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Tanya says: Don't drink and drive!

Sergeant Cary Coolican on Sep 18, 2019 @ 12:01pm

Road safety is everyone's business, every day and for one Far Northern family, they continue to advocate for road safety.

On May 11, 2013, Tanya Roneberg was killed when a drunk driver struck her as she was stopped on the side of the Captain Cook Highway at Holloways Beach, changing a bike tyre. Tanya was just 37-years-old at the time of her death.

The Roneberg family have been strong advocates for road safety and have featured in state road safety campaigns, local road safety expos for school students and more recently, the road safety forum during last months road safety week.

Some months ago, Mrs Roneberg contacted me asking for support to help produce a road safety sign which was kindly donated by the Cairns Baseball League.



Sharon Roneberg and Inspector Rhys Newton inspecting 'Tanya's' sign

Months of hard work from the Roneberg family, Cairns Baseball League and our QPS Media and Public Affairs Group came together for the unveiling of the sign at the Cairns Baseball Leagues grand final on Sunday, September 8.



Sharon Roneberg addressing the crowd at the Cairns Baseball League grand final

Sharon Roneberg explained her family had been involved with Cairns Baseball for 35 years and

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six and a half years ago, her daughter Tanya was struck and killed by a drink driver.

"The pain of that day never really leaves us but we want to impress upon people the dangers of drink driving," Mrs Roneberg said.

"You don't want to be like our family.

"You don't want to lose family or friends and you definitely don't want to be the cause of one of these terrible tragedies.

"Tanya was known to be a little bit bossy sometimes and we always get what she said, so in this instance Tanya says *don't drink and drive*, so don't!"



Inspector Newton urged all motorists to abide by the road rules and remember the Fatal Five

Inspector Rhys Newton said it was a privilege to be associated with this road safety initiative.

"The words 'don't drink and drive' are easily said and easily heard, however it just takes a small bit of planning to achieve that," Inspector Newton said.

"The amount of people that continue to drink and drive is staggering and the harm done on our roads because people choose to drink and then drive is tragic.

"The message is clear, don't drink and drive.

"A little bit of planning and forethought about what you are doing, and it's easy to manage.

"If you are going somewhere and you have to drive, the message is simple. Don't drink!"



Mrs Roneberg's reminder, Tanya says "Don't drink and drive", so don't!

Queensland Police thank the Roneberg family and Cairns Baseball League for their support with this road safety initiative.

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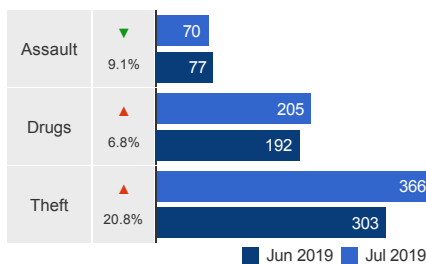
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