



## POLICE ASSOCIATION OF NEW SOUTH WALES

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# SOS: DRIVE SO OTHERS SURVIVE

The Police Association of NSW is proud to support the 2016 Yellow Ribbon National Road Safety Week to be held from 2 to 8 May.

This year's theme is "Stop Driving Blind" which will focus on the increase in distracted driving, especially among young drivers.

Police Association President, Scott Weber, said, "As in previous years, the Police Association actively supports Safer Australian Roads and Highways, (SARAH) campaigns [www.sarahgroup.org](http://www.sarahgroup.org) and the ongoing commitment to making our National roads safer, not only for motorists but for people who find themselves vulnerable on our roads and highways.

"Let's make certain we look after our emergency services who are out on the highways 24/7.

"Every time emergency services and first call responders are assisting at an incident, they are directly placed in harm's way. All road users and drivers need to show a 'duty of care' to these frontline men and women, and to those they are assisting. Drivers must improve their road safety awareness and responsibility to all road users.

"Too many emergency services personnel have been injured or killed while providing assistance and protection on Australia's roads and highways. Their families are forever affected by road tragedy. All of Australia needs to support this national road safety event to prevent more people from needlessly dying or being horribly injured.

"Despite 1200 deaths and 30,000 people seriously injured on national highways and roads each year, road trauma remains hidden from the community, but not for the first responders whose anguish can continue long after the sirens stop."

### Media Q&A Opportunity on significant issues affecting police:

### PANSW 2016 BIENNIAL CONFERENCE: Work Wealth Wellbeing

Media are invited to attend/film the Official Opening of the 2016 Biennial Conference, commencing at **8.30am on Tuesday 3 May 2016:**

- 8.30am - PANSW President's Address, Scott Weber
- 9.00am - Deputy Premier's Address, The Hon. Troy Grant MP
- 9.25am - Leader of the Opposition Address, Mr Luke Foley MP
- 9.45am - Formal Conference opening by the NSW Commissioner of Police, Andrew Scipione APM
- 10.00am - Media Q&A Executive Boardroom, Lobby Level

### Details: **Tuesday 3 May 2016**

#### **8.30am Official Opening**

Novotel Wollongong Northbeach, Grand Ballroom, Level 4  
2-14 Cliff Rd, North Wollongong NSW 2520

#### **10.00am Media Q&A opportunity**

Executive Boardroom, Lobby Level

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