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Media Release

Making a difference in communities for work safe month

As part of National Work Safe Month, TasWater will be touring the state promoting safety in the workplace to its staff, owners and customers.

Launching at Moonah on Tuesday 15 October, each session will feature a variety of activities from a driving simulator to "beer goggle" exercises.

The sessions will include information highlighting the importance of vehicle and driver safety, the dangers of fatigue, workplace risk assessment and mental health awareness.

TasWater Health and Safety Advisor Greg Slore says the sessions are not just about education.

"In conjunction with the events, some municipalities taking part in TasWater National Work Safe Month activities will receive a defibrillator."

"Eleven defibrillators will be presented to several regional councils from TasWater, to be placed in a significant location accessible to the community,"

While making its mark in each region, the work safe message is also very important for TasWater employees, particularly, staying safe behind the wheel.

"For TasWater employees, driving has been identified as our biggest hazard, of course it goes without saying the worst consequence of this risk is a fatality."

"TasWater workers travel some 7,000,000 kilometres per year."

"If we all drive safely 99.99 % of the time, the remaining .01 % exposes TasWater workers to 7,000 kilometres of high risk driving a year."

According to statistics released from WorkSafe Tasmania in 2018, over the past three years 22 Tasmanians have died because of incidents in the workplace.

Close to 9,000 serious injuries have occurred in Tasmanian workplaces over the last three years, equating to 8.9 serious injuries per million hours worked, 39 per cent have been Tasmanians aged between 40 to 54 years old.

TasWater's Safety Month campaign continues until the end of October.

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