

2026 Road Safety Action Plan

Wagga Wagga community forum



Thank you for attending the 2026 Road Safety Action Plan community forum in Wagga Wagga. 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](#).

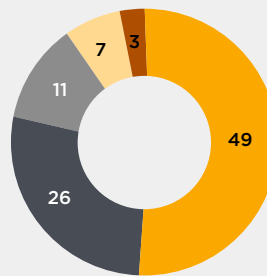
Stay safe and drive responsibly – let's make sure everyone arrives home safely.

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Participant Feedback

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

1. Creating safer urban spaces

- Interactive signage is useful, and more solar powered signs are recommended on country roads. If they can be mobile, this is even more useful.
- Education campaigns to protect cyclists regarding the rules around occupying a lane, the minimum passing distance rule drivers must give bicycles riders and using shared paths.
- Installation of pedestrian countdown timers, including countdown timers on red lights as well as green lights.
- Implementing 30km per hour on the main streets of towns.

2. Creating safer country and outer urban roads

- Drivers in country areas should be tested on a range of country roads for skills, including the critical issue of overtaking.
- Testing or refresher courses should be mandatory and/or incentivised, particularly for more at-risk road users like young and old drivers.
- A greater police presence on the roads with more patrols and visual reminders of safety risks while driving on country roads.
- Provide more rest stops between towns to accommodate both heavy vehicles and light vehicles where suitable.

3. Increasing the safety of vehicles and protective equipment

- Affordability of safe vehicles was a critical issue – a suggestion was made around incentives for younger drivers to buy safer cars as their first car (i.e. include government loans and subsidies)
- Introduce mandatory protective equipment for motorcycle riders including footwear and high-quality jackets.

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

- Introduce more widely connected bicycle lanes to reduce their interaction with car traffic and reduce risks of collision.
- Education and training to cover road user behaviour for bicycle riders, motorcycle riders and drivers.
- Include compulsory safe driving courses for those who come to NSW on an international licence.
- Introduce a training component to cover the mechanics

5. Reducing unsafe road user behaviours

- Reduce on-road traffic by providing public transport in urban and country planning.
- Reduced driver licence renewal cost was acknowledged and applauded, but seen as limited in effect, given licence renewal can be for up to 10 years.
- The enforcement of safe behaviours needs wider police activity – including less chances given to offenders before receiving harsher penalties.
- Recommendation to include driver knowledge test at each licence renewal stage.



“Regional roads include long distance drivers, locals, farmers- all with own agenda... multiple drivers on the road at one time. Educate drivers to be aware of different roads with different capabilities.”



“Government don't spend enough money on country roads. Used example of train crossings, the boom gates are not good enough. Once you get out of town there is no money spent.”

Poll Results

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

Were the trends and statistics presented a surprise to you?

No 30%

Yes 70%

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

No 42%

Yes 58%

What should our goal for 2030 be?

