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TOWARDS ZERO PARTNERSHIP WITH THE WESTERN SYDNEY WANDERERS

Ahead of the weekend’s A-League Derby, Minister for Roads Duncan Gay was joined by the Western Sydney Wanderers and road trauma survivor Tristan Kennedy with a New Year’s resolution and plea – bring the road toll down Towards Zero.

The announcement comes as the NSW Government extends its Towards Zero road safety partnership with the club to highlight the devastating consequences of dangerous driving.

Minister for Roads Duncan Gay said we are proud to stand with road safety advocates such as the Western Sydney Wanderers to drum home the importance of safe driving right across the state.

“Already this year we have lost 10 people on NSW roads and partnerships like this are vital to ensure NSW has one of the best road safety cultures in the world.

“We can invest billions of dollars in upgrades and new road infrastructure, but we need everyone to help us protect our most valuable commodity by driving safely – the people of NSW,” Mr Gay said.

Western Sydney Wanderers Chief Executive John Tsatsimas said his team were overwhelmed after hearing Tristan’s tragic story and instantly knew that this was something they had to get behind.

“Young people like Tristan are too often involved in road accidents and when a young person with so much to look forward to is seriously injured or loses their life, we’re all affected," Mr Tsatsimas said.

“Silly decisions on the road have the ability to change lives forever – it’s only right that our players got behind the Towards Zero campaign.”

In 2016, 384 people lost their lives on NSW roads, 34 more than in 2015.

As an ambassador for the ‘bstreetsmart Youth and Road Trauma Forum’, Tristan Kennedy regularly tells his story to young people across NSW and was humbled to be able to share his story with the Wanderers.