



Media Release

COME TOGETHER FOR ROAD SAFETY THIS EASTER

Easter is a time for families and friends to get together, often travelling long distances by road. This year the Shire of Plantagenet is partnering with WALGA's RoadWise program to help our community travel safely and to promote road safety through the *Blessing of the Roads* campaign.

The Shire of Plantagenet will be hosting a *Blessing of the Roads* ceremony to remind our community that road safety is a joint effort. Thanking our emergency services, road designers, local schools, volunteers and others for helping to make our roads safer is also a focus of the ceremony.

The event will take place at Margery Bourke Gardens, Shire Administration building at 11.30am on 30 March 2017.

Chairman of the Shire of Plantagenet RoadWise Committee, Mr Dominic Le Cerf said 'The *Blessing of the Roads* campaign provides an opportunity to remember that being safe on our roads is a responsibility of all road users'.

Governments can legislate, police can enforce, road builders can build safe roads, we can all buy safer cars and road safety groups can educate, but until the community wholeheartedly embraces road safety, families will suffer grief from loss of life in road crashes.

This Easter weekend, remember:

- plan ahead if drinking - arrange a skipper, take public transport or stay overnight,
- travel at a safe speed by driving to the conditions of the road,
- buckle up when travelling in a vehicle,
- take a break or swap drivers to prevent fatigue. Visit one of the many Driver Reviver and Coffee Stop locations around the state, and
- turn off your mobile phone before driving.

For more information about the Shire of Plantagenet's *Blessing of the Road* ceremony, please contact Administration Officer, Works and Services on 9892 1111.