



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 8 December 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

2.00pm Cr Bell declared the meeting open.

2 RECORD OF ATTENDANCE / APOLOGIESAttendance

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 B Lenton	Deputy for Mr A Duffield
Sgt W Byram	Mount Barker Police
Mr W Beck	Deputy for Ms P Hughes
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

Mr A Duffield	Main Roads WA
Mr L Pitt	Mount Barker Community College P&C Association

3 DISCLOSURE OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS

Part 5, Division 6, Local Government Act 1995

Nil

4 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Moved Mrs E Drage, Seconded Cr K Woltering;

That the minutes of the Meeting of the RoadWise Committee, held on Thursday 13 October 2022 be taken as read and adopted as a correct record.

CARRIED

5 REPORTS OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS AND OFFICERS

See Attachment One for 2023 meeting dates.

5.1 SAFE SPEEDS

5.2 SAFE ROAD USE

5.2.1 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 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. Mr Lynch advised he would also get in touch with the contractor.

5.2.2 DRIVER REVIVER

Cr Bell discussed the report presented at the Council Meeting of 22 November 2022. The report was adjourned to the December meeting so Cr Bell could get in contact with the Cranbrook RoadWise Committee. Cr Bell advised he had been in contact with the Works Manager at Cranbrook who confirmed the Shire was willing to continue assisting by loaning a VMB. Volunteers from both groups would be invited to help at each Shire's DR.

As discussed in the report presented to the Council, the Cranbrook committee are planning to run a DR in June. The site will be the truck stop on the corner of Albany and Great Southern Highways.

Plantagenet RoadWise Committee members confirmed their support for the continuation of the Plantagenet run DR. Discussion by the group about the program indicated that Tenterden was the preferred site. During the discussion, Ms Gardiner highlighted that the DR was set up to be a volunteer run programme.

The outcome of the report being presented to the Council at the meeting of 20 December would be discussed at the February 2023 RoadWise meeting.

5.3 SAFE ROADS AND ROADSIDES

5.3.1 ALBANY HIGHWAY ALL-INCLUSIVE CROSSING

Initially discussed at the RoadWise Meeting of 28 April, this request returned to the committee to consider options for an all-inclusive crossing on Albany Highway.

Mr Lynch discussed the layout of the current crossing near the Albany Highway intersection of Booth Street. He said that it met most of Main Roads specifications except for tactile pavers, which could be installed. He also suggested that yellow lines could be painted to help guide dogs navigate the crossing.

5.3.2 ALBANY HIGHWAY ROAD SURFACE – MOUNT BARKER TOWNSITE

Cr Bell highlighted the damaged condition of some sections of Albany Highway within the Mount Barker townsite.

Mr Lenton advised that Main Roads were aware of the damaged sections and that routine maintenance would address these.

5.3.3 LOWOOD ROAD – BICYCLE PATHWAYS

Cr Bell expressed his concern for the possible installation of cycle paths on Lowood Road as part of the 2022/23 road upgrade.

Both Mr Lenton and Mr Lynch advised the lane width was too narrow for cycle lanes and that the footpath on the west side of the road was the best option.

6 AGENCY REPORTS

6.1 ROADWISE

Ms Gardiner provided a report as shown at Attachment Two.

She highlighted the Road Safety Dates for 2023 at Attachment Three and advised the committee could focus on any of the options. Otherwise she would work with the Shire's Communications Officer to publicise the various events.

Ms Gardiner reminded committee members of the Road Safety Forum to be held in Cranbrook in March 2023.

6.2 MAIN ROADS WA

Mr Lenton reported on the increase of rubbish that is being dumped in rest bays. Recent examples include tyres and engine oil. He advised that Main Roads were looking at closing the smaller stops and making the larger stops more attractive to motorists. The pull-in bay on Albany Highway at Tunney was under consideration to be upgraded to a regional stop. This could mean that infrastructure like public toilets may be installed.

6.3 MOUNT BARKER POLICE

Sgt Byram reported on recent activity by local Police. A number of speeding fines had been issued in the last fortnight. He also reported on recent road accidents in the region which could be attributed to fatigue.

