



# Media Release

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## Camden Council helps drive National Road Safety Week 2019

Camden Council is reminding residents of the importance of staying safe on our roads, with National Road Safety Week beginning on Monday 6 May.

The annual initiative, from the Safer Australian Roads and Highways (SARAH) Group, aims to improve road safety measures, increase awareness of the impact of traffic injuries and ask Australian drivers to pledge to drive so others survive.

Through partnerships with the community, road safety organisations, road and emergency personnel and all three levels of government, SARAH Group will host daily activities. These activities include pausing at noon to remember the 1,200 people who died on Australian roads last year, making an online pledge to drive so that you and others survive and turning your headlights on for the entire day for road safety.

Mayor of Camden, Cr Theresa Fedeli, said Council was a proud supporter of the initiative.

“As a mother and a grandmother I know that, whether it’s backing out of your driveway, driving to and from work or school or pulling into an emergency breakdown lane, you can never be too careful,” she said.

“The message is particularly relevant with students recently returning to school. I believe the most important things we can do for our families and the community is to be extra careful around school zones.

“I know the Camden community will help raise awareness of the preventable road incidents that occur nation-wide.”

Council runs a number of different road safety programs throughout the year, including:

- Four FREE Occupant Restraint Fitting and Checking days per year, where residents can have child car restraints, harnesses and booster seats checked for safety and correct fit;
- Drivers for Learners in Macarthur, which is a booklet providing learner drivers and their supervisors with a number of pre-planned routes to increase driving experience;
- Four FREE Learner Log Book Run Events per year, which is an organised drive for learners and their supervisors based on a route from the Drivers for Learners in Macarthur booklet;
- Seniors Safety Morning Teas, held yearly in partnership with Camden Local Area Command and Barnes Driving School; and
- A collaborative partnership with NSW Police, for speed and non-compliance investigation and enforcement.

For more information on National Road Safety Week 2019, visit [roadsafetyweek.net.au](http://roadsafetyweek.net.au), and for more information on Council’s road safety programs, visit [camden.nsw.gov.au](http://camden.nsw.gov.au) and search ‘road safety’.

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