



IMPACT ZONE: A woman died in a head-on collision between a semi-trailer and the car she was travelling in yesterday.

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Woman, 59, dies as caravan torn apart

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A 59-YEAR-OLD Brisbane woman is dead and her husband is in a serious condition in hospital after a horror smash at Black Mountain yesterday.

The holidaying couple's caravan was torn apart by the impact, after their late model Holden Commodore sedan collided with a semi-trailer on the Bruce Highway under the Mary River Road overpass, just after 12.30pm, sending their belongings flying across the road.

Accident investigators were still picking through the pieces more than five hours after the accident happened, while they tried to determine how the Commodore lost control and collided with the semi.

It is believed the woman's hus-

band, who was driving north at the time of the accident, lost control and swerved into the semi, with witnesses reporting the truck driver did everything he could to avoid the accident.

The couple's sedan was sent flying off the road from the head-on smash and the Slacks Creek woman was killed instantly.

Her husband had to be cut from the wreckage, while a pet dog was also killed in the accident.

The woman, who was to celebrate her 60th birthday next week, is the sixth person to be killed on Coast roads in two weeks and the 16th to die statewide this month.

The accident closed both lanes on the highway for hours, with traffic officers diverting traffic via Pioneer Road and through Cooroy.

The fatality was the start of a stretch of accidents on Coast roads yesterday, which left police baffled as to how to get the safe driving message across, as all accidents occurred in near-perfect weather conditions.

A two-vehicle accident closed down Kawana's Technology Way just before 1.15pm.

Both drivers escaped with only minor injuries, but the debris took more than half an hour to clean up.

And a disqualified driver has been served with a notice to appear in court after a two-car smash on Sugar Road just five minutes later.

The accident, just in front of Gary Crick's Auto, only caused minor damage but lunchtime traffic was thrown into chaos for close to an hour.



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