

Media Release

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COMMUNITIES HELP DRIVE HOME ROAD SAFETY MESSAGE

More than 90 Victorian schools, councils and not-for-profit organisations will receive vital funding to promote and deliver road safety programs in a fight to reduce trauma and save lives thanks to the Andrews Labor Government.

Minister for Roads and Road Safety Melissa Horne said 251 initiatives have received funding under this year's \$1.5 million *Community Road Safety Grants Program (CRSGP)* to deliver targeted education programs to tackle local road safety issues.

More than \$781,000 has been invested in regional communities and more than \$446,000 in metropolitan Melbourne to drive down road trauma and address issues including vehicle safety, fatigue and high-risk driver behaviour such as drink and drug driving.

This important program will help all road users, including drivers, motorcyclists and bike riders, and our most vulnerable road users including pedestrians, school aged children, the elderly and users of mobility devices.

The latest grant funding includes funding for active transport related projects including bike education initiatives to improve safety for students and families walking and riding to school, support for culturally and linguistic diverse communities to be safe road users and young driver education.

The program supports the *Victorian Road Safety Strategy 2021-2030*, which aims to halve road deaths and reduce serious injuries by 2030 and eliminate road deaths by 2050.

The Labor Government has invested \$6.4 million in the Community Road Safety Grants Program across Victoria in the past five years to help local government, schools and not-for-profit organisations develop and deliver road safety initiatives.

For more information on the programs, please visit the [VicRoads website](#).

Quotes attributable to Minister for Roads and Road Safety Melissa Horne

"Everyone has a role to play in keeping our roads safe - whether you're walking, riding or driving – we can all work together to stay safe on our roads."

"These important grants deliver life-saving messages right across our state, giving schools and groups the opportunity to work together at grass-roots level to improve road safety."

Quotes attributable to Executive Director Road Safety Victoria, Marcelo Vidales

"Victorians know the issues impacting their communities every day – particularly on country roads where fatalities make up more than half of our state's road toll. These grants empower people to deliver invaluable road safety education and really make a difference."

"These grants will support people of all ages and backgrounds learn vital road safety lessons, including tips for novice drivers starting out on their P plates, bike riders and important safety tips for families walking to school."

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