



Shire of Plantagenet

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 9 February 2023

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

2.06pm Cr Bell declared the meeting open.

Cr Bell acknowledged the resignation of Ms Pauline Hughes and the appointment of Mr Wesley Beck as representative for the Mount Barker Community College.

2 RECORD OF ATTENDANCE / APOLOGIES

Attendance

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 Mount Barker Community College
Mrs E Drage	Community Representative

Staff

Mrs H Buffham	Administration, Works and Services
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Apologies

Mr A Duffield	Main Roads WA
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3 DISCLOSURE OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS

Part 5, Division 6, Local Government Act 1995

Nil

4 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Moved Cr Karen Woltering, Seconded Mrs E Drage;

That the minutes of the Meeting of the RoadWise Committee, held on Thursday 8 December 2022 be taken as read and adopted as a correct record.

CARRIED

5 REPORTS OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS AND OFFICERS

5.1 SAFE SPEEDS

5.2 SAFE ROAD USE

5.2.1 WALGA ROADWISE TRAILER

Mr Lynch advised that a mechanic had been engaged to carry out an assessment of the WALGA RoadWise trailer.

Ms Gardiner will organise for the required works to be approved by WALGA before they are carried out.

5.2.2 DRIVER REVIVER

Discussion took place regarding the Driver Reviver to be held Friday 3 March 2023. It is intended the event will commence at 12.00pm and finish at 10.00pm.

Mrs Drage advised that volunteers will comprise predominantly of St John Ambulance and local fire brigade members. Contact has been made with the Men's Shed. Mr Beck will communicate with the MBCC students to determine interest. Sgt Byram advised that the police will be present at some time over the two shifts.

Ms Gardiner advised that the OIC at Cranbrook is happy to help and work together with Plantagenet for the Driver Revivers.

Cr Bell advised that he will collect the portable toilet from Mount Barker Hire.

Mr Lynch reported that a Shire trailer will be ready for collection at the Shire Depot by the volunteers on the day of the event. The SES have offered the use of a light tower and the Plantagenet CISM has agreed to transport it to and from site in a volunteer capacity. Shire staff will prepare and install traffic management.

Mr Lenton advised that the Main Roads VMB currently on Albany Highway will be available and will amend the message for the event.

5.3 SAFE ROADS AND ROADSIDES

5.3.1 ALBANY HIGHWAY ROAD SURFACE – MOUNT BARKER TOWNSITE

Cr Bell expressed concern over the condition of sections of Albany Highway particularly the section at the front of the service station north of the Mount Barker townsite. He acknowledged the recent repairs, however, noted it to be a recurring problem and dangerous.

Mr Lenton advised that Main Roads had repaired this section of road on Albany Highway. He noted that the issue has been ongoing, possibly exacerbated by aging Water Corporation infrastructure. Cr Bell commented that the fuel excise returned to roads was just 38c in the dollar, meaning less for road repair.

5.3.2 SPEED INDICATION DEVICES

Cr Bell asked how long the Speed Indication Devices would remain in each location.

Mr Lynch advised that two signs have been relocated; one to Rocky Gully and the other to Ormond Road.

Cr Woltering suggested the device on Lowood Road be placed further south and closer to the bend to help slow vehicles.

Sgt Byram noted speeds recorded and suggested the presence of a patrol car may help reduce vehicle speed.

6 AGENCY REPORTS

6.1 ROADWISE

Ms Gardiner provided a report as shown at Attachment One.

She highlighted the upcoming 2023 Great Southern Road Safety Conference and suggested committee members attend. The annual event to be held on 16 March 2023 is hosted by the Shire of Cranbrook RoadWise Committee.

6.2 MAIN ROADS WA

Mr Lenton advised that shoulder sealing is continuing in the Great Southern.

Road works at the Beattie Road Albany Highway intersection are due to commence soon.

Data taken from traffic counters located at the new 90km/h section of Albany Highway at Narrikup indicates that vehicles continue to speed.

Cr Bell queried the use of guide posts when audible edge lines are present and suggested the cost could be redistributed to road repair.

Mr Lenton advised that guide posts remain standard practice for edge of road formations. He noted that fatal crash investigations request more guide posts on specific sections of road.

6.3 MOUNT BARKER POLICE

Sgt Byram reported on recent activity by local Police. Over the Christmas period and New Year there were 86 infringements issued with 21 of them being in the townsite. 6 offences relating to MDL for demerits or driving on suspended licences and 8 drug or alcohol offences. The roads were heavily saturated with patrols over Christmas and New Year.

It was noted that drivers continue to speed through the reduced speed zone on Albany Highway in Narrikup.

A new Traffic Warden for the school crossing on Albany Highway has been appointed and is to undergo training. Sgt Byram mentioned that there was an incident involving a truck at the children's crossing on Woogenellup Road

Sgt Byram offered the support of the Police to the Driver Reviver.

6.4 SHIRE OF PLANTAGENET

Mr Lynch reported that the Department of Planning Lands and Heritage have approved the decision for dedication of Newman Road and it is presently being surveyed. There is no declared rare flora so the road can be straightened, however, a clearing permit will still be required.

Resheeting is being carried out on Chorkerup, Narrikup, Harvey and Knight Roads respectively.

Mr Lynch mentioned that traffic count data taken on Porongurup Road in the Porongurup Village indicates consistent speeds of up to 85km/h, often early in the morning.

