

Safe System News

TOWARDS ZERO



getting there together

Workshops help break down road safety barriers



**WALGA
President
Mayor Troy
Pickard**

Three safe system workshops for metropolitan Local Governments have been held in May and June, giving Local Governments the opportunity to share their road safety experiences and look towards sustainable road safety outcomes for their communities.

WALGA President Mayor Troy Pickard congratulated Local Government officers and Elected Members who have taken part to date.

“The workshops held by WALGA’s Local Government Safe System Project are an ideal opportunity to both increase knowledge of the safe system approach to road safety, but also to highlight some of the issues that the sector is facing in moving towards a safe road transport system”, Mayor Pickard said.

“Participants in the workshops have identified a range of issues under the safe system cornerstones of safe roads and roadsides, safe speeds, safe vehicles and safe road users, that Local Governments are facing in their efforts to reduce road trauma in their communities”.

The information gathered in these workshops will assist WALGA’s Local Government Safe System Project (LGSSP) to develop

strategies that will help Local Governments continue to move forward in their road safety efforts.

The Safe System News will keep Local Governments updated on the outcomes of the workshops, and the progress being made towards the issues that have been raised.

Workshops have been scheduled for the Great Southern region in August, and further workshops will be held in other regional areas during 2010. Information about the workshops and an expression of interest form will be sent directly to all Local Governments over the coming months.

For more information about the workshops and to keep up to date with the progress of the LGSSP, visit www.roadwise.asn.au/safesystemproject.



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Safe vehicles save lives

Safe vehicles save lives. This fact is recognised as an important cornerstone of *Towards Zero*, the WA road safety strategy 2008-2020, and is an area that Local Governments can make a significant contribution.

It is estimated that deaths and serious injuries on our roads could be reduced by one third through improving the safety of cars.

Local Governments in WA are the owners and operators of a collective fleet of over 14,500 vehicles. Between 2000 and 2005, WA Local Governments made over 5,700 vehicle damage claims, costing over \$11 million,

as a result of crashes involving fleet vehicles.

Injury claims from work-related crashes in Local Government fleets between 1995 and 2005 totalled over \$2.2 million, with an average of 28 days lost per claim.

Adopting fleet safety policies, including the purchase of safe vehicles means Local Governments can be proactive in reducing these significant economic and human costs.

The ANCAP program awards a safety star rating out of five, using internationally recognised crash testing. Nine out of the ten top

selling cars in Australia have a 4 or 5 star rating, making it easy for fleet purchasers to make safe choices.

Recommended safety features include front, curtain and side airbags, seat belt reminder systems and electronic stability systems.

To assist Local Governments to develop a fleet safety policy, a Fleet Safety Resource Kit is available for download at <https://www.roadwise.asn.au>, or by contacting your Regional Road Safety Officer.

Source: RoadWise Fleet Safety Resource Kit, Office of Road Safety

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