

Share the road tips for travelling caravaners

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These are the latest video tips and advice that every caravan or RV driver should watch before hitting the road this winter.

Assistant Minister for Road Safety and Freight Transport Scott Buchholz said the videos, funded under the NHVR's Heavy Vehicle Safety Initiative, again highlighted the importance of safe interaction between heavy vehicles and caravan or RV drivers.

"There are a large number of caravans and RV users returning to regional roads across many parts of Australia," Mr Buchholz said.

"Caravaners and truckies spend a lot of time on our highways, so it's timely to remind all road users to look after each other and stay safe."

The Whiteline Television videos are fronted by well-known truckie and safety advocate Rod Hannifey and entertainer Amelia Ryan. They cover topics such as sharing truck stops and roadhouses or overtaking on a highway.

NHVR CEO Sal Petrocchio said the latest videos continue the work the NHVR had undertaken with the caravan industry over the past year.

"I'm pleased that holiday makers, through the NHVR, Whiteline or caravan industry groups, have a wide range of information to understand the difficult roles and tasks that truckies are undertaking," Mr Petrocchio said.

"I'm calling on any truck driver who knows someone with a caravan to 'Tell a mate' to watch these videos.

"They feature some of Australia's finest outback scenery, but Rod and Amelia's tips are vitally important whether you are on an open highway, stopping for a break or setting up for the night."

Whiteline Television's Steve McCarthy said the videos were part of a series to provide practical and tailored advice on key road safety for heavy vehicle drivers and caravaners.

"We've also released three new fatigue videos, which feature truck drivers passing on tips to other truckies that help them to manage their fatigue.

"Earlier this year we also released a series of videos on driver mental health and wellbeing."

The NHVR's Heavy Vehicle Safety Initiative, supported by the Federal Government, supports implementable, value-for-money projects that deliver significant heavy vehicle safety benefits.

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