



Media Statement

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Life savers

Seatbelts are life savers and all Tasmanians should wear them when in a vehicle, Road Safety Advisory Council Chair Garry Bailey said today.

“That’s why seatbelts are also known as safety belts,” Mr Bailey said. “Most of us automatically put on a safety belt when we get into a vehicle.

“But in recent weeks, two people who weren’t wearing a safety belt were seriously injured and another was killed.

“Before you start your journey, make sure everyone in the vehicle is wearing their safety belt and that children or infants are safe in their booster seat.”

“Serious injuries and death on the roads is preventable. If you’re in a crash and you’re wearing a safety belt, your chances of not being seriously injured or dying are much higher.

“This week is Road Safety Week, being marked in Tasmania and throughout Australia. The Week’s symbol is yellow. Landmarks throughout the state – including the Hobart and Launceston town halls and the Leven Bridge in Ulverstone – will be in lit in yellow.

“Road Safety Week is a reminder to drive so others survive. We should drive as though every week is Road Safety Week.”