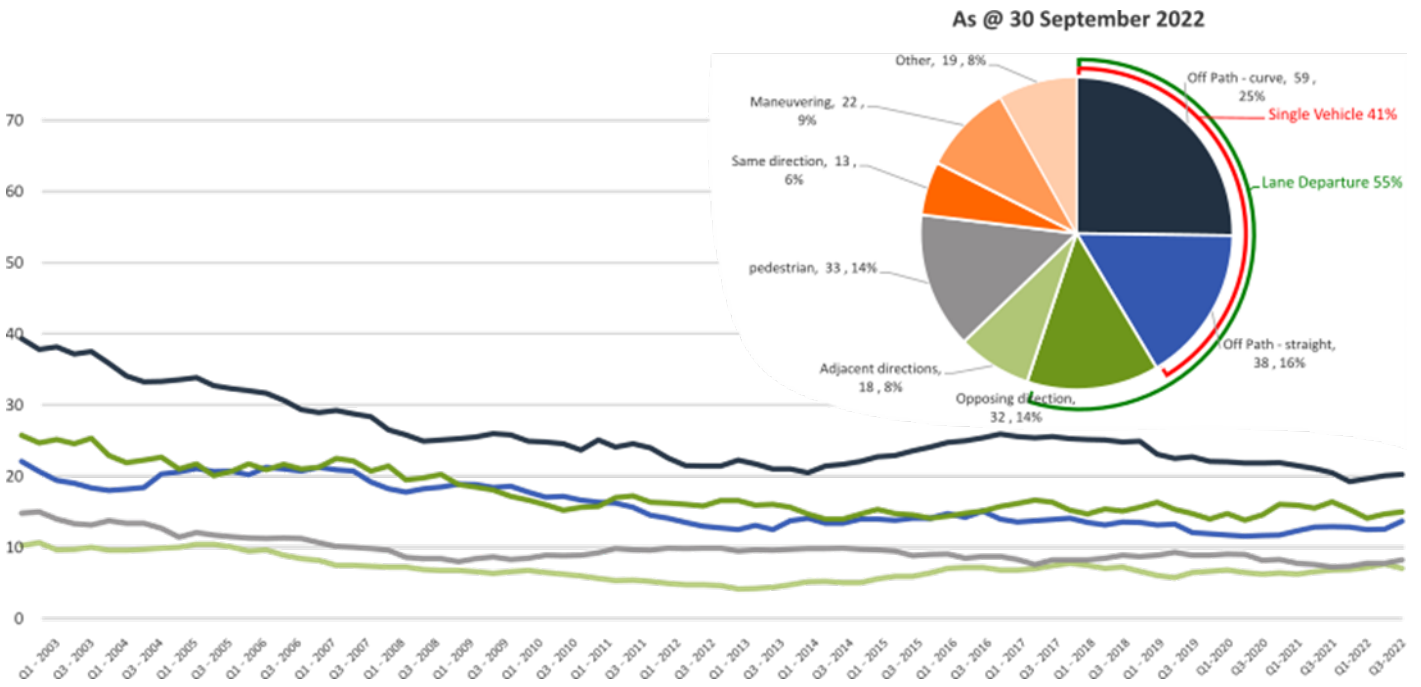


Serious Casualties by Quarter by Speed Zone – 12 period moving average



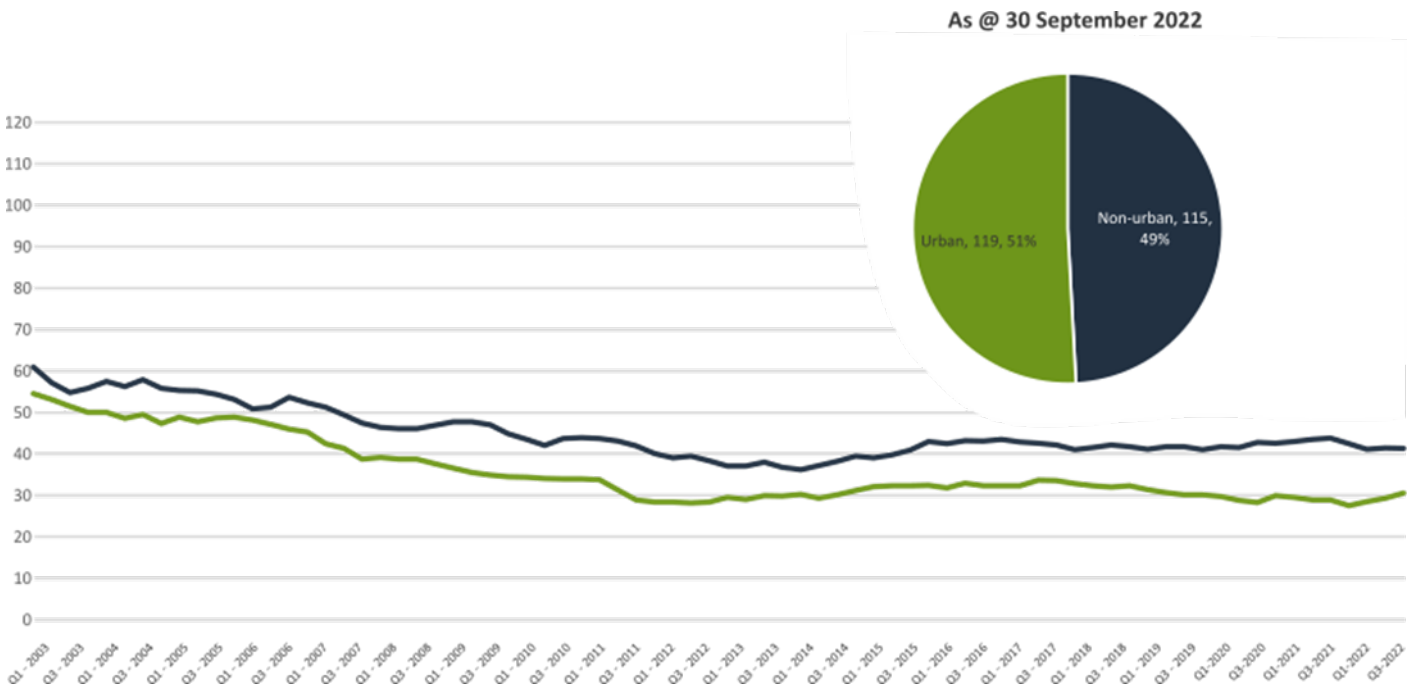
Pie chart excludes serious casualties where speed zone is recorded as 'not known'

