



A road safety reminder from Council – *Drive so others survive*

The end of Daylight Saving Time in South Australia (7 April 2019) and the scheduled National Road Safety Week (6 to 12 May 2019) are approaching. So this is an important time of the year to remember road safety is a shared responsibility.

Every year more than 1,200 people are killed, and 35,000 people are seriously injured, on Australian roads.

The end to Daylight Saving coincides with declining daylight hours and this results in more motorists and pedestrians being active on our roads during periods of reduced light. In country areas like Southern Mallee we also continue to have agricultural and transport businesses operating in and around our towns.

School drop-offs and pick-ups are challenging periods in regard to road safety and when you add in cold, wet and wintry weather and continued agricultural and transport business operations there are unfortunately many opportunities for accidents to occur on our roads.

Pinnaroo Brevet Sergeant, Matthew Telfer of South Australia Police said “it is critical that motorists continue to obey the 25km/h speed limit around schools and kindergartens, and when passing a school bus that is collecting or dropping children at roadsides, and remember that weather conditions and changes to daylight hours can impact driving conditions.”

He says “Lowering your speed, keeping a safe distance from other vehicles and always keeping a lookout for vulnerable road users such as pedestrians and cyclists can be life-saving.”

The National Road Safety Week honours those we have lost and pledges to make the roads safer for everyone. You can make a personal pledge to Drive So Others Survive at

<https://www.roadsafetyweek.net.au/home/#home/pledge>

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