



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.*

A Meeting of the RoadWise Committee was held in the
Council Committee Room, Lowood Road, Mount Barker WA 6324
2.00pm Thursday 13 October 2022


Cameron Woods
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Committee Members

Cr Brett Bell, Cr Marie O'Dea, Cr Karen Woltering - Local Government Elected members, Mr David Lynch – Executive Manager Works and Services, Ms Vivienne Gardiner - RoadWise Officer (Resolution No 245/21), Mr Andrew Duffield - Main Roads WA, Sgt Wayne Byram – Mount Barker Police (Resolution No 059/22), Mrs Elsa Drage - Community Representative, Mr Leon Pitt, Mount Barker Community College Parents and Citizens Association, Ms Pauline Hughes, Mount Barker Community College (Resolution No 177/21)

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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 D Lynch	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
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

2.02pm Cr Woltering declared the meeting open.

2 RECORD OF ATTENDANCE / APOLOGIES / LEAVE OF ABSENCEAttendance

Cr K Woltering	Council Representative
Mr D Lynch	Executive Manager Works and Services
Ms V Gardiner	RoadWise Officer
Mr B Lenton	Deputy for Mr A Duffield
Sgt W Byram	Mount Barker Police
Ms P Hughes	Mount Barker Community College
Mrs E Drage	Community Representative

Staff

Ms A Chadbourne	Senior Administration, Works and Services
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Visitor

Cr L Handasyde	Council Representative
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Apologies

Cr B Bell	Council Representative
Cr M O'Dea	Council Representative

3 DISCLOSURE OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS

Part 5, Division 6, Local Government Act 1995

Nil

4 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Moved Ms P Hughes, Seconded Mrs E Drage;

That the minutes of the Meeting of the RoadWise Committee, held on Thursday 11 August 2022 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 - REQUEST**

The Rocky Gully Progress Association has requested support from the Shire to install Speed Indication Devices (SID) at the entrance to the town on Muir Highway as the group was concerned about speed.

Mr Lynch reported that the recently installed traffic counters had recorded an average speed of around 80km/h. The information had been shared with local police to help them with organising patrols. The regulation speed limit through this area of the Rocky Gully townsite is 70km/h.

The intent is to install a permanent pole on Muir Highway and a SID will be used there. This location will become part of a rotation of the signs throughout the Shire. Currently the Shire has four SID which were obtained through grant funding.

5.2 SAFE ROAD USE

5.2.1 ROAD RIBBON FOR ROAD SAFETY® CAMPAIGN

This annual campaign is run state wide and will commence on 20 November finishing in February 2023. Ms Gardiner advised she is happy to help the Committee with resources to promote the campaign or carry out an activity as part of it.

5.2.2 WALGA ROADWISE TRAILER

WALGA have some funding to put towards maintenance of the WALGA RoadWise trailer currently located at the Shire Depot.

The proposal is to make the trailer roadworthy and possibly use it as storage for Driver Revivers as well as other road safety events in the region.

Ms Gardiner advised she was still in the process of getting the trailer repaired.

5.2.3 DRIVER REVIVER

File Ref:	N59384
Attachment:	<u>Attachment Three - Driver Reviver Statistics 2014-2022</u>
Responsible Officer:	David Lynch Executive Manager Works and Services
Author:	Amy Chadbourne Senior Administration/Projects Officer
Proposed Meeting Date:	13 October 2022

PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to review the need and effectiveness of the current Driver Reviver (DR) program before committing to further DR.

BACKGROUND

The Plantagenet RoadWise Committee has carried out DRs since 2013, at various locations on Albany Highway, both in the Plantagenet and Cranbrook Shires. As a rule, Shire of Plantagenet staff organise and set up for the event and volunteers run the site. The Shire covers all expenditure for the DR events.

DRs (specifically organised by the Plantagenet RoadWise Committee) commenced in 2013 following the receipt of funding in 2011 from the Road Safety Community Grants Program for the 'Targeting Fatigued and Distracted Drivers in the Great Southern' project.

The project's objectives were to:

1. Increase the number of vehicles using headlights in daylight hours.
2. Increase community awareness of fatigue.
3. Decrease the number of people using mobile phones whilst driving.

The \$8,100.00 funding included the production and installation of three signs on Albany Highway between Tunney Roadhouse and Settlement Road. A number of resources were developed and used during the project, including a bi-annual DR and various promotional activities. Also, some items were purchased to use at DRs.