Serious Casualties by Quarter by Crash Type (DCA) – 12 period moving average



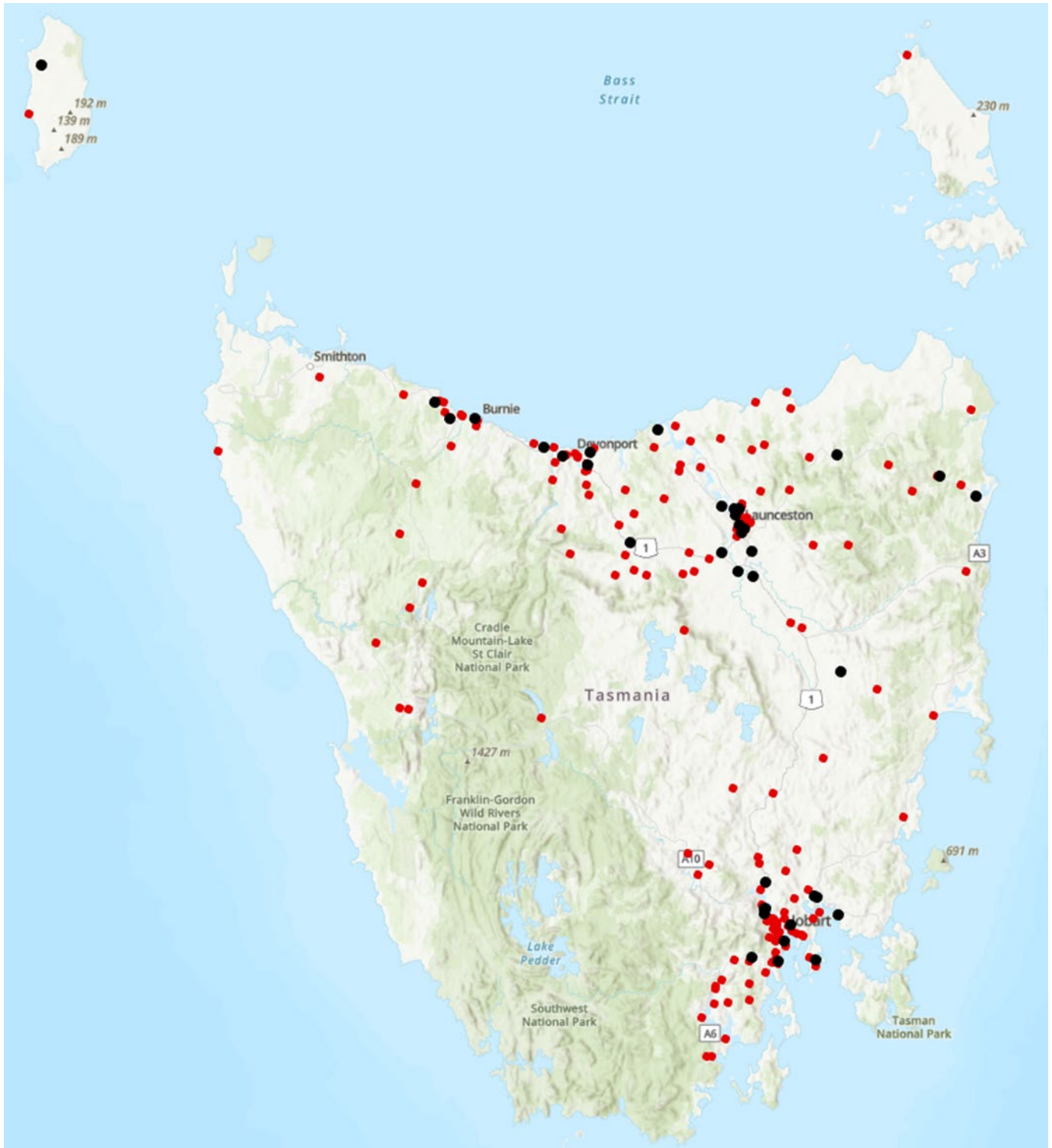
Other includes crash types: on-path (5%), overtaking (1%) & Passenger and Miscellaneous (2%).

Serious Casualties by Quarter by Urban/Non-Urban – 12 period moving average



Based on the Australian Bureau of Statistics' 'significant urban area' geographic definition.

Serious Casualty locations to 30 September 2022 (Black = Fatality, Red = Serious Injury)



Key themes and priority actions 2020-2024

The Quarterly Progress Report details progress on key themes and priority actions under the Towards Zero Action Plan 2020-2024 and the Towards Zero – Tasmanian Road Safety Strategy 2017-2026.

The progress report should be read in conjunction with the Action Plan and understood in the context of the Towards Zero Strategy. These documents are available at: www.towardszero.tas.gov.au

