Professor Lyn Beazley AO FTSE will be the facilitator for the 2018 Road Safety Research forum. Professor Beazley was Chief Scientist of Western Australia from 2006 to 2013 and is a respected ambassador for science, technology, engineering, and mathematics in the community. Professor Beazley serves on several boards including the Federal Government’s Bionic Vision Australia and the State Government’s Technology and Industry Advisory Council. Professor Beazley was awarded Officer of the Order of Australia in 2009, was inducted into the inaugural Western Australian Women’s Hall of Fame in 2011 and the Western Australian Science Hall of Fame in 2015, and became the WA Australian of the Year for 2015.

Iain Cameron is the Acting Road Safety Commissioner in Western Australia. Mr Cameron was Executive Director of the Western Australian State Office of Road Safety from 2000 to 2015. His team lead the development of Towards Zero, the WA Government’s ambitious strategy to reduce serious crashes by at least 40% by 2020, the first in Australia to articulate a vision zero through a safe system. The rate of road deaths fell from 11.3 per 100,000 population in 2000 to 6.2 in 2015. He made significant contributions to the Australian Road Safety Strategy (2011-2020) and the bi-annual national action plans. Mr Cameron is a Trustee of the Towards Zero Foundation (a UK registered charity) and an Independent Director on the Board of the Australasian New Car Assessment Program (ANCAP).
Melissa Watts

Melissa Watts has 25 years experience working for the Government developing social and public policy, as well as strategy. Melissa is currently the Assistant Director Strategy at the Road Safety Commission in WA. She is responsible for strategy and policy development, data intelligence gathering and analysis for road trauma and the road safety research and evaluation program. Melissa and her team will coordinate the development of the state’s next Road Safety Strategy on behalf of the Road Safety Council to follow on from Towards Zero. To that effect, the Road Safety Research Program that Melissa manages is integral to inform the future of road safety outcomes in Western Australia.

Kyle Chow: Researcher

Dr Kyle Chow is the Main Roads WA research fellow at the Curtin-Monash Accident Research Centre. He is an early career researcher in road safety and has a background in mathematics and statistics. After completing his PhD in Mathematics, which utilised machine learning and data mining techniques, he spent a year as a research fellow analysing and modelling data from the Excellence in Research for Australia for Curtin University’s Office of Research and Development. He then lectured statistics for two years at Curtin, before joining C-MARC in 2014. Since joining C-MARC he has applied a wide range of mathematical and statistical techniques in a variety of road safety studies which included the evaluations of various road safety programs and treatments.

Kate Brameld: Researcher

Dr Kate Brameld has nearly 30 years’ experience conducting epidemiological research and has worked in both academic and government environments. She has developed methods for analysing linked data, particularly the measurement of trends in incidence and prevalence of disease from administrative hospital data, and has developed complex statistical models to measure the effect of various factors on health service utilisation and outcomes. Since joining C-MARC in February 2017 as a Senior Research Fellow, Kate has been involved in projects on Aboriginal road safety and metropolitan intersection safety for the Road Safety Commission. She is also involved in road safety projects using linked data to look at the effect of chronic diseases such as visual field impairment and obstructive sleep apnoea on the risk of motor vehicle crashes.
Peter Palamara: Researcher

Peter Palamara is a Research Fellow with C-MARC. He has an Honours degree in psychology and a Masters degree in Public Health. Peter has worked full time in road safety research since 1995 when he first joined the Road Accident Prevention Research Unit (later named the Injury Research Centre) at The University of Western Australia. His main research interests are youth, risk taking and driving; impaired and distracted driving; policing and enforcement; road safety program design and evaluation; and the development of road safety policy. Peter undertakes road safety projects for the Road Safety Commission and is the current Secretary of the WA Chapter of the Australasian College of Road Safety.

Michelle Hobday: Researcher

Dr Michelle Hobday is an epidemiologist with an interest in road injury prevention. As a physiotherapist in her native South Africa, she worked with many people injured in road crashes and was an expert witness in cases involving road crashes. In 2009, she completed a Master’s in Public Health in Durban, South Africa. Her Master’s research examined collisions involving child and adult pedestrians who were seriously and fatally injured in Durban. After relocating to Perth in 2010, she began a PhD in alcohol and injury epidemiology at C-MARC and the National Drug Research Institute at Curtin University. She completed her PhD in March 2014. She has been working at C-MARC as a Research Fellow since 2015 on a variety of road safety and injury projects for the Road Safety Commission.

