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### Taking action to save lives on Mungalup Road

COLLIE shire councillors were last week told that 70 per cent of motor vehicle drivers using Mungalup Road - the site of two recent road fatalities - exceed the speed limit, with one driver clocked at 111 kilometres an hour.

The statistics, gathered during traffic and speed counts in July and September, as well as concerns raised by local residents, prompted the Shire to instigate plans for speed cushions at strategic locations along the road.

Council allocated more than \$20,000 from its Roads to Recovery funds to install the calming devices between Crampton Street and Prinsep Crescent.

The traffic and speed counts showed that more than 70 per cent of vehicles using Mungalup Road were exceeding the 50kmh posted speed limit and more than 20 per cent were more than 10kmh over.

Mungalup Road resident Tara Moxon said her biggest concern was ensuring no other family had to deal with a car crash on that road in the future.

"If I can save one family from having to go through that, I am happy," Ms Moxon said. "It's worth a little bit of inconvenience and a little bit of noise."

"We see people driving down this street at excessive speed on a daily basis, it needs to stop," Ms Moxon said.

Shire of Collie Director of Technical Services Brett Lowcock said the Shire has worked with Main Roads in identifying the most appropriate and effective traffic calming devices for the road.

Speed cushions were the preferred treatment at this stage as they were highly effective and relatively low cost.

"Speed cushions installed in Prinsep St North have reduced the percentage of vehicles speeding from almost 40 per cent to seven per cent," Mr Lowcock said. "The number of cars exceeding 60kmh in the 50kmh posted limit was reduced by more than 90 per cent."

Speed cushions are designed to moderate vehicle speeds by the introduction of vertical displacement, while allowing larger vehicles with wider wheel paths, such as trucks, school buses and caravans, to pass unaffected.

Shire staff will now work with local residents to finalise locations for the speed cushions and anticipates having them installed before the end of the year.

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*Image: Shire of Collie Director of Technical Services Brett Lowcock with resident Tara Moxon.*

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