



## **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.*

Ordinary Meeting of the RoadWise Committee held in the Council  
Committee Room, Lowood Road, Mount Barker WA 6324,  
2.00pm Thursday 1 November 2012

**Rob Stewart**  
**CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER**

### Committee Members

*Cr Len Handasyde, Cr Gert Messmer - Local Government Elected members, Mr Dominic Le Cerf - Manager Works and Services, Ms Kendra Green - RoadWise Officer, Mr Andrew Duffield - Main Roads WA, Sergeant Allan Keogh - Mount Barker Police, Mr Wesley Beck - Mount Barker Community College, Mr Arthur Patterson - Community Representative, Mabelle Jeffrey – Department of Transport (Resolution No. 243/11), Mr Greg Sounness – Mount Barker Community College Parents and Citizens Association (Resolution No. 72/12)*

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**Chairperson: Cr L Handasyde**

**Deputy Chairperson: Mr D Le Cerf**

**Membership: Quorum (5)**

Cr L Handasyde	Council Representative
Cr G Messmer	Council Representative
Mr D Le Cerf	Manager Works and Services
Vacant	RoadWise Officer
Mr A Duffield	Main Roads WA
Sgt A Keogh	Mount Barker Police
Mr W Beck	Mount Barker Community College
Mr A Patterson	Community Representative
Mr G Sounness	Mount Barker Community College P&C Association
Ms M Jeffrey	Department of Transport

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**1 DECLARATION OF OPENING / ANNOUNCEMENT OF VISITORS**

2.00pm, Cr Handasyde declared the meeting open.

**2 RECORD OF ATTENDANCE / APOLOGIES**Present:

Cr Len Handasyde	Chairperson
Cr Gert Messmer	Council Representative
Ms Machel Jeffrey	Department of Transport
Mr Arthur Patterson	Community Representative
Mr Greg Sounness	Mount Barker Community College P&C
Mr Andrew Duffield	Main Roads WA ( <i>from 2.03pm</i> )

Apologies:

Mr Dominic Le Cerf	Manager Works and Services
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Absent:

Sgt Al Keogh	Mount Barker Police
Mr Wesley Beck	Mount Barker Community College

Staff:

Ms Megan Beech	Senior Administration / Project Officer Works and Services
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Visitors:

Senior Cnst. Alan Somerville	Mount Barker Police ( <i>from 2.11pm</i> )
First Class Cnst. Ross Cunninghame	Mount Barker Police ( <i>from 2.11pm</i> )

**3 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

**Moved: Cr Messmer, seconded: Mr Patterson**

**That the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the RoadWise Committee, held Thursday 5 July 2012, be confirmed.**

**CARRIED**

Notes from the discussion held on Thursday 6 September 2012 are attached at Appendix One.

*2.03pm, Mr Duffield joined the meeting.*

**3.1 CORRESPONDENCE IN**

The following correspondence was tabled and is attached at Appendix Two:

- Red Spots WA Campaign – letter from RAC;
- Application for a Type A Children's Crossing – letter from Mount Barker Community College P&C;

- Public Health Advocacy Institute of Western Australia – letter and promotional material; and
- Letter from Cr Len Handasyde, Chairperson RoadWise Committee.

Discussion was held regarding this letter. Cr Handasyde recognised that unexpected matters do come up and members are not always going to be able to attend meetings. Cr Handasyde considered that if the quorum was reduced by one member, that meetings could often continue allowing matters to progress without delay. Cr Handasyde advised all that is required is a resolution of the Committee to that effect.

**Resolution:**

**Moved: Mr Duffield, seconded: Cr Messmer**

**That the quorum of the RoadWise Committee be reduced from five members to four members.**

**CARRIED**

#### **4 REPORTS OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS AND OFFICERS**

##### **4.1 SAFE SPEEDS**

###### **4.1.1 SAM TRAILER**

A copy of the *Speed Trailer – Calendar of Usage* is attached at Appendix Three.

*2.11pm, Senior Constable Alan Somerville and First Class Constable Ross Cunninghame from Mount Barker Police joined the meeting.*

Senior Const. Somerville noted that Albany Highway is a good target spot for the trailer. Discussion was held about the possibility of displaying a Christmas time 'don't drink and drive' message on the trailer.

**Action: Ms Beech to investigate different messages that can be displayed on the trailer with a view to displaying a 'don't drink and drive' message over the Christmas/New Year period.**

###### **4.1.2 SPEED ZONING – LOWOOD ROAD AND OATLANDS ROAD**

###### Oatlands Road

Traffic count data is attached at Appendix Four.

Mr Duffield noted that a stronger case and further justification needs to be made for Main Roads to re-consider this speed zone reduction request. The updated counts provided, show that 95% of drivers are

being compliant so this would suggest that there isn't necessarily a need to target a speed zone reduction on this road.

#### Lowood Road

Mr Duffield confirmed that the speed zone along the entire length of Lowood Road is 50km/h. This is sign posted both at the northern and southern ends. The Committee agreed no further action is required here.

### 4.1.3 ACTION PLAN PROGRESS

**Action: Ms Beech to update the Action Plan noting further to investigation, no further action required regarding the proposed speed zone reductions on Oatlands Road and Lowood Road.**

## 4.2 SAFE ROAD USE

### 4.2.1 ALBANY HIGHWAY PROJECT - PROMOTING DRIVING WITH YOUR HEADLIGHTS ON

Discussion was held regarding Daytime Running Lights and Mobile Phones sign designs. Agreed changes are shown on the designs as attached at Appendix Five.