Funding of key themes



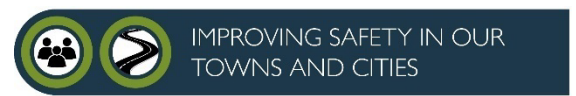
Over \$20 million



Over \$12 million



\$2 million



Over \$31 million

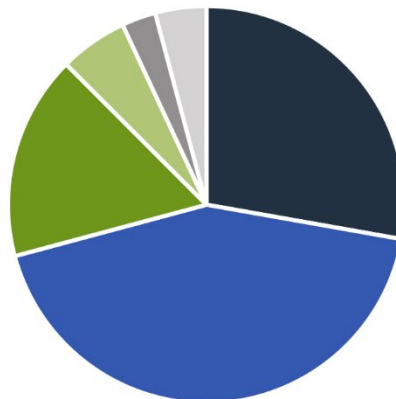


Over \$4 million



Over \$3 million

Funding for the Towards Zero Action Plan 2020-2024



■ Making our rural roads safer

■ Saving young lives

■ Making visitors safer

■ Improving safety in our towns and cities

■ Encouraging safer road use

■ Improving safety through vehicles and technology

Project status report

Making our rural roads safer				
Rural road grants program for local government	On schedule		Infrastructure upgrades on low volume State roads	On schedule
Motorcyclist safety on rural roads	On schedule		Speed moderation and community engagement strategy	Limited activity
Safe system knowledge and skills training	On schedule			
Improving safety in our cities and towns				
Targeted infrastructure upgrades in high traffic urban areas	Not yet commenced		Vulnerable Road User Program	On schedule
Community Road Safety Program	On schedule		Trial of innovative technologies	Not yet commenced
Innovative infrastructure treatment demonstrations	Not yet commenced			
Saving young lives				
Learner Driver Mentor Program and Driver Mentoring Tasmania	On schedule		Graduated Licensing System Project for drivers	Complete
Rotary Youth Driver Awareness Program	On schedule		Driving for Jobs Program	On schedule
RACT education initiatives	On schedule		Real Mates media campaign	On schedule
Bicycle Network bike education	On schedule		Safety around schools	On schedule
Kidsafe child restraint check program	On schedule		Full Gear motorcycle safety project	On schedule
Develop a Graduated Licensing System for motorcyclists	On schedule			
Encouraging safer road use				
Inattention and distraction	On schedule		Safe behaviour campaigns	On schedule
Mandatory Alcohol Interlock Program	Major delays		Protective clothing for motorcyclists	On schedule
Road safety penalties review	Complete		Speed enforcement strategy	On schedule
Enforcement of high-risk behaviours	On schedule		Automated Traffic Enforcement Program	On schedule
High-risk motorcycling enforcement	On schedule		Road Rules Awareness	On schedule
Making visitors safer				
Tourist road safety signage program	On hold		Responsive electronic signage trial	On hold
Tourist education materials	Limited activity		Strategic partnerships	On hold
Tourist education at gateway entry points	Limited activity		Stakeholder alliances	On hold
Improving safety through vehicles and technology				
ANCAP	On schedule		Safer cars for young drivers	Not yet commenced
Autonomous vehicle and crash avoidance readiness	On schedule		Workplace driver safety	Not yet commenced
Light vehicle safety strategy	On schedule			

Progress on key themes

Progress on key themes is reported as:

Status	Major delays/on hold/high risk	Delayed/some issues/medium risk	On schedule/progressing/low risk	Not yet commenced
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60 per cent of fatalities occur in rural areas

Rural roads grants program for local government

The Safer Rural Roads Program (SRRP) provides funding to councils to implement infrastructure treatments on rural road corridors to reduce lane departure crashes and the harm when they do occur. An allocation of \$10 million was made to the SRRP to be administered over five funding rounds of \$2 million for the life of the Action Plan.

Comments

The Australian Government's Road Safety Program (RSP) is a \$3 billion Commonwealth Budget commitment. Under the RSP, Tasmania has been notionally allocated up to \$66 million in funding for small-scale road safety infrastructure projects, to be delivered over five 6-month funding tranches.

Under tranche one of the RSP (1 January 2021 to 30 June 2021), \$33.3 million in funding was allocated to Tasmania. To secure this funding, the Tasmanian Government was required to make a co-contribution of \$12.3 million.

The RSP provided valuable additional funding to the SRRP. As a result, two funding rounds were held during the 2020-2021 financial year (FY21).

In FY21, 61 applications were received under the SRRP with 59 receiving funding.

The successful projects from FY21 total approximately \$10 million in value. This includes funding of \$5.88 million from the Australian Government's RSP, \$2.45 million from the Road Safety Levy, and \$1.64 million from Local Government co-contributions.

Summary of applications made under the SRRP in FY21

Round	Applications	Number of projects awarded funding	Total amount awarded	Total value of awarded projects
SRRP 2020-21 R1	44	42	\$5.5 million	\$6.1 million
SRRP 2020-21 R2	17	17	\$2.8 million	\$3.9 million
Total	61	59	\$8.3 million	\$10 million

Status of successful applications from SRRP rounds in FY21

Round	Number of projects awarded funding	Complete	In progress	Delayed	Withdrawn
SRRP 2020-21 R1	42	36	4	2	-
SRRP 2020-21 R2	17	15	1	1	-
Total	59	51 (+14)	5 (-5)	3 (-9)	-

As of 30 September 2022, 51 projects from the FY21 program rounds have been delivered, 5 projects are in progress and 3 projects are experiencing delays. There has been no withdrawn projects.

During 2022, State Growth has undertaken a review of the SRRP. This review has enabled State Growth to identify opportunities for program improvements which are now being implemented ahead of next funding rounds expected in 2023.

Status			On schedule/progressing/low risk	
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Infrastructure upgrades on low volume State roads

This program will provide funding for lower volume State roads, where cost effective treatments such as shoulder sealing, pavement markings, curve warnings, road side hazard removal and safety barriers will achieve maximum value for money.

Current situation / comments

At the commencement of the Action Plan \$6.95 million was committed for infrastructure improvements on the Railton Main Road. \$450 000 supported the design and development stage of works and \$6.5 million provided funding for works in the delivery stage.

This package of works included a one metre sealed shoulder with a half-metre unsealed verge, basic right turn treatments at several junctions and safety barrier installations at identified roadside hazards. The Railton Main Road upgrades have now been completed.

This program has also supported the Road Safety Levy co-contributions under Tranche 1 and 3 of the Australian Government's RSP. This has taken advantage of the opportunity that Australian Government co-funding has presented for targeted shoulder sealing and junction upgrades across Tasmania.

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Motorcyclist safety on rural roads

Road safety audits will be conducted on high risk touring routes across Tasmania. This program will involve local motorcyclists and a safe system approach will inform audits. Findings will be shared with stakeholders to identify countermeasures that go beyond typical infrastructure solutions.

Current situation / comments

Safe System motorcycle road safety audits

Two audits have been completed and funding allocated. The Central Highlands Council was provided with a grant deed up to \$200 000, to undertake works on Hollow Tree Road. Works have now been completed.

Funding up to \$350 000 has been allocated for State Growth to carry out low-cost infrastructure treatments to improve road safety for motorcyclists on Lake Leake Road. A delivery schedule for these has been scoped with works scheduled to commence in 2022. Some delivery delays have been experienced by the delivery of works are to start in 2022, with delivery into early 2023.

State Growth is developing a strategy for future motorcycle road safety audits. This strategy will be delivered in 2022, and will identify potential routes in Tasmania to conduct further motorcycle road safety audits.

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Speed moderation and community engagement strategy

Speed moderation requires a holistic strategy encompassing public education, road risk assessments, enforcement, speed limit setting, speed limit mapping and technology, penalties, KPIs and evaluation. This project will involve community engagement to inform and build support for action on safer speeds. A significant ongoing coordination effort will be required to support the strategy.

