

media release

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South East to benefit from MFS RAP presentations

Friday, 1 May 2015

The **South East** community is once again extended an invitation to attend the inspiring Metropolitan Fire Service (MFS) Road Awareness Program (RAP) in Mt Gambier this Wednesday evening.

Reinforcing the programs powerful messages will be guest presenter and road crash survivor Marcus who will share his story about driving while texting and then losing control of his vehicle. The result was that two people died and one person was seriously injured in the crash. Marcus, who now dedicates his time to educating young drivers through the RAP, was jailed.

The MFS RAP team is visiting the South East delivering their powerful and hard-hitting program to licence aged students at **seven** local high schools across Mt Gambier, Kingston, Millicent and Naracoorte this week.

Members of the community with an interest in road safety are invited to a special Wednesday night community RAP presentation. Adults, families, sporting and social clubs are welcome to attend, along with young drivers and teenagers close to obtaining their licence.

EVENT: Special Community MFS Road Awareness Program (RAP)

TIME: 7.00 pm on Wednesday, 6 May 2015

LOCATION: The Dress Circle, The Main Corner, 1 Bay Road, Mt Gambier.

MFS RAP Coordinators, Station Officer Rod Campbell and Firefighter Joe Martin, said RAP is confronting yet uplifting and empowers participants to save lives on the roads.

“The community is encouraged to support the special evening presentation, open to anyone interested in road safety, by inviting as many people as possible to attend. We often hear from adults who’ve attended a RAP leaving the presentation feeling inspired to lead by example in their community by setting a positive driving example to their children, relatives and the children of friends.”

“The 90 minute presentation will honour the memories of those who’ve unfortunately passed or been seriously injured in road crashes – and will be held at The Dress Circle, The Main Corner, 1 Bay Road, Mt Gambier at 7 pm on Wednesday, 6 May,” MFS Station Officer Campbell said.

Meanwhile, students from **seven South East** high schools will confront the realities and responsibilities of driving when the Metropolitan Fire Service’s (MFS) Road Awareness Program (RAP) visits this week.

RAP Coordinator and Firefighter Joe Martin said, “RAP reinforces to participants that while we can choose to take a risk, we cannot choose its consequences. RAP leaves students feeling empowered to make positive changes on the roads by committing to safe driving.”

WHAT: MFS Road Awareness Program (RAP) presentations (session details below)
South East students and community urged to look after their mates

Date	Time	Location	Duration
Mon, 4 May	1.50 pm	Naracoorte High School	90 minutes
Tues, 5 May	9.00 am	Mt Gambier High School	90 minutes
Tues, 5 May	1.30 pm	St Martins Lutheran School	90 minutes
Wed, 6 May	8.45 am	Grant High School, Mt Gambier	90 minutes
Wed, 6 May	1.40 pm	Tenison Woods College	90 minutes
Wed, 6 May	7.00 pm	<i>Special community RAP presentation</i> The Dress Circle, The Main Corner, 1 Bay Road, Mt Gambier	90 minutes
Thurs, 7 May	1.40 pm	Millicent High School	90 minutes
Fri, 8 May	9.00 am	Kingston Community School	90 minutes

Media are welcome to attend the RAP sessions listed above for filming, photograph and interview opportunities. MFS RAP Coordinators Rod Campbell and Joe Martin - and road crash survivor, Marcus will be available for interview.

For media enquiries and interviews call the MFS Media Line on (08) 8204 3770

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