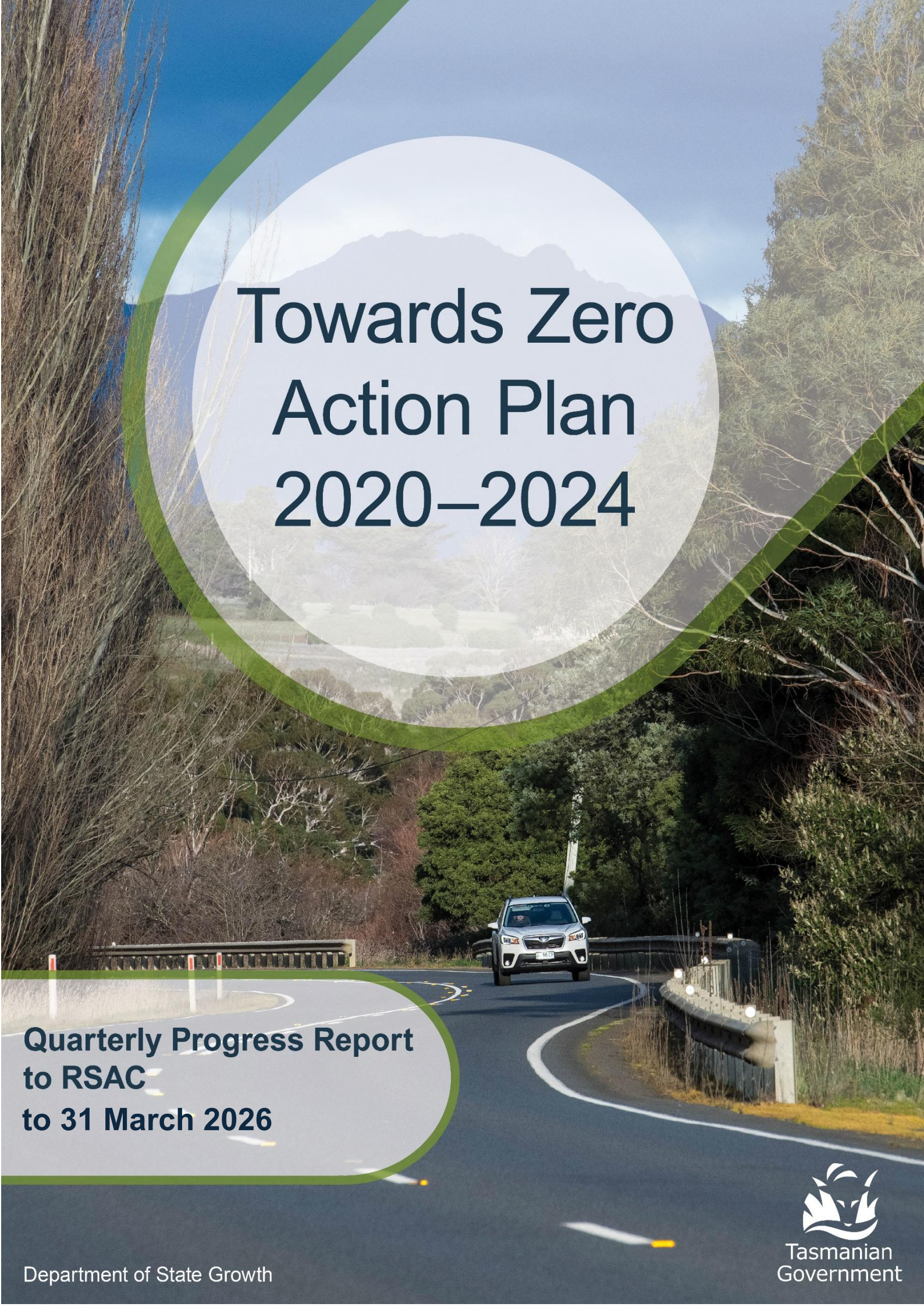




Towards Zero Action Plan 2020–2024

**Quarterly Progress Report
to RSAC
to 31 March 2026**

Progress on meeting Towards Zero Strategy targets

The key interim target for the Towards Zero – Tasmanian Road Safety Strategy 2017-2026 (Towards Zero Strategy) is to reduce the number of annual serious injuries and deaths on Tasmanian roads to fewer than 200 by 2026. This is an ambitious target of 100 fewer serious casualties per year than for the period 2012-2016 (annual average) and will move us towards the long-term goal of zero serious casualties on Tasmanian roads.

