

Report No.	20-116
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Information Only - No Decision Required	
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ROAD SAFETY UPDATE

1. PURPOSE

- 1.1. This report is to provide an update on road safety trends in the region and advise members of road safety education activities undertaken by Horizons Road Safety Coordinators over the last five months.

2. RECOMMENDATION

That the Committee recommends that Council:

- a. receives the information contained in Report No. 20-116 and Annex.

3. FINANCIAL IMPACT

- 3.1. No financial impact as a result of this report.

4. COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

- 4.1. None required.

5. SIGNIFICANT BUSINESS RISK IMPACT

- 5.1. There is no significant business risk impact as a result of this item.

6. BACKGROUND

- 6.1. Horizons Regional Council employs three **Road Safety Coordinators (Coordinators)** to undertake road safety education activities across all districts in the Region. The activities delivered are based on funded priorities set out by the **Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency (Waka Kotahi)** each year.
- 6.2. The work coordinators undertake is required by the **Regional Land Transport Plan (RLTP)** and gives effect to the **Government Policy Statement (GPS)**. The Coordinators' work also contributes to New Zealand's Road Safety Strategy 2020-2030, *Road to Zero*.
- 6.3. The Coordinators work with local district and city councils, Police, and local community groups to undertake road safety education and awareness activities addressing the key issues which cause crashes in their areas.

7. DISCUSSION

- 7.1. In collaboration with stakeholders, Coordinators completed delivery of 28 programmes across the region during the 2019-20 financial year. A detailed report is provided in Annex A which outlines the range of activities in the year's road safety education programme. The impact of COVID19 restrictions meant not all programmes were able to be fully completed with a further 15 programmes partially or not achieved.
- 7.2. Driver licence education is a focus for the region with community organisations supported through External Road Safety Programme Funding. In the 2019-20 year, seven providers received funding to deliver programmes to young and/or high risk drivers. In total around

2,500 persons across the region received licence support to which this funding contributed. Table 1 below shows the success of these programmes.

Table 1: Driver Licence External Funded Programme Success (Manawatū-Whanganui)

Licence Type	Learner	Restricted	Full
2019-20	2,102	82	25
2018-19	2,358	80	16
2017-18	2,178	55	40
2016-17	1,794	38	19

- 7.3. In 2019-20, \$155,590.00 was allocated to driver licensing programmes across the region. This contribution has been increased to \$164,490.00 for the 2020-21 financial year to provide further assistance to this important issue and cater for the growing needs of providers. Table 2 below shows the allocation of funding to Driver Licensing providers.

Table 2: Funding Provided to Driver Licence Programmes (Manawatū-Whanganui)

2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21
\$112,127	\$142,292	\$155,590	\$164,490

8. EXTERNAL ROAD SAFETY PROGRAMME FUNDING

- 8.1. Each year Horizons Road Safety coordinates an External Road Safety Education Fund for external groups to deliver road safety programmes across the region. These programmes play a key role in supporting community road safety initiatives. Programmes are funded by Waka Kotahi, with external groups contributing local share funding. The fund is competitive and organisations apply for funds each year to deliver a programme. Applications are assessed against a set of criteria before the final allocation is made with the input of Waka Kotahi and Council.
- 8.2. For the 2020-21 financial year, the application and approval process has been completed, with \$208,490.00 having been allocated to organisations to deliver external programmes. All applications received were successful in securing funding. Table 3 below provides a summary of the funding allocation for 2020-21.

Table 3: External Road Safety Education funding allocation 2020-21

Organisation	Funding Allocation	Road Safety Issue
Literacy Aotearoa Feilding-PN-Whanganui	\$6,000	High Risk Drivers
Literacy Aotearoa Horowhenua	\$12,000	Young High Risk Drivers
iHow Charitable Trust	\$60,000	Young High Risk Drivers
Whanganui Learning Centre	\$14,000	Young High Risk Drivers
Te Ora Hou Whanganui	\$19,000	Young High Risk Drivers

CKC REAP (learner licence)	\$990	Young High Risk Drivers
CKC REAP (Safe 2Go)	\$20,000	Young High Risk Drivers
Royal NZ Plunket Trust	\$14,000	Restraints
Age Concern Whanganui	\$5,000	Older Road Users
Sport Manawatu	\$25,000	Vulnerable Road Users Cycling
Tararua Community Youth Services	\$20,000	Young High Risk Drivers
Manfeild Park Trust NDTC	\$12,500	Young High Risk Drivers
Total Allocated funding	\$208,490	

9. SIGNIFICANCE

- 9.1. This is not a significant decision according to the Council's Policy on Significance and Engagement.

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ANNEXES

- A 2019-20 Road Safety WC432 Report