The inaugural DR was held over two days from Friday afternoon to 12 noon Saturday. In 2015, the time frame reduced to the Friday afternoon/evening. In the last five years, the event has started earlier in the day in response to travel behaviour.

The two DRs scheduled for 2022 were both cancelled; the March event due to the large cases of COVID-19 in Western Australia; and the September event because of the day of mourning for Queen Elizabeth's

Over the years, site locations have been at various pull-in bays on Albany Highway; Sturdee Road intersection; Martagallup/Beverley Road intersection; north of the Cranbrook/Frankland Road intersection and most recently at the Tenterden Store (shuts at midday so available for use). It should be noted, that during the last four years all sites have been located within the Shire of Cranbrook as it was felt locations within Plantagenet were too close to the destinations of Albany and Denmark and motorists would not stop as they were 'nearly there'.

Shire Works and Services staff organise the event and the recruitment of volunteers is carried out by a RoadWise Committee Member. The preparation and advertising of the event is organised by administration staff whilst depot staff help prepare and install specific DR signage, traffic management signage and collect any equipment required. The following week the depot staff pick up and return items used at the event. Administration staff can spend up to 23 hours pre and post preparation whilst depot staff anywhere between 10 and fifteen hours.

Assistance is usually received from Shire of Cranbrook staff who deliver the Shire's Variable Message Boards (VMB) to the site. The VMBs have been deemed to be necessary as part of advance advertising to motorists of the site – the message highlights free tea/coffee and a toilet. Additional signage is placed on the road verge to highlight free coffee.

Traffic management has evolved over time to now include an approved Traffic Management Plan (TMP) and signage. Only qualified operators are permitted to install traffic management signs (TM) which means only Shire staff can put the signs out. The TM plan directs motorists to slow down in a specified area around the DR site in the hope that drivers will pull in and stop for a break. Additional DR icon signage (cups of coffee) highlight what is available in conjunction with the flashing message on the VMBs.

Initially, the DR site was maintained by RoadWise Committee members made up of representatives from the Shire, Main Roads, Department of Transport staff, Mount Barker Community College students and community volunteers. In the last couple of years, site volunteers have evolved into predominantly individuals from the Plantagenet St John Ambulance and Mount Barker Volunteer Fire Service, as well as some Shire Councillors. Shire staff set up the site (with help from volunteers) and then return to work. If their schedule permits, local police may drop in to show support.

Volunteers maintain the site, communicate and serve tea/coffee to motorists and pack away equipment at the end of the night. Packing away involves collecting the traffic management signs from the road, towing items (VMBs, toilet, light tower and Shire trailer) to the Shires of Cranbrook/Plantagenet depots, and most recently, leaving all items stored behind the Tenterden Store ready for Shire staff to pick up the following week.

Prior to a RoadWise Committee Member taking on the task of recruiting volunteers, requests were sent out to Plantagenet Shire community groups for volunteers, as well as advertising the event to members of the

public. After minimal interest was shown from local groups and the public, and to reduce the workload for Shire staff, it was decided that a RoadWise Committee Member would carry out this recruitment.

The table at Attachment One shows the use of DRs by motorists. Statistics are broken up into the number of vehicles stopping, people taking tea/coffee and use of the hired toilet.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

It is estimated that the cost to the Shire to organise, set up and pack away after the event can be up to \$3,500.00 which includes Shire staff time and plant use. The most recent DR in September 2021 held at the Tenterden Store, involved Shire staff having to collect a VMB from Albany (unfortunately Cranbrook's two VMBs were declared unavailable at the last minute). At this event, the spare tyre of the hired VMB was stolen, which the Shire had to replace at a cost of \$200.00.

For every DR, Main Roads has supplied a light tower and delivers and collect this item from the site (and provide instruction on how to use). It should be noted that for September 2022 (cancelled), Main Roads was unable to supply a light tower but were happy to cover the cost of the hire, however, Shire staff had to collect the light tower and then return to Albany the following week as there are no light towers available locally.

A public toilet is hired from a local supplier and is usually delivered to the site by a volunteer. If delivery is required, the cost increases. Another direct cost to prepare/set up for the site is the preparation of a TMP at \$600.00.

OFFICER COMMENT

The DR program is now ten years old and external funding has not been available for a number of years. Shire staff continue to administer, set up and run the program despite the location not being within the Shire boundary.

Motorists are acutely aware of their responsibilities in planning driving trips and the state government has an extensive road safety campaign relating to driver fatigue, mobile phones, drunk driving and speeding.

The service stations and towns along the length of Albany Highway provide DR functions via fuel stops, public toilets and food / beverage options.