Current situation / comments

State Growth is scoping the components of a speed moderation strategy as part of the Mid-term review of the Towards Zero Strategy and Action Plan.

Status		Limited activity		
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Safe system knowledge and skills training

This initiative aims to improve Safe System knowledge for all those in a position to influence road safety outcomes. The initiative will focus on Safe System infrastructure design, including appropriate speed setting, and will consist of technical training sessions, workshops and forums across Tasmania.

Current situation / comments

Safe System knowledge and capacity building has been considered within the review of the Safer Rural Roads and Vulnerable Road User programs. As part of this review, State Growth investigated how stronger support can be provided to enable local government to achieve Safe System infrastructure treatments. As part of this review, State

Growth also reviewed the tools utilised through these programs to understand how local government officers apply Safe System principles and treatments in practice.

State Growth is now considering options on future training opportunities to support Safe System knowledge and skills training, including a model that directly supports the Safer Rural Roads and Vulnerable Road User programs.

Funding of \$5 600 was provided to support the City of Hobart in delivering a road safety workshop in June 2022. The workshop brought together road safety research experts, local government, and State Growth and trialed an approach for sharing experiences and knowledge, and provided networking opportunities and a platform to hear the latest in Safe System research and risk assessment tools. This workshop approach is being considered by State Growth for future capacity building sessions.

Funding of \$10 520 was provided to the Tasmanian Bicycle Council to facilitate online training sessions for Tasmanian engineers and planners in designing Safe System compliant cycling lanes/paths.

Additionally, funding of \$12 260 has supported Safe System professional capacity building.

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IMPROVING SAFETY IN OUR TOWNS AND CITIES

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Pedestrians and cyclists are vulnerable and represent one in four serious casualties in our towns and cities

Targeted infrastructure upgrades in high traffic urban areas

This program provides for delivery of a range of infrastructure safety upgrades to make our towns and cities safer. This will include shoulder sealing, intersection improvements, safety barriers and pavement marking at high traffic areas. This program targets high volume state roads that are not planned for major investment in the short term.

Current situation / comments

This initiative has not yet commenced and will be considered as part of the mid-term review.

However, funding allocated to this initiative to date, under the Action Plan, has supported the Road Safety Levy co-contributions under Tranche 1 and 3 of the Australian Government’s RSP. This has taken advantage of the opportunity that Australian Government co-funding has presented for targeted shoulder sealing and junction upgrades across Tasmania, and the upgrade of nearly 600 electronic school zone signs across approximately 220 locations.

Approximately \$430 000 supported local road pavement marking in FY22 to improve delineation at over 300 locations across Tasmania.

Status				Not yet commenced
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Vulnerable Road User Program

The Vulnerable Road User Program (VRUP) is an established grants program which assists local government with the costs of installing safety improvements in built up areas. The aim of the program is to reduce conflict between vehicles and vulnerable road users - cyclists, pedestrians and motorcyclists.

Additionally, the program has a focus on increasing Safe System knowledge and capacity in local governments. The funding available under the VRUP was increased from \$500 000 to \$1 000 000 per annum, under the current Action Plan.

Current situation / comments

The Australian Government's RSP has provided valuable additional funding to the VRUP. As a result, three funding rounds were held during FY21. In FY21, 95 applications were received under the VRUP with 71 receiving funding. This includes seven cycling safety-focused projects that all received funding under round three.

The successful projects from FY21 total approximately \$11.6 million in value. This includes funding of \$4.6 million from the Australian Government's RSP, \$4.7 million from the Road Safety Levy, and \$2.3 million from Local Government co-contributions.

Summary of applications made under the VRUP in FY21

Round	Applications	Number of projects awarded funding	Total amount awarded	Total value of awarded projects
VRUP 2020-21 R1	28	20	\$831 941	\$1.3 million
VRUP 2020-21 R2	42	26	\$3.2 million	\$4.2 million
VRUP 2020-21 R3	25	25	\$5.3 million	\$6.1 million
Total	95	71	\$9.3 million	\$11.6 million

Status of successful applications from VRUP rounds in FY21

Round	Number of projects awarded funding	Complete	In progress	Delayed	Withdrawn
VRUP 2020-21 R1	20	18	-	-	2
VRUP 2020-21 R2	26	18	2	3	3
VRUP 2020-21 R3	25	12	7	6	-
Total	71	48 (+9)	9 (-4)	9 (-5)	5

As of 30 September 2022, 48 projects have been delivered, nine projects are in progress and nine projects are experiencing delays. Five projects from the 71 successful projects, valued at \$750 000, have been withdrawn.

During 2022, State Growth has undertaken a review of the VRUP. This review has enabled State Growth to identify opportunities for program improvements which are now being implemented ahead of next funding rounds expected in 2023.

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Community Road Safety Grants Program

The Community Road Safety Grants Program (CRSGP) is an established grants program that aims to build community engagement to address local road safety issues. The program supports local councils, schools, community groups, research institutions and charity organisations to promote road safety at the grass roots level.

Current situation / comments

The CRSGP opened on 23 September and will close 24 October 2022. Advertisements were placed in the three main newspapers, online and emails were sent to all local government contacts and community groups.

Status			On schedule/progressing/low risk	
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Trial of innovative technologies

This project will include monitoring, investigation and trialling of new and emerging technology based approaches to improving safety for vulnerable road users.

Current situation / comments

This project has not yet commenced and will be considered as part of the mid-term review.

Status				Not yet commenced.
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Innovative infrastructure treatment demonstrations

This project will investigate, trial and demonstrate innovative Safe System urban infrastructure treatments to improve road safety in our urban areas. We will work with local councils to show how Tasmania’s cities and towns can be improved for the benefit of all road users, particularly cyclists and pedestrians.

Current situation / comments

This project has not yet commenced and will be considered as part of the mid-term review.

Status				Not yet commenced.
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SAVING YOUNG LIVES



92 young people are seriously injured or killed on our roads every year

Learner Driver Mentor Program and Driver Mentoring Tasmania

The Learner Driver Mentor Program (LDMP), supported by Driver Mentoring Tasmania (DMT), is a well-established program that supports disadvantaged learner drivers to gain supervised on-road driving hours to gain a licence. DMT supports LDMP providers through peak body support and coordination.

Current situation / comments

State Growth recently met with DMT and LDMP Program Coordinators to talk about priorities for the coming year. Program Coordinators expressed concern about the rising cost of fuel and recent wage increases, and the effect it will have on future funding requirements. State Growth indicated a review of funding support would form part of the mid-term review of the Action Plan.