Kim Ward: Researcher

Dr Kim Ward has a background of 32 years clinical experience working as a Sleep Scientist in the West Australian Sleep disorders Research Institute (WASDRI) within the Department of Health. The primary goal of the service was to diagnose and treat sleep disorders. In 2016 she submitted her PhD entitled “Effective assessment of accident risk in Obstructive Sleep Apnoea”. This study analysed the relationship between OSA, excessive sleepiness and crash risk. In addition she evaluated a simple portable sleep monitor with the goal of expediting sleep apnoea diagnosis in individuals at a high risk for a crash. Her current role is Research Fellow at C-MARC undertaking fatigue related projects for the Road Safety Commission. In relation to the forum she will be talking about sleep disorders and management of fatigue in driving.
Michelle Fraser: Researcher

Michelle Fraser received her Masters’ degree in 2011 examining cataract surgery and driving. Since then she has been employed at C-MARC and is due to complete her PhD in 2018. Ms Fraser's PhD is examining group riding (cycling) safety in Western Australia. This involves an in-depth crash study and naturalistic study of group riding using video camera footage and GPS data. During her time at C-MARC she has also been involved in a range of injury and road safety-related research projects involving linked data, young drivers, heavy vehicles, cataract research, driving simulator studies, naturalistic driving research and the evaluation of new road infrastructure.

David Moyses: Practitioner

David Moyses is the Manager for Road Safety at Main Roads Western Australia. David has worked for Main Roads for 26 years and has spent the past 11 years in the field of Road Safety. He is a member of the National Road Safety Task Force, a Board Member of The Curtin Monash University Accident Research Centre, and has played a pivotal part in embedding Safe System principals within the State Road Agency.

Scott Higgins: Practitioner

Scott Higgins joined the WA Police in 1986 and served in a variety of local policing and detectives’ roles across the Metropolitan area. His operational roles included five years investigating homicides as a Detective Sergeant in the Major Crime Squad and later as an Inspector identifying officers at risk of misconduct. His operational leadership roles include the position of Director of the State Intelligence Division before he was appointed District Officer of the South Metro Police District and later District Officer at the Central Metro Police District. Scott has also undertaken the role of Principal of the WA Police Academy and in 2015 acted as the Director of Human Resources for WA Police. In December 2016, Scott was appointed to the role of Commander of the State Traffic Command, responsible for traffic enforcement activities across the state.
Sharon Wilson: Practitioner

Sharon Wilson is the Road Safety Education Coordinator at School Drug Education and Road Aware (SDERA), the State Government’s primary strategy for road safety and drug education. Ms Wilson is a secondary Health and Physical Education teacher with more than 20 years’ experience in government and independent secondary and primary schools in Western Australia. Over the past 10 years, representing a variety of organisations, she has written curriculum resources and presented professional learning for educators.

Morgan Elderfield: Practitioner

Morgan Elderfield is the Road Safety Commission’s Principal Policy Officer. Morgan has experience across the public and community sectors. Morgan has completed a Bachelor of Arts/Bachelor of Laws (Hons) degree and is currently studying her Masters in Law, Policy and Government at the University of Western Australia and is due to graduate this semester. Morgan is currently researching WA’s approach to fatigue management within the commercial vehicle industry and opportunities to enhance the current state via a behavioural economics lens. Morgan is a member of the interagency Heavy Vehicle Fatigue Reference Group and continues to draw from her research background and work with stakeholders to explore new ways of addressing fatigue within a policy context.

