



MEDIA STATEMENT

Immediate release

RoadTek spreads safety message with SEAT

Thousands of Queensland school children will benefit from three laptops donated to the Spinal Education Awareness Team (SEAT) by RoadTek, the Department of Transport and Main Roads' commercial construction arm.

RoadTek today presented the refreshed laptops and carry bags to SEAT who will use them to deliver their powerful spinal injury awareness program, SEAT at Schools, around the state.

Director (RoadTek Network Services) Michael Ham was on hand to present the laptops to SEAT.

Mr Ham said RoadTek has worked with SEAT in communicating the importance of safety around roadworks through their SEAT at Schools program.

"Since 2008, RoadTek has been involved in 65 presentations to over 11 000 students," Mr Ham said.

"By having their own set of multimedia equipment, the SEAT presenters can deliver a top-rate presentation that will support their powerful and inspiring program about staying safe."

Transport and Main Roads acting Chief Operations Officer Emma Thomas said this year RoadTek also took the SEAT program to their staff.

"We partnered with SEAT to visit RoadTek's staff around the state so they could hear the powerful safety message directly from the people impacted by spinal injuries," Ms Thomas said.

"We are proud to be able to support SEAT as their visits have had a profound impact on our staff."

SEAT presenter Michael Forster said having a good-quality laptop was vital for delivering the important messages of the program.

"These laptops will be put to very good use educating young Queenslanders about spinal injury prevention," Mr Forster said.

"Because we all visit schools right across the state, having a reliable laptop that we can take with us to any primary or secondary school is very important.

"It means we can show up to the school and have the peace of mind that we don't have to rely on the school for equipment – a win-win situation for both presenters and the school."

Spinal Injuries Association CEO Mark Henley said RoadTek's generous donation of three laptops and carry bags would make an enormous difference to the award-winning program, which last financial year spoke to 110 000 school children.

"These laptops will be used most days of the school year in classrooms all around Queensland by our volunteer presenters," Mr Henley said.

"Having this equipment to assist in delivering the key messages of the program will inspire thousands of school children to stay safe and prevent injury – a great legacy for RoadTek and SEAT."

The three laptops and carry bags donated by RoadTek will bring SEAT closer to its target of providing each of their 18 volunteer presenters with their own set of multimedia equipment.

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NB – Photo opportunity with SEAT will be available.