Serious casualties

The number of serious casualties in 2025 was 321, compared to 339 in 2024, a 5.3 per cent decrease. The 2025 figure of 321 is a 0.6 per cent decrease on the five year serious casualty average of 322.8 (2020-2024).

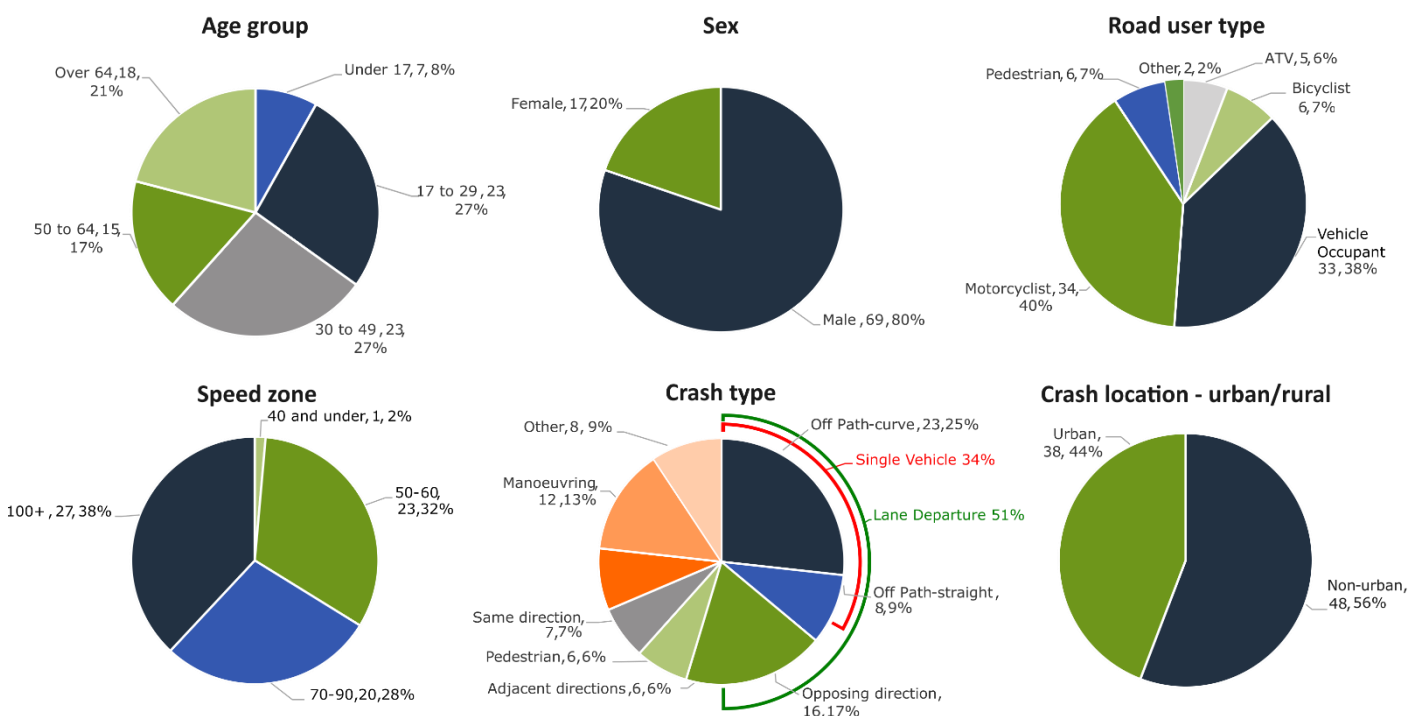
Fatalities

In 2025, there were 43 fatalities on Tasmanian roads which is 12 more than the number recorded in 2024. The figure of 43 fatalities in 2024 is a 13.8 per cent increase on the five-year fatality average of 37.8 (2020-2024).

