

Justice and Community Safety Directorate

The Road Safety Advisory Board and Fund

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The Road Safety Advisory Board is a non-statutory body, comprising an ACT Government executive as chair, and appointment of nominees from the two ACT CTP insurers, three road user representatives and two road safety experts. In December 2018, the Minister for Justice, Consumer Affairs and Road Safety made the following appointments for the second term of the ACT Road Safety Advisory Board:

- Mr Richard Glenn, Deputy Director-General of the Justice and Community Safety Directorate, will chair the Board for a second term
- The two road safety experts are ACT Policing's Superintendent of Traffic Operations Corey Heldon and Associate Professor Vanita Parekh AM, Director of the Fitness to Drive Medical Clinic
- The road user representatives comprise of Dr Roderick Katz, Ms Jennifer Woods, and Mr James Morgan, appointed to represent a range of road user interests including active travel and sustainable transport, motorcyclists, and young drivers.
- Katherine Hopman, Manager of Road Safety and Regulatory Policy at IAG Limited, and Jonathan Davies the Executive Manager ACT CTP at Suncorp, will represent the ACT's two Compulsory Third Party Insurers
- Transport Canberra and City Services will be represented on the Board by Deputy Director General Jim Corrigan.

The ACT Road Safety Fund was established in July 2015 to fund projects and initiatives related to road safety research and education and road trauma prevention, in support of the Government's road safety strategy.

The Fund is financed by a \$2.50 road safety contribution which is levied by the Government on ACT motor vehicle registration.

The Road Safety Advisory Board provides advice and recommendations to the Minister on the distribution of Road Safety Funds, including the allocation of grant funding.

2019 ACT Road Safety Fund Grants Program

The next round of the ACT Road Safety Fund is now open to the community.

The Road Safety Fund grants provide an opportunity for the community to help shape priorities in the ACT for improving road safety. Funding is available for a range of activities including road safety programs and rehabilitation services, road safety education and public awareness campaigns, research, road safety audits and feasibility studies into road design and construction.

Strategic priority areas are:

- 1) Improving road safety through greater links with, and promotion of, sustainable transport
- 2) Vulnerable road users
- 3) Young /novice drivers, riders and road users
- 4) Speed management
- 5) Impaired driving (drink and drug driving)

Applications for this year can be submitted by email to the Justice and Community Safety Directorate at actroadsafetyfund@act.gov.au until 5pm on Friday 31 May 2019.

[Download the application form here.](#)

For further information on the grants program and its assessment process, please read the [Frequently Asked Questions \[PDF 128KB\]](#) and the [Assessment Criteria and Guiding Principles \[PDF 342KB\]](#).

2018 ACT Road Safety Fund Grants Program

In 2018 applications for grants closed on 23 May 2018, and the successful recipients were:

Organisation	Project Name	Funded Amount	Description
Royal Melbourne Institute of Technology	Evaluating the impact of age and gender on spatial and temporal distribution of pedestrian crashes	\$18,720.00	This project will identify the spatial and temporal dependency between pedestrians' age and gender and the location/time of crashes in the ACT, identify hotspots/hot-times for different age groups and gender types of pedestrians, and provide recommendations to enhance the safety of pedestrians and reduce pedestrian traffic injuries in the ACT.

<p>Amy Gillett Foundation</p>	<p>Heavy Vehicle Awareness Online Education Program</p>	<p>\$43,181.82</p>	<p>This project will reduce risks to cyclists posed by heavy vehicles through delivery of an online education program provided to heavy vehicle drivers in the ACT. The project will educate and test bus and truck drivers about cyclist related road rules, the rights and responsibilities of both cyclists and drivers, the principles and methods of sharing the road with cyclists and the safety expectations of their employer and other road users. This project will use GPS information to identify high risk areas of extreme braking and acceleration in the ACT road network, which can inform decisions about future road treatments for areas of concern.</p>
<p>Motorcycle Riders Association of the ACT (MRA)</p>	<p>Motorcycle Awareness Week and "Joe Rider" Campaign</p>	<p>\$7,272.75</p>	<p>This project will deliver Motorcycle Awareness Week which is organised by the MRA ACT each year to raise awareness of motorcycles and scooters on the road, and the "Joe Rider" campaign.</p>
<p>Migrant and Refugee Settlement Services of the ACT (MARSS)</p>	<p>Learn to Drive Program</p>	<p>\$47,581.82</p>	<p>This project will encourage and promote road safety education for vulnerable and young drivers from migrant and refugee communities in the ACT.</p> <p>The project will train two driving instructors to provide driver education and affordable driving lessons to migrant and refugee communities.</p>
<p>Pedal Power ACT</p>	<p>Defensive Cycling</p>	<p>\$43,270.90</p>	<p>This project will pilot the ACT's first defensive riding course. It will highlight the risks associated with riding a bicycle in the urban environment and give participants techniques to manage those risks. The project will raise awareness of the need for cyclists to take responsibility for their safety, with the aim of reducing the number of cyclists injured on ACT roads.</p>

<p>Pedal Power ACT</p>	<p>Minimum Passing Distance Mats</p>	<p>\$4622.75</p>	<p>This project will develop a suite of brochures including information on child restraints, low speed run-overs and cycling safety, for distribution online and via social media.</p>
<p>University of Queensland</p>	<p>Online training program to reduce speeding</p>	<p>\$45,410</p>	<p>This project will deliver an online driver training course designed to reduce drivers' crash risk. It is anticipated drivers completing the course will break the speed limit less often, by smaller magnitude, and will choose to drive more slowly in general.</p> <p>Speeding behaviour will be measured using GPS vehicle-tracking technology.</p>
<p>Better Hearing Australia Canberra Inc</p>	<p>RecReady Vest</p>	<p>\$67,690</p>	<p>RecReady is a hi-vis safety vest for recreational walkers, runners and cyclists with a hearing disability. The vests inform carriageway users that the wearer is hearing impaired and may not hear conventional warnings of cycle bells, rider calls or whistles. The project will produce digital content to prevent accidents and injury, to raise awareness, and publicise and promote the use of the vest within the target seniors' population and their families.</p>