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Everyone has a role in National Road Safety Week

Rockhampton district motorists are urged to lead the way and drive so others survive for National Road Safety Week, which begins today.

The Member for Rockhampton Barry O'Rourke said that during the week, held 15-22 November, residents had an opportunity to be leaders in road safety.

"Each year about 1200 people are killed in crashes on Australian roads, and another 44,000 are seriously injured," he said.

"The Palaszczuk Government is delivering a record \$25 billion for better roads and transport across Queensland, but we all have to remember to drive safely and avoid the fatal five.

"I'm pleased to show our support for National Road Safety Week and remind our community to take care on the roads," said Mr O'Rourke.

The Member for Keppel and Assistant Education Minister Brittany Lauga said "More than 230 people have died on Queensland road this year, which is 40 more people than the same time last year.

In 2019 there were a total of 219 road deaths and 6944 victims hospitalised.

In Keppel during that period there were 2 deaths and 80 hospitalised casualties, said Ms Lauga, and in Rockhampton there were 3 deaths and 122 hospitalisations.

"Road safety is everyone's responsibility and if we each lead the way, together we can make a difference."

National Road Safety Week was founded by Peter Frazer, president of the Safer Australian Roads and Highways Group (SARAH) Group, after his 23-year-old daughter Sarah was killed in a crash in 2012.

"Now in its eighth year, we are proud National Road Safety Week continues to grow across the country," Mr Frazer said.

"It is an important reminder every life is precious and everyone has the right to get home safe to their loved ones, every day, no exceptions."

For more information about National Road Safety Week and to pledge your support, visit www.roadsafetyweek.com.au

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