2026 YTD

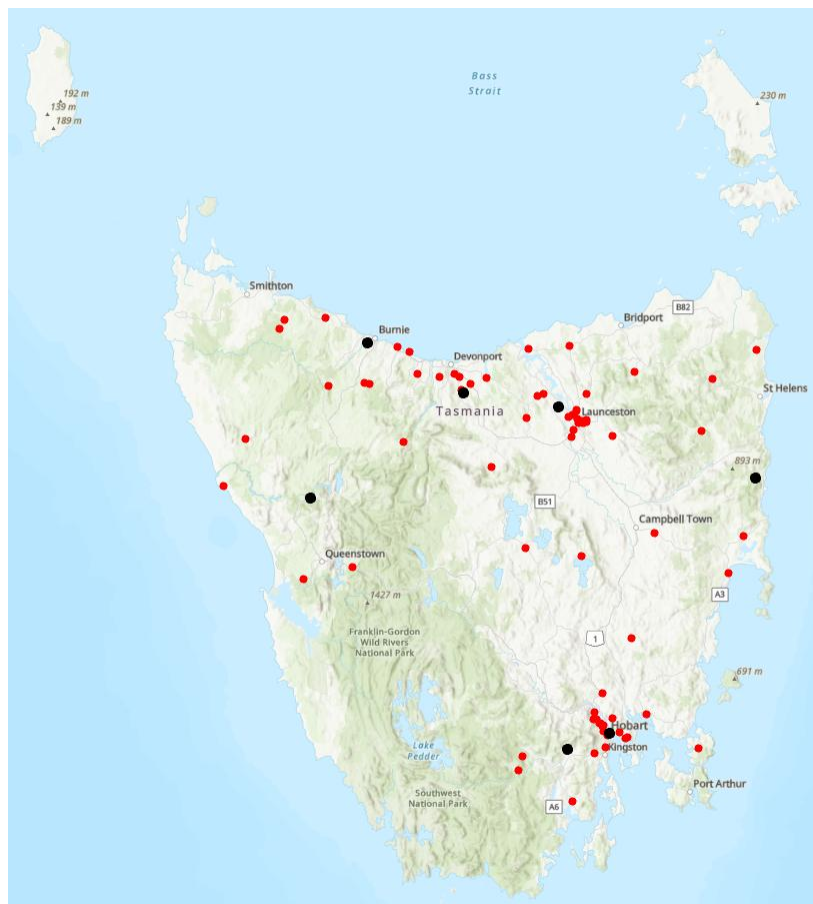
There have been 86 serious casualties (9 fatalities and 77 serious injuries) to 31 March 2026, 15 fewer than the number recorded at the same time in 2025 (8 fatalities and 93 serious injuries) and a decrease of 13.7 per cent on the five year average of 99.6 serious casualties.

