

#### **ROADWISE COMMITTEE**

#### **MINUTES**

**SECTION 5.9(2)(c) LGA 1995** 

The functions of the RoadWise Committee are:

- (1) To provide a structured forum for stakeholders to consider and discuss road safety issues; and
- (2) To discuss and make recommendation regarding the identification and appropriate counter measures to negative attitudinal, behavioural and environmental factors linked to enforcement, engineering, education, encouragement and evaluation of road safety initiatives.

Meeting of the RoadWise Committee held in the Council Committee Room, Lowood Road, Mount Barker WA 6324 2.00pm Thursday 11 February 2021

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Paul Sheedy ACTING CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

#### **Committee Members**

Cr Len Handasyde, Cr Brett Bell - Local Government Elected members, Mr David Lynch - Manager Works and Services, Position Vacant - RoadWise Officer, Mr Andrew Duffield - Main Roads WA, Sergeant David Johnson - Mount Barker Police, Mr Roger Barrett - Mount Barker Community College, Mrs Elsa Drage - Community Representative, Mr Leon Pitt, Mount Barker Community College Parents and Citizens Association (Resolution No. 208/19), Ms Pauline Hughes, Mount Barker Community College (Resolution No. 160/20)

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Presiding Member: Cr L Handasyde

Deputy Presiding Member: Cr B Bell

Membership: Quorum (5)

Cr L Handasyde Council Representative
Cr B Bell Council Representative
Cr M O'Dea Deputy for Cr Handasyde

Cr K Woltering Deputy for Cr Bell

Mr D Lynch Executive Manager Works and Services

Position Vacant RoadWise Officer Mr A Duffield Main Roads WA

Mr B Lenton Deputy for Mr A Duffield
Sgt D Johnson Mount Barker Police
Senior Constable K Brown Deputy for Sgt D Johnson

Ms P Hughes Mount Barker Community College

Mr W Beck Deputy for Ms P Hughes
Mrs E Drage Community Representative

Mr L Pitt Mount Barker Community College P&C

Association

Mr A Fraser Deputy for the Mount Barker Community College

**P&C** Association

#### 1 DECLARATION OF OPENING / ANNOUNCEMENT OF VISITORS

2.00pm Cr Handasyde declared the meeting open.

#### 2 RECORD OF ATTENDANCE / APOLOGIES

Attendance

Cr L Handasyde Council Representative Cr K Woltering Council Representative

Mr D Lynch Executive Manager Works and Services

Mr B Lenton Main Roads WA
Sgt D Johnson Mount Barker Police

Mr W Beck Mount Barker Community College

Mrs E Drage Community Representative

Mr L Pitt Mount Barker Community College P&C Association

Staff

Ms A Chadbourne Senior Administration Office, Works and Services

**Apologies** 

Mr A Duffield Main Roads WA

Ms P Hughes Mount Barker Community College

Cr B Bell Council Representative

#### 3 DISCLOSURE OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS

Part 5, Division 6, Local Government Act 1995

Nil.

#### 4 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Moved Mr D Lynch, Seconded Mr L Pitt;

That the minutes of the Meeting of the RoadWise Committee, held on Thursday 10 December 2020 be taken as read and adopted as a correct record.

**CARRIED** 

#### 5 REPORTS OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS AND OFFICERS

The meeting discussed the 2021 Action Plan and noted the vacant Road Safety Advisor position. Some of the actions on the plan are dependant upon the Road Safety Advisor position and so may not be completed until the position is filled. Mr Lynch advised that some media releases may come from WALGA in Perth.

The 2021 Action Plan is shown at Attachment One.

#### 5.1 SAFE SPEEDS

#### 5.2 SAFE ROAD USE

#### 5.2.1 BLESSING OF THE ROADS CAMPAIGN

The Blessing of the Roads event is traditionally held before the Easter weekend and the school holidays.

