In February, CASR held an exhibit at the StreetSmart event, organised by the Royal Automobile Association (RAA). The event, held at the Adelaide Entertainment Centre, involved the presentation of road safety information to around 3500 high school students. The South Australian Police and Emergency Services were two of many organisations involved in the event.

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Evaluating motorcycle policing and education countermeasures in Victoria

The Community Policing and Education Project was launched by VicRoads and Victoria Police in 2009 to reduce the likelihood of motorcycle crashes through a combination of enforcement and education countermeasures.

CASR recently evaluated the effectiveness of the Project. ‘We used a range of methods’ explains principal researcher Matthew Baldock, ‘including a process evaluation, analysis of crash data, on-road speed surveys, an online survey of motorcyclists, and roadside traffic observation’.

The traffic speed surveys were conducted in regional Victoria and separated the speeds of motorcycles from those of other traffic. The online survey of approximately 2000 Victorian motorcyclists explored a wide range of issues, including self-reported riding behaviour, perceptions of levels of police enforcement, interactions with police and the perceived likelihood of apprehension for traffic offences.

New publications

Andersen RWG (2012) The safety attributes of registered passenger vehicles and vehicles involved in serious crashes in South Australia (CASR091)


Lindsay VL (2012) Characteristics of alcohol impaired road users involved in casualty crashes (CASR105)

Mackenzie JRR, Kloeden CN, Hutchinson TP (2012) Analysis of infringement data from fixed red light and speed cameras at signalised intersections in South Australia (CASR071)

Searson DJ (2012) Measuring underbonnet clearances in order to evaluate pedestrian safety performance of vehicles at various impact speeds (CASR109)

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Message from the Director

Welcome to our second newsletter for 2012. Just over 12 months ago we moved our laboratory operations to a new purpose built facility. Since then the laboratory has been a focus for promoting the importance of vehicle design to reducing the injury risk to pedestrians. 2012 has seen continued interest in the laboratory and in April we were honoured to have the opportunity to show off our facility to the Governor of South Australia, His Excellency Rear Admiral Kevin Scarce and the Honorable Jennifer Rankine, Minister for Road Safety. We were also visited by Professor Mike Brooks, Deputy Vice Chancellor for Research, University of Adelaide and by representatives from Hyundai and Subaru. It is very exciting for us to be able to showcase pedestrian safety to so many influential visitors.

In May I attended a meeting in Canberra to mark the first anniversary of the UN Decade of Action. This initiative has the potential to have a major impact on road trauma around the world, particularly in developing countries, and it is pleasing that Australia is playing its part in promoting the decade and contributing to specific programs.

Finally I would like to congratulate CARRSQ for running a successful and enjoyable second Forum on Directions in Road Safety Research. The Forum brought together researchers from across the country and helped foster knowledge sharing and future collaborations.