Council Update Conversation with the GM National Road Safety Week: 5 – 12 May

Next week is National Road Safety Week. Every year, approximately 1200 people are killed and another 40,000+* are seriously injured on Australian roads. Traffic injury is the biggest killer of Australian children under 15 and the second-biggest killer of all Australians aged between 15 and 24. These numbers are growing every year but are preventable if we choose to Drive So Others Survive!.

National Road Safety Week is an annual initiative from the Safer Australian Roads and Highways (SARAH) Group, partnering road safety organisations and Government. The week highlights the impact of road trauma and ways to reduce it.

As part of the campaign, drivers are encouraged to take the pledge to drive safe so others survive.

Join me in support of National Road Safety Week and help make our roads safer for all road users. Drive so others survive – all road safety is local.

- I pledge to drive as if my loved ones are on the road ahead.
- I will remove all distractions and never use my mobile phone while driving.
- I will not put other people at risk by speeding, driving while tired or under the influence of alcohol/drugs.
- I will protect all vulnerable road users, especially those whose job places them in harm's way, by slowing down and giving them the space they need to be safe.

Animals on Country Roads

The onset of the cooler months and changes in travel patterns at the end of davlight savings in April can mean there is an increased risk for motorists as