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Seminar to focus on safety on ACT & Region rural roads

Road trauma on rural roads in the Canberra region will come under the spotlight at a seminar being held by the ACT & Region Chapter of the Australasian College of Road Safety (ACRS) on Tuesday 7 May 2013.

Canberra residents think of road crashes as being mainly on the major rural arterial highways that link Canberra to New South Wales and the rest of Australia. However, NSW residents of the region are only too aware of the road trauma that occurs right across the region's roads.

"The local ACRS Chapter has invited councils in the region to help highlight the need for continued planning of our infrastructure and education of road users to reduce the level of trauma on the region's roads", said the President of the Chapter, Mr Eric Chalmers.

"The ACRS is the region's peak membership association for road safety professionals and members of the public who are focused on saving lives and serious injuries on our roads. Our objective is to bring together groups in the region to work together, to advocate for improvements in road safety, and to have open discussion on best practice we can adopt. We want to work closely with those already working to improve safety on our roads."

This seminar will bring together experts in the field of rural road safety, and those working at the frontline of planning and implementation nationally and in our region.

They will include Emeritus Professor Mary Sheehan of the Centre of Research and Road Safety Queensland who is eminent in this field and Victoria Pyta of ARRB Research who is completing a study for the NRMA-ACT Road Safety Trust on crashes involving ACT drivers in New South Wales. Representatives of local government, the NSW Policing Service, and NSW Roads & Maritime (RMS) will also make presentations. RMS recently completed a detailed study of the safety of the Kings Highway. A successful community program being run in Far North Queensland will be outlined by the Queensland Police Service.

The seminar will be held at Rydges Eagle Hawk Resort, Federal Highway Sutton NSW from 9.30am on Tuesday 7 May 2013. It is free to all who want to attend. It is open to all interested in the safety on our roads, especially members of the community.

Bookings can be made online at <http://www.eventbrite.com.au/event/5209144692>

The flyer is at <http://acrs.org.au/wp-content/uploads/Trauma-on-ACT+NSW-rural-roads-Flyer.pdf>

This is one of a number of seminars being supported by the NRMA-ACT Road Safety Trust.

Further information about the College can be found on the ACRS Website at acrs.org.au. ACRS Fact Sheets, including a fact sheet on Rural and Remote Road Safety, can be viewed at: <http://acrs.org.au/publications/fact-sheets/>.

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