



Volume 14- December 2019

Hi Everyone,

Christmas, a time of good will to all is nearly upon us, and what better time to reflect on the importance of family. We take time to acknowledge those who have lost, and those who are struggling in the event of adversity. We will continue to work towards zero fatalities from Low Speed Run Over accidents.

2019 has seen many changes for the Foundation with the departure of Board Directors Scott Murray and Jim Appleby. Whilst both are committed to supporting the Foundation, their experience and contribution will be missed. Scott has been a Board Director since the beginning, in 2012. We have also welcomed new Board Directors Simone Murray, Tracey Laybutt and Craig Pratt.

The Foundation has been focusing on its strategic plan for 2020-2023, and we look forward to exciting and busy times ahead. Enjoy reading about what has been happening.

Have a safe and Happy Christmas.

Joanne Garlick
Chairperson

CLAIM THE DATE

National Low Speed Vehicle Run Over Prevention Awareness Day 16th April 2020

When: Inaugural Day- April 16th 2020

What: Media launch and fundraising event.

Why: Low Speed Vehicle Run Over (LSVRO) incidents can occur anytime, anywhere, to anyone- whether at home, at work or when out and about.

This day is about raising awareness about LSVRO accidents. There has been an average of 10 fatalities a year since 2011, and the majority under 5 years of age. Another group affected by LSVRO accidents are

adults in the work setting involving vehicles, with an average of 17 fatalities per year since 2014. Our vision is zero injuries and fatalities from LSVRO accidents.

Please mark April 16th 2020 in your calendar, and join us in creating awareness of prevention measures, so we can help keep those we care about most, safe when around vehicles.

Further information will be disseminated closer to the day. For more information, please contact:
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Pregnancy, Babies & Children's Expo 27th-29th June 2019

The Pregnancy, Babies and Children's Expo have continued their fantastic support of the Foundation in 2019, with the Foundation display running again at Brisbane Expo. It is estimated 900 people went through the full display over the three days. The PBCE team shared feedback they had received from survey results to attendees, about what was the most helpful, and favourite feature. The Foundation was specifically mentioned a number of times. We found this very encouraging.

Some of the replies included: "The Exhibitor with the car and children lined up behind it. It was about blind spot awareness and preventative measures."

"Children safety around vehicles stand. He provided some helpful practical tips for garage entrance doors that I hadn't thought about." "The people who discussed the dangers of reversing vehicles out of driveways." "The Georgina Josephine car demonstration. I did it last year and it has stuck with me. I saw it again this year and spoke to a few people about going and doing it. It's so important."





Pregnancy, Babies & Children's Expo 18th-20th October 2019

Once again, the Foundation display was conducted at the Melbourne Exhibition Centre for the Pregnancy, Babies and Children's Expo. Volunteers were kept busy, and GJ Duck was also popular! A Huge THANK YOU to our volunteers who join us at each expo to help out- these events could not happen without them!



Downer staff and associates held the golf day as a fundraiser for the Foundation which brings in much needed funds for the Foundation's continued awareness and support work. Once again, those who attended enjoyed the day, and the proceeds are very much appreciated. Thank you to Downer at Hume ACT!



Annual General Meeting- Thursday 18th July 2019

This year's AGM was held at Wilder's Bakery in Young, NSW. This year saw several changes with long term board member Scott Murray retiring from his position. Scott has been with the board since its inception and his knowledge has been invaluable in assisting the organisation to progress to the current operational stage. We very much appreciate all he has done over the years for GJF! Some fresh faces have joined the board, including Simone Murray from Canberra and Craig Pratt from Brisbane. We look forward to moving the organisation forward to bigger and better things!

Staff Development Day- Young Regional School of Music- July 22nd 2019

The Foundation attended the Staff Development Day at the start of Term 3 for the Young Regional School of Music. The organisation deals every day with staff and students coming and going to their premises, as well as staff travelling to attend schools and other organisations, for lessons and events. The display was a timely reminder about vehicle safety and checking around cars before driving, given the YRSM had just purchased a second vehicle for the use of staff.

