



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 12 October 2023


Julian Murphy
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Committee Members

Cr B Bell, Cr M O'Dea, Cr K Woltering - Local Government Elected members, Mr K Hemmings - Executive Manager Works and Services, Ms V Gardiner - RoadWise Officer (Resolution No 245/21), Mr A Duffield - Main Roads WA, Sgt W Byram - Mount Barker Police (Resolution No 059/22), Mrs E Drage - Community Representative, Mr L Pitt, Mount Barker Community College Parents and Citizens Association, Mr W Beck, Mount Barker Community College (Resolution No 043/23)

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Presiding Member: Cr B Bell

Deputy Presiding Member: Cr K Woltering

Membership: Quorum (5)

Cr B Bell	Council Representative
Cr M O'Dea	Council Representative
Cr K Woltering	Council Representative
Mr K Hemmings	Executive Manager Works and Services
Ms V Gardiner	RoadWise Officer
Mr A Duffield	Main Roads WA
Mr B Lenton	Deputy for Mr A Duffield
Sgt W Byram	Mount Barker Police
Snr Cons A Somerville	Deputy for 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
Mr A Fraser	Deputy for the Mount Barker Community College P&C Association

1 DECLARATION OF OPENING / ANNOUNCEMENT OF VISITORS

2.04pm Cr Bell declared the meeting open.

2 RECORD OF ATTENDANCE / APOLOGIESAttendance

Cr B Bell	Council Representative
Cr K Woltering	Council Representative
Mr K Hemmings	Executive Manager Works and Services
Ms V Gardiner	RoadWise Officer
Mr B Lenton	Deputy for Mr A Duffield
Snr Cons A Somerville	Deputy for 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 Works and Services
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Apologies

Cr M O'Dea	Council Representative
Sgt W Byram	Mount Barker Police

3 DISCLOSURE OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS

Part 5, Division 6, Local Government Act 1995

Nil

4 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Moved Cr K Woltering, Seconded Mrs E Drage;

That the minutes of the Meeting of the RoadWise Committee, held on Thursday 10 August 2023 be taken as read and adopted as a correct record.

CARRIED

5 REPORTS OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS AND OFFICERS**5.1 SAFE SPEEDS****5.1.1 SPEED INDICATION DEVICES**

The Committee discussed the SID positioned in various locations. Currently the signs are located on Lowood Road near Plantagenet Sheds; Rocky Gully; Ormond Road; and Langton Road. Beverley Road was put forward as a possible future location.

Mr Hemmings advised that no data was being downloaded from the SIDs at the moment due to Shire staff having other priorities.

5.2 SAFE ROAD USE

5.2.1 DRIVER REVIVER

The Committee discussed the Driver Reviver event held on Friday 22 September at the Tenterden Store on Albany Highway. See Attachment One.

The following comments were noted.

- Mrs Drage advised that it wasn't easy to find volunteers for the event and consequently she was on her own for a while.
- Students from MBCC were not available.
- Less milk is required next time – six 2L cartons would be sufficient.
- Light tower arrived earlier which was better.
- Event finished at 10.00pm.

Kate Ryan-Taylor, the Shire's Workplace Health and Safety Officer, attended the meeting to discuss workplace safety. New Work Health and Safety laws mean that a site induction is now required for volunteers. Also, insurance requirements were discussed. As the Shire is supporting, not running the event, volunteers representing groups such as St John Ambulance or bush fire brigades were required to provide copies of the organisation's public liability insurance.

It was also pointed out that volunteers must sign on when commencing a shift. Ms Ryan-Taylor offered to train a Committee Member to carry out site inductions.

5.3 SAFE VEHICLES

5.4 SAFE ROADS AND ROADSIDES

Mr Hemmings advised he had recently attended a seminar run by WALGA about Roadside Vegetation Management. Environmental issues and sightlines on roads were some of the topics discussed.

6 AGENCY REPORTS

6.1 ROADWISE

See Attachment Two for the report from Ms Gardiner where the review and restructure of the WALGA RoadWise team was highlighted. Ms Gardiner spoke about the support service the RoadWise team would be offering to registered RoadWise Councils. Each respective Council would receive tailored support to help it work towards best practice road safety.

