

# Safe System News

TOWARDS ZERO



*getting there together*

## Local Government road safety workshops - coming soon

During 2010, WALGA's Local Government Safe System Project will be offering Local Governments the opportunity to participate in a road safety workshop.

Building on the information gathered in the recent Local Government safe system survey, these workshops will provide an opportunity for Local

Governments to learn more about *Towards Zero* and the safe system approach to road safety, as well as help to identify the barriers and opportunities for Local Governments to embed safe system principles into policy and practice.

The workshops will be delivered in both metropolitan and regional locations, and will be suitable for

Local Government officers and Elected Members alike.

A full workshop program is being developed, however Local Governments who are interested in attending or hosting a workshop are encouraged to register their interest now. For further information, contact the Local Government Safe System Project team on 9213 2008.

## Local Government Safe System Project: Workshop one *Towards Zero: what does it mean for Local Governments?*



Workshop one will include:

- The *Towards Zero* vision explained
- An overview of the safe system approach to road safety
- The role of Local Government in road safety
- Data from the baseline survey conducted in November/December 2009
- Discussion of the barriers to achieving a safe system at a local level
- Examination of the challenges and opportunities Local Governments face to embed the safe system approach into plans and policies

**Interested in attending or hosting a workshop?  
Call the Local Government Safe System Project team on  
9213 2008 to register your interest**



## Survey report now available online

During November and December 2009, the Local Government Safe System Project conducted a survey of all Local Governments to determine the current level of road safety and safe system awareness, activity and capacity. The full results of this survey are now available.

The results of the survey show that Local Governments are interested in learning more about the safe system approach and its practical implications at a Local Government level. Most respondents also indicated at least some capacity to increase the inclusion of road safety in their plans, policies and strategies.

The survey results will be used as benchmark information to assist the LGSSP in developing strategies to support Local Governments to deliver best practice road safety and contribute to the implementation of *Towards Zero*. The results also provide valuable feedback to the sector, as Local Governments continue to acknowledge the importance of addressing road safety in their communities.

The full report is now available for member Local Governments to access via the WALGA website: <http://www.walga.asn.au/about/policy/infrastructure/documents/lgsspbaselinerpt> (member login is required).

## Austrroads report highlights road safety on local roads

Austrroads recently released its final report on *Road Safety on Local Government Roads*.

The report provides information about the scale of the road safety problem on local roads, the types of crashes that occur and the causes of these crashes.

Research conducted for this report found that the risk to a driver of being involved in a casualty crash on a Local Government road is 1.5 to 2 times higher than on state roads.

The report highlights a number of low cost measures that are available to Local Governments to address crashes and makes a series of recommendations for improving road safety on local roads.

The full report is available via the Austrroads website [www.austrroads.com.au](http://www.austrroads.com.au).



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