TrackSAFE Update: Changing Attitudes to Change Behaviour

Global Level Crossing Safety and Trespass Prevention Symposium 2014

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Metro Trains Melbourne
Sixth largest rail network globally
Our annual customers...

167 million light rail customer journeys

620 million heavy rail customer journeys

930 million tonnes of freight

787 million customer journeys
Who we are

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

- Australasian Railway Association
- UGL
- Pacific National
- Rio Tinto
- Transport NSW TrainLink
- Transport Sydney Trains
- Brookfield Rail
- Government of South Australia
- Department of Planning, Transport and Infrastructure
- TasRail
- Queensland Rail
- Genesee & Wyoming Australia
- V/Line
- Encompass
- Siemens
- Australian Rail Track Corporation Ltd
- Rail Tram and Bus Union

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TrackSAFE Approach

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

1. Reduce suicide and suicide attempts;
2. 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

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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

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IT TAKES UP TO 2km FOR A FREIGHT TRAIN TO STOP...
THAT'S THE LENGTH OF 14 RUGBY FIELDS

THERE ARE OVER 1000 NEAR HITS AT LEVEL CROSSINGS EACH YEAR
THAT'S 3 NEAR HITS EVERY DAY
Every employee deserves to go to work, do their job and return home safely.
Thank you

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