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## 2018 National Road Safety Week

Drive So Others Survive, it sound so simple, so straightforward, yet Australia's road toll is on the rise.

Everyone deserves to get home safe, but last year 1,226 people did not, instead they died on our roads. The impact of their deaths felt by so many—families and loved ones, school mates, friends, and work colleagues.

National Road Safety Week is a week for every Australian to recommit to road safety. Each of us has a duty and a responsibility to drive safely. We need to put others first, to slow down, avoid distractions and protect those on the road ahead; people like first responders, road workers and roadside assistance workers.

This is also a week to remember and stand in solidarity with those killed or injured in road crashes. At midday on Monday 30 April Australians will 'Remember the 1200' to honour and show our respect to the more 1,200 people killed and 35,000 seriously injured on our roads.

This week, put a yellow ribbon on your car, wear a yellow lapel pin and show your support for road safety and reducing the trauma on our roads.