

Media Release

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Risky Roads under the spotlight

Western Australians are encouraged to nominate dangerous roads and intersections around the State, as part of the RAC's *Risky Roads* campaign.

RAC General Manager Corporate Affairs, Will Golsby, said the state-wide survey provided a timely opportunity for Western Australians to highlight their concerns leading into the May State budget.

"Western Australia is still above the national rate in terms of road fatalities. In 2013, 162 Western Australians lost their lives on our roads. That means on average, Western Australia recorded one road death nearly every two days. Now is not the time to be complacent," Mr Golsby said.

"There is over 187,000 kilometres of road in Western Australia and no one knows it better than the people who drive, ride, cycle or walk on it every day."

As Western Australia's leading member organisation, the RAC represents the views and interests of more than 800,000 members on a range of mobility issues, including road safety.

"Risky Roads is Western Australia's largest road infrastructure community survey.

"It empowers community members to voice their concerns about dangerous roads and intersections, so we can work together with relevant authorities to get them fixed and ultimately save lives."

The survey is open to all Western Australians in a bid to understand the road challenges in regional as well as metropolitan areas.

As part of the campaign, all members of the community who use the online nomination channel have the opportunity to send a copy of their *Risky Road* nomination directly to their State Member of Parliament.

This is the third time the RAC has run *Risky Roads*, with more than 6,000 road nominations received in the 2011 campaign.

Since 2011, 9 of the top 10 roads have had work committed, started or completed, showing willingness from the State Government to address community concerns.

To participate, visit <u>riskyroads.com.au</u> or complete the *Risky Roads* nomination form included with the current edition of the RAC's *Horizons* magazine. Nominations must be received by 22 May 2014.

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