Mr Beck from the Mount Barker Community College advised he would speak with the school principal and would report on the school's role in the planning and hosting of the event.

#### 5.2.2 BLOW 0.00 AND WIN / SOBER SUPER HERO CAMPAIGN

Sgt Johnson advised the campaign commenced on 25 January 2021.

Twenty vouchers to local businesses were supplied to the Mount Barker Police by Mr Beck (RSA). A small number of vouchers were left to be handed out to drivers doing the right thing and blowing 0.00.

Sgt Johnson said staff would be organising some media promotion possibly in the Plantagenet News and on the Twitter account.

Cr Handasyde expressed the Committee's thanks to Sgt Johnson for the work the police have been doing for this campaign.

#### 5.2.3 DRIVER REVIVER

The Driver Reviver is scheduled for Friday 26 February 2021 at the usual site – pull-in bay on eastern side of Albany Highway just north of the northern Cranbrook turn off.

The meeting discussed the following:

- Set up to commence around 12 noon and the event to continue until volunteers agree it is no longer viable;
- Shire of Plantagenet staff to coordinate the setup and the putting out of the traffic management signs;
- Mrs Drage is scheduling the roster. She advised that there were not as many volunteers available for this date as there have been for previous events;
- Portable toilet Cr Bell would be able to deliver the toilet to the site. Cr Woltering advised she would discuss with him;
- A VMB was to be loaned from the Shire of Cranbrook who would program and put into position; and
- Main Roads was, as always, happy to provide a light tower which would be delivered to the site.

#### 5.3 SAFE ROADS AND ROADSIDES

#### 6 AGENCY REPORTS

#### 6.1 ROADWISE

The Road Safety Advisor position is currently vacant.

#### 6.2 MAIN ROADS WA

Mr Lenton reported on the shoulder works and installation of the audible edge line currently taking place on Albany Highway between Mount Barker and Albany.

He advised that 2020/21 has been a busy year for Main Roads and at this point, 2021/22 is anticipated to have a quieter work schedule.

#### 6.3 MOUNT BARKER POLICE

Sgt Johnson advised that RBTs had increased but that drink driving offences had decreased.

He said that speeding offenses had increased and reported on the two fatal accidents on Albany Highway in Plantagenet in December and January.

#### 6.4 SHIRE OF PLANTAGENET

Mr Lynch reported on the Shire's Townsite Beautification Project which would take place this year. The idea behind the project is to help make the townsite more attractive as well as aid in calming traffic particularly along sections of Lowood and Langton Roads respectively.

Trees are to be planted in the middle of suitable roads with lines painted around them. Mr Lynch reported that the tree being considered for use at the moment is a pear tree.

He also advised the meeting of the replacement of the bollards on Lowood Road at the bend near the bakery. The bollards would be smaller so helping to improve motorists' vision.

#### 6.5 MOUNT BARKER COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Mr Beck reported the Town Brigade's Fire and Rescue trucks had recently put on a display at the pull-in bay on Albany Highway for MBCC students to inspect whilst walking to school.

He suggested that the site could be used by RoadWise to promote road safety

#### 6.6 COMMUNITY MEMBER

Mrs Drage reported on the roster for the Driver Reviver.

#### 7 NEXT MEETING

Thursday 8 April 2021 at 2.00pm

#### **8 MEETING CLOSURE**

3.00pm Cr Handasyde declared the meeting closed.