Statistics as @ 31 March 2026

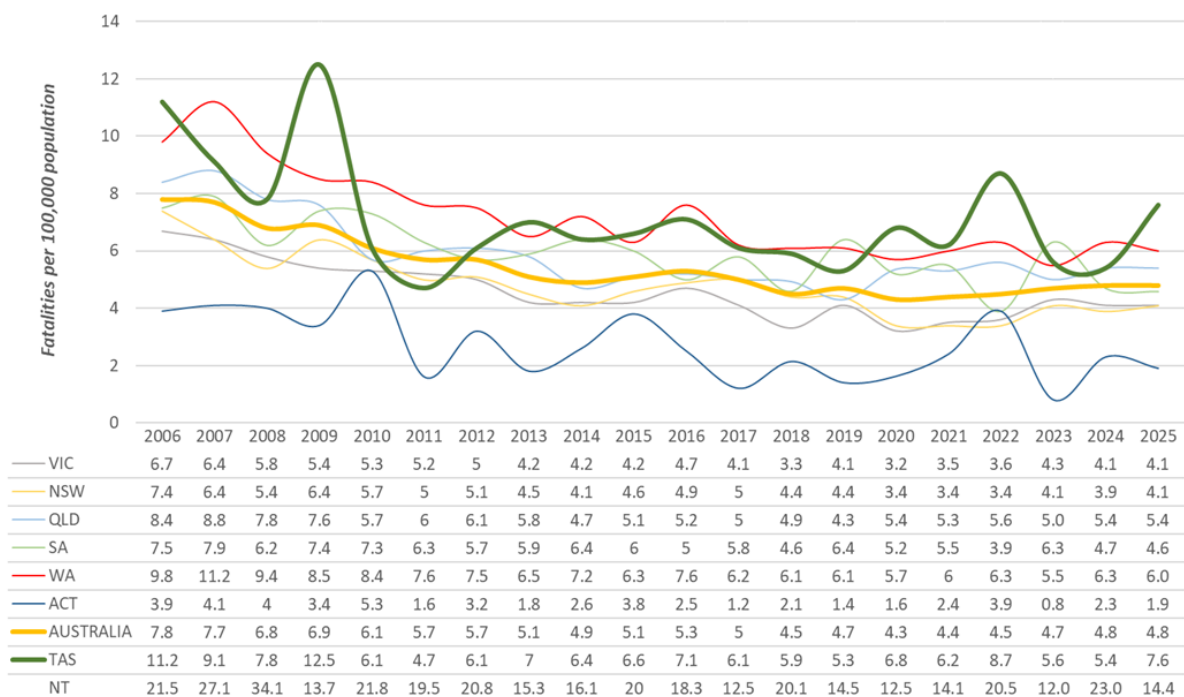


Serious casualty locations as @ 31 March 2026

(Black = Fatality, Red = Serious Injury)



Annual Australian fatalities – Rate per 100,000 population



Note: NT omitted from chart for clarity purposes.

Key themes and priority actions – status report

The Quarterly Progress Report details progress on key themes and priority actions under the Towards Zero Action Plan 2020-2024 and the Towards Zero – Tasmanian Road Safety Strategy 2017-2026.

The progress report should be read in conjunction with the Action Plan and understood in the context of the Towards Zero Strategy. These documents and a project description fact sheet are available at:

www.rsac.tas.gov.au

Making our rural roads safer

Rural road grants program for local government	Ongoing program	Infrastructure upgrades on low volume State roads	Ongoing program
Motorcyclist safety on rural roads	Ongoing program	Speed moderation and community engagement strategy	On schedule
Safe system knowledge and skills training	Ongoing program		

Improving safety in our city and towns

Targeted infrastructure upgrades in high traffic urban areas	Not yet commenced	Vulnerable Road User Program	Ongoing program
Community Road Safety Program	Ongoing program	Trial of innovative technologies	Not yet commenced
Innovative infrastructure treatment demonstrations	On schedule		

Saving young lives

Learner Driver Mentor Program and Driver Mentoring Tasmania	Ongoing program	Graduated Licensing System Project for drivers	Complete
Rotary Youth Driver Awareness Program	Ongoing program	Driving for Jobs Program	Ongoing program
RACT education initiatives	Ongoing program	Real Mates media campaign	Ongoing education program
Bicycle Network bike education	Ongoing program	Safety around schools	Ongoing program
Kidsafe child restraint check program	Ongoing program	Full Gear motorcycle safety project	Ongoing program
Develop a Graduated Licensing System for motorcyclists	Delayed	RACT Youth Road Safety Program	On schedule

