

The ripple effect

Activity: Bronnie's story

Now that you have viewed Bronnie's story, take some time to reflect on how road trauma can not only have an impact on yourself, but on the people around you and the wider community you live in.

Reflection questions

In your own words, describe what you think happened leading up to Bronnie's crash?

Who were the people involved leading up to the crash?

Who was impacted by the events of the day?

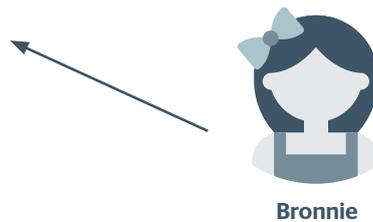
Who knows Bronnie?

As Bronnie's uncle stated, 'there was a whole sequence of decisions that night when Bronnie was talked into jumping on the back of that bike.'

These decisions have ended up making an impact on the people around her. In the space below, create a brainstorm of what Bronnie's social network could look like. Think about the people she may have known at school, at her workplace, as well as her family and friends. Even though we don't know their names, we can think about the role they may have played in Bronnie's life (e.g close friend, colleagues, sports coach, English teacher).

Think about this...

In the year Bronnie passed away (2014), there were 182 reported fatalities on the roads in Western Australia (Road Safety Commission, WA).



Bronnie's family and friends

Now that you have thought about Bronnie's social network, take note of what Bronnie's family and friends say about her. Watch the video again if needed and take down any key quotes.

Bronnie's mum	Bronnie's best friend	Bronnie's uncle	Bronnie's boyfriend

Out of Bronnie's family and friends, who do you relate with the most and why?

Which one of the key quotes above has made the biggest impact on you? Explain how?

Wider community impact

Now that you have thought more about Bronnie's life and her immediate family and friends, think about how members of the wider community may have been impacted.

List possible people who may have had to interact with Bronnie after the crash, but may not have known her personally.

At the crash scene	In the ambulance	At the hospital

Even though the people in the list above may not have known Bronnie personally,

Think about this...

"I don't think people realise that when someone dies, how many people are influenced by that death and affected by that death for a very long time."

- Senior Constable Rita Cobanov

In your own words, express what you've learnt from this reflection exercise. Has it made you consider the decisions you make on the road?

What are some practical things you can do to help you and those around you make wise decisions before taking to the road as a driver or a passenger?

If this activity has triggered feelings of stress or anxiety, or you feel upset from anything shown or discussed, it is important to reach out to someone you trust. Talk to a trusted parent, teacher, caregiver or friend.

Additional support can be found through:

- » Road Trauma Support WA: **1300 004 814**
- » Headspace: headspace.org.au



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