

## **INQUIRY INTO YOUNG DRIVER SAFETY AND EDUCATION PROGRAMS**

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Dear Bjarne Nordin,

Re: Young Driver Submission

Please find enclosed a copy of Pittwater Councils Young Driver submission as requested.

If you require any further information then please don't hesitate to contact me on the numbers below.

Kind regards,



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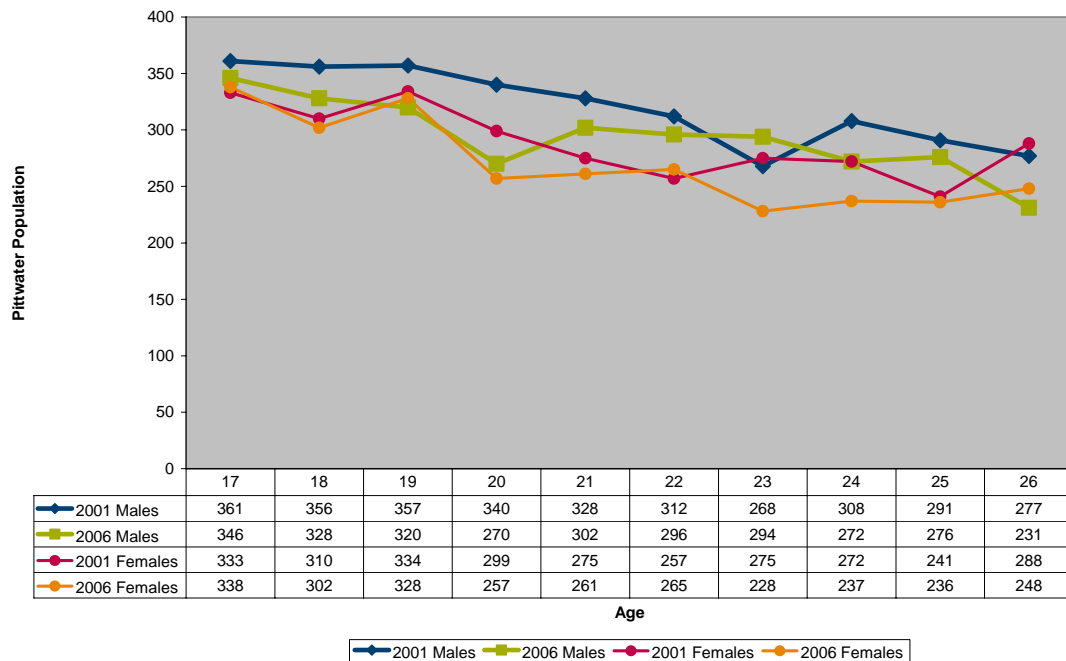


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# Submission - Background

For the 2006 Census period, males in the 17-26 year old age group, account for 11% (2, 936) of the total male Pittwater population. This is a 1% decrease from the 2001 Census. Females in the same age group, for 2006, account for 10% (2, 700) of the total Pittwater population.

