

## 2 Year Action Plan 2019/2020 – 2020/2021

### **Schools**

**Project Description:** This project is to ensure that anyone driving around schools are adhering to these rules as well as giving out resources to help educate children, parents and caregivers about the rules around schools

#### **Project Objectives**

- + School engagement – encourage schools to utilise resources to educate parents and caregivers about the rules around schools. As well as working closely with schools and provide support when needed.
- + Specific requests – have meetings with schools when necessary about particular request.
- + School support - develop resources and other necessary things needed to support schools in road safety.

#### **Projects:**

##### + Pocket Guide to School Zone Safety – Road Rule Reminder

Brochure is developed for schools to utilise which described what parking restriction signs mean as well as road rules in which should be followed. This brochure also indicates the fines and demerit points that someone could lose if these are broken.

##### + Road Rule reminder corflute's

Development of corflute signs in which are distributed to schools, these signs are to be hung up on fencing around schools. A total of 9 designs available to schools, these signs include road rule reminders, parking restriction signs and the meaning and as well as fines and demerit points that could be lost if rules are broken within a school zone.

##### + School request

Help develop ideas and plans to help schools with road safety issues that they are experiencing. As well as provide schools with appropriate resources to help educate the school community.

##### + U turn the Wheel

One day program run by the Rotary Club for year 11 students who are just starting their driving experience. The program covers topics of how to keep your L's P's, car safety, distracted driving, picking up the pieces (ambulance), being fit to drive and new driver survivor.

## **Pedestrians**

**Project Description:** Encourage and educate the community about safe pedestrian practices. Support the RMS “Look out before you step out” campaign and utilise resources within the community and events where appropriate. Present “Stepping On” presentations which educate older pedestrians about safety when out and about on the streets. Georges River LGA has a significantly higher pedestrian casualty rate at (12.3%) compared to NSW (6.1%) and Sydney Region (8.0%).

### **Project Objectives:**

- + Community engagement – conduct workshops which give information and resources about pedestrian safety behaviour.
- + Deliver Material - community events distribute resources when required

### **Projects:**

#### + Installation of decals in LGA

Installation of Look Out Before You Step Out (LOBYSO) pavement stickers in high pedestrian areas around the LGA. Monitoring the stickers installed to ensure the up keep of these, mostly every 3 months. Replace the stickers when needed.

Look into ordering thermoplastic stencil which last longer and are of better quality for heavy pedestrian areas.

#### + Present stepping on presentation to the elderly population

Present a presentation to the elderly about pedestrian safety, transport options and general road rules as pedestrians. This is designed to give tips and educate the elderly.

#### + Present pedestrian safety workshops in different languages

Provide pedestrian safety workshops to different communities within the LGA (Cantonese, Mandarin and Greek) to ensure the message of safety is efficiently getting across and people understand the rules and what to do as a pedestrian to stay safe when travelling.

## **Child Restraint Checking Days**

**Project Description:** Within Georges River LGA all motor vehicle passenger casualties with restraints fitted but not worn occurred in (2.7%) of crashes this being higher than NSW (2.3%) and Sydney region (1.9%). Child Restraint checking days allow for the safety improvements for children in vehicles and to provide practical advice and support to parents and carers whose children are using capsules, child seats and boosters.

### **Project Objectives:**

- + Safer Restraints – Encourage road users to be aware of the importance of using the correct seat for the age of the child.
- + Compliance – Increasing compliance with child car seat laws and providing information to parents/carers to best support the rules and ensuring piece of mind.
- + Create Awareness – Raising awareness of the correct installation of child car seats and laws and rules that come along with restraints within cars.
- + Direct parents/carers to authorised restraint fitters if no checking day available.
- + Promote planned events through preschool and primary schools and other sources such as the Police.

### **Projects:**

#### + Child restraint checking day

Run a restraint checking day with authorised fitters checking the seat to ensure they are installed in cars properly and are safe. Bookings are essential for this day, and run from 8am to 1pm. This is run every three months and only available for residents of the Georges River LGA. This day also allows interaction with the community and the opportunity to hand out information and educate parents.

## **Graduated License Scheme (GLS)**

**Project Description:** During the period of 2013-2017, in Georges River LGA 86 young drivers aged 17-20 years and 119 young drivers aged 21-25 were involved in crashes. The delivery of the Graduated Licencing Scheme (GLS) workshops provides support to parents and carers during the learner phase of the GLS.

