Alcohol and bitumen don’t mix

Drink driving is inexcusable. It has been responsible for so much death, injury and heartache. The cost is immeasurable.

Drinking alcohol reduces your ability to drive safely. Alcohol affects your judgement, vision, coordination and reflexes—increasing your risk of having a crash.

Alcohol can:
- make it hard for you to concentrate on driving
- slow down your reaction time
- reduce your ability to do more than one thing at a time
- affect your vision and hearing
- make you feel more confident, which may lead you to take unnecessary risks
- relax you, increasing your chances of falling asleep while driving
- make simple tasks more difficult.

Consequences of drink driving
If you have consumed alcohol, it is against the law to drive a vehicle if the level of alcohol in your blood or breath is over the alcohol limit for the licence you hold or the vehicle that you want to drive.

If you drive when you are over the blood alcohol limit, you may be charged. If you are convicted, you’ll face serious penalties and consequences:
- your driver licence will be cancelled
- you will be disqualified from holding or obtaining a further driver licence for a stated period
- you will be fined and may be jailed.

How to avoid drink driving
- If you’re planning to drink, plan alternative travel – catch a taxi or public transport, arrange a lift with a non-drinking driver or organise to stay overnight.
- Discourage friends or family from driving when they have been drinking.
- Nominate one person in your group as the sober driver.

Drug driving has a zero limit
Just like random breath tests, you can be pulled over by Queensland police officers for a random roadside saliva test to detect any presence of illegal drugs. There is zero tolerance for driving under the influence of illegal drugs.

Crashes are caused by deliberate actions of road users. It’s all about choices!