Downer- Golf Day 29th July 2019

The end of July saw Foundation members attend the Downer Golf Day held at Tuross Heads Golf Club. The

Accidental Counsellor Course- funded by Murrumbidgee Primary Health Network 23-24th September 2019

Peter and Emma attended an Accidental Counsellor Course to gain skills in interacting with and supporting families that experience grief and trauma following LSVRO accidents. This course was identified as a need due to the increase in contact for support and counselling. The Foundation continues to offer support for counselling, and encourage readers to seek assistance from us, anytime.

Young High School- Learner Driver Display 23rd October 2019

The Foundation conducted the Learner driver Display for nearly 70 students at Young high School in October.

87% of students indicated they either had or were getting their licence in the near future. 75% of students indicated they were not aware of the blind spaces around vehicles before seeing the display.





Ashmont Community Centre -Interactive Display 13th November 2019

The Foundation were invited to conduct an interactive presentation at Ashmont Community Centre for the Anglicare Playgroup on Wednesday 13th November. The children and their carers were able to see first-hand why it is so important to remain vigilant of young children whenever vehicles are around.

Mt Carmel Primary School- 20th November 2019

Wednesday 20th November saw the interactive display set-up in the playground at Mt Carmel Primary School in Yass, ready for the Kinder, Year 1 and Year 2 students. The most important lessons students of this age are provided is that whenever they are around vehicles, they must hold an adults' hand!



1st Koorungal Venturers -Interactive Display 27th November 2019

Another interactive display was held at the Scout Hall at Koorungal for the Venturers group on the evening of Wednesday 27th November. The venturers were rather surprised at the lack of visibility around the vehicle during the display- something to take on board as many of them already have their learner's permits, while other will in the near future.



ON THE CALENDAR:

Activities we plan to be involved with over the next couple of months include:

- National Low Speed Vehicle Run Over Prevention Awareness Day- 16th April 2010
- Pregnancy, Babies & Children's Expo- Sydney May 2020
- Pregnancy, Babies & Children's Expo- Brisbane June 2020

SUPPORT PROGRAM

Maddie #IamTough- October 2019

In September last year, the daughter of the family who provide the Foundation with such wonderful signwriting and printing work, was involved in a car accident on her 7th birthday- Maddie made it through, and had a challenging time ahead. This year, 12 months later, sadly Maddie passed away.

We would like to acknowledge the support the McDonald Family have given the Foundation over the years, and simply say our thoughts are with them.



In 2019 to date, the Foundation has sent out 14 support packages to families, 13 of those were for fatalities. All of these incidents involved children under 4 years of age. The Foundation is committed to zero fatalities from LSVRO accidents. After known events, the Foundation writes to Hon Michael McCormack, Deputy Prime Minister, to inform him of the tragedy, and our work.



Safe Driveways



Safe Children

From this, Peter and Emma Cockburn met with Mr McCormack on 18 November 2019 to discuss our current and proposed initiatives. We look forward to continuing to integrate with government initiatives to provide much needed support for families.

Liaisons with local police allow us to pass on information to families affected by LSVRO. Links to useful information are contained on our website, not only for the direct family but for external family members and friends who would like to 'help' but are not sure how. Click on the 'What we do' tab, to find links for 'Affected Families', 'Relatives & Friends' and our 'Angel Page'.

The Foundation welcomes any ideas or suggestions to help support families. If you know someone who has been affected by such an accident, please encourage them to contact us.



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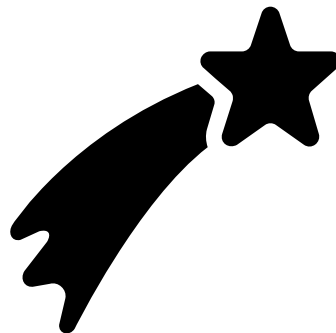
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Season's Greetings to all- We remember those who will not be with us this Christmas, and are especially thinking of all the families and friends who will be missing them. May a peaceful time be had by all.



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