Status			On schedule/progressing/low risk	
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Graduated Licensing System Project

Changes have been made to the Graduated Licensing System (GLS) for drivers to better protect young and novice drivers and improve the licensing pathway. Young drivers are overrepresented in crash statistics and most at risk when they first get their Ps and start driving solo. The changes to the GLS aim to address this risk and improve road safety outcomes for both young and novice drivers.

Current situation / comments

The Tasmanian Government implemented regulatory changes to the GLS on 1 December 2020. Tasmania's GLS now meets the enhanced model under the national driver GLS framework. The GLS changes were accompanied by a public education campaign explaining the policy changes and how they would apply to current and new learners.

Complementing the policy changes are three digital products that were progressively launched from July 2021.

The Plates Plus learning and assessment platform was designed to improve learner driver education by focusing on developing safe behaviours and attitudes. It is an innovative tool that takes users through a series of interactive exercises to ensure new drivers know the road rules and understand the impact of the fatal five road behaviours.

As of 4 July 2022, over 12 000 people had successfully completed the Plates Plus course since its launch on 8 July 2021.

A public education campaign accompanied the launch of the Plates Plus platform and ran until September 2021. The campaign encouraged take-up by promoting the convenience of the platform, which is accessible from any device connected to the internet.

The Plates Plus logbook app launched in November 2021. For many Tasmanian learners, this will replace the existing hard copy logbook. It provides an easy and efficient way to record supervised driving hours during the learner licensing phase. A public education campaign targeting 15 to 25-year-olds accompanied the launch of the Plates Plus logbook app. To engage with this age group, the campaign focused on selected social media platforms.

The computer-based hazard perception test (HPT) was launched on 7 March 2022. The HPT is a mandatory assessment that has been introduced to the learner licensing pathway. As on 11 October 2022, over 7 000 people had successfully completed the HPT.

The HPT assesses a learner's ability to identify and react to safely avoid hazards. It features high-quality 3D clips developed by Austroads in conjunction with the Centre for Automotive Safety Research, using real Australian crash data to identify the most dangerous driving situations for novice drivers.

The HPT was the final product to be delivered under the GLS project.

Status	Complete
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Motorcyclist Graduated Licensing System review

The Tasmanian motorcyclist GLS is being reviewed to identify enhancements to ensure novice motorcyclists are as safe as possible on Tasmanian roads.

Current situation / comments

Following initial consideration by the Department of State Growth, the Centre for Automotive Safety Research (CASR) was engaged to conduct a review of the Tasmanian motorcyclist GLS. The findings and recommendations of the review were presented to RSAC at its May 2022 meeting.

The public consultation process run in August and September sought feedback on CASR's recommendations. Feedback will be collated and presented to RSAC at its November meeting, together with a package of options to amend the motorcyclist GLS. This will enable RSAC to provide advice to the Tasmanian Government to improve safety outcomes for young and novice motorcyclists.

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Rotary Youth Driver Awareness Program (RYDA)

RYDA is a one-day interactive road safety education program for Year 10-12 students to assist them to respond positively to the challenges and responsibilities of being a driver or passenger. Every year 4000 students take part in a series of practical demonstrations and learn valuable road safety lessons from expert presenters and volunteers. RYDA is delivered by Rotary Tasmania.

Current situation / comments

RYDA has concluded for the 2022 school year, with sessions being conducted in the all major regions of Tasmania. RYDA is still seeking alternate accommodation for Hobart sessions in 2023 due to redevelopment of the Hobart Showgrounds.

The Rotary District Governor recently met with Hon Felix Ellis MP, the new Minister for Police, Fire and Emergency Management, to solicit support for the RYDA program and advocate for Police volunteers to assist with delivery of RYDA workshops.

Rotary are well positioned to continue successful delivery of the RYDA program in 2032.

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Driving for Jobs Program

The Driving for Jobs (Dfj) Program aims to support disadvantaged students who would otherwise be unable to enter and progress through the Graduated Driver Licensing System (GLS). The program provides students at selected schools with the opportunity to increase their road safety knowledge whilst also improving their job readiness. Students undertake a personalised intensive program with a strong road safety focus including professional on-road driving lessons and participation in the Rotary Youth Driver Awareness Program.

Current situation / comments

The Dfj Program operates at Jordan River Learning Federation (JRLF) in the South and expanded to Claremont College in term four 2021. It operates at Launceston and Newstead Colleges in the North. During 2021, 238 students engaged with the program which resulted in 967 hours of fully funded driving lessons being delivered from accredited driving schools. A total of 49 students obtained their learner licence and 34 students gained their PI licence.

The delivery of fully funded driving lessons to students in 2022 did not commence until term two due to the impact of Covid-19 on school operations and difficulties in obtaining a driving school. Participation numbers at JRLF are currently very low and this issue will be discussed at the Steering Committee in October 2022. Participation numbers at the other three locations remain strong.

Status			On schedule/progressing/low risk	
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RACT education initiatives

The RACT delivers a range of community and school-based road safety education programs for seniors community groups and primary and secondary students. This includes a program for Year 10-12 students focused on the dangers of distraction and inattention, and a program to teach students how to progress through the GLS and about the specific rules that apply to L and P plate drivers. Sessions for seniors include safe driving tips and road rule reminders.

Current situation / comments

The Road Safety Branch continues to monitor the partnership's outcomes with the RACT.

Status			On schedule/progressing/low risk	
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Real Mates media campaign

The MAIB-funded Real Mates campaign engages with young men to encourage them to avoid the risks of drink driving by empowering them to speak up and stop a mate from driving after drinking.

Current situation / comments

The Real Mates sponsorship of the Hobart Hurricanes will see the promotion of the Real Mates message in Hobart and at Blundstone Arena from November 2022 to March 2023.

A new iteration of Real mates was launched on the 5 September 2022. This is the eight iteration of the real mates campaign, the new campaign shows how a Real Mate can and should help their mates make the right decision to avoid the very real consequences of driving after drinking. The key campaign message is remind your mates what's at stake.

Status			On schedule/progressing/low risk	
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Bicycle Network bike education

The Bicycle Network delivers the Ride2School program to primary schools across Tasmania. Ride2School focuses on raising awareness for primary-aged students in safe cycling, road safety and positive road sharing behaviour.

Current situation / comments

The Road Safety Branch continue to monitor the outcomes of the partnership with the Bicycle Network.

