



## OTHER ACTIVITIES



### SCHOOL ROAD SAFETY

#### **New TQA Road Safety Course for high schools**

In September 2009 the Government announced it would seek to have Road Safety Education as an accredited Tasmanian Qualifications Authority (TQA) course and that from 2011 every public school must make the course available to Year 10 state school students.

In 2010 DIER successfully developed and submitted, to the TQA, two Road Safety Education courses (Level 1 and Level 2 – aimed at students with a higher level of understanding). Both courses are now available for use in all Tasmanian schools.

DIER has been working closely with the Department of Education (DoE) to revise its existing road safety resource. Road Risk Reduction v2 is based on good practice principles supported by the Austroads Authority, the Australian Road Research Board (ARRB) and Road Safety Education Reference Group of Australasia.

Road Risk Reduction v2 contains information regarding the TQA Road Safety Education courses, teacher background material and student learning experiences.

To further support teachers, a web based version of the resource has been produced which also provides access to multimedia material that will enhance students' learning experiences.

Schools are also encouraged to engage with community partners, such as the Brain Injury Association of Tasmania (BIAT), ParaQuad and Tasmania Police to add value to the learning experience.

Supplementary resources are also available for loan through the Transport Library, eg, Driven to Distraction, developed by Launceston City Council's Community Road Safety Partnerships program for use in schools.

#### **School Crossing Patrol Officers**

DIER manages approximately 100 School Crossing Patrol Officers (SCPOs) throughout Tasmania. Under the guidance of the Road Safety Operations Branch, the SCPOs service approximately 65 sites in a large number of communities.



John Garrett and Leaver Cross (Probus) supporting Seniors' road safety

DIER has also assisted a number of school communities with the development and implementation of Volunteer School Crossing Patrol Officer programs.

### Electronic Speed Limit Signs

Electronic Speed Limit Signs continue to be installed at locations where SCPOs operate. The new signs more closely reflect peak pedestrian movements and coincide with the SCPOs' hours of operation.

### SENIORS PROGRAMS

Road Safety workshops for seniors continue to be offered as part of CRSP programs across Tasmania. These sessions, which are often conducted in conjunction with Seniors Week activities, are designed to help older drivers to drive safely for longer. The sessions include health issues, changes in road rules and general driver safety.



Kingborough seniors seminar – May 2011

### GLENORCHY PRACTICAL PEDESTRIANS BROCHURE

In response to an increased number of crashes involving senior pedestrians the Glenorchy CRSP developed an informative pedestrian brochure which outlined 10 tips for walking safely on local roads. The brochure, specifically aimed at vulnerable people with mobility and access issues, was circulated widely through local networks.

*“Local solutions to local problems”*

