

# 2026 Road Safety Action Plan

## Dubbo community forum



Thank you for attending the 2026 Road Safety Action Plan community forum in Dubbo. There were a lot of interesting discussions during the session, which are summarised below as well as the results of the in-person polls.

We are in the process of drafting the 2026 Road Safety Action Plan, which will be available at the end of the year. We look forward to sharing it with you.

Transport for NSW is eager to continue these road safety conversations, stay up to date on campaigns at [towardszero.nsw.gov.au](https://towardszero.nsw.gov.au) or follow us on [social media](#).

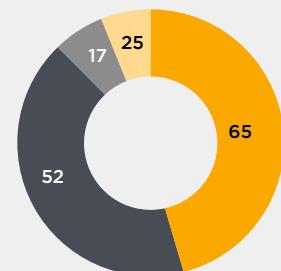
Stay safe and drive responsibly – let's make sure everyone arrives home safely.

**Bernard Carlton**  
*Executive Director*  
Centres for Road Safety and Maritime Safety

### Participant Feedback

*What are the priority areas for road safety in the Dubbo community?*

#### Number of mentions



#### Area of investigation

- Reducing unsafe road user behaviours
- Creating safer country and outer urban roads
- Increasing the safety of vehicles and protective equipment
- Pedestrians, cyclists and 'at risk' road users
- Creating safer urban spaces

**Below is a summary of the suggestions and feedback we received during the Dubbo consultation.**

#### 1. Creating safer country and outer urban roads

- Provide traffic directions and road conditions updates especially for drivers unfamiliar with country roads and their common hazards such as wildlife or sharp corners.
- Safer roads must provide better rest areas.
- Implement lighting during night driving in the form of solar powered road lights and lit flashing signs.
- Confusing or poorly placed road work signage has meant some roads are hard to maneuver through, and drivers have made accidental poor decisions.
- Road works in the local area has directed traffic, including heavy vehicles, down residential streets presenting an increased hazard as well as increased wear of the roads.

## 2. Increasing the safety of vehicles and protective equipment

- Warning technology to be used to assess fatigue.
- Increase the price of registration for older vehicles on the roads.
- Bull bars were discussed as potential risks to pedestrians, and suggestions were made about having them decrease in size or offer alternatives.

## 3. Pedestrians, cyclists and 'at risk' road users

- For motorcycle riders, protective clothing should be to the highest standards - this equipment has recently become more affordable.
- Education campaigns for young people so they can learn the importance of road safety.
- Increase of road safety education (i.e. road rules) at school.
- Concern that it is too easy to get a licence to drive a motorcycle - don't have to do same courses as for others because there is not an accessible program in Dubbo.
- Some heavy vehicle users felt that they were never disciplined for driving way too long without a break - others felt that they were getting fined often.

## 4. Reducing unsafe road user behaviours

- There should be mandatory training for NSW drivers, such as 'refresher' training focusing on changed road rules to mimic the mandatory training professional drivers have to do as part of their employment.
- Increase the use of interlocking devices to prevent drink driving.
- Training to be offered to families rather than just the young drivers; safe driving messages should come from the parents too.
- Training for how to travel around and alongside trucks is important - learner drivers must be shown how a truck works.
- Punitive measures should be stronger and more enforced.

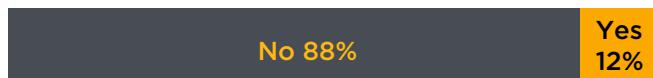


"Blue reflectors on road - I have been putting these on the road for 20 years - drivers have said 'you saved my life'."

### Poll Results

This information was collected from forum attendees who participated in the polls at the Dubbo community forum held in April 2021.

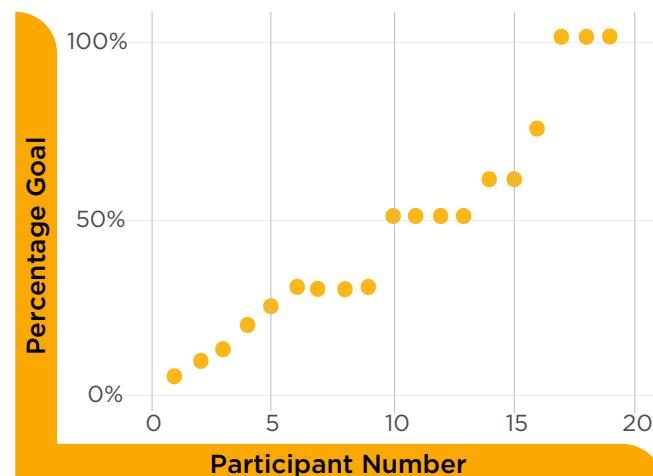
*Were the trends and statistics presented a surprise to you?*



*Do you think we are on the right path to meet our targets of zero deaths and serious injuries on NSW roads by 2056?*



*What should our goal for 2030 be?*



"Regional people are dependent on cars. There are no Ubers, limited taxis, public transport options. When they go to venues, mates house, pub, they are going to take the risk to get back home, no better option."