**Report on ACRS Vic Chapter Membership and Activities in 2023**

**Our Membership**

The Australasian College of Road Safety (ACRS) Vic Chapter comprises 238 members, supported by a 17-member committee bringing diverse backgrounds and expertise. This committee's contributions are essential for our ongoing discussions, advocacy, and events. I extend my heartfelt thanks to all members for their continuous efforts.

In 2023, we bid farewell to Elvira Lazar, our Communications and Social Media Advisor, and Committee Members Naomi Cooper and Joanne Vanselow. We appreciate their dedication and contributions during their time on the ACRS Vic Chapter Committee.

**Activities Held During 2023**

**Planning Day and Member Survey**

During our planning day, we hosted guest speakers to provide the committee with an overview of strategic directions and inform our work. Their insights, combined with feedback from our membership survey, guided our planning. The speakers included:

* Marcello Vidales, Acting Executive Director, Road Safety Victoria, Department of Transport & Planning
* Antonietta Cavallo, Director, Planning, Research, Insights and Technology, Road Safety, TAC
* Sarah Eglinton, Acting Inspector, Road Policing Strategy Division, Road Policing Command, Victoria Police
* Ingrid Johnston, CEO, ACRS

Based on these insights, the key priorities for 2023 were established as follows:

* Organising events that included workshops, case studies & best practice and submissions to Government.
* Advocating for vulnerable road users, infrastructure and design, and education and awareness.
* Expanding membership to ensure diverse representation.
* Shaping a collaborative approach to road safety in Victoria.

**Lunch Box Chats**

We held two informative Lunch Box Chats:

1. From Tribunal to Turmoil - “Without Trucks Australia Stops” Senate Inquiry
2. Cameras versus Policing

**In-Person Event**

Committee Member Kenn Beer facilitated a Cycle Safety Forum, bringing together ACRS Vic Chapter members, Safe Systems Solutions, the Institute of Transport Engineering – Australia and New Zealand, and the Amy Gillett Foundation. This forum served as a platform for discussing cycling safety issues, exploring solutions, and compiling feedback into a comprehensive report for broad dissemination.

**Committee Meeting Briefings**

* Heavy Vehicles Briefing: Julie Downey from the National Road Freighters Association provided valuable insights.
* Joint Meeting with Tasmania Committee: Strengthening collaboration and knowledge exchange.

**2023 AGM**

Our AGM featured Craig Hoey, a Churchill Trust Fellow, as the guest speaker. His presentation, "Eliminating Road Trauma," drew from his 2020 Churchill Fellowship research on road safety leadership in Sweden, Norway, Denmark, and the Netherlands.

**Parliamentary Submissions**

We submitted two documents to Parliament:

1. Victoria’s Infrastructure Strategy Review
2. Parliamentary Inquiry to the Legislative Assembly Economy and Infrastructure Committee into Vulnerable Road Users

**Conclusion**

I express my sincere gratitude to our committee members and the ACRS Head Office staff for their continued support and assistance. It has been a privilege to be part of the council, contributing to the planning and future development of the Australasian College of Road Safety.

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