6.5 MOUNT BARKER COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Mr Beck reported that the Leavers Alive Program will take place in 2023. The program, which assists students learning to drive, is run in conjunction with the local fire brigade and St John Ambulance.

Ms Gardiner added that the program is run over 15 weeks and will be beneficial to the participants.

Cr Woltering mentioned that the NSW Traffic Department run a practical learner driver drug and alcohol awareness program which provides a hands-on approach to the RBT process.

6.6 COMMUNITY MEMBER

Mrs Drage reported St John Ambulance will be providing free first aid lessons to students when they successfully obtain a driver's licence. Staff from St John's will be liaising with MBCC in regard to this.

Mrs Drage expressed thanks to the Shire for the 'no parking' painted on Mount Barker Road. She is looking forward to a successful Driver Reviver in March.

7 NEXT MEETING

2.00pm Tuesday 13 April 2023

8 MEETING CLOSURE

3.02pm Cr Bell declared the meeting closed.

Presiding Member

Date

Attachment One



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Regional Road Safety Advisor Report

Great Southern

February 2023

How Local Government Influence Run Off Road crashes?

Local Governments are well placed to influence road safety on both the local and state road network. There has been a shift in thinking that recognises that the development of longer-term strategies is required to improve the safety of our road network. The Safe System Approach to Road Safety is widely accepted as the best practice road safety and provides as more holistic approach toward managing road safety.

The safe system approach moves thinking beyond solely blaming driver behaviour to creating a more forgiving road environment that provides second chances. A crucial part of successfully adopting safe system principles is understanding the risk to the road users. This ensure resources and effort are directed to the greatest areas of outcome. In the Great Southern the greatest risk is 'run-off road' crashes which make up 50.4 per cent of killed or serious injury crashes (KSI)¹.

The following table presents a set of opportunities for Local Governments in the Great Southern to embed road safety actions that focus on prioritising and treating 'run-off road crashes' within their areas of direct influence.

Treatment Priority: Run-off-road	
Local Government area of influence	Opportunity to embed road safety actions
Road Manager and Planning Authority	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Set targets to progress action which address run-off-road crashes. • Incorporate run-off-road targets and priority interventions into policies and procedures. • Safe system approach applied to new roads and upgrades to incorporate interventions to prevent run-off-road crashes e.g. reduce travel speed, clear zones, widen shoulders, audible edge lining, consistent road design and delineation, reflective guide posts. • Assess the road network to identify current infrastructure and safety benefits or improvements. • Understand effective treatments for different road types i.e. sealed/unsealed. • Create a network hierarchy, based on safety rating, to prioritise investment and the implementation of safety treatments.

¹ WALGA RoadWise, Road Safety Performance on Local Government Roads 2015-2019 Great Southern Report, 2022.

Best Practice Road Safety – Pedestrian Facility Selection Tool

The Austroads Pedestrian Facility Selection Tool is designed to help Australian and New Zealand practitioners select the most appropriate type of pedestrian crossing based on walkability, safety and economic outcomes.

The online tool assesses the viability of different types of pedestrian crossing facilities according to the physical and operational parameters of a site and its safety performance. It can be used to assess both mid-block and intersection locations.

The tool can be accessed on the Austroads website: <https://austroads.com.au/network-operations/network-management/pedestrian-facility-selection-tool>.


Road Trauma Involving Heavy Vehicles – Annual Summaries

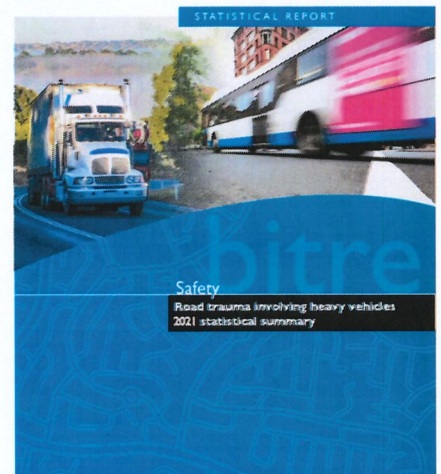
The Bureau of Infrastructure and Transport Research Economics (BITRE) *Road Trauma Involving Heavy Vehicles 2021 Statistical Summary* presents the latest available detailed information on road crashes involving heavy trucks or buses. The data focuses on annual counts of fatalities, and is set out to include road user type, crash and vehicle type, road type, geographic region, and posted speed limit.

The following are some of the key findings²:

- In 2021, a total of 163 people were killed in crashes involving heavy trucks. This represents 15.4 per cent of total road deaths.
- Approximately 80 per cent of fatalities in fatal crashes involving a heavy truck are multiple vehicle crashes.
- Of the people killed in these fatal crashes, approximately 50 per cent are occupants in a light vehicle, 25 per cent are occupants in the heavy truck and 25 per cent are other road users (pedestrian, motorcyclist or pedal cyclist).
- Over 90 per cent of fatalities occur in multiple vehicle crashes.

The full report is available from the Bureau of Infrastructure and Transport Research Economics (BITRE) website:
https://www.bitre.gov.au/sites/default/files/documents/hv_annual_2021.pdf.

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² Bureau of Infrastructure and Transport Research Economics (BITRE), 2023, Road trauma involving heavy vehicles 2021 crash statistical summary, BITRE, Canberra ACT

