

Opening Statement

Both councils, Cootamundra-Gundagai regional Council and Snowy Valleys Council, take road safety seriously and adopt a wide range of strategies to help make the roads safer for all road users.

The councils have adopted the Safe Systems approach towards Road Safety.

The commitment to **Safer Roads** is through

- Regular road maintenance,
- Road upgrades through applying for Safer Roads funding and targeting the sites of crashes.
- Pedestrian and Mobility Plans that seek to separate pedestrians from roads.
- Addressing issues through the Local traffic Committee.

Safe Speeds

Both councils are targeting the safe speeds with applications for safer speeds within the towns, applications for Safer Speeds from the community are addressed in the Local Traffic Committee.

Safe Vehicles

- Road maintenance at a council level,
- promoting safe and newer vehicles to community groups and segments of the road user society,
- NHVR permits,
- co-operation and co-ordination with NSW Police and TfNSW.

Safe People

- Where the Road Safety Officer Programs come into play
- Several Road user behavioural programs including What's Your Plan B (alcohol), Free Cuppa for the Driver (fatigue) and speed initiatives directed at targeted groups including motorcyclists and truck drivers.

Addressing road safety requires a team approach by councils and is the motivation for both councils to seek training in developing and implementing Road Safety Strategies. The Local Traffic Committee promotes the team approach to addressing local road trauma with active participation from the councils, NSW Police Highway Patrol, Transport for NSW and the parliamentarians Steph Cooke (Cootamundra), Justin Clancy (Albury) and Dr Joe McGirr (Wagga).