

2026 Road Safety Action Plan

Tamworth community forum



Thank you for attending the 2026 Road Safety Action Plan community forum in Tamworth. 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 or follow us on [social media](#).

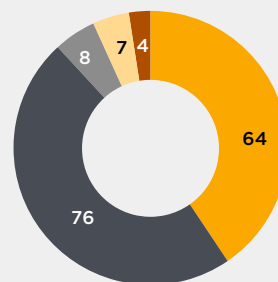
Stay safe and drive responsibly - let's make sure everyone arrives home safely.

Bernard Carlon
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Participant Feedback

What are the priority areas for road safety in the Tamworth 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 Tamworth consultation.

1. Creating safer urban spaces

- Measures to be considered could include bright road lines to indicate no-parking areas near intersections, lighting near pedestrian crossings for night-time movements, or lines to mark beginning of give-way intersections.
- Comments were made around roads in and around the town centre are narrow and do not allow for the safe movement of cars, bicycle riders and pedestrians together.
- A suggestion was made around increased legislation and enforcement as a viable way to educate bicycle riders on the infrastructure that is available to them.

2. Creating safer country and outer urban roads

- There was discussion around increasing the number of rumble strips and improve street lighting, especially in the outer residential areas.
- Suggestions were made around regular grading maintenance on the roads, road widening where possible and the marking up edges of dirt roads as a safety measure to alert people to steep embankments.
- Suggestions that public education campaigns should be rolled out to communicate information on how to safely navigate road works.

3. Increasing the safety of vehicles and protective equipment

- Comments were made around new car technology, and that it is not the only answer to creating safer vehicles – education on how to better control vehicles, new or old is key and it should begin during high school and made a compulsory part of every school's curriculum.
- All drivers should learn about the importance of vehicle maintenance in new and old cars. This will give drivers a better understanding of the limits and safety of the vehicle they are driving.

4. Pedestrians, cyclists and 'at risk' road users

- According to local community members, the road and street infrastructure for pedestrians and cyclists is very poor in Tamworth e.g., unlit streets, no crossing, thin paths, and absence of bicycle lanes.
- The lack of local infrastructure has made it dangerous for things like crossing the road and walking home at night - there needs to be more driver education around pedestrian and cyclist awareness.
- A suggestion was made around mandatory reflective vests for cyclists, especially for children.

5. Reducing unsafe road user behaviours

- Drink driving was of a big concern in Tamworth, and there was an understanding that due to limited access to services such as public transport and taxis it's very difficult to find a safe way home after drinking.
- Countermeasures could include more education, advertising campaigns, and creating additional licensing requirements for those towing caravans and large trailers.
- There was a suggestion that when students in country schools learn about road safety, it should focus particularly on regional driving – such as how to drive safely around heavy vehicles that frequent regional roads.



“We're made to get road worthy cars, but roads aren't worthy of cars.”

Poll Results

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

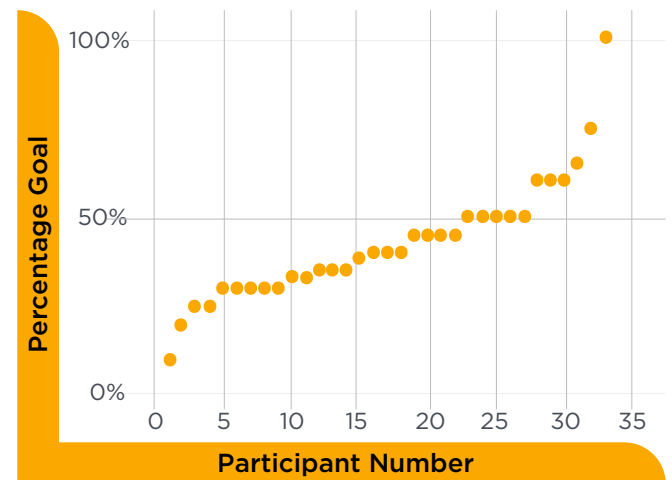
Were the trends and statistics presented a surprise to you?



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?



“Young drivers who don't know how to control their vehicle properly in difficult road conditions are a risk to road safety. Better education and training is required.”