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#### **ATTACHMENT ONE**

## Shire of Plantagenet RoadWise Committee Action Plan 2021

#### **Background**

The Plantagenet RoadWise Committee consists of representatives from:

- Shire of Plantagenet Elected representatives and staff
- Main Roads WA
- Police
- Community Representatives
- WALGA RoadWise

The Plantagenet RoadWise Committee is seeking to identify actions to be carried out during 2021 to enable effective strategies to be implemented which can reduce the level of road trauma within the Shire of Plantagenet and surrounding areas

This plan is written under the framework of the State Road Safety Strategy and the principles of the Safe System and Shared Responsibility approach to road safety that has been used throughout Australia and the world. A Safe System benefits all road users and has five guiding principles:

- **1. The limits of human performance -** We all make mistakes and we all need to acknowledge the limits of our capabilities.
- 2. The physical limits of human tolerance to violent forces In a crash there are physical limits to the amount of force our bodies can take before we are injured. The Safe System seeks to create a road transport system in which the forces in foreseeable collisions are within our physical limits.
- **3. Shared responsibility** Previously the majority of road safety responsibility rested with the individual road user. Within a Safe System we all take an individual and shared role in road safety.
- **4.** A forgiving road system We need to design a road system that is 'inherently safe' so when crashes do happen deaths and injuries can be avoided.
- **5. Increased use of public transport** Busses and trains are safer modes of travel than cars and motorcycles.

The Safe System identifies four cornerstones that the Shire of Plantagenet has adopted in the following road safety strategy. Objectives, activities and evaluation outcomes have been identified for each of the four cornerstones.

**GOAL**: To reduce the number of serious crashes in the Shire of Plantagenet.

#### **CORNERSTONES**

- 1. Safe Road Use fostering a culture that supports alert and compliant road users and improving road user behaviour and enforcement.
- 2. Safe Speeds aiming to improve speed management on roads and foster a community and driving culture that supports lower travel speeds.
- **3. Safe Roads and Roadsides -** provide safer roads by improving the road and the road environment.
- **4. Safe Vehicles** aiming to improve awareness of vehicle safety features and ANCAP ratings and to encourage purchase of at least four or five star ANCAP rated vehicles.

## Great Southern Regional Data

(sourced from Road Safety Commission https://www.rsc.wa.gov.au/Statistics/Regional-Statistics/Great-Southern)

# Overview of Statistics

These statistics relate to the 5-year period of 2015-2019 and are restricted to killed or seriously injured (KSI) or serious crashes unless otherwise specified.

- 46 people were killed or seriously injured in Great Southern in 2019.
- 278 people were killed or seriously injured in Great Southern from 2015-2019.
- KSI rate is 73.5 per 100,000 populations in 2019.
- 63% of KSI were male.
- 17% of KSI were aged 20-29 year old.

## Types of Crashes

- 21% of people killed or seriously injured were a result of a single vehicle run-off-road or non-collision rollover.
- 44% of people killed or seriously injured were a result of hitting an object (excludes animals)
  - 63% of people killed or seriously injured occurred on roads with 110 km/h speed zones.
- 16% occurred on roads with speed zones of 50 km/h.

## **Behaviour Statistics**

- Seatbelts were not worn by 11% of vehicle occupants killed or seriously injured.
- Speed was a factor in the 26% of people killed or seriously injured.
- At least one driver/rider blood alcohol concentration (BAC) of 0.05 or higher was recorded in 3% of people killed or seriously injured.
- Fatigue was suspected to be a factor in the crashes of 24% of people killed or seriously injured.\*\*

<sup>\*\*</sup>Restricted to proxy measures of fatigue.

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# Shire of Plantagenet RoadWise Committee Annual Planner 2021

JANUARY	DATE	TASK/EVENT	WHO	Safe System Cornerstone
New Year, Australia Day	By end January	Finalise Sober Super Hero campaign, prepare report for Committee	Police Works Admin Officer	Safe Road Use
and School Holidays	End of January	Draft media release – Sober Super Hero campaign & Return to School Road Safety	Police Works Admin Officer	Safe Road Use
		Draft media release –Return to School Road Safety	RSA	Safe Road Use Safe Speed
	Australia Day Long Weekend	"Drinking Kills Driving Skills" banner displayed in prominent location	RSA Works Manager	Safe Road Use
	Last week of January	Back to School Road Safety Media developed and distributed	RSA	Safe Speed

