

Western Australia Police



Goldfields-Esperance District Roads & Policing

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 110 km/h.

ROAD POLICING STRATEGY

Enforce Traffic Laws

Target Unsafe Road-User Behaviour

Build Road Policing Capability



**Traffic Enforcement
Strategy**

July 2015 to June 2016

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
- Careless/Reckless/Dangerous Driving
- Speeding
- No Authority to Drive
- Mobile Phones/Non-use of Restraints



Fatal and Serious Crashes

- 855 Fatal and Serious Crashes Goldfields-Esperance between 2004 and 2013
- 2014/15 financial year to date there were 7 fatal and 3 serious.
- 2015/16 financial year to date there have been 3 fatal and 3 serious.
- The crashes are within the urban areas of Kalgoorlie and Esperance or out on the highways on the secondary roads.

- **31% of fatal and serious crashes involve single vehicles.**
- **41% occurred in 110 km/h zones.**
- **27% of people seriously injured or killed were not wearing seatbelts.**
- **Speed was considered a factor in 26% of serious or fatal crashes.**
- **Impaired driving was a factor in 14% of serious or fatal crashes.**
- **57% Reduction in fatal crashes and a 40% overall reduction in fatal or serious crashes**

Statistics

Goldfields-Esperance District enforcement totals 2015/16 YTD:-

- Speed contacts – 4468
- Restraint contacts – 388
- Other contacts – 7036
- Work Orders – 371
- Traffic Hours – 19 500



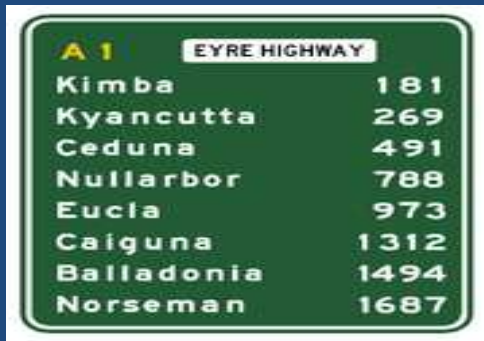
- Alcohol Impaired Driver Contacts - Total 31830 Positive 363 1.2%
- Drug Impaired Driver Contacts – Total 1391 Positive 161 11.6%

THC 14

Meth 113

Both 31

Negative 3



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Town	Distance
Kimba	181
Kyancutta	269
Ceduna	491
Nullarbor	788
Eucia	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 Eyre Highway



Austrans August 2015

Total Vehicles Stopped:	554
Total Breath Tests:	320
Total Drug Wipes:	91
Infringements Issued:	26
Cautions Issued:	97
Compliance Notices Issued:	3
Positive Drug Wipes:	2 (Heavy Vehicle)

PROSECTIONS

NATD	2
Possess Cannabis	3
Possess Paraphernalia	2

Austrans May 2015 (Trucks Only)

Total Vehicles Stopped: 224

Total Breath Tests: 224

Total Drug Wipes: 224

Infringements Issued: 9

Cautions Issued: 6

Compliance Notices Issued: 37

Positive Drug Wipes: 3

PROSECTIONS

NATD 2

Posses Meth 1

Permit Breaches 5

Load Restraints 1

RECENT ACTIVITY EUCLA

July – December 2015

Drug Impaired Drivers:	26
Alcohol Impaired Drivers:	1
No MDL Charges:	20
Permit Breaches:	3
Drug Possession Offences:	19



One driver found in possession 5 kilograms Cannabis.

Every fatal and serious traffic crash is a tragedy .



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(Australian Trucking Association)

TRUCKING INDUSTRY CALLS FOR LICENCING AND TRAINING REVIEW

- Operators concerned about the variable quality of training in chain of responsibility, load restraint, fatigue management and work health and safety.
- Identified a need for heavy vehicle driver licencing to be governed by a national common set of standards.