INTRODUCTION

The Community Road Safety Partnerships (CRSP) Program continues to gather momentum across Tasmania. Since 2003 a total of 26 local government authorities have now partnered with the Department of Infrastructure, Energy and Resources (DIER) to develop and implement targeted initiatives to address local road safety issues.

Over the years CRSP has been operating successfully addressing local issues aligned to the Tasmanian Road Safety Strategy 2007–2016 (TRSS).

Primarily CRSP encourages local government and their community networks to get involved in road safety. CRSP supports community networks by skilling people and developing knowledge to deliver better road safety programs.

The core approach of the CRSP program is based upon engaging community networks and personnel to become involved and contribute to the road safety effort.

CRSP helps to organise planned activity, at the local level, targeting high risk behaviour in key focus areas such as speeding, drink driving, inattention / distraction, safer vehicles, safety of young drivers and motorcyclist safety.

Through the CRSP program, DIER stimulates local activity in the focus areas by providing human, physical and financial resources to build community capacity to achieve sustainable road safety outcomes.

To manage and plan the delivery of community road safety activities DIER personnel link with existing local road safety groups, Police and community liaison committees and community safety organisations.

The local government authorities involved in this major initiative include:

South: Glenorchy, Brighton, Kingborough, Hobart, Glamorgan/Spring Bay, Clarence, Huon Valley, Sorell, Southern Midlands, Tasman and Central Highlands.

North: Launceston, Dorset, George Town, Break O'Day, West Tamar, Northern Midlands and Meander Valley.

North West: Burnie, Kentish, Circular Head, Waratah / Wynyard, King Island, Devonport, Central Coast and West Coast.

Negotiations are currently occurring with Flinders, Latrobe and Derwent Valley Councils to join the CRSP network.

This progress report is a brief compilation of the key general awareness / education strategies and major activities and events undertaken by participating CRSP communities in the last 2 years. It has been developed by DIER's Road Safety Operations Branch consultants in conjunction with CRSP community contacts.