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SLOW DOWN THIS HOLIDAY WEEKEND AND ARRIVE SAFELY

As the October long weekend approaches Member for Albury, Greg Aplin is urging motorists to make sure they drive to the conditions and plan ahead so everyone arrives home safely.

“On the Labour Day weekend there’s generally an increase in the number of families on the roads and I’m urging everyone to travel safely,” Mr Aplin said.

“If you’re driving make sure you’re well rested, take regular breaks to avoid fatigue and give yourself plenty of travel time.”

“It’s also a big weekend for sport with the AFL and NRL Grand Finals I know lots of people head out to watch the game and socialise with mates. If you’re planning on drinking leave the car at home and make sure you have a Plan B – a taxi, public transport or a nominated driver who’s not drinking.”

Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight Melinda Pavey said the road toll currently stands at 282 and while that may seem like just a number, the fact is that every fatality represents a loved family member lost forever.

“Speeding, using a mobile phone and not wearing a seat belt or helmet can also lead to a fatal crash which is why all of these offences will incur double demerits as part of Operation Slow Down,” Mrs Pavey said.

Minister for Police Troy Grant said police will be out in force around the region to make sure people are driving safely.

“So you should make sure you stick to the speed limit, wear your seatbelt or helmet and remember no phone call is worth risking your life or your licence over,” Mr Grant said.

Operation Slow Down will run from 12.01am on Friday 29 September until 11.59pm on Monday 2 October.

Officers will be conducting high-visibility patrols, mobile and stationary random breath tests and random drug tests.

Extra traffic is also expected on major routes across NSW over the next few days as families head to popular holiday destinations.

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