



TRANSafe WA 13TH ROAD TRANSPORT INDUSTRY SAFETY FORUM

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Goldfields-Esperance Region



- Occupies 948,045 Km²
- 38% Total Land Area of WA
- 9 individual Local Government Agencies
- Regional population is 59,986 (based on 2006/07 data)
- 3,100 km of sealed road
- 16,000 km unsealed road
- Ratio 5:1 unsealed to sealed

Goldfields-Esperance Region State Roads

All Sealed Roads

- Coolgardie Esperance Highway
- Eyre Highway
- South Coast Highway
- Great Eastern Highway
- Goldfields Highway



There is a mix of long haul transport, seasonal tourist and commuter traffic using these roads. Heavy vehicle traffic using the roads is as high as 40%

Traffic volumes vary greatly at the commencement of the agricultural areas around Esperance and are subject to the seasonal fluctuations with the cartage of grain and fertilizer

Local Government Roads

- Predominantly unsealed except within the urban centres within the Goldfields-Esperance Region.
- These roads vary depending on local environment and usage.
- Subject to deterioration at flood-ways during heavy rain events.
- Generally state default speed limit is 110 km/h.

ROAD POLICING STRATEGY

Enforce Traffic Laws

Target Unsafe Road-User Behaviour

Build Road Policing Capability

Enforce Traffic Laws

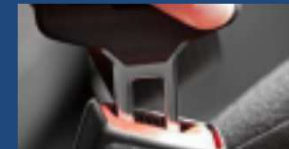
- **Enhanced Speed Enforcement**

Aim: Achieve greater compliance with posted speed limits



- **Non-Use of Restraints**

Aim: Increase compliance with the wearing of seatbelts and other restraints by drivers and passengers of vehicles



- **Impaired Driving**

Aim: Contribute to a reduction of the incidence of fatalities and serious injuries caused by alcohol and drug-impaired drivers



- **No Authority to Drive (Unlicensed Drivers)**

Aim: Detect and deter unlicensed drivers driving on WA roads

Build Road Policing Capability

- **Capacity Building**

Aim: Integrate road policing training into training programs for all police officers.

- **Driver Education**

Aim: Utilise traffic stops to promote driver awareness on road laws and road safety

- **Partnership and Community Engagement**

Aim: Align enforcement with Towards Zero and Office of Road Safety road user education campaigns and contribute to the achievement of WA Police key performance indicators for Towards Zero

TOWARDS ZERO
Getting there together

Target Unsafe Road-User Behaviour

CATEGORY A OFFENCES

KPI OF 90 % EFFORT towards Category A Offences (Fatal 5):

- Impaired Driving – Drugs and Alcohol
- Reckless / Dangerous / Careless Driving
- Speeding
- No Authority to Drive (Suspended / Disqualified / Class / Never Held / Medical)
- Mobile Phones/Non-use of Restraints



Fatal and Serious Crashes

- 866 Fatal and Serious Crashes Goldfields-Esperance between 2004 and June 2017 (Source RSC WA)
- Fatal crashes YTD comparison as at 26 June

Year	Metro	RWA	Total YTD	Total/year
2017	32	40	72	@144 deaths this year
2016	25	75	95	195
2015	36	41	77	161
2014	36	40	76	182
2013	48	37	81	161
2012	46	37	83	183
2011	41	46	87	179
2010	42	40	82	193
Total	164	209	376 (Ave: 81)	1254 (Ave: 179)

Killed or Seriously Injured (KSI) 2004 - 2013

- Regional WA -173:100 000 (GED 152:100 000)
- 56% - male (GED 57%)
- 25% - 17 to 24yo (GED 22%)
- 21% of KSI single vehicle Run off road or Non-collision rollover (GED 42%)
- 14% - Restraint not work (GED 27%)
- 14% - Speed was a factor (GED 26%)
- 30% - Fatigue was a factor (under-represented as difficult to measure (GED 30%)

**KSI INJURIES WITH HEAVY VEHICLES ONLY BY ROAD USER IN WA
2004 - 13**

UNIT TYPE	ROADUSER	DEATH	HOSPITAL	KSI
PRIME MOVER	DRIVER	0	6	6
	PASSENGER	0	2	2
ROAD TRAIN	DRIVER	16	99	115
	PASSENGER	2	14	16
SEMI TRAILER	DRIVER	5	71	76
	PASSENGER	0	13	13
TRUCK	DRIVER	11	198	209
	PASSENGER	1	58	59
TRUCK TRAILER	DRIVER	4	41	45
	PASSENGER	0	5	5
	ALL	39	507	546

KSI INJURIES WITH HAVY VEHICLES ONLY BY ROAD USER IN GOLDFIELDS-ESPERANCE

2004 - 2013

UNIT TYPE	ROAD USER	DEATH	HOSPITAL	KSI
PRIME MOVER	DRIVER	0	2	2
ROAD TRAIN	DRIVER	4	14	18
	PASSENGER	0	7	7
SEMI TRAILER	DRIVER	0	3	3
	PASSENGER	0	2	2
TRUCK	DRIVER	0	4	4
	PASSENGER	0	7	7
TRUCK TRAILER	DRIVER	0	2	2
	ALL	4 (25%)	41 (8%)	45 (8%)

Category A Offences

Goldfields-Esperance District enforcement totals 2016/17 (YTD 25 June 17)

- Speed contacts – 5177 Briefs/TIN
- 2024 cautions
- Restraint contacts – 371 Briefs/TIN
- 71 cautions
- Other contacts – 2779 Briefs/TIN
- 6690 Cautions
- Crashes: Fatal – 9, Serious – 15, Injury - 42
- Traffic Hours – 30 514
- Alcohol Impaired Driver Contacts - Total 53 789 Positive 411 .76%
- Drug Impaired Driver Contacts – Total 1709 Positive result 141 8.3%



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Both 31

Negative 3

A 1	EYRE HIGHWAY	
	Kimba	181
	Kyancutta	269
	Ceduna	491
	Nullarbor	788
	Eucla	973
	Caiguna	1312
	Balladonia	1494
	Norseman	1687

Eyre Highway



- Eyre Highway is part of the Perth-Adelaide National Highway, providing the only direct sealed route between Perth and the Eastern States.
- The route is a strategic freight and tourist route.
- The Eyre Highway caters to all vehicle types but a significant proportion of this is made up of large Road Train combinations carrying freight in both directions.
- The road provides inter-town access between the isolated roadhouse and pastoral communities along the Nullarbor.
- A high proportion of the light vehicles on this route are tourists undertaking the "Cross the Nullarbor" trip

Austrans Coolgardie-Esperance Highway



Austrans

20, 29 and 31 March 2017

Total Vehicles Stopped: 275
71 B Triple / 33 B double / 36 Articulated / 132 rigid trucks / 3 coaches and buses

Total Breath Tests: 268

Total Drug Wipes: 30

Infringements Issued: 17

Cautions Issued: 36

Compliance Notices Issued: 56

Positive Drug Wipes: 0 (Heavy Vehicle) 

PROSECUTIONS

NATD 2

Possess Cannabis 3

Every fatal and serious traffic crash is a tragedy
Cost >\$ 1 000 000 for every fatal crash