Encouraging safer road use

Inattention and distraction	Ongoing program	Safe behaviour campaigns	Ongoing education program
Mandatory Alcohol Interlock Program	On hold	Protective clothing for motorcyclists	Ongoing education program
Road safety penalties review	On schedule	Speed enforcement strategy	Ongoing program
Enforcement of high-risk behaviours	Ongoing program	Automated Traffic Enforcement Program	Ongoing program

High-risk motorcycling enforcement

Ongoing program

Road Rules Awareness

Ongoing education program

Making visitors safer

Tourist road safety signage program

On hold

Responsive electronic signage trial

Not yet commenced

Tourist education materials

Ongoing education program

Strategic partnerships

On hold

Tourist education at gateway entry points

Ongoing program

Stakeholder alliances

On hold

Improving safety through vehicles and technology

ANCAP

Ongoing program

Safer cars for young drivers

Not yet commenced

Autonomous vehicle and crash avoidance readiness

On schedule

Workplace driver safety

Not yet commenced

Light vehicle safety strategy

On hold

Strategic planning

Development of a new road safety strategy

On schedule

Project status

No of Action Plan projects

Complete	1
On schedule	6
Ongoing program/project	26
On hold/major delays	6
Not yet commenced	5
Total	44

Key project milestones

Speed management and community engagement strategy

A final draft of the Speed Management Strategy has now been completed. The Strategy includes a principles-led framework to reduce road trauma through transitioning to safer vehicle travel speeds for Tasmanian roads and streets. There are six action areas with 28 draft actions covering community engagement, infrastructure, speed limits, enforcement, vehicle technology and partnerships.

A dedicated Implementation and Evaluation Plan has been developed to guide delivery of the Strategy. The Plan sets out how the Strategy's actions are being delivered and how progress is monitored over time. This includes establishing safety performance indicators (SPIs) and identifying data sources. Work is continuing to finalise a Community Engagement and Communications Plan to support the implementation of the Strategy. It will include key messages linked to Strategy action areas and align with the sequence of actions

set out in the Implementation and Evaluation Plan. It will provide content to guide road authorities and managers, practitioners and road safety partners by providing a consistent set of safe speed key messages.

RACT Youth Road Safety Program

A 4-year Grant Deed for the remaining term is currently being executed. The agreed plan and budget for the first year of the new Deed will be approved by the Steering Committee at the April 2026 meeting.

The project continued to work with RAC (WA) on the Supervisor/Learner App development with an aim of testing in July 2026 - September 2026.

The project worked with young people and The20 to develop a name and identity for the program which will be presented to the Steering Committee in April 2026.

Recruitment is now complete for an Education Specialist for the project and a meeting was held with the Education Reference Group for their input on approach and prioritisation.

The Social Return on Investment evaluation continued this period, however one component of the scope (Learner Driver Mentor Program (LDMP)) has been delayed due to some limitations with the primary data. Following from consultation with senior Department of State Growth representatives, the project has agreed to a variation from Social Ventures Australia so that the evaluation can maintain a thorough approach and address data gaps through some additional work directly with LDMP programs. State Growth expressed a desire for a comprehensive review in favour of a reduced scope, and the report will now be delivered late August/September, subject to support from the LDMP coordinators. Findings on the other two programs (Driving for Jobs and Northwest Driver Mentor Program) will be available as originally scheduled in June 2026.

Innovative infrastructure treatment demonstrations

In February 2026, new line markings were installed at two rural corners in Tasmania as part of a national trial of Motorcycle Perceptual Countermeasures (PCMs). These treatments aim to improve motorcycle safety by creating a visual corridor to assist riders in navigating curves. Trial outcomes are expected in early 2027.

Key project delays/on hold/not yet commenced

Targeted infrastructure upgrades in high traffic urban areas

This initiative has not yet commenced and will be considered as part of the next action plan.

