



Under The Radar **Conference on Traffic Offender Programs**

Preventing drivers and riders offending and crashing on NSW roads

Parliament House, Macquarie St, Sydney. Wednesday December 7, 2011 – 9:00 am to 4.30 pm

Under The Radar, the 2011 Conference on Traffic Offender Programs will highlight policies and programs that assist the NSW legal processes to change the way motorists use NSW roads.

The *Under The Radar* Conference on Traffic Offender Programs is supported through the sponsorship of the Hon. Barry O'Farrell MP, Premier of New South Wales. The keynote speaker will be the Hon. Greg Smith MP, NSW Attorney General.

Discussions will include:

- A. Current practices and the operation of Traffic Offender Programs in New South Wales;
- B. Consideration of new information about driving offences, traffic offenders (including high-risk offenders), and the effectiveness of prevention and intervention programs targeting driving violations;
- C. Consideration of future policy and program developments, particularly in light of the NSW State Plan and the National Road Safety Strategy 2011-2020;
- D. Highlighting the role of volunteers – individually and as organisations (e.g., Rotary, Lions, etc.) – in supporting and delivering traffic offender programs.
- E. Consideration of including a Traffic Offender Program as a prerequisite for licence reissue following suspension, cancelation and/or disqualification

A Conference proceedings will be published as a e-resource and include the presentations, summaries of discussions, and other invited papers.

Since the Blacktown Traffic Offenders Program commenced operation in 1992 it has not charged traffic offenders a fee for attendance. In keeping with this philosophy, the *Under The Radar* Conference on Traffic Offender Programs is free for all delegates.

To register for the *Under The Radar* Conference on Traffic Offender Programs please email the following details to topconference2011@gmail.com or post this completed form to:

The *Under The Radar* Traffic Offenders Conference PO Box 140, Wahroonga NSW 2076

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Conference Program

8:30 Arrival

9:00 OPENING SESSION – The Hon. Greg Smith MP, NSW Attorney General,
John Rogerson, CEO, The Australian Drug Foundation

9:30 PRACTICE – “Call of the board” for Traffic Offender Programs in NSW and other Australian States/Territories – brief presentations of locations, program content, offender characteristics, experiences in delivering the program, other relevant issues. ALL NSW TRAFFIC OFFENDER PROGRAM PROVIDERS WILL BE PRESENTING.

10:45 Morning tea

11:05 RESEARCH - Traffic Offender Program, driver rehabilitation, driver intervention, traffic school, driving violators . . . the terminology used to refer to Traffic Offender Programs varies across jurisdictions and nations, and across the fields of road safety, traffic safety, drug and alcohol studies, driver licensing, criminology, etc.. This session will feature keynote speakers from across Australia who will address and review the research findings – the “evidence-base” – for Traffic Offender Programs. Several papers have been commissioned from overseas researchers to address interventions used in North America and Europe, and the conclusions from these wider reviews will be presented.

12:30 Lunch

1:30 PANEL DISCUSSION – A more formal Q & A to allow for discussion of the issues identified in the earlier sessions on practice and on research, as well as to introduce any issues not yet discussed in the program.

2:00 POLICY – A broader discussion of the effectiveness of the NSW Traffic Offender Intervention Program (TOIP) legislation and of the Traffic Offender Programs, including questions such as: which program segments are effective; who should conduct the program (paid or volunteer, training and qualifications, etc.); what is needed for evaluation and assessment; what are the attitudes of the judiciary, legal profession, road safety, education, police, etc.; the relationship between Traffic Offender Programs, driver education, school-based education, advertising and publicity about safer driving; offender characteristics (“first-time” offenders versus recidivist offenders, different programs for different road user populations, etc.)

2:45 Afternoon tea

3:05 POLICY cont’d – As above, but with a focus on “where to from here”: sustainability of the programs, best practice, the feasibility of implementing a Traffic Offender Program as a prerequisite for licence reissue, etc.

4:00 PLENARY AND CONCLUSIONS – Developing a set of possible recommendations and findings from the conference presentations and deliberations.

4:30 – End and departure



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