

# SUMMER NEWSLETTER 2020



## Get Home Safe

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Newsletter –Summer 2020

## A WORD FROM OUR PRESIDENT



Well, what a year this has been!

So many plans for so many people have been ruined in 2020. I won't go on, we all know that everyone has been impacted. I hope you and your loved ones got through the year relatively unscathed.

Our Foundation has been very lucky. We have a Board that kept going. We met via Zoom and we continued to plan and work hard to achieve our goal, which was to raise more awareness and funds so that we are in the best possible position to produce and support road safety initiatives in 2021.

I would like to thank the Board, our supporters, our partners and of course every single person who has joined / rejoined us as Associate Members, for their ongoing support throughout this very challenging year.

I'm very pleased to say that because of the efforts of everyone, we are in a great position to start building on our already substantial achievements in 2021.

I would like to wish everyone a very happy and safe Festive Season and hopefully you will all have a great 2021.

*Darren Davis.*

## 2020 REVIEW



We had a record amount of entries in our **Primary School Road Safety Poster Competition** this year.

Well done to our winner Rose!

Thank you to Bendigo Bank for supporting this initiative.



The **Get Home Safe Round** was once again hosted by Glenelg Cricket Club.

Stephen Patterson MP helped our President Darren Davis and Ambassador Eli Murn to encourage players of all ages to use their skills that are applied on the field of play to keep them safe on the roads. Focus, obeying rules, helping others, and striving to improve are skills that sports players AND road users need to be successful and safe.



Toyota Australia has stood beside the get Home Safe Foundation this year. Supporting us at the Sporting Car Club SA event (Darren was guest speaker) and also co-hosting an event for South Australian Driving Instructors that gave crucial information regarding safe car technology.



We continue to support the ground breaking Year 10 High School program delivered by Save A Life Australia. This program features Australia's first educational driving simulator that connects to a real vehicle. Crucially, the program is the only road safety program of it's kind that includes parents of our future drivers.



**Our 2020 Get Home Safe CMI Gala** was moved from May to October.

Special guest MC Channel Nine presenter Brenton Ragless joined us and everyone had a fantastic evening.

The InterContinental rescued us at the last minute as our original venue became a quarantine hotel at late notice!

Guests were entertained on arrival by Australia's Got Talent finalist Scott Stunz and were treated throughout the evening to fantastic music performed by Groove Brothers & Soul Sister.



**Our Women Against Road Toll High Tea** was again held on it's annual date, UN Memembrance Day For Road Toll Victims.

Our special guest was Young Australian of the Year Nominee Holly Scott. Holly spoke from the heart and relived her experience of nearly losing her life on the road.

Everyone had an amazing time reflecting on the role that women play in the family regarding how to ensure that everyone considers how to behave on the roads.



Our Women Against Road Toll Ambassador Channel Seven's Kelly Golding and President Darren Davis thanked everyone for supporting the High Tea.

Throughout the event guests were treated to the wonderful sounds of live music performed by Vibe Check.

Both the Gala and the High Tea were hugely successful and we managed to raise just over \$6500 over the two events. This will allow us to do even more next year to make our roads safer. Thanks again to everyone who helped, donated prizes and auction items and attended the events.

Photos from both events can be found on our events page on our website.

## **New Ambassador**



We are thrilled to have a new Ambassador join us.

V8 Supercars Championship driver Todd Hazelwood has been trying to find a way to contribute to road safety for a while now. He has expressed great excitement to be able to help us deliver road safety messages to racing fans and everyone around the world. Todd will help us to convince everybody that racing belongs on the track, not on the road. He will be a very passionate and effective addition to the Get Home Safe family.

## New Silver Partner



Williams OT has joined Bendigo Bank, CMI Toyota and Toyota Australia as a Silver Partner.

CEO Brad Williams has supported us from conception and is passionate about road safety. Williams OT has helped many people with varying challenges to not only get back on the road but to be safe on the road. For details of their services go to [www.williamsot.com](http://www.williamsot.com)

## Looking forward to 2021



As a Foundation, we will be doing everything we can to make families safe on our roads.

2021 will be a defining year for our Foundation. We are now set to be able to expand on what we have already achieved.

**Gala.** Our annual Gala is confirmed for Friday 21st of May as a major component of National and Global Road Safety Week.

**Women Against Road Toll High Tea.** Our fourth annual High Tea is confirmed for the 14th of November as part of the UN Remembrance Day for Road Toll Victims.

**Women Against Road Toll expansion.** We hope to be able to expand this program into other States next year. The first High Tea in Perth was cancelled due to COVID, we are hoping that we can get there in 2021.

**Primary School poster competition.** This competition has grown every year with more and more children reflecting how to get home safe to and from school.

**The Get Home Safe Round.** Our campaign to make players of sports consider their behaviours on the road will continue to grow. We will be expanding this program and will be developing a Sports Club Accreditation that will encourage clubs to ensure that their players always perform well on the roads as well as on the field of play.

**Regional Road Safety Group Alliance.** Our plans to create this potentially ground-breaking Alliance has been delayed due to COVID. We are planning to launch this initiative in 2021 with the first conference to be announced soon.

**Fatality Free Friday.** As always, we will be supporting this initiative at the end of May 2021.

**Drive Like A Legend.** This new initiative will aim to get speed off of the road. We will highlight how driving fast on a purpose built race track with modified car is completely different to driving normal cars fast on public roads.

**What Do I Do?** This exciting initiative is well and truly in the development stages. Educating drivers regarding how to react to emergency vehicles, this program will be a game changer for drivers and emergency services around the world.

*We are not restricted to the above programs. We will continue to develop, produce and support road safety programs throughout 2021.*



Our Board members Darren, Debbie, Sam, Mark, Rosie, Brad, John and Katrina, and our Ambassadors Kelly Golding, Rod Jameson, Todd Hazlewood and Eli Murn would like to wish everyone a safe and happy festive season.

Please help us to spread our messages to everyone that is dear to you so that everyone gets home safe to their families over Christmas, the New Year and into the future.

We ask that all of you like our Facebook, Twitter and Instagram accounts and please ask others to do the same. This is a crucial tool for us to spread our messages to everyone and is a way that you can help us to make a difference around the world.

We would love to welcome new members to our family. For details of how to become an Associate Member or a supporting partner visit [www.gethomesafefoundation.org/how-to-support-us/](http://www.gethomesafefoundation.org/how-to-support-us/)

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