



Fatality Free Friday May 31

The Newman Government has appealed to all Queensland motorists to pledge their support for road safety this month. “Fatality Free Friday” is aiming for no road deaths on May 31. Transport and Main Roads will be encouraging members of the public to make the pledge by signing an inflatable car which will be touring Queensland on a regional road show.

The State Members for Albert, Logan, Springwood and Waterford, Mark Boothman MP, Michael Pucci MP, John Grant MP and Mike Latter MP have added their names to the list of more than 38,000 people who have already pledged their commitment to a Fatality Free Friday.

Mark Boothman MP said “Fatality Free Friday will serve as a timely reminder for everyone to pay due care, not only on May 31 but every time a driver or rider takes to the road as we cannot afford complacent motorists.”

“As part of the Government’s support of this event, an inflatable car will tour the state which people can sign to pledge their support for road safety,” Mr Boothman added.

Michael Pucci the Member for Logan, highlighted “the car will visit several locations throughout Queensland where people can sign their pledge, or they can sign their pledge online at www.fatalityfreefriday.com.

“We encourage everyone to get behind this great community program. As at 30 April, 2013, 99 people have lost their lives on Queensland roads so far this year, 16 more than at the same time last year.” said Mr Pucci.

John Grant MP stated “Fatality Free Friday highlights the fact that road safety is in the hands of the community, all road users need to ensure they are safe on the roads.”

“While Fatality Free Friday aims for no road deaths on May 31, we implore motorists to keep road safety in the forefront of their mind every time they get behind the wheel, 365 days of the year,” Mr Grant said.

Mike Latter MP said “It was startling to see almost one in five road fatalities in Queensland occurred on a Friday last year, I encourage Queenslanders to make their pledge, either by signing one of the inflatable cars touring the state, or online.”

“If the community can come together on this, surely we can prevent any more unnecessary deaths on our roads.” Mr Latter said

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