Status			On schedule/progressing/low risk	
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Safety around schools

Safety around schools is promoted through designated crossings, lower speed zones, more than 100 school crossing patrol officers and public education. The current Safety around Schools project, including the Love 40 campaign, encourages drivers to lower their speed and keep a look out for children in school zones and around buses.

Current situation / comments

Planning has commenced for the launch of Back to School 2023. Radio and television advertising are scheduled to commence a week prior to school return for 2023, in order to alert motorists of children's movements.

Status			On schedule/progressing/low risk	
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Kidsafe child restraint check program

Kidsafe Tasmania conducts free child restraint checking sessions and training sessions for professionals to ensure young children are safely and lawfully seated and restrained in cars. Kidsafe also distribute and promote educational materials to inform the public of the correct child restraint type for a child's age and size.

Current situation / comments

Kidsafe recently presented at the annual Australasian Road Safety Conference in Christchurch on their efforts to adopt new practises during the COVID-19 pandemic. Kidsafe were able to continue to meet their contractual obligations and deliver child restraint checking sessions through adaptive technology.

Status			On schedule/progressing/low risk	
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Full Gear motorcycle safety project

The Glenorchy City Council, in partnership with Bucaan House, delivers its successful Full Gear motorcycle safety project (Full Gear), which helps at-risk young motorcycle riders to enter the licensing system and adopt safe riding practices.

Current situation / comments

The Full Gear program has continued within the Glenorchy municipality, with the project officer working with interested councils to establish networks for the successful implementation of the program in other municipalities.

Status			On schedule/progressing/low risk	
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ENCOURAGING SAFER ROAD USE



29%
SPEED



24%
ALCOHOL OR DRUGS



24%
DISTRACTION



9%
SEATBELT NOT USED



4%
FATIGUE

The fatal five behaviours contributing to serious casualties

Inattention and distraction

Inattention and distraction are concerning causes of serious casualty crashes and may have a far greater impact than current data suggests. There are a number of research projects and enforcement initiatives that are being used to address this issue. This project will include consideration of emerging strategies for tackling distraction, encouraging compliance through enforcement and influencing driver behaviour through public education campaigns.

Current situation / comments

Enforcement

Tasmania Police introduced three unmarked motorcycles to increase the rate of detection and enforcement of illegal phone use whilst driving. These motorcycles operate across all districts and target the low speed road network and congested traffic conditions, utilising 'lane filtering' legislation to full advantage.

In an agency first, the riders are also fitted with helmet cameras to capture the offence, an initiative that has effectively nullified disputes. The introduction of unmarked motorcycles has proved to be incredibly successful with riders reporting high-level public support and a notable change in driver behaviour.

Tasmania Police continue to identify, trial and implement emerging technologies to address speeding, seatbelt, inattention and distraction offences including, improving enforcement of high-risk driving. The technology is combined with speed detection and Automated Number Plate Recognition capabilities. Future use of such technology is now being considered as part of the Automated Traffic Enforcement Project being led by the Department of State Growth.

Public Education

In preparation for the introduction of mobile phone and seatbelt detection technology in Tasmania a new public education campaign is being developed and is due to be launched in March 2023.

Ahead of the new campaign a burst of the ‘Leave Your Phone Alone’ campaign will run on television and social media to warn drivers of the dangers of using a mobile phone while driving. This will support the introduction of mobile phone and seatbelt detection cameras.

Status			On schedule/progressing/low risk	
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Safe behaviour campaigns

Targeted media campaigns will continue to educate people about high-risk behaviours and to highlight the dangers of the ‘Fatal Five’.

Current situation / comments

Over is Over aims to reduce road trauma by highlighting the dangers of speeding and will support the re-introduction of mobile speed cameras. The campaign is currently in market across television, radio, press, digital and outdoor advertising.

A new cycling safety campaign was launched on 5 October 2022. This campaign was a collaborative effort with the Tasmanian Bicycle Council who identified a need for a campaign to improve safety for cyclists by encouraging respect and understanding between all road users. The new campaign aims to ‘humanise’ cyclists and remind other road users of cyclists’ vulnerability with a clear call to action to ‘make sure we have each other’s backs, because we all have someone to get back to’.

Status			On schedule/progressing/low risk	
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Mandatory Alcohol Interlock Program (MAIP)

The MAIP aims to have repeat and high-level drink driving offenders demonstrate they are able to separate their drinking from driving through the installation of an alcohol interlock in their vehicle. New measures will be introduced to increase participation in the MAIP.

Current situation / comments

Drafting instructions for the revised framework were provided to the Office of Parliamentary Counsel (OPC) in October 2019. Parliamentary priorities, including COVID-19, caused reprioritisation of OPC work. Drafting instructions were withdrawn from OPC in May 2021, before the first draft of amendments had been received, to enable the new Road User Services’ managers to review the drafting instructions to ensure that they remain current. The revised instructions were re-submitted to OPC on 15 February 2022.

Two approved Providers have signed new contracts; negotiations continue with the third. The contracts expire in October 2022; work will commence on creating new contracts in the near future.

Status	Major delays/on hold/high risk			
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Protective clothing for motorcyclists

Motorcyclists are overrepresented in Tasmania’s road trauma figures. Motorcyclists are vulnerable road users due to a lack of physical protection. Protective clothing can reduce injury severity in the event of a crash. Tasmania is a funding member of MotoCAP. MotoCAP provides safety assessment star ratings for protective clothing and prepares education materials for motorcyclists.

Current situation / comments

Tasmania contributes around \$8 000 per annum to participate in and support the activities of MotoCAP. An existing public education brochure advising of clothing safety ratings for motorcycle wear will shortly be updated and re-distributed to Tasmanian retailers.

Status			On schedule/progressing/low risk	
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Road safety penalties review

For enforcement activities to improve safety on our roads, they need to be backed up with appropriate penalties. Tasmania's road safety penalties will be reviewed to ensure they are up-to-date and provide an appropriate deterrence to those who break the rules and put themselves and others at risk.

Current situation / comments

Tasmania's road safety penalties have been reviewed and updated and inter-jurisdictional analysis has been completed. Findings were submitted to RSAC for noting at its November 2020 meeting. RSAC determined that current penalties are appropriate and penalties will be reviewed towards the end of the current Action Plan.

Status	Complete
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Speed enforcement strategy

Speed is one of the fatal five offences addressed within the *Tasmania Police Road Safety Strategy 2022-2024*.

