

## Excessive speed limit changes

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Paul also mentioned the recent increase of speed cameras, and specifically how he has seen police cars stationing themselves within 200 metres of speed zone changes to catch people out.

"The other thing that gets me in the Barossa, the number of people that have been picked up for doing 60 in the 50 zones and getting fined for it," said Paul.

"It upsets me that the police car sits there deliberately. What is the difference between 50 and 60? How much more chance is there of an accident of someone doing 60 instead of 50? If we start thinking sensibly. What's it all about or is it really revenue raising?"

"The many cameras in the Barossa is an age-old thing. It's always been like that. My theory is that we are very conservative here and the likelihood of us coughing up fines, we don't want to go to court and cause trouble, it's that sort of community. So, we cough up the money."

Paul is under the firm belief that the speed zone changes are excessive for the Barossa area and that the State Government need to re-evaluate the current situation.

Member for Schubert, Mr Stephen Knoll MP, said, "The speed limit changes in the Barossa seem inconsistent and confusing. There are a number of examples such as the main street of Mount Pleasant that don't make sense."

## Support continues for The Barossa Cellar



Thorn-Clarke Wines Joint Proprietor, Mr Sam Clarke and CEO Mr Ben Chapman have thrown their support behind The Barossa Cellar and are looking forward to seeing their Barossa Key on display in the completed building.

More than 80 Barossa wineries have now pledged their support to The Barossa Cellar, with donations ranging from \$500 to \$100,000.

One of the first wineries to donate was Thorn-Clarke Wines at Angaston who will be acknowledged with a Barossa Key.

Joint proprietor, Mr Sam Clarke said The Barossa Cellar is an important community project that will draw attention to the Barossa from all over the world.

"While we are committed to promoting our own wines, we believe The Barossa Cellar will enhance our marketing activities through

its broader, regional education and promotional activities," said Sam.

"The more wine consumers know and love about the Barossa, the better off we will all be in the long-term."

Thorn-Clarke Wines CEO, Mr Ben Chapman and his wife, Madeleine, are also valued supporters of The Barossa Cellar, having donated a vine in their own names.

To secure your own Shiraz Vine in The Barossa Cellar's vineyard, or to find out more about other donor categories, visit [www.thebarossacellar.com.au](http://www.thebarossacellar.com.au).

# High crash rate causing increased Barossa speed camera presence

By Liz Alderslade

The increase in police speed camera presence in the Barossa and Gawler area has been due to the sharp increase of fatal and serious injury collisions in the region since the start of this year.

SA Police said that the increase of speed cameras in the Barossa LSA region is calculated via traffic collision statistics and has outlined Barossa as a hot spot for crashes this year.

In statistics released by the police, the Barossa LSA has had 14 fatalities due to car accidents since January, which is a 133.33 per cent increase compared to last year's six fatalities in 2016.

Over the previous four years, Barossa is currently averaging 7 fatalities a year due to car accidents.

Barossa LSA is also higher in serious injury crashes, rising to what the statistic was in 2014, sitting on 42 serious injuries. This is a 10.53 per cent

increase from the 38 serious crash injuries in 2016.

However, the Barossa LSA collision casualties has decreased from previous years, currently sitting at 273 collision casualties, which is a -4.88 per cent decrease from 2016's 287 collision casualties.

Inspector Ben Spencer, Acting Officer in Charge of Traffic Support Branch said these fatality statistics explain why there has been more speed cameras in the region.

Inspector Spencer said, "The deployment of police resources to the Barossa has been in response to the high number of fatal and serious injury collisions in the region. To date 13 people have died on roads in the Barossa and this is particularly concerning when you consider the size of the Barossa community."

"While speed is not a contributing factor in all collisions, speed is a contributing factor in fatal and serious injury collisions and is identified as one of the five main causes of trauma

on our roads, (fatal five).

"Police resources including local police, mobile cameras, motor cycle police and other traffic resources have been deployed to the Barossa to provide a highly visible presence and focus on those behaviours that cause the most harm and contribute to our road toll.

"While the Barossa may have recorded an increase in police presence, the Barossa has not been singled out, police continue to deploy resources state wide to prevent death and serious injuries on South Australian roads."

Barossa locals have noticed the influx of cameras that have been appearing around the region over the last couple of months.

In one week in October, there were over 42 speed camera spots located in the Barossa, Gawler and Light area along.

On November 2, 13 speed camera spots were stationed in the region, followed by nine speed camera spots on November 3.

## Speed cameras raking up Barossa money

Nearly \$100,000 in fines was collected from one road in Williamstown between the July 2016 and May 2017 period, with many more of the region's roads raking up some hefty fine revenue.

In a FOI lodged by Member for Schubert, Mr Stephan Knoll MP, he received the speed camera revenue on specific locations he asked for.

Queen Street in Williamstown was identified as a hot spot for fines, with \$97,268 of revenue raised from 12 speed camera deployments over a year.

Eleven speed camera deployments were stationed on Murray Street, Nuriootpa, with \$59,008 in fines.

On Carlton Road, Gawler East, there was only four deployments but raised \$46,224 in revenue.

Common road target, Murray Street in Tanunda, had ten deployments over the July 2016 to May 2016 period, with \$36,359 collected in fines.

Nine deployments were sent to Nuriootpa, Penrice Road, with an accrued \$22,408.

Redbanks Road, Willaston had five deployments with \$21,234 in revenue raised.

The Horrocks Highway near Roseworthy have four deployments with \$17,516 in fines.

While the Barossa Valley Way, Tanunda, had one deployment with \$7,786 in fines.

In Nuriootpa, Tanunda Road had one deployment which raised \$7,649; Sturt Hwy had five deployments with only \$2,913 in fines; and one speed camera deployment on Railway Terrace which accrued \$2,370.

Shea-Oak Log was targeted with one deployment at Gomersal Road with \$4,059 in fines, and Sturt Highway having four speed camera deployments with \$2,913 in fines.


Gawler South had two deployments on Adelaide Road with \$6,125 fines, and one deployment on Twelfth Street raising \$2,247 in fines.

Near Greenock, \$5,751 in fines was collected from the Sturt Highway.

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