



## 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 3 July 2014

**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 Erin McDonald-Lee - RoadWise Officer, Mr Andrew Duffield - Main Roads WA, Sergeant Allan Keogh - Mount Barker Police, Mr Roger Barrett - Mount Barker Community College (Resolution No 253/13), Mr Arthur Patterson - Community Representative, Mabelle Jeffrey - Department of Transport (Resolution No. 253/13), Mrs H Adams - Mount Barker Community College Parents and Citizens Association (Resolution No. 128/14)*

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**Presiding Member: Cr Len Handasyde**

**Deputy Presiding Member: Mr Dominic Le Cerf**

**Membership: Quorum (6)**

Cr L Handasyde	Council Representative
Cr B Bell	Deputy for Cr Handasyde
Cr G Messmer	Council Representative
Cr Pavlovich	Deputy for Cr Messmer
Mr D Le Cerf	Manager Works and Services
Ms E McDonald-Lee	RoadWise Officer
Mr A Duffield	Main Roads WA
Mr P Stringer	Deputy for Mr A Duffield
Sgt A Keogh	Mount Barker Police
First Class Constable K Brown	Deputy for Sgt A Keogh
Mr R Barrett	Mount Barker Community College
Mr W Beck	Deputy for Mr R Barrett
Mr A Patterson	Community Representative
Mrs H Adams	Mount Barker Community College P&C Association
Mr A Fraser	Deputy for Mrs H Adams
Ms M Jeffrey	Department of Transport
Ms B Murphy	Deputy for Ms M Jeffrey

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## 1 DECLARATION OF OPENING / ANNOUNCEMENT OF VISITORS

At 2.01pm, the Presiding Member declared the meeting open.

Cr Handasyde welcomed Mrs Heather Adams. Mrs Adams is a new Committee Member appointed to replace Mr Greg Sounness. Mrs Adams' position on the Committee was endorsed by the Council at its meeting held on Tuesday 24 June 2014.

Cr Handasyde tabled a letter of thanks to Mr Sounness which has been sent on behalf of the Council. A copy of this letter is attached at Appendix One.

## 2. RECORD OF ATTENDANCE / APOLOGIES

### Present

Cr Len Handasyde	Council Representative
Cr Gert Messmer	Council Representative
Mr Dominic Le Cerf	Manager Works and Services
Mr Andrew Duffield	Main Roads WA
Ms Erin McDonald-Lee	RoadWise Officer
Mr Roger Barrett	Mount Barker Community College
Ms Machel Jeffrey	Department of Transport
Mr Arthur Patterson	Community Representative
Sgt Alan Keogh	Mount Barker Police
Mrs Heather Adams	Mount Barker Community College P&C Representative

### Staff

Ms Amy Chadbourne	Senior Administration/Project Officer Works and Services
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### Observers

Ms Sarah Skitt	Mount Barker Community College
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## 3 DISCLOSURE OF MEMBERS INTERESTS

There were no disclosures by Committee Members.

## 4 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

**Moved Mr A Duffield, Seconded Ms E McDonald-Lee:**

**That the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the RoadWise Committee, held on Thursday 8 May 2014 as circulated, be taken as read and adopted as a correct record.**

**CARRIED**

## 5 REPORTS OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS AND OFFICERS

The meeting discussed the Action Plan and the direction of the RoadWise Committee for 2014/15. It was agreed the RoadWise Committee wanted to engage the community more in planned events. This could be best achieved by reducing the number of events and focusing more attention on those agreed upon.

September's plan was left as it was. The competition planned for October was to be coordinated by Ms McDonald-Lee and Mr Barrett. It was suggested a competition be held in the IGA foyer for one day and Mount Barker Community College students would play a part.

***Action: Ms McDonald-Lee and Mr Barrett to coordinate the competition for October (Action Plan) based on Safe Roads and Roadsides.***

November's plan was to remain as it was with the focus on White Ribbons for Road Safety. The Committee suggested more media to focus on the rationale behind the White Ribbons campaign.

### 5.1 SAFE SPEEDS

#### 5.1.1 ACTION PLAN PROGRESS

The SAM trailer has been repaired and is back in use.

The trailer was used during the Foundation Day long weekend in June. Positioned on Albany Highway in Mount Barker the message reminded motorists about 'double demerits'.

The trailer will be positioned in July to coincide with the school holiday period with the message, 'Please slow down, consider our kids'.

2.20pm Mrs Heather Adams arrived at the meeting.

