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Media Release

SCBUG advocates for safe road sharing on the Sunshine Coast by supporting the latest important message from Amy's Foundation on how to report a 'close pass'

SAFE ROAD SHARING MUST BE A PRIORITY

A close pass happens when a driver overtakes a person on a bike without leaving the legal minimum passing distance. One metre in 60km/h zones or lower and one point five metres in higher speed zones.

Jon Rogers from the Sunshine Coast Bicycle User Group (SCBUG) says, 'The message is simple and critical to vehicles and cyclists sharing our local roads safely'. Reporting unsafe overtaking helps Police identify dangerous behaviour, hotspot locations and repeat vehicles. 'It also ensures the reporting cyclist is also doing the right thing.'

Amy's Foundation reports that '99.9% of cyclists have experienced a vehicle passing too close while riding', but 'only 21% reported an incident to the police'.

The SCBUG will be launching a road safety campaign in coming months, encouraging more cyclists to mount cameras front and rear and to report incidents to police. The campaign will also seek to raise awareness among motorists that unsafe or aggressive behaviour is being monitored.

'The problem is not the law. The problem is enforcement' says Amy's Foundation. 'Laws without enforcement fail to change behaviour'.

SCBUG encourages everyone in our Sunshine Coast community to keep considering the small actions we make while driving or riding, and to remember that safer roads are everyone's responsibility.

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The Sunshine Coast Bicycle User Group advocates for safe and sustainable active transport, representing cyclists and promoting road safety for all users.