Mount Barker provides public toilets at the Visitor Centre and the townsite business operators can provide fuel, food and coffee during most of the travel times of the travelling public.

Local government is experiencing the same staffing and resourcing issues as every other business and additional tasks such as the DR program should be reviewed based on need and effectiveness.

If this program is to be delivered into the future, it should be reviewed objectively and all options considered.

If it is to be delivered outside of Shire of Plantagenet boundaries, then other LGAs should share the responsibility.

If it is to be delivered in our LG boundary, is the need for coffee required? As an alternative, the DR program could be delivered at the Visitor Centre car park which has public toilets and they could also provide food/beverages during opening hours. This would reduce the need for staffing, public toilets and a TMP. Only signage would be needed.

COMMITTEE DISCUSSION

The Committee discussed the report and the following comments were made about the DR. The comments are in no particular order.

- It can be considered good publicity for the Shire. Some motorists who stop comment about how it is a good thing.
- The owner of the Tenterden Store on Albany Highway in Cranbrook (most recently used location) is happy for the group to use the site.
- If volunteers are lost it will be hard to get them back again.
- Volunteers booked for the September DR were disappointed with the cancellation – seven from the MBVFR and three from St John Ambulance.
- It is a good opportunity to show concern/care for road safety.
- The section of highway between Cranbrook and Mount Barker (?) is a zone for crash statistics and can be considered a “hot zone”. (Note – no statistics provided)
- The outcomes of the event cannot be measured.
- It needs to be on Albany Highway out of the Mount Barker townsite as otherwise people won't stop.
- What tasks can be taken away from Shire staff and given to volunteers?
- It is a good buy in for the Police and all attempts will be made to have a Police car visit the site.
- The Katanning RoadWise Committee ran their DR on the Friday night (23 September) and it was reported as being a waste of time. They also held a DR on the night of Monday 26 September and it had better results.
- Fundraising (eg sausage sizzle) can be carried out but the money should go back to the DR program
- Can the RoadWise Committee get funding from WALGA or RAC or a similar body for DR events?
- Can the Plantagenet RoadWise Committee collaborate with the Cranbrook RoadWise Committee to run the event?
- The Tunney pull-in bay was suggested as a location for the future in conjunction with Cranbrook (note – Tunney pull-in bay approximately 67km from Mount Barker townsite).

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- Main Roads will continue to support the event with the supply of, or funding for, a light tower.

VOTING REQUIREMENTS

Simple Majority

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

That it be a recommendation to the Council that the Plantagenet RoadWise Committee review the current Driver Reviver program before committing to future Driver Reviver dates.

COMMITTEE DECISION

Moved Mrs E Drage, Seconded Ms V Gardiner;

That in order to continue to run Driver Reviver, it be a recommendation to the Council that the Plantagenet RoadWise Committee review the current Driver Reviver program with a focus on the following:

1. **Shire and volunteer task allocation;**
2. **Possibility of alternative locations both within and outside the Shire of Plantagenet; and/or**
3. **Consider joining with the Cranbrook RoadWise Committee to share the preparation and set up costs of Driver Reviver events;**

CARRIED

5.3 SAFE ROADS AND ROADSIDES

5.3.1 ALBANY HIGHWAY ALL-INCLUSIVE CROSSING

Initially first presented at the Plantagenet RoadWise Meeting of 28 April 2022, the request to consider options for an all-inclusive crossing on Albany Highway was discussed.

Mr Lynch suggested the best crossing may be near the Booth Street intersection. Mr Lenton advised that once the Shire determined a location and a concept for the crossing, the proposal should be put to Main Roads for discussion.

Action: Mr Lynch be requested to prepare a proposal/plan for an all-inclusive crossing at Albany Highway within the townsite of Mount Barker. Mr Lynch would present the plan to Main Roads WA for discussion, noting the most appropriate location may be on Albany Highway near the intersection with Booth Street.

6 AGENCY REPORTS**6.1 ROADWISE**

Ms Gardiner provided a report on Road Safety Performance on Local Government Roads 2015/2019 within the Great Southern area (Attachment One).

She also presented a flyer from the Shire of Northam highlighting road safety messages using social media. She advised that Northam was happy with other Shires using the ideas shown (Attachment Two).

Ms Gardiner noted that CBH has been in contact to discuss harvest and road safety ideas.

6.2 MAIN ROADS WA

Mr Lenton reported that Main Roads currently has no major road projects underway.

