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Council asks: Check your speed

Shoalhaven City Council has invested in a Speed Check Display Unit to help create safer Shoalhaven streets and roads. This Speed Check Display has been on show throughout the city

Shoalhaven City Mayor Councillor Paul Green said: "Now you have no excuses for not slowing down. You can see the speed you are doing, and so can everyone else. So, how fast are you going now?"

Operation Speed Check has started in Shoalhaven City to help reinforce the school zone speed and works zones speed limit of 40kph, maximum.

"So far the display unit has been used at a number of locations including outside Cambewarra Public School, Terara Public School and Illaroo Public School with noticeable changes in drivers' speeds when the display was in operation," Cllr Green said. "This will be a continuing campaign year round, moving through all Shoalhaven towns and villages."

Reviews of recent crash data have identified driver speed as a major threat to the community – especially for pedestrians. School children walking to and from school and Council's workers who repair roads, water mains, parks and other services constantly report drivers who disregard their safety.

Cllr Green said: "Operation Speed Check addresses this issue directly by raising awareness of speed on the spot – when and where there are vulnerable road users about."

Council is working closely with Shoalhaven Police Highway Patrol to help remind drivers of their responsibility of driving within posted speed limits, when there are vulnerable road users and driving to the conditions.

For further information on the display unit, you can contact Council's Road Safety Officer on (02) 4429 3484.

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