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NEW SPEED CHECK SIGNS TO IMPROVE PEDESTRIAN SAFETY

The City of Ryde has installed new speed check signs to encourage motorists to obey speed limits and increase pedestrian safety.

The speed check signs inform motorists the speed that they are travelling and notify them to slow down if they are over the speed limit. These traffic calming devices have proven to be highly effective at slowing motorists down particularly in school zones and neighbourhood streets.

A total of six speed check signs have been installed in locations across the City of Ryde.

The locations are:

- Buffalo Road, Ryde (near Malvina Street)
- Buffalo Road, Ryde (near Providence Road)
- Gardener Road, Ryde (north direction)
- Gardener Road, Ryde (south direction)
- Lancaster Road, Melrose Park
- Terry Road, Ryde (near Commissioners Road)

City of Ryde Mayor, Cllr Jerome Laxale, said each location for the speed check signs were determined by speed counts, resident concerns and other data collected by Council.

"Pedestrian safety in our neighbourhood streets is a priority for the City of Ryde and these new speed check signs will go a long way in reminding motorists to keep to the speed limit, particularly in areas where there is high pedestrian activity," Cllr Laxale said.

"The speed check signs on Buffalo Road for instance were installed to slow traffic due to the large number of students crossing from Ryde Secondary College."

"Since 2014, Council and Ryde Secondary College have been trying to get approval from the State Government to extend a school zone into Buffalo Road. While this Council-installed speed check sign will help, again we see the State get in the way of common sense."

In addition to the speed check signs, four mobile speed check trailers are undergoing upgrades before being placed back in targeted locations in the community. The initial locations for the mobile speed check trailers will be:

- Kingsford Avenue, Eastwood
- Norma Avenue, Eastwood
- Ada Street, North Ryde
- Short Street, Gladesville

The City of Ryde will also run the Slow Down In Our Street bin sticker campaign in these streets while the trailers are in place. The trailers will remain for a minimum of four weeks and then moved to a new location.