However, funding allocated to this initiative to date, under the Action Plan, has supported the Road Safety Levy co-contributions under the Australian Government's Road Safety Program (RSP). This has taken advantage of the opportunity that Australian Government co-funding has presented for targeted shoulder sealing and junction upgrades across Tasmania, and the upgrade of nearly 600 electronic school zone signs across approximately 220 locations.

Motorcyclist Graduated Licensing System (MGLS) review

The RSAC endorsed a package of recommended changes to the motorcyclist GLS. These changes will be considered by the Minister for Infrastructure and Transport. Once approved implementation will commence and regulatory amendments will be prepared.

Mandatory Alcohol Interlock Program (MAIP)

A review of the MAIP will be considered under the next Road Safety Strategy which is currently being developed.

Tourist road safety signage program

A review of road safety signage around the State is being undertaken to identify opportunities for updated road safety messaging, but is currently on hold.

Responsive electronic signage trial

This project will trial a responsive electronic sign with real time information at regional tourism gateways but has not yet commenced.

Strategic partnerships

Developing strategic partnerships based on synergies with target audiences will enable the effective promotion of tourist road safety messages and education. This project is currently on hold.

Stakeholder alliances

Sharing information and collaborating to develop effective strategies and tools to address road safety issues is vital. This project will develop formal and informal stakeholder alliances to encourage input and create opportunities to deliver joint initiatives. This activity is currently on hold.

Light Vehicle Safety Strategy

A draft Light Vehicle Safety Strategy is being prepared and will be considered under the next road safety strategy.

Safer cars for young drivers

This project has not yet commenced and will be considered as part of the Light Vehicle Safety Strategy.

Workplace driver safety

Vehicle use in road traffic is the most significant contributor to work-related traumatic injury. This project will aim to promote and encourage employers to adopt safe driving policies based on the WorkSafe, 'Vehicles as a workplace' guide.

This project has not yet commenced and will be considered as part of the next road safety strategy.

Funding

Road Safety Levy overview for the financial year 2025-26

As at 31 March 2026 (Quarter 3)

Road Safety Levy Opening Summary

Opening Balance as at 01 July 2025	\$31,360,629
Annual Allocation to Road Safety Operations	\$ -

Revenue Summary

	Forecast (FY26) \$	Actual (YTD) \$
Motor Accident Insurance Board Funding	1,560,908	1,203,259
Revenue Inflows from Registrations	18,702,032	10,170,187
Funds Available for Distribution	51,623,569	42,412,258

Expenditure Summary

Theme no.	Theme	Budget (FY26) \$	Actual (YTD) \$
1	Making our Rural Roads Safer	6,935,719	5,135,667
2	Improving Safety in our Towns and Cities	6,675,873	1,490,893
3	Saving Young Lives	3,159,399	2,286,986
4	Encouraging Safer Road Use*	8,221,305	3,057,133
5	Making Visitors Safer	190,000	33,014
6	Improving Safety Through Vehicles and Technology	201,417	101,417
7	General Support	402,441	326,748

Budget and Expenditure by Category	Forecast (FY26) \$	Actual (YTD) \$
Infrastructure Expenditure	12,117,886	5,919,954
Policy & Projects Expenditure*	13,666,669	6,511,905
Total Expenditure	25,784,555	12,431,859
Balance as of 31 December 2025	29,380,275	29,980,399
Forecast Closing Balance of FY26	25,839,014	

*includes MAIB expenditure

MAIB Funding

As at 31 March 2026 (Quarter 3)

2025/26 Financial Year	Budget \$	Actual (YTD) \$	Balance \$
Expenditure (State Growth)			
Administration & Public Relations	300,633	215,926	84,707
Public Education	1,260,516	942,584	317,932
Research	70,000	44,750	25,250
Subtotal	1,631,149	1,203,259	427,890
Expenditure (Tasmania Police)			
Salaries	2,424,163	1,846,875	577,288
Operating Expenses	207,500	124,412	83,088
Equipment	589,220	264,489	324,731
Subtotal	3,220,883	2,235,775	985,108
Total			



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