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Hi Everyone,

In February 2015 I accepted the role of Chairperson for the Foundation, and look forward to continuing the great work of the team. This edition highlights achievements for the second half of 2015.

A big thank you to the volunteers of the Foundation whose effort and commitment enables the Foundation to continue to grow and achieve its goals of education, and support for families.

2016 will be a big year for the Foundation with a new webpage, a new education trailer and a new BBQ trailer. I look forward to working with the Committee and volunteers to continue the great work that helps prevent tragedy.

Merry Christmas to all, and enjoy the festivities and time with family and friends.

Joanne Garlick

Chairperson

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National Road Safety Forum, Sydney

Peter and Emma Cockburn accepted the invitation to attend the National Road Safety forum held at Luna Park in Sydney on 4th August. Representation at such events facilitates education about new and proposed strategies about road safety, and continue to develop and enhance relations with key stakeholders, including State and National Government bodies and fellow organisations such as Kidsafe, and Kids and Traffic.

Downer Group Presentation, Melbourne

Mr Jim Appleby, National General Manager – Road Surfacing, Infrastructure Services of the Downer Group invited Peter and Emma to attend a combined managers meeting in Melbourne, to tell

their story. The session provided personal insight into what happened, the subsequent short and long term effects of low speed accidents, and the importance of safety and prevention measures around vehicles. This was a very emotive presentation that was well received and facilitated much discussion. Sincere thanks goes to the Downer Group for enabling our trip to Melbourne, and for their donation to the Foundation.

Baby and Beyond Expo, Canberra

The Foundation continued its successful strategy of an interactive education display at the Canberra Baby and Beyond Expo on 15th & 16th August 2015. The large site attracted much interest in the vehicle blind spot display and the opportunity for the volunteers to discuss prevention and awareness with parents, at their leisure.



The successful display resulted in several email enquiries coming through over the following weeks asking for further information on building aspects and vehicle technology.

Pamphlets were provided to attendees, and a raffle of Foundation goods was well received. The 'Supervise, Separate, See' message was promoted not only through the display, but through presentations each day on the public stage in the main arena.





The Foundation is grateful for the donation from Rolfe Honda from Canberra of a HR-V vehicle. Still people continue to be surprised at the large blind space behind the car, even with a small vehicle.

Events such as this are a success due to the support of the Event Directors, and the volunteers who donate their time. The opportunity to talk to parents is always inspiring and reaffirms the reason why the Foundation started. All volunteers are warmly welcomed to participate at these events.

Pinky McKay- Parenting Guru

Pinky McKay is a best-selling author with four titles published by Penguin including *Sleeping Like a baby*, *100 Ways to Calm the Crying*, *Toddler Tactics* and *Parenting By Heart* (www.pinkymckay.com).

Pinky McKay interviewed Emma after listening to her presentation at the Expo, as this topic was close to her heart. The interview covered strategies of how to keep children safe around cars, and dealing with grief. Pinky indicated she will include the key messaging of driveway safety in some of her media work. Thank you to Pinky for helping spread the 'Supervise, Separate, See' message!

Father's Day Weekend

The Saturday of the Father's Day weekend in September saw the volunteers at Young Big W hosting a fundraising BBQ and raffle of donated prizes.

Thank you to all the local businesses that contributed, including Big W Young, Milne's Country Style Meats, Baker's Delight, Young Autopro.

Funds raised goes towards supporting families, and educating the public about driveway safety.

Annette's Place Long Day Care Fete

In keeping with supporting the local community, the Foundation set up a display at the Annette's Place Long Day Care fete on the 19th September 2015. A big thank you goes to Harden Geelan Holden for providing the vehicle for the display!



NRMA Grant- Learner Driver Education

The education trailer for learner drivers is a step closer. Banners, blindspot display mats and blind spot statues are all in production. This project will be completed by May 2016, ready for use to educate Learner Drivers.



Safe Driveways



Safe Children

Young Family Fun Duck Day

SAVE THE DATE!!

The Foundation will be hosting its annual Family Fun Duck Day on Sunday 21st February at the Young Aquatic Centre. Looking forward to lots of fun activities in and out of the pool. Tickets in the GJF Cup Duck race are now available. Contact Emma for details or send a message through the Facebook page.

Anniversaries

Christmas is a time to remember the children lost. Since February 2011, at least 39 children across Australian have died as a result of LSVRO accidents. Our thoughts and prayers with all those who will be thinking of their angels at this time.



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