Wishing you a happy and restful Easter!

View our updated Fact Sheets and Infographics for useful tips for safe driving.

Informing interventions for reduced driver mobile phone use

An innovative research project commissioned by new funder, Budget
Direct, to develop a computerised evaluative conditioning task is being conducted by Dr Sherrie-Anne Kaye, Dr Ioni Lewis and Dr Cassandra Gauld. This research will assess whether the pairing of images of people using a hand-held mobile phone with images of the negative consequences associated with this behaviour (e.g. a crash, social disapproval, or a fine) could reduce the use of a hand-held phone while driving.

Demystifying recidivist offenders

Dr Angela Watson, Professor Barry Watson and Dr Ioni Lewis have been engaged by Queensland Department of Transport and Main Roads to develop a methodological framework for a longitudinal study identify:

1. The characteristics of high risk recidivist offenders for all traffic offence types; and
2. The markers that indicate a person is more likely to become a recidivist offender.

This research will inform future government initiatives to optimally support this cohort to safely remain active in the road transport system, or alternatively, find a way to influence this cohort to choose safer alternative transport solutions.

Driver reactions to traffic management devices at roadworks

Dr Ross Blackman, Dr Matthew Legge, Dr Sebastien Demmel and Professor Narelle Haworth, together with Dr Ashim Debnath (Victoria University), will examine driver behaviour in relation to truck mounted attenuators (TMA) and related devices or measures deployed for traffic management at high speed road worksites. An understanding of road user interactions with worksites and other vehicles is essential to ensure the safety of workers and road users alike. This analysis and report to be provided to Queensland Department of Main Roads will inform future improvements in the deployment of specific traffic management devices and measures.

Education Update

Congratulations to our recent PhD Graduates!

Candice Potter - Challenging the Focus of Journey Management: Exploring the Influences of Miners' Driving Decisions at the End of Shifts.
Muhammed Navid Tahir - Road Safety Aspects of Motorcycle Rickshaws in Pakistan.
Heidy Hassan - The Applicability of the Precaution Adoption Process Model in Understanding Older Adults' Self-Regulatory Driving Behaviours
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International Researcher Seminars
We recently had the pleasure of hosting the following visitors to CARRS-Q:

Philipp Maruhn & Sonja Schneider, Technical University Munich
"VR Pedestrian Simulation and Traffic Safety Research @ TU Munich"

Dr Eric Hildebrand, Transportation Group, University of New Brunswick
"Current issues in Road Safety Research - a Canadian perspective"

Professor Kara Kockelman, Civil, Architectural & Environmental Engineering, University of Texas
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C-ITS Pilot Field Operational Test and Evaluation  Prof Andry Rakotonirainy, Dr Andy Bond, Dr Ronald Schroeter, Dr Sebastien Demmel, Dr Ioni Lewis, Dr Gregoire Larue, Prof Narelle Haworth & Dr Marc Miska

An analysis of Queensland fatalities and serious injury crash characteristics and management by region using coroner’s reports, and linked hospital and relevant databases Dr Angela Watson, A/Prof Kirsten Vallmuur, Adj Prof Vic Siskind, Em Prof Mary Sheehan, A/Prof Teresa Senserrick, Dr Tanya Smyth, Em Prof Cliff Pollard

Can you text safely while driving? A theory-based research of risk compensatory behaviours, Dr Xiaomeng Li, Dr Oscar Oviedo-Trespalacios, Prof Andry Rakotonirainy

Monitoring/Reading social interactive technology on smartphones among young drivers: Developing, piloting and evaluating the effectiveness of theory-based messages Dr Cassandra Gauld

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