**ROTARY YOUTH DRIVER AWARENESS**

The Rotary Club of Kenmore again hosted the annual Roadsafe Youth Driver Awareness Program for the Year 11 students at Kenmore State High School on 14 October 2014. The event was held at the Sleeman Sports Centre at Chandler. The event was well attended by 100 students who were briefed on the six major aspects of driver awareness including:

*Stopping Distance*: Students were able to experience first- hand, as passengers, the effects of stopping at differing speeds.

*Hazards, Distractions*

*and Risks*: A high energy session familiarising students with common crash types and how to avoid or minimise their impact.

*Plan B: Alcohol,*

*Drugs and Fatigue*: An interactive workshop focusing on how these have an effect on driving ability

*Road Choices*: A discussion led by a uniformed police officer on consequences of poor choices on the road

*Crash Survivor*: A powerful presentation by a person who has a brain or spinal injury as a result of a car accident.

*My Wheels:* Students learnt about vehicle safety covering such topics as ABS brakes, car maintenance and insurance.

Sponsorship was provided by the KSHS P&C, as well as Kenmore, Brookfield and Karana Downs Rotary Clubs. These funds helped to cover the costs of bus transport and other associated costs.

This is a great training program aimed at reducing death and injury amongst our young people. The three Rotary Clubs in the Western Brisbane area are committed to ensuring this program continues to grow.

To find out more about the program and other Rotary initiatives please visit the following two websites:

Road Safety Education: www.rse.org.au/ryda

Kenmore Rotary Website: www.rotarykenmore.org.au