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WA’s Governor visits Curtin’s leading road safety research centre

His Excellency Dr Ken Michael, AC, Governor of Western Australia visited Curtin University recently to discover more about the leading research carried out at the Curtin-Monash Accident Research Centre (C-MARC).

The Governor was welcomed by Professor Linda Kristjanson, Deputy Vice Chancellor for Research and Development and Associate Professor Brett Hughes, Director of C-MARC.

Associate Professor Brett Hughes said it was an honour to host Dr Michael especially as he had been the Commissioner of Main Roads for many years and had a special interest in road safety.

“It’s been an absolute privilege to provide the Governor with an overview of some of the groundbreaking research we are engaging in,” Associate Professor Hughes said.

C-MARC researchers highlighted recent information on usage of rates of seatbelt wearing, new estimates of the cost the community places on road crashes, and best practices for child safety in vehicles.

Dr Michael said it was great to see the extensive ongoing research that was being developed to reduce the death count on West Australian roads.

“One accident, one death, one injury is too many from my perspective, vital research in this arena will help to reduce the State’s road toll,” Dr Michael said.

C-MARC, based at Curtin’s Bentley campus intends to be a centre of excellence in accident research that reduces accidents and injuries (especially in relation to road safety), and advocates for accident prevention in government, industry and the wider community.

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