The strategy directs enhanced speed enforcement strategies and techniques to increase the rate of detection and increase the perception that offending drivers and riders will be caught through the coordination of high-visibility speed enforcement in high-risk areas across all police districts.

With regard to speed cameras, Tasmania Police has conducted several technology trials, including in-motion camera technology, where speed cameras are fitted to moving vehicles, and of mobile point-to-point speed detection, where average speed enforcement utilises two vehicles fitted with automatic numberplate recognition technology. In addition, Tasmania Police is working with the Department of State Growth to introduce future automated speed enforcement in Tasmania.

Tasmania Police has implemented a Strategic Asset Management Plan (SAMP) for all speed detection devices. The SAMP provides for continual review of new and emerging technologies, includes provisions for regular replacement and upgrade of equipment and importantly supports long-term financial planning and budgeting. In line with the SAMP, Tasmania Police's Southern Road and Public Order Services is also trialling a rear-facing radar on a patrol vehicle.

Tasmania Police has further developed the new vehicle livery across the fleet to include the introduction of 'Over is Over' campaign mark-ups on selected traffic enforcement cars and motorcycles. Tasmania Police continue matching different livery designs to specific uses, for example general patrol, high-visibility patrol, and low-profile marked vehicles – all of which are relevant to different methodologies of speed reduction and enforcement. The strategy has also seen the introduction of unmarked highway patrol cars which have proved to be very successful and complement the use of overt policing tactics well.

Tasmania Police recently updated the marked police motorcycle fleet with new livery for these bikes being implemented to heighten the visibility of police on the road network.

Status			On schedule/progressing/low risk
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Enforcement of high-risk behaviours

To reduce high-risk behaviours and increase compliant road user behaviour, State Growth and Tasmania Police will work collaboratively to investigate and introduce new enforcement techniques and technologies to detect high-risk behaviours that address the ‘fatal five’, including mobile phone use, speeding and failure to wear a seatbelt.

Current situation / comments

Tasmania Police Road Safety Strategy 2022-2024, focuses on the fatal five causes of serious and fatal crashes, which are the highest risk driver behaviours: speeding; alcohol and drugs; distraction and inattention; seatbelts; and fatigue.

The strategy includes the analysis of current data that assists to identify where enforcement activities should be focused according to the highest risk, road safety locations, times and behaviours to achieve a change in driver behaviour.

Status			On schedule/progressing/low risk
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Automated Traffic Enforcement Program

Automated Traffic Enforcement (ATE) (i.e. speed cameras) is relatively underutilised as a deterrence and enforcement mechanism in Tasmania. This project investigates proven and emerging camera technologies for use at high-risk locations and across the entire road network.

Current situation / comments

On 30 September 2022, mobile speed camera enforcement services being delivered by Sensys Gatso Australia commenced issues Infringement Notice’s to motorists detected speeding.

Sensys Gatso will deliver a minimum of 20,000 enforcement hours via a minimum of eight mobile speed cameras with speed enforcement expected to commence in September 2022.

In addition and as part of the 2022-23 State Budget, the Government allocated an additional \$9.3 million over three years to extend enforcement services for an additional one year and implement emerging technologies such as mobile phone, seatbelt, and average speed enforcement.

To support the implementation of these emerging technologies, the project team has progressed legislative and regulatory amendments which will enable photographic detection devices to be used in detecting and prosecuting mobile phone, seatbelt, and average speed offences. Legislative amendments are currently before the Tasmanian Parliament.

Camera deployments will be based on crash risk, an infrastructure rating assessment and vehicle operating speeds. Once fully operating, community suggested locations will be considered where there is a clear road safety benefit.

The introduction of the ATE program has been supported by a new enforcement focus of the ‘Over is Over’ marketing campaign and the development of a separate program website (speedcameras.tas.gov.au). The implementation of additional enforcement technologies (i.e., mobile phone and seatbelt detection devices) will be supported by educational campaigns.

Stage One of the mobile speed camera signage programs has been completed with Stage Two expected to be completed in 2022-23.

Status			On schedule/progressing/low risk	
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High-risk motorcycling enforcement

Speed is a factor in at least a quarter of motorcyclist serious casualties. Speed cameras offer no deterrence to motorcyclists, whose numberplates are mounted only on the back. Introduction of rear-facing speed cameras will improve detection and deterrence of speeding. This is being considered as part of the Automated Traffic Enforcement Program.

Current situation / comments

The Tasmania Police Road Safety Strategy 2022-2024 approaches the enforcement of high-risk motorcycle behaviours from several angles. Tasmania Police has:

- worked with the Department of State Growth to re-introduce Automated Mobile Speed Enforcement Cameras that have both a rearward and forward-facing capability to better target and detect high-risk motorcycle behaviour.
- introduced an online public portal for members of the public to upload footage relating to traffic offences they have witnessed. Tasmania Police review these submissions and allocate prima facie offences to an officer for investigation and follow-up.
- published the Tasmania Police Road Safety Strategy 2022 – 2024 which provides for increased patrol hours on rural roads which includes many of the popular motorcycle touring routes. The increased patrol hours will be conducted in a mix of covert and overt patrols that will discourage and detect high-risk motorcycle behaviours increasing the perception amongst riders they will be caught anywhere at any time.

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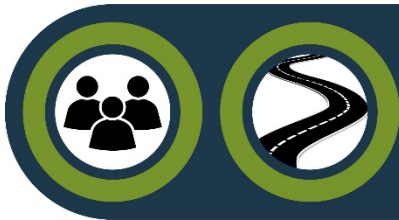
Road Rules Awareness

Compliance with Road Rules makes our behaviour on the roads predictable, improving safety for all road users. This initiative will ensure that user-friendly and tailored information resources are developed so that the Road Rules are easily understood and adhered to by all road users.

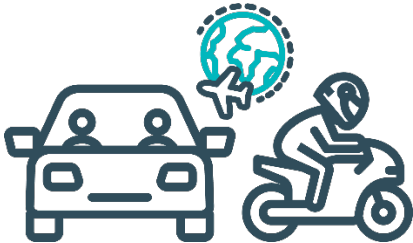
Current situation / comments

The *Tasmanian Road Rules Handbook* and the *Misunderstood Road Rules* series of pamphlets are distributed to Service Tasmania locations when required.