Moved Cr K Woltering, Seconded Cr B Bell;

That it be recommended to the Council that the Shire of Plantagenet register as a RoadWise Council with WALGA.

CARRIED

6.2 MAIN ROADS WA

Mr Lenton reported on recent works underway and to be completed by Main Roads,

- Albany Highway – Beattie Road intersection – sealing and line marking to be completed.
- Woogenellup Road roundabout – to be resealed.
- Beams – still delivering these items to Albany.
- Wind farm rotors and parts – transport still taking place.
- VMB – trailer wheels were stolen at the recent Driver Reviver.

6.3 MOUNT BARKER POLICE

Snr Cons A Somerville reported that the number of visitors to the region was less than at the same time last year. No road fatalities have been reported on local roads.

He reported on hooning in town – this issue has become more common than speeding. Snr Cons Somerville advised that on occasion police are driving from Perth down Albany Highway to Albany and then back again.

6.4 SHIRE OF PLANTAGENET

Mr Hemmings reported that winter grading was completed. Spraying of road verge drains were underway.

He reported on the intent to widen and seal Newman Road in Narrikup; the increasing use of tactile pavers around the Mount Barker townsite; the plan to continue widening Carbarup Road and the drainage maintenance works which were scheduled to take place later in the year.

6.5 MOUNT BARKER COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Mr Beck reported on the Leavers Alive event held recently at the MBCC. It was the 21st anniversary of the event and this year it focused on an accident between a car and an electric scooter. Mr Beck said he had received positive feedback. The suggestion was made to include year 10 students next year.

6.6 COMMUNITY MEMBER

Mrs Drage highlighted the lack of guide posts on the east side of Martin Street from Ormond to Oatlands Road.

7 NEXT MEETING

2.00pm Thursday 14 December 2023

8 MEETING CLOSURE

3.20pm Cr Bell declared the meeting closed.

Presiding Member

Date

ATTACHMENT ONE

Amy Chadbourne

From: Helen Buffham
Sent: Wednesday, 27 September 2023 4:06 PM
To: Andrew Duffield (RM); Andrew Fraser; Brad Lenton; CR Brett Bell; CR Karen Woltering; CR Marie O'Dea; Elsa Drage (elsa.drage@yahoo.com.au); KEMPTON Kristy [PD87549] (Kristy.KEMPTON@police.wa.gov.au); Leon Pitt; Sgt Wayne Byram; Snr Con Alan Somerville; Vivienne Gardiner; Wesley Beck; Kevin Hemmings; Amy Chadbourne
Subject: Driver Reviver
Follow Up Flag: Follow up
Flag Status: Completed

Good afternoon

The Driver Reviver was held on Friday 22 September 2023 from 12pm to 10pm at the Tenterden Store.

There was a total of 66 vehicles stop, 88 people used the tea and coffee service and 62 used the ablution facility.

Once again, thanks go to the Volunteers who gave up their time to assist on the day and particularly Elsa for organizing the volunteers, Len for collecting and returning the trailer and Brett for arranging the portable toilet to be on site and returned to Mount Barker Hire.

Also thanks to Brad Lenton, Main Roads for arranging the VMB to warn travellers of the stop and Mike Barnes and the SES for the use of their lighting tower.

Brett Waters, provided the verandah at his shop to set up and use his power. This is particularly appreciated and saves a lot of set up time not having to put the marquee up.

Kind regards
Helen

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ATTACHMENT TWO



RoadWise Report

October 2023

RoadWise Council

A new Approach to Managing Road Safety

Program Overview

The RoadWise team has been evolving the RoadWise Program to improve the way we support Local Government manage road safety. The new approach, RoadWise Councils directly supports best practice road safety by strengthening the roles and functions within Local Government that have the greatest impact on road safety performance.

RoadWise Councils will offer a more focused and regular support service to Local Government. What this means is, the number of Local Governments that we can work with will be reduced so that we can allocate more time into supporting registered Local Governments, to be known as RoadWise Councils.

There will be no financial obligations for Local Governments to register, and the support you receive will be tailored for each Local Government and work towards best practice road safety goals. This could be anything from facilitating working groups, road safety rating, staff capacity building, policy development, etc (to be negotiated). The only requirements will be:

- **a demonstrated commitment to road safety. This can be satisfied through a resolution of Council (or a declaration signed by the CEO) and**
- **at least two primary road safety contact/champion (at least 1 staff member)**

WALGA is allocating only 10 Local Governments to each Road Safety Advisor, and we will allocate our time (~30-35 hours) supporting registered RoadWise Councils each quarter. This means some Local Governments will only receive minimal support under this new service arrangement.

