The festive season is almost upon us which is a good time to reflect on the year that has almost gone, the year ahead, and most importantly the family, friends and other loved ones in our lives. On behalf of all those involved with the NRSPP we would encourage the celebrations of major achievements and wish all those having a break to enjoy it, being mindful that safety still matters even when on holiday.

Within the organisational context it is also timely to revisit our safety performance particularly in relation to our vehicle and organisational driving operations and activities. How did our driving safety performance rate? What strategies and initiatives were implemented? How was it determined whether they were successful? What we can do differently next year to ensure that work driving safety improves?

Unexpected incidents can happen at any time of year, and can happen to anyone of us. Unfortunately, Jerome Carslake has just been injured in a serious fall from a ladder and will be taking some time off from ARRB and NRSPP to recover. We wish him all the very best for a speedy and complete recovery, and hope to see him on his feet before the year is out. Let’s take this opportunity to remind everyone to use ladders safely while hanging lights or cleaning gutters.

With the support of our industry partners, over the course of the year we at NRSPP have brought together some great resources, initiatives and shared some terrific case studies to help promote safer driving and assist organisations to decrease the
frequency and severity of crashes.

This edition will cover:

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**NRSPP Achievements**

- The new [NRSPP website](#) is up and running, with positive initial feedback.
- [SIA, Australian Trucking Association (ATA)/TruckSafe, QBE Insurance Box](#), and [Daryl Dickenson Transport (DDT)](#) all joined the National Road Safety Partnership Program.
- NRSPP Grey Fleet Working Group has [finalised the Grey Fleet Safety Management Guide](#), and the QBE Insurance Box trial has kicked off.

**NRSPP News**

*ANCAP expands crash tests to help develop safer cars*

Federal Minister for Infrastructure and Transport Darren Chester reviewed the enhancements being made by Australian crash test laboratories to increase local safety test capability and improve vehicle safety in Australia.

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**Heavy Vehicle Driver Fatigue Research Project**

The Alertness CRC, with the National Transport Commission (NTC), is conducting field research to analyse the impacts of the Heavy Vehicle National Law (HVNL) on work and rest hours on heavy vehicle driver fatigue.

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**Towards 2020: Transport ministers approve vital next phase of automated vehicle regulation**

Australian transport ministers have approved two key automated vehicle reforms as part of a roadmap of reform to support commercial deployment.

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**NRSPP Welcomes Dr Darren Wishart**

The NRSPP are excited to welcome Dr Darren Wishart as a core team member. Dr Wishart has joined the Australian Road Research Board as a Principal Scientist in their Safe Systems team.

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**NRSPP Welcomes QBE Insurance Box as Program Partner**

Insurance Box has the only telematics insurance product in Australia, underwritten by QBE, with the largest repository of telematics driving behaviour in Australia. The partnership between the NRSPP and QBE Insurance Box will provide grey fleet managers with an opportunity to evaluate their own grey fleet risk against their peers, and allow the NRSPP to...
further refine and develop crucial policy guides in this space.

**NRSPP Welcomes Australian Trucking Association (ATA) as Program Partner**

The ATA was established to improve the trucking industry’s safety, professionalism and viability after the Grafton truck and bus crash in October 1989. Today the Australian Trucking Association (ATA) and the TruckSafe business and risk management system have a membership base that includes over 30 national, state and corporate organisations.

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**NRSPP Welcomes Daryl Dickenson Transport as Program Partner**

Daryl Dickenson Transport (DDT) specialises in the transport and warehousing of steel products. With a fleet of 30 trucks and employing 49 permanent staff, DDT has reputation for ensuring safety in the transport activity.

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**NRSPP Welcomes Safety Institute of Australia as Program Partner**

The health and safety profession has a unique voice, and the Safety Institute of Australia seeks to express that voice in a positive way as a contribution to the development of Workplace Health and Safety Policy and practice in Australia.