FEBRUARY	DATE	TASK/EVENT	WHO	Safe System Cornerstone
	11 February	Committee meeting, 2pm @ Shire	All	
	By mid-February	Confirm plans for Driver Reviver	Works Admin Officer	Safe Road Use
		Order resources	Manager Works and	
		Traffic management plan	Services  Committee (Flsa	
		<ul><li>Volunteer roster</li><li>Liaison with Police and Main</li></ul>	Drage to coordinate)	
		Roads		
	By end February	Follow up outstanding Sober Super	Works Admin Officer	Safe Road Use
		Hero feedback forms and collate	Police	
	By end of February	Media release – upcoming Driver	RSA	Safe Road Use
		Reviver and risks of driving tired		
	By end of February	"Belt Up" banner displayed in	RSA	Safe Road Use
		prominent location	Works Manager	
	Friday 26 February	Driver Reviver	Volunteers as per roster	Safe Road Use

MARCH	DATE	TASK/EVENT	МНО	Safe System Cornerstone
Labor Day	1 March	Driver Reviver follow up		Safe Road Use
		<ul> <li>Unpack resources, check</li> </ul>	Works Admin Officer	
		inventory	RSA	
		<ul> <li>Thank you letters</li> </ul>	Volunteers	
		Media		
		<ul> <li>Statistics/reporting</li> </ul>		
	Mid-March	Cyclist Minimum Passing Distance	RSA	Safe Road Use
		Display at local community facility		Safe Speed
	By end of March	"Not drunk, not speeding just tired"	RSA	Safe Road Use
		banner displayed in prominent location	Works Manager	
	Last week of March	School Holiday Road Safety media	RSA	Safe Speeds
		developed and distributed		Safe Road Use

APRIL Easter, Anzac Day, School Holidays	DATE	TASK/EVENT	МНО	Safe System Cornerstone
	8 April	Committee meeting, 2pm @ Shire	All	Safe Systems Foundation
	TBC	Blessing of the Roads, Mt Barker Community College	MBCC Committee members	Safe Road Use
	Mid-April	Media Release Blessing of the Roads	RSA	Safe Road Use
	Mid-April	Child Car Restraint Display at local community facility	RSA	Safe Cars
	16 <sup>th</sup> April	Media Release & Social Media Posts – Back to School Safety	RSA Community Development Officer	Safe Road Use Safe Speed
	End of April	End of Sport Season – Safe Celebration Promotion	Community Development Officer RSA	Safe Road Use

MAY	DATE	TASK/EVENT	WHO	Safe System Cornerstone
	6-12 May	Yellow Ribbon Road Safety Week - National Road Safety Week  Local media  Event e.g. Yellow Ribbon morning tea (TBC)	Road Safety Advisor	Safe Road Use
	6-12 May	Mt Barker CRC Road Safety Event Support and attend (subject to funding application)	Road Safety Advisor Committee members	Safe System Foundations
	Mid May	Media Release & Social Media – "Winter is Coming – Car Checks"	Community Development Officer RSA	Safe Cars
	End of May	"Safer Cars Save Lives" banner displayed in prominent location	RSA Works Admin Officer	Safe Cars

JUNE	DATE	TASK/EVENT	WHO	Safe System Cornerstone
	1 June	Western Australia Day		
	10 June	Committee meeting, 2pm @ Shire	All	Safe System Foundations
	End of June	"Distraction" Display at local community facility	RSA	Safe Road Use
		Media Release & Social Media -	Community Development	Safe Road Use
		"Preparing for the holidays – Don't	Officer	
		drive tired"	RSA	

JULY	DATE	TASK/EVENT	WHO	Safe System Cornerstone
School	End of July	"RoadWise" banner displayed in	RSA	Safe System Foundations
Holidays		prominent location	Works Manager	
	16 July	Media & social media – "Back to	Community Development	Safe Road Use
		School"	Officer	Safe Speed
			RSA	