- Increase the understanding of supervising drivers providing on road driving experience for young drivers.
- Inform and educate supervising driver's use of the learner driver log book and GLS licencing conditions.
- Increase compliance with learner driver log book.

### **Project Objectives:**

- + Community engagement – raise awareness on the benefits of the GLS and road safety to reduce the number of severity of crashes.
- + Educate/skills - Increase skills and knowledge of the GLS scheme in the Georges River LGA (community) and provide advice and information regarding the scheme to encourage completion. Provide supervisors with the relevant resources, information and strategies so they can better support learner drivers to gain skills and knowledge and drive safely.
- + Compliance – Increase compliance of the learner driver log book/app, the licencing conditions for L and P plate drivers by increasing supervisor's awareness and knowledge of the licencing conditions. Increase compliance of non-use of mobile devices in vehicles for young drivers and the consequences of distracted driving.

### **Project:**

#### **+ GLS workshops**

Conduct a workshop that helps parents and caregivers know what to do when teaching learner drivers and to ensure they understand the laws in which the learner driver and those who are teaching the learner to drive have to follow. This also allows parents and caregivers to ask questions as well. A presenter is brought in to conduct this workshop, with the workshop it's self-running for 2 hours run at council.

## **Speed**

**Project description:** During the period of 2017 Georges River LGA had an 8.9% of speed contributing to crashes. Over the 5 year period from 2013 to 2017 the average was 9.3% as speed as contributing factor. Speed is one of the top road safety issue experienced within Georges River LGA. To try and reduce speeding as an issue with Georges River LGA digital speed displays will be installed in problematic areas to help reduce speeding and changing driving behaviour as a trial.

### **Project Objectivise:**

- + Compliance - Increasing compliance with law through reduction in speeding by placing digital speed displays indicating to drivers if they are speeding.
- + Awareness – raising awareness of speed limits and the risk that is taken when driver chooses to speed.
- + Safer Roads – by aiming to reduce speeding to improve the safety of the road for all road users.

### **Projects:**

#### + Digital speed sign

Identify problematic areas for speed within the LGA in partnership with council traffic engineers and police, following to see if location would be appropriate for the display to be placed. Installation of the display will follow and monitoring of speed will begin, this also allowing data to be collected for future reference.

#### + Bin Stickers

Identify problematic areas for speed within the LGA in partnership with council traffic engineers and police. Target streets within these areas and offer residents with stickers in which they can stick on bins. Slogan for this would be “slow down to 50 on local roads”.

## **Motorcycle safety**

**Project description:** Provide information and education, resources and build a sense of safety for motorcycle riders within the community. Motorcyclist casualties within Georges River LGA make up 8.0% within 2017 this being higher than 2016 at 5.2% and higher than the five year average (2013-2017) 7.3%.

### **Project Objectives:**

- + Deliver Material - community events distribute resources when required
- + Community engagement – getting the community involved and aware of motorcycle safety.
- + Promote event – promote the event within the LGA
- + Education – What resources were distributed?. Increase the knowledge and understanding of motorcycle safety.
- + Create Awareness – Raise awareness about motorcycle safety and the importance of checking safety.

### **Project:**

#### + Breakfast torque (joint project)

This is an ongoing project in conjunction with motorcycle council of NSW and Sutherland and Bayside councils as well as other stakeholders. This event is held on the last Sunday of October and promotes safe riding practices for motorcyclists, as well as spreading important information during this event.

#### + TfNSW communication

Support TfNSW communication and campaigns about motorcycle safety. This being through council avenues of delivering information e.g. social media, website, and community centres libraries and more

#### + Motorcycle promotion

Promote motorcycle clothing assessment program through council social media/website and other avenues.

#### + Consultation police

Consult and communicate with police on a regular basis about motorcycle enforcement strategies and how council can help in regards to enforcement and education.

#### + Local riders

Work with local riders to help identify hazards and issues that can be addressed with the help of council.

## **Admin (council work)**

**Project Description:** As a part of the role I also contribute in the following ways;- send out library packs within the area every month with a theme for each month, included in these packs are resources/booklets relating to that month. Also attend traffic committee meetings every month to discuss new proposals and raise issues which are brought up to me by schools and/or community members. As well as attend steering Committee meetings and create a road safety section within the website.

### **Project Objectives:**

- + Community engagement - Work with the community members and schools to educate, inform and help resolve any issues within the LGA.
- + Community education – distribute useful information/resources in regards to road safety.

### **Projects:**

#### + Traffic Committee

Attend traffic committee meetings once a month to discuss new proposals and raise issues when required as an item that a brought to me from schools/community members.

