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AUTOMATED VEHICLE EVENT ROLLS INTO WAGGA WAGGA

Driverless technology is coming to regional NSW and Transport for NSW is asking industry, local council and entrepreneurs to meet in Wagga to help develop and co-deliver a number of connected and automated vehicle trials.

The NSW Government believes it is vital that the needs of the regions are addressed in the development of driverless technology, which could transform the daily lives of rural and regional customers with the potential to reduce isolation, improve mobility and save lives on country roads.

Representatives from Transport for NSW will host a collaboration event in Wagga Wagga on Monday 5 February at Wagga Wagga RSL.

The event will help the technology industry connect with local partners to develop proposals that will bring automated vehicle trials to regional NSW.

Daryl Maguire MP, Member for Wagga Wagga said the electorate is one of four regional towns hosting events that have potential to create something valuable and truly innovative here in regional NSW.

“There’s huge potential out here to invent, innovate and experiment,” Mr Maguire said.

Transport for NSW is seeking a range of local partners including councils, transport operators, universities and businesses to get involved and partner with leading technology providers and researchers to develop projects that address real transport issues in regional NSW.

“Attendees will have the chance to network and present ideas for how they can get involved to develop trials which see how connected and automated vehicles can improve transport across the state,” Mr Maguire said.

“Although we have made some progress in this field with autonomous emergency braking, autonomous vehicle technology is still developing. We need to continue to prepare for change and embrace driverless capabilities,” Mr Maguire said.

Autonomous braking was one of the first breakthrough autonomous technologies integrated for road vehicles. In NSW, around 12% of serious injury crashes are rear-end crashes. This autonomous vehicle technology has been shown to reduce rear end crashes by up to 35% (at a low speed).



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The regional collaboration event on Monday will run from 10:30 am – 2:30 pm and there will be an opportunity to form partnerships and put forward an EOI for seed funding to boost a driverless Transport trial in regional NSW.

“The invitation is open to anyone and everyone who has an interest in autonomous vehicle technology and is interested in finding collaboration partners for their EOI,” said Mr Maguire.

For more information and to register for a regional autonomous vehicle event:
<https://www.transport.nsw.gov.au/projects/programs/smart-innovation-centre/driverless-vehicle-projects#Regional>

Dropbox link to Transport for NSW ANCAP autonomous braking video:
https://www.dropbox.com/s/7s3dsz8b1koxrz7/AEB_24Jan_captioned_2.mp4?dl=0