### 5.2 SAFE ROAD USE

#### 5.2.1 DRIVER REVIVER

The next Driver Reviver is to be held on the Queen's Birthday long weekend which commences on Friday 26 September 2014. Committee Members discussed Cranbrook RoadWise Committee's plans to hold a Driver Reviver on the weekend of 29 and 30 October when many cars are expected to be travelling on Albany Highway to Albany for the ANZAC commemorations.

***Action: Ms McDonald-Lee to communicate with Cranbrook RoadWise and advise Plantagenet RoadWise Committee are happy for an invitation to assist at the ANZAC Driver Reviver.***

The task of finding volunteers to help at Driver Revivers was discussed by the Committee.

**Action: Mr Patterson to write a piece asking for volunteers for events such as the Driver Reviver and to forward to the Shire for inclusion in the Plantagenet News.**

**Action: Ms Chadbourne to follow up with a media release requesting volunteers to contact the Shire.**

**Action: A formal invitation from the RoadWise Committee to be sent to Mount Barker service clubs to request assistance at future Driver Revivers.**

#### 5.2.2 ALBANY HIGHWAY PROJECT

Purchasing of equipment for the Driver Reviver Programme has commenced using funds from the Office of Road Safety Grant.

The Cranbrook RoadWise Committee has looked at a caravan suggested for shared use by the RoadWise Committees and decided it wasn't suitable.

**Action: Mr Duffield advised he would draft a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for the use of the caravan owned by the Cranbrook and Tambellup P&C Committees. Ms Chadbourne to send details of P&C Associations to include in the MOU.**

#### 5.2.3 BLESSING OF THE ROADS

Mr Barrett has advised the Mount Barker Community College would like to organise the Blessing of the Roads event every two years to coincide with the Leaders Alive course.

The Committee discussed the hosting of the Blessing of the Roads event for 2015. The Shire of Plantagenet would organise and host the event every second year and would look to hold the event on the front lawn weather depending.

**Action: Mr Le Cerf advised the Shire of Plantagenet would organise the Blessing of the Roads for 2015.**

#### 5.2.4 'PLEASE SLOW DOWN CONSIDER OUR KIDS' BIN STICKER PROGRAM

Ms McDonald Lee advised the meeting the generic template was still in draft mode and would be finalised before the next meeting. When finished, the template would be used to assist in applications for funding.

Mr Le Cerf advised the rubbish bin stickers were not part of the 2014/15 Shire budget but that employees could help to put the stickers on the bins.

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### 5.2.5 ACTION PLAN PROGRESS

No items from the Action Plan were discussed.

## 5.3 SAFE VEHICLES

### 5.3.1 ACTION PLAN PROGRESS

Mr Duffield presented an article on safe vehicles for endorsement by the Committee (see Appendix Two).

**Moved: Mr Le Cerf, Seconded: Mr Patterson:**

**That the article written by Mr Duffield on behalf of the RoadWise Committee be forwarded for inclusion in the Plantagenet News.**

**CARRIED**

***Action: Ms Chadbourne to format article with RoadWise Committee Member details and present to Plantagenet News as a media release.***

Mr Barrett updated the meeting of the Leavers Alive course at Mount Barker Community College and the possibility of running a vehicle checking station at the school in 2015. The Leaders Alive course involves students having to deal with a mock road accident.

## 5.4 SAFE ROADS & ROADSIDES

### 5.4.1 RED GUM PASS / LAKE MATILDA ROAD INTERSECTION

Mr Le Cerf discussed the safety audit conducted by Paul Robertson on 13 May 2014. Ms McDonald-Lee attended the audit. A Black Spot application is to be written for this intersection for funding for the 2015/16 financial year with the possibility of it being a reserve project for the 2014/15 year.

The meeting noted the eligibility criteria for the Black Spot Program has been changed (see Appendix Three).

### 5.4.2 KERBING ON TURN IN LANE – ALBANY HWY TO LOWOOD ROAD

Mr Patterson advised he had received a request from a member of the public to look at the issue of kerbing on the lead in to the left hand turn lane at the southern end of Lowood Road from Albany Highway. Mr Duffield advised there were markings on the kerb in preparation for works by Main Roads. The kerb was to be removed from that section of road and improvements made.

#### 5.4.3 HANNAN WAY TURN OFF INTO NARRIKUP FROM ALBANY HIGHWAY

Mr Patterson discussed a request he received from a member of the public to look at the issues associated with turning traffic at the entrance to the Narrikup townsite from Albany Highway. Passing vehicles are ignoring double white lines. Mr Duffield advised an overtaking lane was to be constructed this financial year on Albany Highway further south of the turnoff and the shoulders could be widened in that section of road at the same time.