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TAC’s Samantha Cockfield Recognised With Prestigious Australasian Road Safety Award

Congratulations to leading road safety advocate, Samantha Cockfield, Manager, Road Safety Technical and Policy, Transport Accident Commission, who was presented with the prestigious 2017 ACRS Fellowship at last night’s glittering ACRS Award Ceremony at Perth Crown Resort in front of 600 of Australasia’s foremost road safety professionals and advocates.

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Youi Blog - A Drunk Driver Victim Shares His Story

Sam Coward recalls the moment he tried to see if his wife was OK following being run off the road by a drunk driver.

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NRSPP Monthly Focus

Going into the holiday period, with many social events on the horizon, it is more important than ever at this time of the year to think about our driving behaviour, and make sure we and our families get home safely. Drink driving remains a major contributor to fatalities and injuries on Australian roads, even though a Blood Alcohol Concentration (BAC) limit has been in place for over 25 years. Blood Alcohol Concentration (BAC) is a measure of grams on alcohol in the body per 100 millilitres of blood. In Australia, the level limit is 0.05, 0.02 or 0.00 depending on status of licence or occupational requirements. It is your responsibility to ensure that that you don’t drive after drinking beyond your limit.

Even though it is different for each person, a general guide to staying under the BAC limit of 0.05 for males is to have 2 standard drinks in the first hour and no more than 1 standard drink every hour after that. Females should have no more
than 1 standard drink every hour. Everyone should allow at least one hour for their body to process each standard drink.

Remember, glasses are often bigger than standard drinks.

Rather than risk it, find an alternative to driving. You can:

- Organise a driver who will not be drinking or using any other drug
- Use public transport, ridesharing services, or ‘grab a cab’
- Stay overnight, but again beware driving home early the next morning

Have a look at the NRSPP Quick Fact on Drink Driving for more information.
Busselton Freight Services – Road safety, compliance key drivers in company growth
Implementing a comprehensive road safety and driver compliance package has been a cornerstone of Busselton Freight Services’ growth from one truck to a successful distribution business. In addition to a zero-tolerance drug and alcohol policy, a fostering a strong safety culture has decreased operating costs, including reducing crash rates and insurance costs.

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Related Resources

NRSPP Fact Sheet: Alcohol and the morning after...
Heavy drinking can easily leave you with blood alcohol level too high to drive legally or safely. Here is some general guidance on calculating 0.00 BAC.

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CARRS-Q Fact Sheet: Drink Driving

Alcohol and drug driving is the number one contributing factor to fatal crashes in Queensland; it is involved in 30% of fatal crashes. Over 1 in 5 drivers and riders killed on Australian roads have a BAC exceeding the legal limit.

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Alcohol ignition interlock schemes: best practice review

Outcome evaluations of AIsSs show that they effectively reduce or eliminate drink drive offending only for as long as an interlock is installed.

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Developing organisational policy and process for alcohol and drugs

This PPT outlines a process for the development of a Drug and Alcohol Policy for organisations conducted by the late Dr Will Murray in the UK.

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NRSPP Quick Fact: Unsealed Roads

This quick fact focuses on the risks of driving on unsealed roads. It highlights some key facts and tips.

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Events

FREE NRSPP Webinar: Keeping safe around vehicles is easy…isn’t it? Low Speed Vehicle Run Over Prevention

NRSPP webinars have been very well received recently and with the festive season just around the corner and many people including young children on holidays, the time is right to highlight the dangers associated with low speed incidents.

FREE Webinar on December 6, 2017. Low Speed Vehicle Run Over accidents (LSVRO’s) can happen to anyone, anywhere, anytime. Join us to hear the effect of one such incident on a community, and the measures that the Georgina Josephine Foundation encourages people to put in place, to ensure it does not happen to others when at home, at work or elsewhere.

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Useful Webpages

- DrinkWise: Standard Drinks Calculator
- TAC Drink Driving Statistics