

MEDIA STATEMENT

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Southern Queensland residents can make road safety pledge

Southern Queensland residents are being invited to make the pledge to drive safely and help beat road trauma ahead of Fatality Free Friday next week.

Department of Transport and Main Roads manager (road safety) Wayne Crofts encouraged members of the community to sign an inflatable vehicle and pledge their commitment to road safety at one of seven towns across the region.

“Losing someone they love in a road crash is the terrifying reality for too many Queenslanders each year,” Mr Crofts said.

“But we can all make a difference, and the key to road safety is in the hands of every road user – whether they drive a car, motorbike, heavy vehicle or ride a bike.

“In conjunction with the Australian Road Safety Foundation, we call on road users to be vigilant, respect other road users and be aware of the fatal five, which are the common causes of road fatalities.

“Last year 245 people were killed on Queensland roads and thousands more seriously injured, we need to commit to make our roads as safe as possible.”

Mr Crofts said residents could choose road safety by making a pledge to always be fit to drive, stay focused on the road, scan the road ahead, keep a safe distance and drive to suit the conditions.

Locals are invited to write their pledge on one of the inflatable life-size pledge cars at the following events or go online at www.arsf.com.au.

- Goondiwindi Old Council Chambers, 74 Marshall Street, 27 May, 9am-midday
- Kingaroy Shopping Centre, 27 May, 9am-11am
- Gayndah Fire Station, 28 May, 7.30am-9.30am
- Dalby, Myall Creek recreational area, 28 May, 9am-midday
- Tiaro Community Hall, 31 May, 9am-3pm
- Anzac Park Tiaro, 31 May, 8am-2pm
- Gin Gin, Driver Reviver Site, 31 May, 9am-3pm
- Toowoomba, Grand Central Shopping Centre, 31 May, 8am – 11.30am

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