Mr Duffield and Mr Le Cerf discussed the proposal that Hannan Way be closed at Albany Highway and residents enter Narrikup off Spencer Road.

**Action: Mr Le Cerf advised he would organise a letter to Main Roads WA suggesting Hannan Way be closed at Albany Highway.**

#### 5.4.4 LOWOOD ROAD PEDESTRIAN CROSSING

The meeting discussed the item put up by Cr Handasyde. Senior Constable Alan Somerville from the Mount Barker Police had advised pedestrians are confused over right of way at the crossing on Lowood Road. Mr Duffield explained how the crossing didn't meet the criteria to qualify as a proper pedestrian crossing with 'zebra' stripes. The intent of the crossing when installed was to stop people walking out blindly into the oncoming traffic. It was pointed out the new entrance to the IGA was causing as many pedestrian problems with individuals choosing to cross further north at Lowood Road near Short Street.

The meeting discussed the different types of signs available and which would work best. The meeting felt signs used by the Shire of Esperance would be appropriate for this crossing.

**Action: Mr Le Cerf to investigate the possibility of installing posts with 'give way' signs facing the pedestrian as they came to the crossing at Lowood Road.**

#### 5.4.5 WOOGENELLUP ROAD – 80KM CORNER HEADING EAST

Cr Handasyde advised of the request he had received from Senior Constable Alan Somerville, Mount Barker Police, of the 80km/hr corner heading east from Albany Highway on Woogenellup Road (Appendix Four). Two recent accidents had raised concerns over the speed limit at the corner and the condition of the road.

The meeting discussed the issue and the signs and suggested drivers need to take care, be aware and drive to the conditions.



**Moved Mr Barrett, Seconded Cr Messmer:**

**That a formal review of this section of Woogenellup Road be undertaken by the Shire of Plantagenet and Main Roads WA.**

**CARRIED**

#### 5.4.6 ACTION PLAN PROGRESS

Refer to the competition to be planned by Ms McDonald-Lee and Mr Barrett.

2.50pm Mr Barrett and Miss Skitt left the meeting to return to school.

## **6 AGENCY REPORTS**

### **6.1 ROADWISE**

Attached at Appendix Five is the RoadWise report for the Great Southern Region.

### **6.2 MAIN ROADS WA**

Mr Duffield provided a run down on happenings and projects to be completed by Main Roads WA. He advised the Minister for Transport was visiting the region at the end of July. Mr Peter Stringer was leaving and his position would be filled by Mr Lindsay McCarten.

Starting in November, three overtaking lanes were to be constructed on Albany Highway, works were planned on the Great Southern Highway north of Cranbrook, more of Albany Highway would be widened north of Kojonup, Pardelup Bridge was to be replaced and the road realigned and the Grassmere/Elleker Bridge was constructed. Main Roads had acquitted all their funds for 2014/15.

Mrs Adams enquired about overtaking lanes on Chester Pass Road. Mr Duffield advised there would be no overtaking lanes constructed, rather \$1.5 million worth of widening was planned.

### **6.3 MOUNT BARKER POLICE**

Sergeant Alan Keogh of the Mount Barker Police presented a report highlighting crashes in May and June. Four accidents with serious injuries had occurred with the main factor being human error.

Sergeant Keogh announced he was moving to Port Hedland and Gaylene Hamilton was his replacement. All on the Committee wished him well and Cr Handasyde thanked Sergeant Keogh for his time and contribution to the RoadWise Committee and the Mount Barker community.

#### **6.4 SHIRE OF PLANTAGENET**

Mr Le Cerf highlighted the road funding cuts which had recently been delivered to local government and the effect the cuts would have on the Shire of Plantagenet's Five Year Road Program. Funding for improvements to Boyup Road had been removed and the Frankland - Rocky Gully Road project was now to take place over two years rather than one. Mr Le Cerf also advised the Shire had no carryovers in road projects. All funds had been acquitted.

Mr Le Cerf discussed the changes to the Shire's rural road verge policy and stated he would bring a copy of the updated policy to the Roadwise Committee when completed.

3.30pm Mr Le Cerf left the meeting.

#### **7 NEXT MEETING**

Thursday 4 September 2014 at 2.00pm.

#### **8 MEETING CLOSURE**

At 3.50pm, the Presiding Member declared the meeting closed.

# Appendix Six

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