



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 June 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
Mr D Lynch	Executive Manager Works and Services
Ms V Gardiner	RoadWise Officer
Sgt W Byram	Mount Barker Police
Snr Cons A Somerville	Deputy for 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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Apologies

Cr M O'Dea	Council Representative
Cr K Woltering	Council Representative
Mr A Duffield	Main Roads WA
Mr B Lenton	Deputy for Mr A Duffield

3 DISCLOSURE OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS

Part 5, Division 6, Local Government Act 1995

Nil

4 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Moved Mrs E Drage, Seconded Ms V Gardiner;

That the minutes of the Meeting of the RoadWise Committee, held on Thursday 28 April 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 DEVICE**

Mr Lynch confirmed the Council was purchasing four Speed Indication Devices or flashing speed signs which reward drivers with a smile for driving within the speed limit and a red angry face if over the speed limit. These signs will be fixed at various locations within the Shire and will be capable of producing simple reports indicating speed ranges.

5.2 SAFE ROAD USE

5.2.1 VEHICLE CHECK SERVICE

The Plantagenet Youth Advisory Group (YAG) has advised of a date to host a Vehicle Safety Check session. This session will include advice on purchasing a second hand car as well as basic skills like changing a tyre. The date proposed is Wednesday 10 August at the Recreation Centre.

Ms Gardiner advised she would be presenting on what to look for when purchasing a second hand vehicle. Cr Bell advised he would approach local businesses to request assistance with the session.

See Attachment One for letter of thanks and acknowledgement to local businesses for help with the Vehicle Safety Check session on 22 March 2022.

5.2.2 WALGA ROADWISE TRAILER

WALGA have some funding to put towards maintenance of the 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.

A list of items on the trailer needing repairs has been provided to Ms Gardiner who will progress the list with WALGA.

5.3 SAFE ROADS AND ROADSIDES

6 AGENCY REPORTS

6.1 ROADWISE

Ms Gardiner spoke to her report as shown at Attachment Two. She focused on road safety performance on local government roads and the availability of Heavy Vehicle Toolbox talks.

6.2 MAIN ROADS WA

Main Roads staff were apologies for the meeting. Ms Gardiner reported on behalf of Mr Lenton that the work to reseal sections of Albany Highway at the Woogenellup roundabout were soon to commence. These works would take place at night.

6.3 MOUNT BARKER POLICE

The new Officer in Charge at the Mount Barker Police Station was introduced to the Committee by Snr Cons A Somerville. Sergeant W Byram was welcomed to the meeting by Cr Bell.

Sgt Byram highlighted the high level of speeding fines issued to date and the focus on specific issues such as excessively noisy vehicles and motorists not stopping at stop signs. He advised that educating drivers was part of the process to address these issues.

6.4 SHIRE OF PLANTAGENET

Mr Lynch followed up with the results of traffic counters which had been installed on Ormond Road following a request from a resident concerned for speeding on the road. The request was discussed at the previous RoadWise meeting held on 28 April. Mr Lynch advised that there has been an increase in speed since the last time traffic counters were put out. The results have been sent to the Mount Barker Police and the resident advised. A request was put to Main Roads for line marking along this road, however, has not been approved. A letter will be sent to the resident advising of this.

Also at the previous RoadWise meeting of 28 April, a request from Vision Australia to consider the installation of an inclusive all-abilities access crossing on Albany Highway was discussed. The request has progressed to being discussed at the Shire's internal project control group meetings. The RoadWise Committee agreed that the best possible location for such a crossing would be near the Booth Street intersection in the vicinity of the grab rails.

6.5 MOUNT BARKER COMMUNITY COLLEGE

In light of 8 June being 'Thank a First Responder Day' Ms Hughes thanked Mrs Drage (St John Ambulance volunteer) and Sgt Byram and Snr Const Somerville for their work.

6.6 COMMUNITY MEMBER

Mrs Drage asked if a Driver Reviver was planned for the long weekend on Friday 23 September.

The committee discussed possible locations. The Tenterden stop which was used at the previous event was supported. Mrs Drage advised she would be able to start recruiting volunteers.

Ms Gardiner advised she would speak with Mr Alderton at the Shire of Cranbrook about the event.

Planning would take place at the RoadWise meeting in August.

7 NEXT MEETING

Thursday 11 August at 2.00pm

8 MEETING CLOSURE

3.00pm Cr Bell declared the meeting closed.

Attachment One

SCOUT'S ADVENTURE



In the second week of the last school holidays, three Scouts (Brodie De Pledge, Connor Lindberg and Stan Ebert) from the Plantagenet Scout Group braved the wild weather of the South Coast to put their planning, hiking and leadership skills to the test.

As the senior Scout, Brodie planned and led the hike along the Bibbulmun Track from the Nullaki gate on Eden Gate road through to Mutton Bird Beach Carpark, a distance of 47.5km.

To prepare for the hike, the Scouts spent some time looking at route planning and safety issues, best foods to take hiking, preparing individual meal plans and how to pack a rucksack to keep all their gear dry and be as comfortable as possible over long hours in the "saddle".

The first day the Scouts were set their longest leg from Eden Gate Road to West Cape Howe Hut, a 22.7km journey. Spirits were high to begin with, but the unfamiliar weight of their rucksacks soon weighed heavy on young shoulders and many breaks were taken to relieve the aches and pains and for snacks to keep the stomach rumbling at bay. This, and forgetting to keep track of their progress on the map, meant they were still walking well past sundown and it wasn't until about 7.15pm that the weary party finally made it to their overnight destination, where a quick meal made in the dark, was followed by a well-deserved sleep. Day two saw spirits rejuvenated after a good breakfast, and with only 16.5km ahead



them, the Scouts set off for the Torbay Hut. With packs lightened by the previous days heavy snacking and the threat of having to walk in the dark again hanging over them, the Scouts maintained a better pace during the day's hike, but still left themselves time to take in the amazing coastal scenery along this leg. Arriving ahead of schedule there was plenty of time to rest, prepare a decent meal, set up tents/mosquito nets and play the odd hand of UNO. The hut's resident Brown Bandicoot (Quenda) even paid them a visit for the chance of a free meal, which was considered a highlight of the day.

