



# Bless *this* Road

*Safe Roads Workshop, Uki Public Hall, 30 September 2018*

## **Program**

### **Workshop objectives**

1. Understanding the legal and governmental framework that governs how local councils deal with road crashes (and especially road deaths) in rural areas in Australia.
2. Working out what the field of road safety can learn from the three recent (2015 and 2016) crashes and a total of five road deaths on the Kyogle Road near Braeside Drive, Uki.
3. Exploring the gaps in road safety knowledge that this workshop could contribute to filling by discussing these crashes and fatalities.
4. From the perspective of the field of road safety, exploring what would be ideal outcomes – for policy and practical applications – in cases such as these that involve injuries and deaths on rural roads in NSW.
5. Exploring what forms of community engagement would be beneficial in rural areas such as this one into the future to:
  - (1) build and strengthen community capacity about road safety
  - (2) strengthen road safety initiatives
  - (3) reduce injuries and deaths as a result of road crashes.
6. Exploring the key steps that would be necessary to bring about a fundamental improvement in the way that local governments and other authorities deal with road safety issues in rural areas in Australia.
7. Preparing a communiqué to key leaders in road safety in NSW and Australia (as well as the NSW Coroner), outlining our concerns and recommendations.

Graphic recording of the workshop by Michele Walker. Filming of the workshop by Steph Vajda.

# WORKSHOP PROGRAM

## **9:30 Arrivals, registration and morning tea (20 minutes)**

Permission forms for filming

Green sheets

Accountability Group forms

Graphic recording by Michelle Walker

## **9:50 Session 1: The context of this workshop (40 minutes)**

**9:50** Introduction (Dr Wendy Sarkissian)

**Welcome to participants:** Cr. Danielle Mulholland, Mayor of Kyogle

**9:55** Response to road safety questions provided to Tweed Shire Council:

**Cr James Owen, Tweed Shire Council**

(20 minutes)

Discussion (10:15 to 10:30)

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## **10:30 Session 2: Other perspectives**

The perspectives of family, friends, and the police (Wendy Sarkissian, John Bevelander, Kev Cracknell and the NSW Police)

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(20 minutes)

## **10:50 Session 3: What is the *Safe System* approach to road safety in Australia? (25 minutes)**

Dr Lori Mooren, Fellow, Australasian College of Road Safety

Discussion

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## **11:15 Session 4: What fundamental points emerge from this information?**

for the field of road safety from considering the circumstances of the five deaths in seven years

Discussion facilitated by Wendy Sarkissian

“Popcorn” brainstorm of key points

Graphic recording by Michelle Walker (15 minutes)

## **11:25 Session 5: Recommended specific protocols and initiatives**

(within the **official** environment):

(1) **WHAT SHOULD PEOPLE DO?** appropriate responses to serious injury or deaths

(2) **HOW SHOULD PEOPLE SHOW SUPPORT TO VICTIMS AND SURVIVORS?** so that all agencies and levels of government have a supportive attitude

(3) **HOW SHOULD PEOPLE WORK TOGETHER?** so that they coordinate effectively

Facilitated by Lori Mooren

Graphic recording by Michelle Walker (20 minutes)

## **11:45 Session 6: The communiqué from this workshop**

Our community vision of the future – for a total systems approach to responding to road deaths and injuries:

Facilitated by Wendy Sarkissian

Consider these factors:

1. Road design
2. Human behaviour
3. Involvement of official bodies

4. How to nurture a respectful, helpful altitude amongst all players
5. How to achieve a more joined-up approach
6. Community advocacy and support
7. What forms of reporting and data and information collection and sharing are necessary (such as crash maps)?
8. The role of high-quality and easily accessible information: recommendations
9. A plan so that more serious injuries and deaths do not occur (25 minutes)

## **12:10 Session 7: Drawing it all together (Wendy Sarkissian)**

Close and commitments from various representatives

Next steps

Those who would like to form a guiding Accountability Group can meet with Wendy afterwards

(5 minutes)

## **12:15 Close of workshop**

Expressions of thanks: Wendy Sarkissian and John Bevelander

Green sheets

Accountability Group first meeting (with Wendy Sarkissian)

## **12:15 RAINBOW Lunch in honour of Matilda Bevelander**

presented to guests in the style of Matilda Bevelander, aged 16,

who died from injuries sustained in a crash on the Kyogle Road in late January 2015

