



Media Release

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Metro roads on the risky radar

RAC today released the results from the 2014 Risky Roads campaign which has identified the community's views on the State's most dangerous metropolitan roads.

RAC General Manager Corporate Affairs, Will Golsby, said the State-wide survey across metropolitan and regional WA received more than 5,000 nominations.

"The 2014 Risky Roads results have highlighted the urgent need for the State Government's Mid-Year Review to deliver an increase in road funding across metropolitan roads," Mr Golsby said.

"This funding is urgent because tragically the road fatality toll is already 20 deaths more than this time last year.

"WA's metropolitan road network is also under pressure with a cap being placed on the level of road funding provided to local government, and more recently a 15 per cent per year reduction in funding from the road maintenance budget over the next three years.

"This is on top of the huge backlog in road maintenance which was identified in 2009 by the Auditor General, and estimated to be \$800 million.

"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.

"The Risky Road campaign 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 try to save lives."

For a copy of the 2014 metropolitan Risky Roads campaign results visit rac.com.au/riskyroads.

To review the top 10 nominated roads and intersections please see next page.

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Top Ten Roads (State-wide):

Rank	Road	LGA	Issue	Member suggestions
1	Gnangara Road, Lexia [Ranked #1 Risky Roads 2011]	Swan	Increased vehicle traffic	Road duplication
2	Bussell Highway, Capel	Capel, Busselton	Poor road quality, lack of overtaking opportunities	Resurface and construct additional overtaking lanes
3	Beechboro Road North, Cullacabardee (Ballajura) [Ranked #5 Risky Roads 2011]	Swan	Increased traffic, poor road condition	Road duplication
4	Toodyay Road, Red Hill to Toodyay	Swan, Toodyay	Increased traffic, poor road condition and lack of overtaking opportunities	Road duplication and edge barrier treatments
5	Great Eastern Highway, Coolgardie to Southern Cross [Ranked #2 Risky Roads 2011]	Coolgardie, Kalgoorlie, Yilgarn	Poor road quality and width	Reconstruction of road with wider lanes and edges
6	Great Northern Highway, Bindi-Bindi	Moora	Poor road quality and width	Reconstruction of road and reduce corners ^Δ
7	Great Eastern Highway Bypass, Hazelmere	Swan	Poor road quality	Resurfacing with special attention to the needs of heavy haulage
8	Bruce Rock-Merredin Road, Merredin	Bruce Rock, Merredin	Poor road quality and width	Install overtaking lanes, increase road and shoulder width
9	South Western Highway, Manjimup [Ranked #10 Risky Roads 2011]	Manjimup	Poor road quality and width. Vegetation encroaching on road	Widen road and shoulders, remove overgrown vegetation
10*	Indian Ocean Drive, Lancelin	Gingin	Poor road quality and lack of overtaking opportunities	Resurface road and install overtaking lanes
10*	Coalfields Road, Collie	Collie	Narrow road and bridge	Replace and realign Hamilton Bridge

Δ = Works underway or planned

Top Ten Intersections (State-wide):

Rank	Intersection	Crash Freq. Rating	Crashes*	LGA	Reason	Member suggestions
1	Beechboro Road x Gngangara Road, Lexia (intersection # 59367) [Ranked #1 Intersection - Risky Roads 2011]	106	109	Swan	Inadequate crossing or turning opportunities and poor road surface	Installation of traffic lights ^Δ
2	Ocean Reef Road x Edgewater Drive, Edgewater (intersection # 62519)	581	38	Joondalup	Inadequate crossing or turning opportunities	Installation of traffic lights or a roundabout
3	Ennis Ave x Port Kennedy Drive, Port Kennedy (intersection # 149534 / 138328)	372	74	Rockingham	Inadequate crossing or turning opportunities. Speed of vehicles is too high and a confusing intersection layout	Lower speed limit to max 80km/h and incorporate an acceleration lane for merging traffic
4	Mandurah Road x Surf Drive, Secret Harbour (intersection # 13874)	4234	3	Rockingham	Inadequate crossing or turning opportunities. Speed of vehicles is too high and a confusing intersection layout	Lower speed limit on Mandurah Road to max 80km/h on approach to Surf Drive
5	Reid Highway x Malaga Drive, Noranda (intersection # 14176)	5	272	Swan	Inadequate crossing or turning opportunities and an inadequate traffic light system	Construct grade separated overpass
6	Berkshire Road x Roe Highway, Forrestfield (intersection # 14785) [Ranked #5 Intersection - Risky Roads 2011]	25	172	Kalamunda	Inadequate crossing or turning opportunities and an inadequate and confusing traffic light system. Vegetation blocking visibility of oncoming traffic was also an issue	Road alignment and traffic signals upgrade to control both Berkshire Road entries ^Δ
7	North Lake Road x Bibra Drive, Bibra Lake (intersection # 14050)	670	33	Cockburn	Inadequate crossing or turning opportunities	Installation of traffic lights or a roundabout
8	Beaufort Street x Walcott Street, Mt Lawley (intersection # 50633)	52	146	Stirling	Difficulty turning right with existing traffic lights	Traffic lights with right turn arrow and removal of on street parking.
9	Albany Highway x South Coast Highway, Albany* (intersection # 72) <small>* includes Chester Pass x Hanrahan x North Road x Albany Highway roundabout</small>	10	234	Albany	Confusing intersection layout with difficulty turning right from South Coast Highway onto Albany Highway and sight issues for left turning traffic. Significant conflict with nearby roundabout and high volume of heavy vehicle traffic	Coordinated traffic lights for roundabout and South Coast Highway intersection ^Δ
10	Tonkin Highway x Gosnells Road West, Martin (intersection # 4549)	349	58	Gosnells	Inadequate crossing or turning opportunities. Speed of vehicles is too high	Installation of traffic lights

*Crashes over 5 year period 2009-2013

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