6.4 SHIRE OF PLANTAGENET

Mr Lynch advised that rubbish collected at Main Roads rest bays could be put at Shire of Plantagenet waste facilities.

6.5 MOUNT BARKER COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Mr Beck, representing the MBCC, advised the school was looking to reinstate Leavers Alive in 2023. This is an activity which simulates a road accident and demonstrates to students the response required from local first responders. It is aimed at older students who are looking to get their L plates.

6.6 COMMUNITY MEMBER

Mrs Drage did not have a report.

7 NEXT MEETING

2.00pm Tuesday 9 February 2023

8 MEETING CLOSURE

3.15pm Cr Bell declared the meeting closed.

Attachment One



ROADWISE COMMITTEE

Meeting dates for 2023

Second Thursday of the month
2.00pm
Council Committee Room

9 February
13 April
8 June
10 August
12 October
14 December

Attachment Two



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Regional Road Safety Advisor Report

Great Southern

December 2022

Road Traffic Safety Policy – Shire of Manjimup

The Shire of Manjimup has been participating in the WALGA RoadWise Demonstration Project to put in place a road safety management system, which will provide a systematic approach to managing road safety performance on the Shire's roads.

As a result of this project, the Shire has developed and adopted a *Road Traffic Safety Policy* to start embedding road safety across the organisation.

The measures set out in the Policy cover the following areas: roads and roadsides, intersections, reducing travel speeds, fleet safety and post-crash response. The Policy applies to all Shire managed roads, roadsides, footpaths and cycle paths. This policy also maps all of the Shire's policies and plans where road safety is relevant.

The Policy aims to ensure the Shire has a robust approach to road safety by embedding safe system methodology through the implementation of a Road Safety Management System across the Shire's organisational activities. The next steps involve developing an implementation plan to prioritise interventions and to update or review existing council policies and guidelines to reflect Safe System methodology.

To WALGA's knowledge, this is the first time this approach has been taken by a Local Government in Western Australia. A copy of the Policy can be found on the <https://www.manjimup.wa.gov.au/our-documents/policies/technicalservices> website.

Australasian College of Road Safety – Local Government Road Safety Practitioners Network

The Australasian College of Road Safety has launched a network for Local Government Road Safety Practitioners across the country.

The aim of the network is to allow members to:

- Hear about what councils from across the country are doing in relation to road safety.
- Discuss what works and what doesn't in relation to local road safety initiatives.
- Explore how different councils approach road safety.
- Connect with like-minded professionals.
- Share ideas and resources.
- Hold webinars on topics of interest.

For more information visit the <https://acrs.org.au/>

Injury Matters – Reporting Road Traffic Incidents Resource

Injury Matters has collaborated with the Road Safety Commission to launch the new *Reporting Road Traffic Incidents: A resource for the media and road safety sector*. The resource has been developed to support journalists, media professionals and content creators to continue to report road traffic incidents in a manner that has a positive effect on road safety and supports those affected by road trauma.

Using evidence-based reporting plays a key role in:

- generating awareness of how frequent and serious road traffic incidents are,
- increasing knowledge of key road safety behaviours, and
- growing awareness of where to seek support if needed.

Visit the Injury Matters Website to download a copy of the Resource

<https://www.injurymatters.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2022/11/Reporting-Road-Traffic-Incidents.pdf> .

Injury Matters – Six Supportive Steps Campaign

Injury Matters', Road Trauma Support WA recently launched the 'Six Supportive Steps' online campaign to support people affected by a road crash in the lead-up to the holiday season. The campaign aims to:

- help people who have lost a loved one to road trauma,
- to prepare for and cope with the holiday season, and
- make sure Western Australians know Road Trauma Support WA is here year-round with free, no-referral road trauma resources, support and counselling.

The six-week campaign commenced on World Day of Remembrance for Road Traffic Victims, Sunday, 20 November and will run through to the end of December. Each week the campaign will focus on one of six supportive steps: Remember, Acknowledge, Plan, Take Time, Support and Act.