Paul Roberts

Dr Paul Roberts is a Principal Behavioural Scientist in the Western Australian office of ARRB. He has a PhD in Experimental Psychology. He has a particular interest in the way in which cognitive factors such as fatigue and distraction impact on driver behaviour and in road safety generally. Current or recent projects include a study of the impact of digital billboards on driver performance at complex intersections, an experimental evaluation of driver comprehension of overtaking legality for a variety of wide centre line treatments and the evaluation of the Forrest Highway point to point speed camera trial. He is the current Chair of the Western Australian Branch of the Australasian College of Road Safety.
Dr Brett Hughes: Practitioner

Dr Brett Hughes is a professional engineer with over 35 years’ experience in engineering, transport planning, policy and research and has been the Executive Director, Transport Strategy & Reform at the WA Department of Transport since July 2012. Brett’s team is responsible for regulatory, economic, policy and systems changes in road, rail, aviation, and demand management aspects of transport. Brett maintains wide interests in transport policy and research. He was recently awarded a PhD for his thesis entitled A Comprehensive Framework for Future Road Safety Strategies, and has published 30 professional papers on traffic engineering, transport in urban planning and technology in transport. He chairs the Planning and Transport Research Centre’s Research Advisory Committee.

Roger Farley: Practitioner

Roger Farley is the Assistant Director Strategic Communications at the Road Safety Commission. For over 25 years, Roger has been responsible for managing and shaping the direction of marketing and communications plans and strategies for road safety and other social marketing issues. He has undertaken this task based on behaviour change methodologies using paid and unpaid media and collaborating with other agencies and organisations. Roger and his team use social market research and insights to shape the focus and delivery of the major road safety education campaigns. The blending of behaviour change models is used to understand and influence the reliance on system design and effective enforcement to maximise the effectiveness of the total change program.

Anne Still: Practitioner

Anne Still is General Manager - Public Policy within RAC’s Advocacy and Members team. Her role is to work together with partners to help deliver RAC’s Mobility Agenda of safe, easy and sustainable transport for Western Australians including RAC’s one million members. She holds a Bachelor of Science and a Bachelor of Arts (Hons.) and has both public sector and private sector consulting experience, having delivered transport projects in Australia, the UAE, the UK and New Zealand. Anne is a member and a past President of the Australian Institute of Traffic Planning and Management; and a member of the Western Australian Road Safety Council, the Black Spot Consultative Panel, the Australian Automobile Association's Public Policy Forum and RAC’s Innovation Board. She is also Project Leader of RAC’s Automated Vehicle Program.
Andrew Lee: Practitioner

Andrew Lee is Director Strategy Policy and Governance in the Driver and Vehicle Services division of the Department of Transport, Western Australia, commencing in 2012, and Deputy member representing the Department of Transport on the Road Safety Council. His work recently has focussed on applying technology to improve safety, integrity and customer service in transport services, including the joint State Government-RAC WA Intellibus trial, and the introduction of data analytics to target compliance programs based on risk. Andrew’s previous experience includes senior roles managing regulatory reforms with the Department of Commerce, particularly COAG projects; and with the Departments of Child Protection and Communities. He has also served as senior adviser to a State Minister and Commonwealth Shadow Minister.

Sandra Harben: Welcome to Country

Sandra Harben, Research Associate (RA) is a Whadjuck/Ballardong Nyungar woman. Sandra’s role was to assist the ARF-I in data collection, including access to archival data, academic and government publications. She undertook the preliminary analysis and contributed to the research outcomes from the project. Sandra had a crucial role in the development of the data set that included all of the information relating to the place names, locations, Nyungar location and other relevant information. Sandra coordinated all activities related to the projects, including networking with the various stakeholders, so her competency in spoken and written Nyungar was essential, as were her sound research and communication skills. Sandra’s qualifications include a Bachelor of Arts degree with a double major in Industrial Relations and Geography and a minor in Anthropology and Australian History from the University of Western Australia, 1994. She was awarded the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Research Scholarship, Murdoch University, 2003 and the National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Overseas Study Award, undertaken at University of Illinois, USA, 1995. Sandra has worked on significant projects relating to Nyungar culture and heritage including an Australian Research Grant project related to Nyungar tourism in the Southwest of Western Australia. She currently manages the Kaartdijin Noongar website at the Southwest Aboriginal Land and Sea Council and has published a number of reports and publications.

Mal Shervill: Practitioner

Mal Shervill has been working at WALGA since February 2011 as the Policy Officer Road Safety. Mal has worked extensively with Local Governments on a variety of road safety related matters including speed and speed enforcement. Mal was involved in the implementation of the Local Government Speed Enforcement Program implemented in October 2012 based on research conducted by C-MARC. The Program provides Local Governments with a formal process to supply vehicle travel speed data for local roads where speeding is identified as a problem to the WA Police Force to inform road policing strategies.