

Media statement

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Pay attention

It's easy to become distracted from driving on a long trip that many of us will take this Easter, Road Safety Advisory Council Chair Garry Bailey said today.

“In that moment of distraction, tragedy can happen.

“When you're driving, that's all you should be doing – not using your phone, not turning your head to check on your kids, not daydreaming.

“Driving is a complex task many of us take for granted. It requires 100 percent concentration 100 percent of the time.

“Inattention and/or distraction was a contributing factor in about one in four serious road crash casualties (fatalities and serious injuries) in the past five years.

“Distracted drivers endanger their lives, those of their passengers and other road users.

“Driving when you're tired is as dangerous as driving distracted. Stop and take a break and if you can, share the driving. If you can't rest until refreshed to resume driving.

“State Emergency Service volunteers will again be providing an essential service on Monday at Driver Reviver sites.”

Driver Reviver will be at:

- St Peters Pass on the Midland Highway in the south
- The Sidling Lookout on the Tasman Highway in the north-east
- Parramatta Creek on the Bass Highway in the north
- Fossey River on the Murchison Highway in the north-west
- The Franklin River Nature Trail on the Lyell Highway in the south-west.