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Low 2020 Road Toll No Excuse for Complacency

Adapted from media release, Minister for Roads, Andrew Constance and Minister for Police and Emergency Services, David Elliott, 2 January 2021

Drivers are being warned against complacency despite NSW recording its lowest road toll since 1923.

There were 297 deaths on NSW roads in 2020.

Minister for Roads, Andrew Constance said there has been fewer deaths among drivers, passengers and motorcyclists but there has also been a significant reduction in traffic volumes due to the pandemic.

“Speeding remains the leading contributor to fatal crashes and speed related fatalities rose to 47 per cent of the total road toll last year”, Mr Constance said.

He said the mobile speed camera program will be expanded in 2021 and markings will be removed from some vehicles.

There were 50 fewer fatalities on country roads, including 28 fewer fatalities from fatigue related crashes and 19 fewer fatalities from head on crashes.

Minister for Police and Emergency Services David Elliott has praised the community for adhering to the road rules and urged drivers to take extra care to make sure they get home safely.

“After the year that we’ve had, it’s pleasing to see the road safety message has had an impact. But we can’t forget that the restrictions on travel this year may have played a role in lowering the road toll.” Mr Elliott said.

“Every death on our roads is one too many and the lower road toll is no cause for complacency. I’m asking everyone to take responsibility and get home safely in 2021.”

NHVR Approves MTData's Talon and Swift System for EWD Use

Adapted from media release, Don Hogben, NHVR Chief Regulatory Policy and Standards Officer, 5 January 2021

The National Heavy Vehicle Regulator has approved MTData's Talon and Swift system, running on either a Samsung Galaxy Active Tab or Samsung Galaxy Active Tab 2, as an Electronic Work Diary option.

NHVR Chief Regulatory Policy & Standards Officer Don Hogben said the MTData product would be available for use as an official record for heavy vehicle driver work and rest hours from 18 January.

"It's important that drivers check the NHVR website to ensure they're using an approved EWD," Mr Hogben said.

MTData joins the existing EWDs by Step Global and Teletrac Navman which have been available across Australia since 1 December and Netstar Australia's Garmin Fleet 7XX Series which was approved by the NHVR on 22 December and will be available from 11 January.

To stay up to date with approved EWDs and their conditions of use visit www.nhvr.gov.au/ewd.

Road Works Update

Street Closures, Sydney, 10-11 January

CBD Sydney Metro has advised that street closures will be in place on Castlereagh and Pitt Sts for 27 hours from 12am (midnight) Sunday, 10 January to 3am Monday, 11 January so oversized equipment can be delivered to the Pitt St Sydney Metro construction site.

Castlereagh St will be temporarily closed between Market and Park Sts.

Pitt St will be temporarily closed between Bathurst and Liverpool Sts.

Traffic controllers will be in place at key intersections.

Local business access will be provided.

Further information is available by telephoning Sydney Metro, tel: 1800 171386 or email: pittstreetmetro@transport.nsw.gov.au.

Closure, Intersection Church and Phillip Sts Parramatta from 10 January

Transport for NSW has advised that the intersection of Church and Phillip Sts, Parramatta will be intermittently closed at night from Sunday 10 January to Thursday 4 February, weather permitting from 7pm to 5am, except on Australia Day and on nights when there are A League Games in Parramatta.

Church St will remain closed to traffic between Macquarie and Market Sts.

Ramp Closures, Hume Hwy Table Top from 11 January

Two new ramps connecting Davey Rd, Table Top with the Hume Hwy will lead to ramp closures from Monday, 11 January.

The work is scheduled for completion at the end of 2021, weather permitting.

Road users will not have access to the southbound off-ramp exit from the Hume Hwy and Wagga Rd, past R W Henry Dr.

To enter the Hume Hwy until the work is completed, motorists will need to use the Thurgoona Dr interchange.

Electronic message signs will be installed on the Hume Hwy, Wagga Rd and Davey Rd to notify motorists about the closure of the interchange.

Other Road Works

Suburb/ Town	Road	Date/s	No of Shifts	Work Times
Caringbah	Kingsway and Mackay St	11/1-26/2/21	6	8pm-5am Sun-Fri
Chippendale	City Rd southbound between Broadway and Myrtle St	11/1-26/2/21	7	8pm-5am Sun-Fri
Greenacre	Roberts Rd between Russell St and Norfolk Rd	17-18/1/21	2	10pm-5am Sun and Mon
Hurstville	Forest Rd eastbound east of Bridge St	11/1-26/2/21	6	8pm-5am Sun-Fri
Lilyfield	Perry St corner Balmain Rd and Wharf Rd	11/1-19/2/21	6	8pm-5am Sun-Fri
Maroubra, Kingsford, Randwick	Anzac Pde between Storey St and Fisher St Avoca St between Anzac Pde and Burbong St	17/1-16/2/21		8pm-5am Sun-Fri
Matraville	Bunnerong Rd northbound between Franklin St and Daunt Ave	11/1-12/2/21	2	8pm-5am Sun-Fri
Miranda	Port Hacking Rd near Kiama St	17/1-19/2/21	6	8pm-5am Sun-Fri
Vaucluse	New South Head Rd eastbound opposite Clairvaux Rd	10/1-12/2/21	4	8pm-5am Sun-Fri

2021 Functions and Events

The ARTIO NSW secretariat is putting together a program of functions and events for the first few months of 2021, including Breakfast Briefings, an Industry Leaders Dinner and a half day conference and dinner with a safety theme.

The first event, a Breakfast Briefing to be held on 16 February at the Rooty Hill RSL Club, will include two speakers who will speak on "National Heavy Vehicle Law 101".

Why not pencil this into your diary?

More information to follow soon.

Economic and Industry Indicators

Indicator/Source ¹	As at	Unit of Measure	Quantity	Annual % Variation
GDP latest quarter (ABS)	Sep Qtr 2020	\$m	476,043	-3.8
CPI (ABS)	Sep Qtr 2020	Per cent		0.7
Cash rate (RBA)	Current	Per cent	0.1	
Household savings ratio (ABS)	Sep Qtr 2020	Per cent	18.9	304.8
Retail turnover (ABS)	Oct 2020	\$m	29,552	7.1
Actual new capital expenditure (ABS)	Sep Qtr 2020	\$m	25,850	-13.8
Inventories held by private business (ABS)	Sep 2020	\$m	163,905	-4.6
Dwelling unit approvals (ABS)	Nov 2020	Number	17,205	15.0
Manufacturers Income (ABS)	Sep 2020	\$m	86,304	-1.6
TEUs Port Botany (NSW Ports)	5 months to Nov 2020	Number	1,096,592	0.4
Employed persons (ABS)	Nov 2020	Million	12.860	-0.6

¹ ABS – Australian Bureau of Statistics; RBA – Reserve Bank of Australia; AIP – Australian Institute of Petroleum; FCAI – Federated Chamber of Automotive Industries

Unemployment rate (ABS)	Nov 2020	Per cent	6.8	1.7
Wage price Index (ABS)	Sep Qtr 2020	Per cent		
All employees				1.4
Transport, postal and warehousing				1.4
New motor vehicle sales (FCAI)	12 months to Dec 2020	Number	916,968	-13.7
Heavy commercial vehicle sales (FCAI)	12 months to Dec 2020	Number	13,812	-22.0
Light commercial vehicle sales (FCAI)	12 months to Dec 2020	Number	8,934	-6.7
AIP Terminal Gate Price-Diesel-Sydney	8 Jan 2021	Cents/litre incl. GST	108.9	-29.7

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