6.3 MOUNT BARKER POLICE

Sgt Byram reported that there has been an increase locally in RBTs and drug wipes. He also advised the number of infringements for speeding in September were fairly high.

6.4 SHIRE OF PLANTAGENET

Mr Lynch reported that the Woogenellup Road project was close to completion with audible edge lines to be completed by the contractor before Christmas.

6.5 MOUNT BARKER COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Ms Hughes had no report.

6.6 COMMUNITY MEMBER

Mrs Drage had no report.

7 NEXT MEETING

Thursday 8 December at 2.00pm

8 MEETING CLOSURE

3.05pm Cr Woltering declared the meeting closed.

Presiding Member

Date

Attachment One



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Regional Road Safety Advisor Report

Great Southern

October 2022

Setting Road Safety Targets for Local Government

WALGA's RoadWise Program has now produced three editions of the Road Safety Performance Reports for Local Governments. The reports identify priority treatment areas for regions based on a five-year data set. The Road Safety Performance Reports are designed to assist Local Government focus on a systems approach to road safety as opposed to the more traditional focus on driver behaviour.

The Performance Reports focus on the numbers of people killed and seriously injured. This data is extrapolated into crash types to establish priority treatment areas. By focussing on the priority areas means the greatest reduction in the number of people killed or seriously injured can be made.

Target setting can be a helpful next step for Local Government in prioritising treatments. Setting targets and making an effective plan to achieve treatments focuses attention and creates accountability for making them happen. Reporting on results and reviewing successes and failures can also guide future efforts. Target setting has shown to result in greater resourcing for specific interventions¹

The RoadWise Program has recently developed a process to support Local Governments to develop their own road safety targets that are evidence based, using relevant data and specific to their local context. The WALGA Regional Road Safety Advisors are available to facilitate this process with Local Governments wishing to establish their own road safety targets.

The most recent Great Southern Report - *Road Safety Performance for Local Government Roads 2015-2019* is now available please contact Vivienne Gardiner, Regional Road Safety Advisor at vgardiner@walga.asn.au to discuss the targets setting process.

Crash Type

Crash Type	KSI	% KSI Crashes	Change from 2014 - 18
Off Carriageway Hit object	47	38.8%	↓
Off Carriageway Non-collision	14	11.6%	↑
Non-collision	13	10.7%	↑
Rear End	9	7.4%	↑
Right Angle	8	6.6%	↑
Head On	8	6.6%	↑
Right Turn Thru	7	5.8%	↑
Other	5	4.1%	↑
Hit Object	5	4.1%	↑
Hit Pedestrian	4	3.3%	↓
Hit Animal	1	0.8%	→
Sideswipe	0	0.0%	↓
Total	121	100%	

¹ International Transport Forum (2016), Zero Road Deaths and Serious Injuries: Leading a Paradigm Shift to a Safe System, OECD Publishing, Paris. <http://dx.doi.org/10.1787/9789282108055-en>, Page 61



