



Greater  
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Council

# ROAD SAFETY

Spring 2019 Newsletter

## Driving on Unsealed Roads

Many of our local roads within Greater Hume and Lockhart Shire Councils are unsealed. Driving on unsealed roads requires a driver's ability to adapt to the conditions.

Remember the following safer driving tips for driving on unsealed roads.

**Slow down.** Inappropriate speed for the conditions often leads to vehicles leaving the road. A reduction in speed allows for the driver to react in a safer manner.

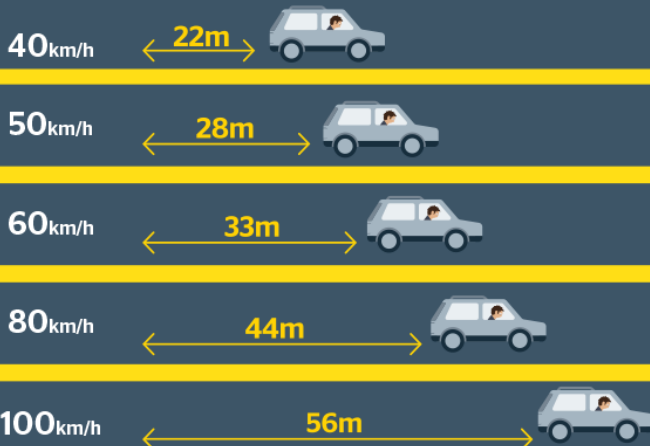
**Turn your headlights on.** Make yourself more visible to others.



Although the default speed limit on unsealed roads is often 100km/h, it's too fast. **Drive to the conditions**

## CONCENTRATE ON THE TASK OF DRIVING

### FOMO? You're missing the road when looking at your phone for 2 seconds



### Fear of Missing Out or FOMO in texting terms.

In today's busy life over 90% of people living in Australia use a smart phone, enabling us to do so much more than just make phone calls, and our addiction to constantly being informed with what's going on in our world is increasing.

While driving it's tempting to do other things, such as make phone calls and check messages. Most drivers know it's not safe but do it anyway... **Why?** Because the last time they did it they didn't crash and humans have this ability to think "It won't happen to me". Using a mobile phone hands-free to have a conversation is a cognitive distraction, meaning your focusing on the conversation and not on your driving. Texting is even more distracting, as this requires cognitive, visual and physical input. Our message to drivers is simple... **Put your phone on silent, out of reach and out of sight and concentrate on the task of driving.**

The left illustration demonstrates the distance a vehicle travels in 2 seconds.

# WIG WAG LIGHTS

## Slow down to 40km/h

**A school bus displaying flashing amber lights require drivers that are travelling in the same direction to pass no faster than 40km/h.**

There is a 40km/h speed limit for traffic passing a school bus that is setting down or picking up school children.

This speed limit is for all vehicles travelling in the same direction as the bus, whether the bus is stationary or moving.

Flashing headlights on these buses also alert oncoming motorists that children are close by.

Children are most at risk in the minutes getting off the bus. Its recommended children are met at the bus stop, never on the opposite side of the road.

For more information visit [roadsafety.transport.nsw.gov.au](http://roadsafety.transport.nsw.gov.au)



## WHAT'S COMING UP?

### HMFD

17 -19 September 2019 – Slow Down Around School Zones. Come and see our 40km/h School Crossing Awareness display at site 320.

### LOCKHART PICNIC RACES

4 October 2019 – Don't Drink and Drive Campaign. Courtesy breath testing at the event and the chance to win a FREE "What's your Plan B" swag competition.

### RUMBLE STRIPS AND GUARD RAIL

Council anticipates the installation of rumble strips on Morven Cookardinia Road once resealing has been completed later this year and Dights Forest Road Jindera will benefit from the installation of guard rail on culverts in mid-September 2019.

To find out more about Local Government Road Safety Initiatives contact Road Safety Officer Kim Schultz on 6036 0100 or [roadsafety@greaterhume.nsw.gov.au](mailto:roadsafety@greaterhume.nsw.gov.au)