To get involved, visit Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/RoadTraumaSupportWA> or Twitter <https://injurymatters.cmail20.com/t/j-l-vhtjuy-judhkildp-h/> pages to share the weekly supportive tips. Or visit the Injury Matters Website <https://www.injurymatters.org.au/programs/road-trauma-support-wa/six-supportive-steps-campaign/>

Best Practice Road Safety – Guide for Road Safety Interventions

In 2021 the World Bank's Global Road Safety Facility (GRSF) developed the *Guide for Road Safety Interventions: Evidence of What Works and What Does Not Work*. It was developed to help road safety practitioners understand the most effective road safety treatments and why some that seem 'common sense' have very limited or even negative impacts.

The Guide presents evidence-based interventions which focuses on elements of safe road and roadside design for road networks that can provide safe mobility for all road users. In addition, the Guide highlights initiatives that are complementary such as changes to improve speeds, vehicle safety, road user behaviour and post-crash care. Importantly the Guide also identifies clear examples where interventions are not effective.

To find out more and to download the Guide visit <https://www.roadsafetyfacility.org/publications/guide-road-safety-interventions-evidence-what-works-and-what-does-not-work>

For More Information

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Attachment Three

Road Safety Dates 2023 – Shire of Plantagenet

Communication Opportunities:

- Shire Social Media
- CRC Newsletter
- School Social Media/Newsletter
- Police Twitter
- Sports Clubs member network

DATE	EVENT	ORGANISATION	Communication Type
Friday 24 March 2023	National Ride2School Day	Bicycle Network/Could coincide with wearing fluoro to school to raise awareness of road safety.	Event in partnership with the College: https://www.bicyclenetwork.com.au/rides-and-events/ride2school/ride2school-day/
First Week of April	End of Summer Sports Season	Tennis/bowls club? share road safety message among their networks	Email/newsletter message from the clubs to their networks.
Monday 3 April – Monday 10 April	Blessing of the Roads/Easter and School Holiday Safety Message.	Event with Mt Barker Community College	Morning tea and Blessing of the Roads https://www.roadwise.asn.au/blessing-of-the-roads.aspx
School holidays 7-23 April		Local Government	
24 April (Tuesday) 2022	Return to School	Local Government	Social Media post reminding people return to 40km/h
Sunday 14 May – Sunday 21 May	National Road Safety Week	Safer Australian Roads and Highways	CRC /Library display/light up something yellow? https://roadsafetyweek.com.au/
May	Winter is coming	Shire could share information on driving to conditions.	Social media post – on driving to road conditions/reporting hazards to the Shire
Friday 19 May	Walk Safely to School Day	Pedestrian Council of Australia	https://www.walk.com.au/WSTSD/
Friday 26 May	Fatality Free Friday	Australian Road Safety Foundation	Social Media post and article in newsletter about single vehicle run offs being the highest cause of death or serious injury in rural areas. CRC newsletter? Fatality Free Friday Australian Road Safety Foundation (arsf.com.au)
17 July (Monday) 2022 School holidays 1-16 July	Return to School		Social Media Post reminding people to return to 40km/h in a speed zone.
Mid-August	Celebrate Your End of Season Safety	Football Club	Posters and info about nominating a driver or safe drinking.

Wednesday 1 September – Thursday 30 September	Rural Road Safety Month	Australian Road Safety Foundation	Promote fatigue message i.e. taking a break on long trips. Share social media posts from ARSF. Newsletter article about risk of rural driving i.e. long distances/casual speeding fatigue. Rural Road Safety Month Australian Road Safety Foundation (arsf.com.au)
10 October 2022 School holidays 23 Sept – 8 October	Return to School	Local Government	Social Media Post– to remind people back to 40km/h Police Patrol
Sunday 19 November	World Day of Remembrance for Road Traffic Victims	Injury Matters	Social Media Post share from this. https://worlddayofremembrance.org/
19 November 2022 – 7 January 2023	Road Ribbon for Road safety	RoadWise	Localised message about harvest ending and long road trips for summer holidays https://www.roadwise.asn.au/road-ribbon-for-road-safety.aspx
31 January 2024	Return to School	Local Government	Social media post