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MAKING VISITORS SAFER



11 per cent of all serious casualties on our roads are non-Tasmanian residents

Tourist road safety signage program

This program will see the installation of tourist signage strategically placed across the road network. The signs will provide important road safety information, relevant to the area road users are travelling in. This program will be undertaken in collaboration with stakeholders, local government and State Roads.

Current situation / comments

This program is currently on hold.

Status	On hold			
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Responsive electronic signage trial

This project will trial a responsive electronic sign with real time information at regional tourism gateways.

Current situation / comments

This project is currently on hold.

Status	On hold			
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Tourist education materials

A range of education materials developed using images, symbols and multi-lingual material delivered to specific audiences through targeted communications channels. This includes vehicle hangers, brochures, posters, roadside signs, editorial content, film and digital content.

Current situation / comments

Communications materials are being distributed upon request from stakeholders.

Status		Limited activity		
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Strategic partnerships

Developing strategic partnerships based on synergies with target audiences will enable the effective promotion of road safety messages and education.

Current situation / comments

This project is currently on hold.

Status	On hold			
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Tourist education at gateway entry points

As an island state, we have the opportunity to strategically place messaging at our gateway airports and seaports to reach visitors with important road safety messaging prior to them driving in Tasmania. This includes a range of educational materials, electronic and static signs and billboards.

Current situation / comments

Printed collateral is in stock and digital billboards display road safety messaging at gateway locations.

Status		Limited activity		
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Stakeholder alliances

Sharing information and collaborating to develop effective strategies and tools to address road safety issues is vital. This project will develop formal and informal stakeholder alliances to encourage input and create opportunities to deliver joint initiatives.

Current situation / comments

This activity is currently on hold.

Status	On hold			
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IMPROVING SAFETY THROUGH VEHICLES AND TECHNOLOGY



The rate of fatal crashes is four times higher for vehicles 15+ years old than for vehicles made in the last five years

Australasian New Car Assessment Program (ANCAP)

Tasmania is a funding member of ANCAP. ANCAP plays a vital role in informing consumers about safety performance of new vehicles and advocates for improved vehicle safety design and specification through public education campaigns, advocacy activities and engagement with governments, corporate fleets, the media and consumers. Activities related to ANCAP will include promotion of safer vehicles and options for an annual vehicle fleet report.

Current situation / comments

Tasmania continues to support ANCAP with funding of \$12 500 per annum.

Status			On schedule/progressing/low risk	
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Safer cars for young drivers

This project aims to increase awareness of the Used Car Safety Rating database amongst first time car buyers. This could be promoted through education materials and campaigns and may be able to integrate with the GLS online learning platform.

Current situation / comments

This project has not yet commenced and will be considered as part of the Light Vehicle Safety Strategy and through the mid-term review.

Status				Not yet commenced
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Autonomous vehicle and crash avoidance readiness

This project involves the monitoring and development of safety and autonomous vehicle technologies.

Current situation / comments

The regulation of autonomous vehicles is being considered at a national level and Tasmania is participating in that process.

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Workplace driver safety

Vehicle use in road traffic is the most significant contributor to work-related traumatic injury. This project will aim to promote and encourage employers to adopt safe driving policies based on the Worksafe, 'Vehicles as a workplace' guide.

Current situation / comments

This project has not yet commenced and will be considered as part of the mid-term review.

Status				Not yet commenced.
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Light vehicle safety strategy

A light vehicle safety strategy will be developed to provide public education and undertake enforcement activities to enhance the safety standard of Tasmania's vehicle fleet.

Current situation / comments

A draft light vehicle safety strategy is being developed. The draft strategy aims to accelerate an increase in the number of newer and safer vehicles and removal of older cars from the light vehicle fleet while increasing the safety of the current vehicle fleet.

The draft strategy will be provided to RSAC at its March 2023 meeting to seek feedback and views on the proposed direction and actions.

Status			On schedule/progressing/low risk	
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Funding

Road Safety Levy Overview for the Financial Year 2022/23

As at 30 September 2022 (Quarter 1)

Road Safety Levy Opening Summary

Opening Balance as at 01 July 2022	\$	17,344,616
Annual Allocation to Road Safety Operations	\$	2,600,000

Revenue Summary

	Forecast (FY23)	Actual (Y.T.D.)
Motor Accident Insurance Board Funding	\$ 1,300,000	\$ 246,533
Revenue Inflows from Registrations	\$ 15,281,957	\$ 4,603,036
RSP Funding	\$ 2,600,000	\$ -
Funds Available for Distribution	\$ 33,926,573	\$ 19,594,185

Expenditure Summary

Theme no.	Theme	Forecast (FY23)	Actual (Y.T.D.)
1	Making our Rural Roads Safer	\$ 5,430,166	\$ 4,856
2	Improving Safety in our Towns and Cities	\$ 8,458,974	\$ 116,030
3	Saving Young Lives	\$ 2,841,164	\$ 1,437,496
4	Encouraging Safer Road Use	\$ 5,601,810	\$ 1,097,321
5	Making Visitors Safer	\$ 1,044,098	\$ 12,941
6	Improving Safety Through Vehicles and Technology	\$ 705,765	\$ 12,869
7	General Support	\$ 923,499	\$ 84,726

Budget and Expenditure by Category	Forecast (FY23)	Actual (Y.T.D.)
Infrastructure Expenditure*	\$ 13,423,030	\$ 107,095
Policy & Projects Expenditure*	\$ 11,780,438	\$ 2,659,144
Total Expenditure	\$ 25,203,469	\$ 2,766,239

Balance as of 30 September 2022	\$ 13,564,238	\$ 16,827,946
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Forecast Closing Balance of FY23	\$ 8,723,105
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*Includes four ceasing activities not categorised by Action Plan 2020-24 themes

^includes MAIB expenditure

MAIB Funding

As at 30 September 2022

2021/22 Financial Year	Budget \$	Actual (ytd) \$	Balance \$
Expenditure (State Growth)			
Administration & Public Relations	340 920	49 256	291 664
Public Education	963 124	194 187	768 937
Research	60 000	3 090	56 910
Subtotal	1 364 044	246 533	1 117 511
Expenditure (Tasmania Police)			
Salaries	2 140 451	552 904	1 587 547
Operating Expenses	188 000	31 554	156 446
Equipment	816 222	141 079	675 143
Subtotal	3 144 673	725 537	2 419 135
Total	4 508 717	972 070	3 536 646

Includes Carried Forward of
-\$42 723 (State Growth)
\$413 879 (Police)



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