AUGUST	DATE	TASK/EVENT	WHO	Safe System Cornerstone
	12 August	Committee meeting, 2pm @ Shire	All	Safe System Foundations
	By mid August	Promote "Celebrate your end of season safely" message - Modify Albany poster and distribute to sporting clubs and associations	RSA & Community Development Officer	Safe Road Use
	By end August	Confirm plans for Driver Reviver      Order resources     Traffic management plan     Volunteer roster     Liaise with Police and MR	<ul> <li>Works Admin Officer</li> <li>Manager Works and Services</li> <li>Committee (Elsa Drage to coordinate)</li> </ul>	Safe Road Use
	By End of August	Child Car Restraint Fitter Station Held in partnership with local child focused community group	RSA Local Qualified CCR Fitters	Safe Cars
	By End of August	Media & social media – "Child Car Restraints"	RSA	Safe Cars
SEPTEMBER	DATE	TASK/EVENT	WHO	Safe System Cornerstone
School Holidays	During school holidays	Loan Courtesy Speed Display Signs and utilise on a high use road	RSA Works Manager	Safe Speeds
	17th	School Holiday Road Safety Media	RSA	Safe Speeds Safe Road Use
	24th	Driver Reviver	Volunteers as per roster	Safe Road Use
	TBC	Great Southern Road Safety Conference	Committee members to attend/present if able	Safe System Foundations
	By end of September	Media & social media – "Safe Speeds" including use of CSDS.	Community Development Officer RSA	Safe Speed
	By end of September	Media & social media Dangers of driving tired and Driver Reviver	Community Development Officer RSA	Safe Road Use

OCTOBER	DATE	TASK/EVENT	МНО	Safe System Cornerstone
	1 (TBC)	Driver Reviver follow up  Unpack resources, check inventory  Thank you letters  Media  Statistics/reporting	Works Admin Officer Road Safety Advisor Works Volunteers/Works	Safe Road Use
	9 October	Media Release & Social Media Posts - Back to School Safety	RSA Community Development Officer	Safe Road Use Safe Speed
	14 October	Committee meeting, 2pm @ Shire	All	Safe System Foundations
	By End of October	Commence promotion of Road Ribbons for Road Safety campaign – including media release and social media posts	Community Development Officer RSA	Safe Road Use

NOVEMBER	DATE	TASK/EVENT	WHO	Safe System Cornerstone
	17	Road Ribbons for Road Safety campaign commences	Road Safety Advisor Works Admin Officer	Safe Road Use
		<ul> <li>Order resources as required</li> </ul>		
		"Road Ribbons" banner displayed in	RSA	Safe Road Use
		prominent location	Works Manager	
	By mid November	Commence planning for Sober	Police	Safe Road Use
		Superhero campaign:	Works Admin Officer	
		<ul> <li>Confirm support from police</li> </ul>	Road Safety Advisor	
		<ul> <li>Canvas support from local</li> </ul>	Committee members	
		businesses		
		<ul> <li>Prepare and print vouchers</li> </ul>		
		Media		

By mid November	Promote "Plan a safe Xmas Function" Community Development message. Modify Albany poster and distribute to businesses and community	Community Development Officer RSA	Safe Road Use
By end of November	Media and social media posts – Comme Planning to be safe on the road during Officer the festive season.	Community Development Officer RSA	Safe Road Use

DECEMBER	DATE	TASK/EVENT	МНО	Safe System Cornerstone
	9 December	Committee meeting, 2pm @ Shire	All	Safe System Foundations
	Mid December	Commence Sober Superhero	Police	Safe Road Use
	(Date TBC)	campaign	Road Safety Advisor	
		<ul> <li>Provide vouchers to Police</li> </ul>	Works Admin Officer	
		<ul> <li>Ongoing media</li> </ul>		
		"Drinking Kills Driving Skills" banner	RSA	Safe Road Use
		displayed in prominent location	Works Manager	