

ROAD SAFETY 2007 CONFERENCE

ALCOHOL UNDER THE SPOTLIGHT: refocusing efforts to reduce alcohol-related road trauma

Friday 19 October Workshop Outcomes

There were twenty-eight participants in the workshop. At the end of the very informative presentations, Geoff Munro (Australian Drug Foundation) facilitated groups working to identify what they believed to be their top five initiatives for addressing alcohol-related road trauma.

Below is an outline of what each of the tables identified.

Table 1

- Link road safety data (and problem drink drivers) to treatment community
- Increase access/use of courtesy buses to pubs in rural areas – subsidise with tax on drinks
- National data system with place of last drink
- Mandatory Alcohol Ignition – interlock on all DUI offenders for 1 year (paid by offender)
- Adapt ‘smoking model’ to alcohol
- Lower BAC limit to .00
- Car manufacturers introduce passive alcohol interlocks in new vehicles – a government fleet purchase policy

Table 2

- Revisit designated driver program – about responsibility and alcohol
- Mass public testing - (visibility, education, let people know their BAC reading, rural/regional testing in pubs, RBT Maids in Queensland)
- Positive reinforcement from Police and or authorities
- Planning Ahead - % of people who do **not** drink at public premises

Table 3

- 0% BAC all drivers
- Anti-intoxication media campaign (e.g. NZ)
- Advocacy partnerships for Alcohol Linking Program in Victoria (Victoria Police, TAC, ADF, Health, Local Government, RoadSafe CRSCs etc)
- Reduce closing hours of licensed premises
- Parental/media – role modelling,
- Increase legal drinking age

Table 4

- Raise legal drinking age to 25
- Public education program with focus on people realising they can do things differently (brief intervention treatment on TV)
- Legislation to limit alcohol content of packaged alcohol
- Promote alcohol free events
- Provide courtesy buses – venues
- 24 hour public transport
- Campaign to get parents to be available to drive children home any time
- Promote ‘Dob In a Drink Driver’

Table 5

- 0% BAC – all drivers
- Alcohol interlocks in all vehicles (Government funded)
- Mandatory provided transport from licensed premises
- Early intervention and treatment of alcohol health issues – alcoholism
- Alcohol Linking Program – introduce statewide in Victoria
- Raise legal drinking age

A speaker from each of the tables ran through their top five issues and all participants had the opportunity to clarify and discuss the issues further. Following this each table was then asked to identify their top idea/initiative/issue. Below is a listing of the top issues that were raised:

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