**Action: Ms Beech to forward final sign designs regarding Daytime Running Lights and Mobile Phones, to Albany Signs for production.**

Suggestions and ideas are needed for the Fatigue sign. Cr Handasyde noted a good example over in Victoria of a series of smaller, repetitive signs.

**Action: Cr Handasyde to investigate Vic Roads signs as the basis for a series of fatigue road signs.**

**Action: Ms Beech to review funding agreement to determine if a series of signs could be produced for fatigue instead of one sign.**

**Action: Mr Le Cerf to contact relevant agencies regarding sign location approvals, once sign designs are agreed and a proof can be sent with the request.**

### 4.2.2 DRIVER REVIVER DAY / WEEKEND

The Committee agreed on the following proposal:

Date: March 2013 Long Weekend (Friday 1/3/13 and Saturday 2/3/13)  
Location: Albany Highway parking bay near Sturdee Road intersection  
Time: Friday 1/3/13 – 4.00pm to Midnight

Considerations: Saturday 2/3/13 – 6.00am to 12noon  
Catering, urns, sponsorship for chocolates,  
lighting and power

Resources: Shire of Plantagenet SAM Trailer, Main Roads  
SAM Trailer, City of Albany SAM Trailer, static  
signs, table and chairs, gazebo

**Action: Ms Beech to investigate sponsorship opportunities.**

#### 4.2.3 WHITE RIBBONS™ FOR ROAD SAFETY 2012

This year the campaign runs from 18 November 2012 to 7 January 2013. Ribbons and resources are available through the RoadWise office in Perth. An *Infopage* (attached at Appendix Six) from the Western Australian Local Government Association (WALGA) was tabled for information.

**Action: Ms Beech to order white ribbons and arrange distribution to Shire staff, Councillors and out centres.**

#### 4.2.4 ACTION PLAN PROGRESS

**Action: Ms Beech to update the Action Plan to include participation in the 2012/13 White Ribbons campaign and progress of Albany Highway and Driver Reviver projects.**

### 4.3 SAFE VEHICLES

#### 4.3.1 ACTION PLAN PROGRESS

**Action: Committee members to forward ideas / newsletter articles to Ms Beech to advertise in the Plantagenet News.**

### 4.4 SAFE ROADS & ROADSIDES

#### 4.4.1 SPENCER ROAD / YELLANUP ROAD - ALBANY HIGHWAY INTERSECTION

A Road Safety Audit was conducted on Wednesday 3 October 2012. Jim Robertson, Engineering Technical Officer participated as the Shire Representative.

A copy of the Road Safety Audit Report is attached at Appendix Seven. Mr Duffield discussed the recommendations provided in the report.

**Resolution:**

**Moved: Cr Messmer, seconded: Mr Sounness**

**That a formal request be made to Main Roads WA seeking a written response to the Albany Highway/Yellanup Road, Road Safety Audit Report.**

**CARRIED**

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#### 4.4.2 SEEKING LEGISLATION CHANGE – ROAD RESERVE CLEARING

This has been discussed at Works Managers Meetings in the past. Cr Handasyde noted this is ongoing and will be progressed as a matter of course and is not something that will be finalised in the short term.

It was agreed this item is to be removed from the Agenda.

#### 4.4.3 STUDENT PEDESTRIAN CROSSING AND ELECTRONIC SIGNAGE – ALBANY HIGHWAY

See attached copy of letter from Mount Barker Community College P&C to Ms Shea Klose of the *Children's Crossing and Road Safety Committee*.

The Minister for Police and Road Safety visited in late October and has agreed that something needs to be done about this crossing issue. One option may be to set up a crossing as a 'trial'.

Ongoing discussions are to be held between the Office of Road Safety and MRWA.

#### 4.4.4 HAY RIVER ROAD/ST WERBURGHS ROAD INTERSECTION ALIGNMENT

2013/2014 State Black Spot Application submitted in July 2012.

This project has been listed on the draft 2013/2014 program. At the Great Southern Regional Road Group Meeting on Monday 5 November 2012, this draft program will be reviewed.

#### 4.4.5 TURNING LANE – O'NEILL ROAD/ALBANY HIGHWAY INTERSECTION

Mr Le Cerf sent an email to Peter Stringer (MRWA) regarding this action (23/8/12).

**Action: Mr Le Cerf to cost up this project as an option for the Shire to deliver the work.**

#### 4.4.6 WET WEATHER VISIBILITY – INTERSECTIONS

**Action: Mr Duffield to undertake a night audit/inspection of the Muir Highway / Eulup-Manurup Road and Muir Highway / Denmark-Mount Barker Road intersections and report back to the Committee.**

Mr Sounness forwarded a suggestion to paint the kerbing leading up to the Muir Highway / Denmark-Mount Barker Road intersection. This may prove an inexpensive solution to visibility at this intersection.

#### 4.4.7 ACTION PLAN PROGRESS

**Action: Ms Beech to update the Action Plan with progress of Road Safety Audit.**

### 5 AGENCY REPORTS

#### RoadWise

Erin McDonald-Lee has been appointed by WALGA as the new RoadWise Officer. Erin started on Monday 29 October 2012 and will be in Perth for two weeks of planning/induction before starting at the Shire on Monday 12 November 2012.

### 6 NEXT MEETING

The Committee agreed with the proposed meeting dates for 2013 as attached at Appendix Eight.

Thursday 17 January 2013, 2.00pm

### 7 MEETING CLOSURE

3.25pm, the Chairperson declared the meeting closed.

**CONFIRMED: CHAIRPERSON** \_\_\_\_\_ **DATE** \_\_/\_\_/\_\_