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## **Surgeons support Police in ‘Operation Unite’ against alcohol related harm**

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The Royal Australasian College of Surgeons has put its full support behind ‘Operation Unite’ – the two-day blitz by police in Australia and New Zealand against violence and related harm as a consequence of excessive alcohol consumption.

College spokesman Dr John Crozier praised the efforts of police in both countries for the ‘Operation Unite’ initiative to reduce the impacts of alcohol related harm.

“As the police force in both countries unite, so too the surgeons in Australia and New Zealand stand shoulder-to-shoulder to do what we can to reduce the unnecessary violence and harm we witness on a daily basis as a result of alcohol misuse.

“Surgeons are on the frontline of this battle, just like the police, ambulance officers, Emergency Department staff and nurses. We see the results of alcohol fuelled violence on a daily basis and we pick-up the pieces of the injured as best we can.

“Alcohol-fuelled violence is totally preventable. While we want people to celebrate and enjoy the festive season – we ask everyone to be aware and responsible,” Dr Crozier said.

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