The final day was an easy 8.5km hike to Mutton Bird Beach. After about 2km the trail descended the scarp at Cosy Corner leaving a 6.5km "stroll" along the beach. Stan thought this was the best leg as their destination was in sight. Upon arrival aching feet were cooled in the water and there was a chance for some exploring of the rocky coastline before being picked up.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

VEHICLE SAFETY CHECK

Recently your local Road Wise Committee organised and conducted an on ground vehicle safety check event. This event was well promoted prior to the day and a lot of effort by many, to hopefully make this initiative work. We as a Committee are there to identify safety issues that may affect road and pedestrian traffic. Unfortunately the number of vehicles presented on the day was disappointing. The Committee would like to thank those local businesses that gave their time to this event. Namely, Tim's Tyres, Mt Barker Tyres & Exhaust, Crofts Auto and Mount Barker Auto Electrics. We as a Committee would encourage all vehicle owners to do some simple vehicle safety checks. Such as your tyres, windscreen wipers and all lights.

If you need professional help, please use our local businesses to ensure you and other road users can travel safely.
Road Wise Committee Chairman, Cr Brett Bell.

Attachment Two



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WALGA's Road Safety Report

Great Southern June 2022

Road Safety Performance on Local Government Roads

Driving Change, Road Safety Strategy for Western Australia 2020-2030 has set an ambitious target to reduce the numbers of people killed, severely or seriously injured (KSI) by 50-70 per cent by 2030.¹

Average Annual KSI Rate by Region ²



Graph data source: Government of Western Australia, Road Safety Commission, October 2020.²

The adjacent graph from the *Great Southern Road Safety Performance Report 2014-2018* shows how the region is doing compared with the rest of the State. It measures KSI per 100,000 population.²

Benchmarking and comparing road safety performance can be used to encourage improvements in road safety.

While the Great Southern is ranking near the lowest it's important to consider what is acceptable? At least 37 people are still being killed or seriously injured every year on Great Southern roads. Forty per cent of these are on local roads.

Are KSI's the only way to measure performance? If we talk about monitoring road safety performance and what the Local Government can control, road safety targets might not focus solely on reducing KSIs or a target of zero. It might look more like:

- Number of safe system improvements made.
- Number of successful Black Spot nominations, monitoring before and after results.
- Number of intersections improved (roundabout installed, green light filtering removed, reducing the intersection through speed limit).
- Review of speed limits and number of successful survivable speed limits applied.
- Length of sealed shoulders and audible edge lines installed.
- Monitoring traffic data to understand local streets speed.

¹ Government of Western Australia, *Driving Change: Road Safety Strategy for Western Australia 2020-2030*, <https://www.wa.gov.au/government/publications/driving-change-road-safety-strategy-2020-2030>, 10 January 2022.

² WALGA RoadWise, *Road Safety Performance on Local Government Roads 2014-2018 Great Southern Region*, 7 September 2021.

Local Government Workshop – Safety Ratings for Local Government Roads

WALGA received funding from the Commonwealth Office of Road Safety, Road Safety Innovation Fund to adapt an existing tool or create a new tool to rate the safety of Local Government roads. The development of a tool will support Local Governments to use road funds to the greatest effect with respect to safety and will inform long-term work programs and investment planning processes.

We are now entering the Consultation Phase of the project and would highly value your feedback!

Great Southern Workshop: **13 June 2022 in Cranbrook** 10.00am -12.00pm followed by lunch.

Please contact Max Bushell, Policy Officer Road Safety MBushell@walga.asn.au for further information.

Heavy Vehicle Toolbox Talks

A new Heavy Vehicle Toolbox Talk Series has been developed by the National Road Safety Partnership Program (NRSPP). The first topic was released on 5 May 2022 exploring driver distraction. Each month a new topic will be released. Click below to access the free resources:

[Heavy Vehicles Archives - National Road Safety Partnership Program Australia.](#)

If you are interested in running a toolbox session, please contact Vivienne Gardiner, Regional Road Safety Advisor, vgardiner@walga.asn.au or 0418 904 081.

Local Government Road Safety Awards

The Local Government Road Safety Awards will be closing on **Friday, 24 June.**

The Awards recognise and celebrate Local Governments who have been innovative in moving towards the adoption and application of the safe system approach to road safety. Local Governments are encouraged to submit nominations for road safety initiatives and projects that seek to improve road safety outcomes across the four award categories:

- Safe System Approach – Road Infrastructure Improvements
- Safe System Approach – Complimentary Initiatives
- Safe System Approach – Local Road Safety Partnerships
- Joe North Award – Outstanding individual's commitment or significant contribution to road safety

There is still time to submit a nomination. To find out more on the Local Government Road Safety Awards 2022 the kit, info sheet and nomination form can be downloaded from the RoadWise website: <https://www.roadwise.asn.au/onlineform/>. Please contact Vivienne Gardiner, vgardiner@walga.asn.au or 0418 904 081 if you would like support with your submission.

Calendar of Events

- **Fatality Free Friday:** Friday 27 May <https://arsf.com.au/fatality-free-friday-2/>
- **Great Southern Road Safety Ratings for Local Government Workshop:** 13 June in Cranbrook

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