

MEDIA RELEASE

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POLICE OUT IN FORCE TO PROTECT THE COMMUNITY

There was a strong police presence for Operation Drink Drive recently.

As part of the operation, which took place from Friday 2 November to Sunday 4 November inclusive, police targeted drink-driving, speeding and seatbelt-related offences.

Across NSW over the three-day period, police conducted 218,684 breath tests, resulting in 131 drivers being charged with drink-driving. Police also issued 1,915 speeding infringements and 140 infringements for seatbelts/restraints offences and a further 1,534 infringements for other offences.

Locally, in the Eastern Murrumbidgee Police District, there were 759 breath tests resulting in four drivers being charged with drink driving offences. Two drivers were charged with random drug testing offences and police issued 45 infringement notices.

NSW Police Force Murrumbidgee Traffic and Highway Patrol Command Supervisor, Sergeant Steve Mallam was disappointed with the results, 'I would have preferred to have seen no positive results for random breath tests and random drug tests. Unfortunately some people don't get the message.'

The most serious incident was a 55 year old male detected on the Sturt Highway at Sandigo travelling at 138km/h on the incorrect side of the roadway and recorded a mid-range prescribed concentration of alcohol (PCA) when taken back to Narrandera Police Station.

The next major focus on road safety will be Operation Safe Arrival over the Christmas and New Year period from Friday 14 December 2018 to Monday 1 January 2019.

'Road Safety is a shared responsibility. When travelling over the holiday period remember not to speed, illegally use your mobile phone, drive tired or under the influence of alcohol or drugs and have an memorable time with your family and friends for all the right reasons' said Elizabeth Mudford, Road Safety Officer, Narrandera Shire Council.

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Precis or Summary: Outcome of Operation Drink Drive for Eastern Murrumbidgee Police District			
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