Road Safety Performance Local Government Roads 2015-2019 Great Southern

July 2022

State Roads

Length

1,609km - 11%

Travel / Use

548 MVKT - 68%

KSI rate

56.9/100,000



Local Roads

Length

12,485km - 89%

Travel / Use

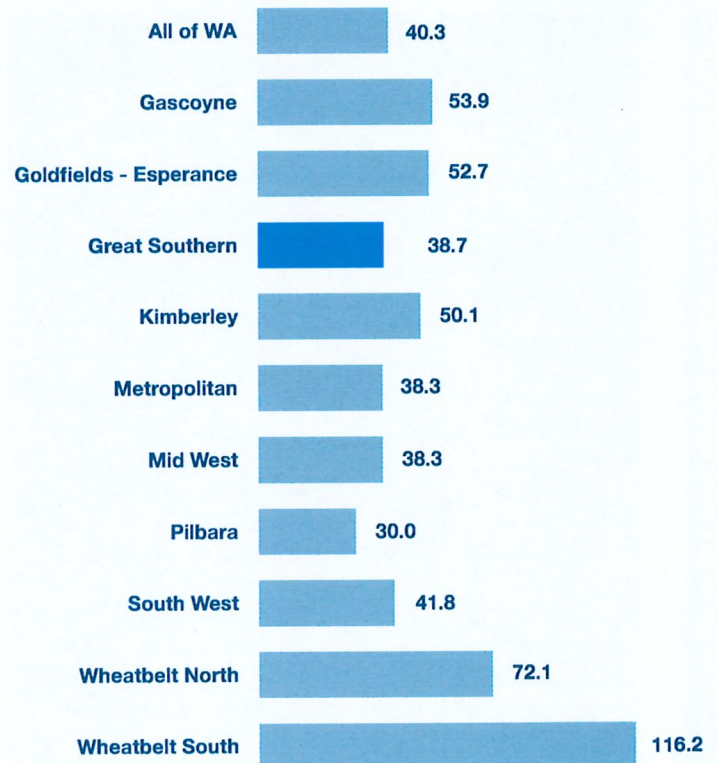
261 MVKT - 32%

KSI rate

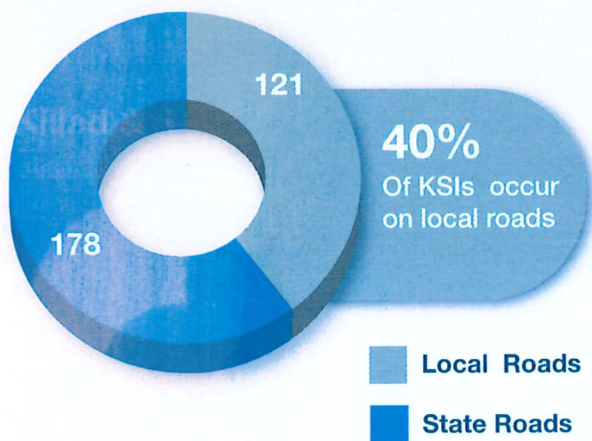
38.7/100,000



Average Annual KSI Rate per 100,000 Population by Region



Killed & Seriously Injured



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Attachment Two

#AvonLocalsDrivingChange

Police

"Drink driving" is NEVER ok"

This is an initiative of the Northam RoadWise Committee

#AvonLocalsDrivingChange

"Hey M8, the TXT can W8"

This is an initiative of the Northam RoadWise Committee

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"Don't push it. Ride to stay alive."

#AvonLocalsDrivingChange

"We want to go home to our families tonight too"

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"Not drunk, not speeding, JUST TIRED"

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"Drop 5 and SAVE LIVES"

This is an initiative of the Northam RoadWise Committee

#AvonLocalsDrivingChange

"SLOW DOWN enjoy the ride"

"Let's get through this harvest season SAFELY, a community together"

Shire of Northam RoadWise Committee

Attachment Three

Driver Reviver Statistics 2014-2022

Month	2014		2015		2016		2017		2018		2019		2020		2021								
	V	C	T	V	C	T	V	C	T	V	C	T	V	C	T	V	C	T					
March	NOT HELD		34	50	N/A	47	63	21	80	92	23	45	49	24	101	127	76	144	188	44	97	116	58
September	64	108	14	24	47	N/A	51	87	30	NOT HELD		10	11	6	NOT HELD		113	106	37	61	57	44	

(V = vehicle stopping; C = coffee/tea/water; T = toilet)

Notes

2014 - Driver Reviver was held over two days from 4.00pm Friday night to Saturday 12 midday.

2015 – first event held over one day. Two DRs for the year.

2017 March - Inaugural Race Wars meeting. Other events included a Waifs concert in Denmark, a local wedding and the Porongurup Wine Festival
September 2017 - cancelled because of inclement weather.

2018 March - Race Wars in Albany and an RBT was conducted at the site by the Cranbrook Police. Observation was that the majority of people blew and then kept driving. It did not increase the number of people stopping.

2018 September – held at the new Cranbrook truck bay – entrance off South West Highway. Motorists did not want to come in from Albany Hwy.

2019 March - Race Wars, Porongurup Wine Festival and Festival of Lights at Albany. Site started earlier in the day to capture day traffic.

2020 March - Race Wars and other regional events.

2020 September – held at the Cranbrook pull in bay just north of the Cranbrook turnoff.

2021 March – held at the Cranbrook pull in bay just north of the Cranbrook turnoff.

2021 September - held at the Tenderden Store as the Cranbrook pull in bay had been closed by Main Roads. The owner of the shop offered the premises avoiding the need to use the gazebo. Pack-up at the end of the event was challenging due to the number of items required to be towed and the need to ensure enough vehicles with tow hitches were available. On this occasion a wheel was stolen from the lighting tower hired from Albany so had to be replaced

2022 March – cancelled due to the high number of COVID-19 cases in WA at the time. The event had been organised prior to it being cancelled.

2022 September – cancelled a few days prior to the event due to the recently announced day of mourning for Queen Elizabeth and a shortage of Shire staff.