What do Local Governments get?

Local Governments that register as a RoadWise Council, will be entitled to:

- Access to WALGA's road safety services (up to 1 week per quarter of Road Safety Advisor time to assist delivery) with a minimum of one meeting per quarter to discuss and record progress as a RoadWise Council
- Access to participate in WALGA's road safety training, professional development forums and other seminars/workshops/networking.
- Participate in 'RoadWise Recognised' program, a Local Government Road Safety Recognition and Incentive Program (more details at a later date).
- The use of the RoadWise logo



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Road Safety Resources provided:

The primary resource is Road Safety Advisor time to assist Local Governments to prioritise, deliver and continually improve best practice road safety actions. The exact methods and tools will be determined through a consultative and collaborative process, as it is anticipated that each Local Government will have different priorities and adopt different approaches.

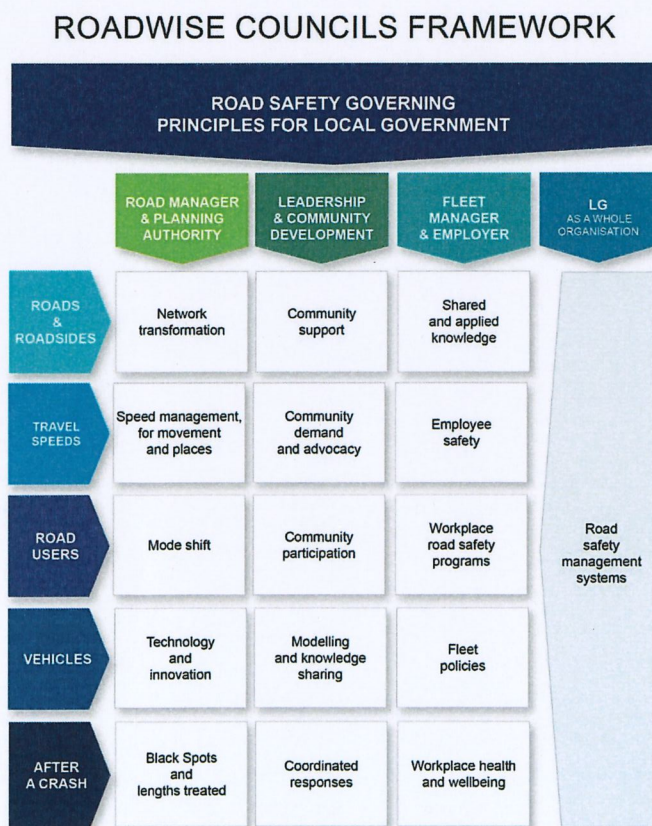
Examples of resources and tools that will help guide RoadWise Councils develop fit-for-purpose activity include:

- Road Safety Capacity Indicator Tool
- Road Safety Performance on Local Government Roads Reports
- Road Safety Target Setting Workshops
- Fleet and Workplace Road Safety Policy Templates and Resources
- Road Safety Rating Tool (updated version available for use mid-2023)
- Road Safety Governing Principles Workshops/Training (for elected members)
- Road Safety Practice Forums (for practitioners)
- Speed Management Guide for Local Governments (to be developed)

The Safe System Approach

The 'Safe System Approach to Road Safety', focuses on preventing fatal crashes and reducing the severity of injuries when collisions do occur. By recognizing that humans are fallible and will inevitably make mistakes, the Safe System approach promotes a holistic transport system with many built-in redundancies that are forgiving of driver error and greatly reduce the risk of serious injury or death.¹

The Safe System approach is considered best practice, it underpins both the State and National Road Safety Strategies. The following framework illustrates how the Safe System Approach applies with Local Government.



¹ Global Road Safety Facility, *Sustainable and Safe: A Vision and Guidance for Zero Road Deaths* <https://thedocs.worldbank.org/en/doc/912871516999678053-0190022018/original/ReportSafeSystemsfinal.pdf> Downloaded: October 2023