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SORELL JOINS THE CRSP NETWORK

The latest addition to Tasmania's steadily growing network of Community Road Safety Partnerships (CRSP) was celebrated at Sorell today.

The occasion was also used by Lyons MP Heather Butler to launch Sorell's learner driver "B Ready" mentor program.

The addition of Sorell brings to 24 the number of local councils currently involved in the CRSP program.

Ms Butler said that road users of all types, the media, health care providers, schools, all levels of government, the private sector and the general public all shared in the responsibility for reducing road deaths and injuries.

"The risks are well known. They include inattention, speeding, drink driving, failure to obey road rules - and amazingly - failure to wear seat belts," she said.

"The State Government, through its Road Safety Strategy, has already introduced several measures designed to cut the road toll.

"These include the installation of 40 km/h flashing lights in school zones, vehicle-activated safety signs, flexible safety barriers down the centre and sides of selected roads, steps to improve the safety of the Government vehicle fleet and novice driver reforms.

“Young drivers are among our most vulnerable road users, and the requirement for them to complete 50 hours of compulsory on-road driving experience before applying for a provisional licence is designed to help make them safer drivers. However, for some individuals, completing those 50 hours is no easy task.

“And this is where the B Ready program comes in. It is designed to cater for those community members who, for various reasons, do not have access to a suitable vehicle or family support to help out in the supervisory driving role,” Ms Butler said.

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