#### + Steering Committee

Attend steering committee meetings to discuss progress of programs and projects being run within the local LGA. Members of this committee being police, council RSO, RSO's coordinator and any other members who would like to attend.

#### + Road Safety council website

Create section for road safety on Georges River Council website. Create and write content for this page as well as update and refresh information when needed.

#### + Library Pack

Organise a road safety theme for each month along with useful resources relating to that topic to be distributed to libraries who then will display that months theme's resources to encourage the uptake of the road safety message.

#### + Road Rule Reminder

Monthly road rule reminders sent out to council staff via email, this being done at the beginning of every month. Different road rules will be used every month.

#### + TfNSW Monthly Reports

Monthly reports on projects on the database provided. This is to log progress on projects and to comment on how they are working/running.

+ Regional Road safety Meeting

Attend regional road safety meetings with all RSO's to come together to share knowledge and get important information/updates on road safety and the program for local council road safety.

+ TfNSW Crash Analysis

Prepare crash stats for local LGA to help identify the issues in which need to be targeted by council and the road safety officer. These stats are updated yearly to ensure projects are relevant.

+ Council Action Plan

Prepare a council road safety action plan of what projects will be undertaken during the period of agreement. These projects are based off the crash stats and the identified problematic areas.

## **Drink Driving**

**Project Description:** Drink driving within Georges River LGA is the second highest contributing factor to crashes at 4.8% being higher than Sydney Region at 3.9% and lower than NSW at 5.2% but only slightly. This showing that education of the community within danger of drinking and driving is needed. The aim of this project is to educate the community about the dangers that come along with drinking and driving by supporting TfNSW road safety communications and supporting the police through different avenues in which can be used to help spread the message.

### **Project Objectives:**

- + Deliver Material – Distribute materials to community through social media and other avenues.
- + Create Awareness – Raise awareness of the dangers of drinking and driving and the consequences that follow.

### **Projects:**

#### + TfNSW communication

Support TfNSW communication and campaigns about drink driving. This being done through council avenues of delivering information e.g. social media, website, community centres, libraries and more

#### + Police support

Council indicating its support of police through the passing on of information and education through council avenues of communication e.g. social media, website and more

#### + Police Consultation

Consult and communicate with police on a regular basis about enforcement strategies and how council can help in regards to enforcement and education.

## **Driver Fatigue**

**Project Description:** Over the past 5 years fatigue has played a major role as contributing factor to crashes within Georges River LGA. The fatigue percentages has risen from 2016 (4.4%) to 2017 (5.0%) with the 5 year average coming in at 5.4%. The percentages indicating the importance of education and awareness about fatigue and the dangers it has on someone when driving. This project will aim to educate and increase knowledge on fatigue when driving.

### **Project Objectives:**

- + Deliver Materials – Distribute material through online avenues and through community events/other community areas.
- + Create Awareness – Raising awareness of the danger of driving while fatigued
- + Education – Provide community members with relevant information and resources to educate themselves about fatigue and what to look out for as well as to make informed decision if it safe to drive or not.

### **Projects:**

#### + TfNSW communication

Educate and engage the community through other avenues such as social media, website, libraries and more by supporting TfNSW road safety communication about fatigue driving.

#### + Fatigue workshop

Develop a fatigue workshop/ management plan for council staff in conjunction with HR, to ensure council staff's safety when at work as well as travelling to and from work.

#### + Education fatigue

Educate the community about engineering projects designed to reduce the likelihood and severity of fatigue crashes. This can be done through council website, social media and other avenues.

## **Pedal Cyclist**

**Project Description:** Pedal cyclist make up a small number of casualties within the Georges River LGA region but still casualties have increased from 2016 (1.4%) to 2017 (2.0%). Casualties for 2017 are higher than the five year average at (1.9%) but only slightly, with most casualties falling within the age group of 40-49 years old. During the five year period 33 pedal cyclists became casualties from this four were not wearing a helmet, indicating that education and awareness needs to be promoted.

### **Project Objectives:**

- + Deliver Material – Distribute materials to community through social media and other avenues.
- + Education – What resources were distrusted? Increase the knowledge and understanding of pedal cycling safety.

### **Project:**

- + TfNSW communication

Support TfNSW communication and campaigns about motorcycle safety. This can be done through delivering information on social media, website, community centres, libraries and more.

- + Promote pedal cyclist information.

Promote pedal cyclists information about the use of helmets, shared paths and road rules when passing pedal cyclists on the road as well as bicycle week.