

TrackSAFE Update: Changing Attitudes to Change Behaviour

Global Level Crossing Safety and Trespass Prevention Symposium 2014

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Sixth largest rail network globally





Our annual customers...

167 million light rail customer journeys heavy rail customer journeys

930 million tonnes of freight







787 million customer journeys

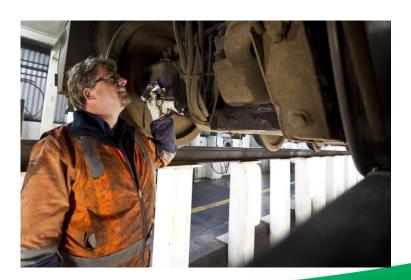




TrackSAFE is a registered Harm Prevention Charity launched in March 2012.

Established by the Australasian Railway Association (ARA) and rolling stock manufacturer and maintainer UGL.

Set-up in response to the desire amongst senior rail management to do more to help rail employees impacted by fatalities and incidents on the network.



Members













AUSTRALIAN RAIL TRACK CORPORATION LTD





























TrackSAFE Approach







- Industry
- Police
- Community service Providers
- Government
- Unions
- Road user groups
- Academics



TrackSAFE aims:

- 1. Reduce suicide and suicide attempts;
- Decrease trespass incidents;
- 3. Improve level crossing safety education and awareness; and
- 4. Provide best practice trauma support for rail employees.

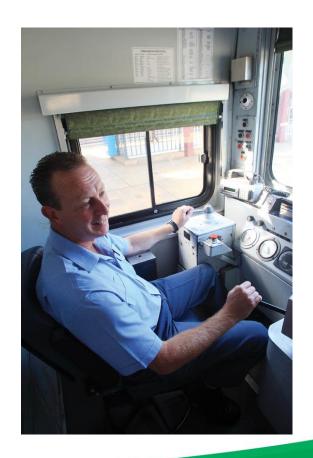
Structure:

- funded by Australian rail industry
- 19 members
- independent Board
- Patron Tim Fischer AC



Rail industry trauma

- 1 in 10
- Many will never return to work
- Train drivers, guards, station, staff, maintenance workers
- Trauma Management Framework
- Staff training packages
- Trauma awareness video





Suicide on rail

- 150 fatalities annually, 1,000 attempts
- 6-8% of national deaths by suicide
- 2/3 of rail related fatalities
- Impacts:
 - Social
 - Economic
 - Rail industry employees

In our first two years TrackSAFE has implemented or trialed all recommended prevention measures.

What next?

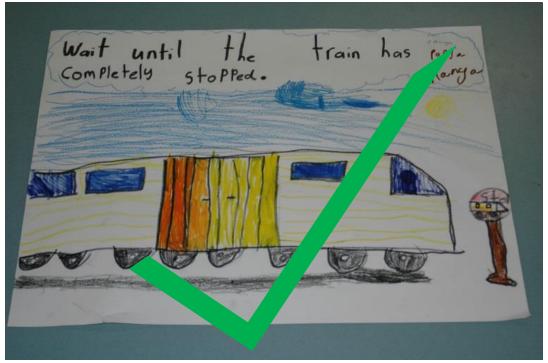




- An Australian first rail safety education initiative
- Ready-made Australian Curriculum lessons for teachers
- Students learn rail safety in their normal lessons e.g. English, Health & PE, The Arts





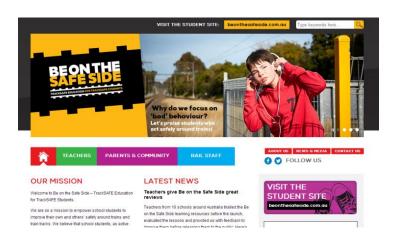


- Curriculum based learning in the classroom over time
- State of the art resources
- Aim is to change attitudes students already have the knowledge





Units of work: lesson plans and resources





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For students

www.tracksafeeducation.com.au

For teachers, parents, community & rail staff





Near Miss? Near Hit.

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- •44,262km of track
- •23,500 level crossings
- •5,000 trespass near hits per year
- Australia and New Zealand
- •20 rail and government organisations and Police

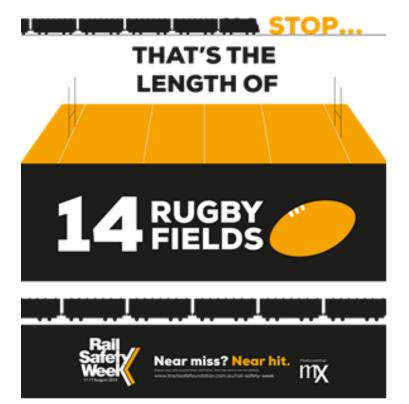




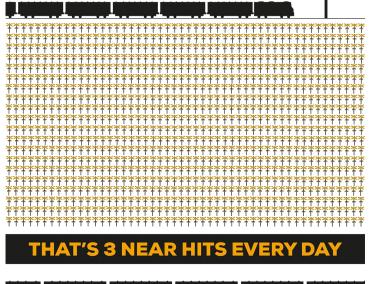


IT TAKES 2 km

FOR A FREIGHT TRAIN TO













Every employee deserves to go to work, do their job and return home safely.



Thank you

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