2001 and 2006 17 to 26 Pittwater Age Group



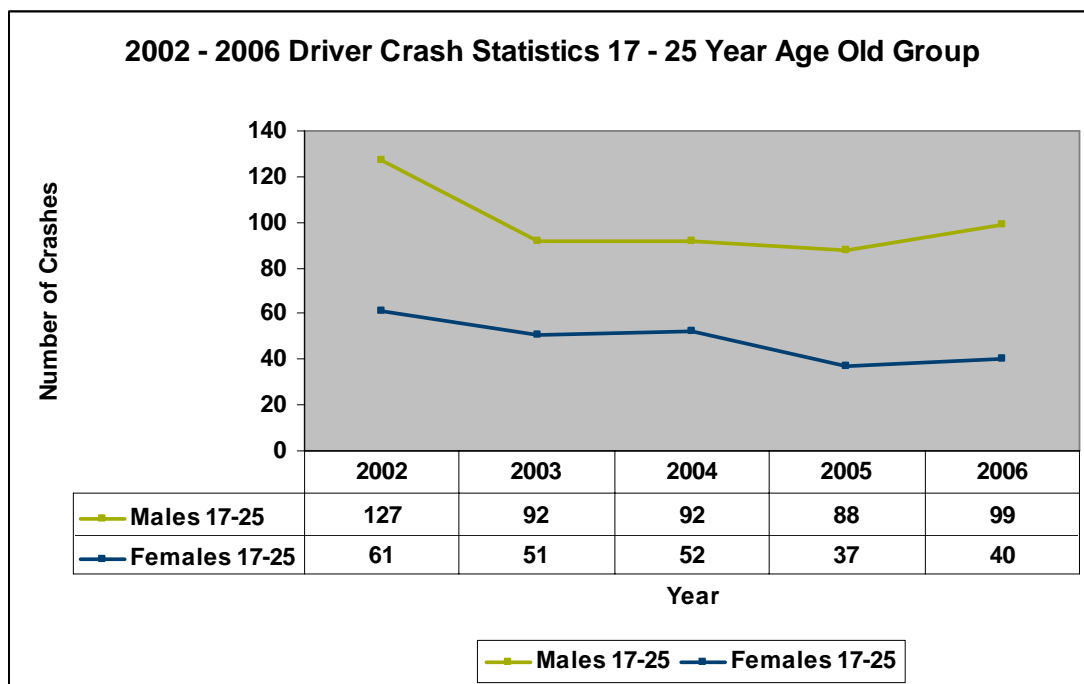
# Submission - Statistics

In 2003, Pittwater LGA experienced the loss of three males and one female in the 17-25 year old age group in two separate fatal road accidents. Three of these fatalities involved passengers in motor vehicles and one fatality was a driver of a motor vehicle.

Roads and Traffic Authority (RTA) crash statistics show that male 17-25 year old drivers in the Pittwater LGA, over a 5 year period, account for on average of 67% of accidents in the 17-25 year age group.

This data does demonstrate that males remain disproportionately represented in crash statistics and should be targeted in education campaigns.

For 2006, the male 17-25 year age group account for 34 % of male driver crashes in Pittwater. This is compared to 23% for females in the 17-25 year age group.



# Submission – The Future for Pittwater

Recent RTA Learner and Provisional license changes were introduced on July 1<sup>st</sup> 2007, with these changes we aim to achieve a reduction across NSW in fatal and injury related accidents for the 17-26 year old age group.

Young male road users in the 17-25 year old age group have been identified in Pittwater Councils Road Safety Strategic Plan (currently being finalised) as an area to be addressed.

Objectives for this age group are to:

- Support and conduct graduated licensing scheme (GLS) workshops for supervising drivers and parents of young drivers.
- Work with Mosman, Manly and Warringah Councils to provide additional resources to support the RTA's learner log book.
- Link to Pittwater Youth Consultation and participation Strategy by developing a youth road safety advocacy program, including a nominated youth spokesperson for road safety.

## **GLS Workshops – Helping Learner Drivers Become Safe Drivers**

Pittwater Council and the RTA will host two workshops each year for parents and supervisors of young drivers. The first of these workshops will be held on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> November 2007.

These workshops are aimed to inform parents and supervisors of learner drivers of recent RTA changes to learner license condition and log book requirements.

## **Additional Resources to Support RTA learner log book**

Pittwater, Manly, Mosman and Warringah Councils have consulted with supervisors of learner drivers to discover the main issues faced by supervisors when teaching a young person to drive. The results of this consultation are being used to develop a resource for supervisors of learner drivers to assist their learner drivers in becoming safer, more competent unsupervised drivers.

This resource is currently in hold pending updates from the RTA and is expected to be launched in early 2008.

## **Pittwater Youth Consultation**

Consultation with Pittwater Councils Youth Officer is under way to implement the youth road safety advocacy program in the 2008/2009 Pittwater Road Safety Action Plan.

# Submission – Comments and Opinion

In 2008, Pittwater will be participating in a RTA and Council funded speed campaign for drivers of all ages. By working closely with Pittwater Council Youth Officer, this project can take on additional functions to target the 17-26 year old age group.

## Sources

*Pittwater Council Strategic Plan (to be finalised 2008)*

*RTA Crash Data – 2002-2006*

*Census Statistics – 2001 and 2006*

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