



**WESTERN AUSTRALIA POLICE FORCE
CHILDREN'S CROSSING UNIT**

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One huge issue is the lack of Traffic Wardens to man our crossings, due to many retiring at the end of 2021.

Another road block is due to the ongoing issues with Covid-19, etc. We are taking this opportunity to ask for your understanding, patience and assistance when we are unable to have a Traffic Warden cover a crossing that effects your school.

Given the current circumstances with Covid-19, vaccinations and the demographics of our Traffic Wardens there has not been as much interest in becoming a Traffic Warden this year. This being the case, we are left with quite a few crossings being unattended.

We fully understand your frustration at not having a Traffic Warden at your school crossing and also your concerns revolving around OSH concerns as we have the same concerns. We have been advertising in all areas of the metropolitan area, but it is not proving to be as successful as we would like.

If any Parents/Grandparents are interested in becoming a Traffic Warden they can contact Children's Crossing Unit direct on 6274 8731 so an application pack can be sent to them. If they are successful in applying for the position and pass their training they can be placed at your crossing if it is one of our unmanned crossings only. It is also a paid position which does not affect a pension too much if employment is taken up. It would be highly recommended that any potential candidate on a pension contact Centrelink to have a chat. The current pay rate is roughly around \$25.58 per hour - two hours per day/five days per week.

To become a Traffic Warden, we require the applicant have access to email, a full driver's license with access to a vehicle and be able to work the full 10 shifts per week - one hour in the morning and one hour in the afternoon. Any applicant signed up in this manner who is a part of the school community must reside within a 10km radius of their crossing/school.

Once the application has been submitted, it will commence the application process which involves a background check through WA Police Force Personal Security Vetting Unit. If they are supported they will be sent a medical assessment to take to their doctor which will need to be paid for by the applicant and reimbursed by the Children's Crossings Unit - up to \$70.00. Once they have passed the medical assessment they will be invited to attend State Traffic Operations in Midland for a training day which will last for about 4 – 5 hours.

Our unit is endeavoring to hire more wardens urgently, but would be very apperceptive of any assistance from the schools we serve.

Kind Regards

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