



## 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 8 August 2019

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

Committee Members

*Cr Len Handasyde, Cr Brett Bell - Local Government Elected members, Mr David Lynch - Manager Works and Services, Mrs Andrea Smithson - RoadWise Officer, Mr Andrew Duffield - Main Roads WA, Sergeant David Johnson - Mount Barker Police, Mr Roger Barrett - Mount Barker Community College, Mrs Elsa Drage - Community Representative (Resolution No. 146/18), Mr Leon Pitt, Mount Barker Community College Parents and Citizens Association (Resolution No. 140/19)*

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**Presiding Member: Cr L Handasyde**

**Deputy Presiding Member: Mr D Lynch**

**Membership: Quorum (5)**

Cr L Handasyde	Council Representative
Cr B Bell	Council Representative
Cr B Lang	Deputy for Cr Handasyde
Cr M O'Dea	Deputy for Cr Bell
Mr D Lynch	Executive Manager Works and Services
Mrs A Smithson	RoadWise Officer
Mr A Duffield	Main Roads WA
Mr B Lenton	Deputy for Mr A Duffield
Sgt D Johnson	Mount Barker Police
Senior Constable K Brown	Deputy for Sgt D Johnson
Mr R Barrett	Mount Barker Community College
Mr W Beck	Deputy for Mr R Barrett
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

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## 1 DECLARATION OF OPENING / ANNOUNCEMENT OF VISITORS

At 2.01pm Cr Handasyde opened the meeting.

Cr Handasyde welcomed Mr Carl Beck, Road Safety Advisor for the Great Southern region.

## 2 RECORD OF ATTENDANCE / APOLOGIES

### Attendance

Cr L Handasyde	Council Representative
Mr D Lynch	Executive Manager Works and Services
Mrs A Smithson	RoadWise Officer
Mr B Lenton	Deputy for Mr A Duffield
Sgt D Johnson	Mount Barker Police
Mrs E Drage	Community Representative
Mr L Pitt	Mount Barker Community College P&C

### Staff

Ms A Chadbourne	Senior Administration, Works and Services
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### Visitor

Mr C Beck	RoadWise Officer
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### Apologies

Cr B Bell	Council Representative
Cr M O'Dea	Council Representative
Mr R Barrett	Mount Barker Community College (received a last minute request to assist a student)

## 3 DISCLOSURE OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS

Part 5, Division 6, Local Government Act 1995

## 4 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

**Moved Mrs E Drage, Seconded Sgt D Johnson;**

**That the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the RoadWise Committee, held on Thursday 13 June 2019 as circulated, 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 LOWOOD ROAD – SPEED LIMITS

Mr Lynch discussed the report he was intending to present to the Council in September 2019 about options to reduce vehicle speed

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limits on the section of Lowood Road from Montem Street to the southern railway crossing.

The draft plan prepared by a consultant (Attachment One) was distributed and showed a number of road treatment options. The meeting agreed that speed signs didn't always change motorists' behaviour so road design needed to be altered.

The Committee agreed the speed hump option appeared to be the most favourable.

Discussion was initiated by Mrs Drage around confusion of the speed rating on the townsite section of Oatlands Road and the lack of signage when motorists come from Albany Highway.

Mr Lenton advised that Main Roads WA (MRWA) is currently assessing the speed limits at the end of Oatlands Road and also Porongurup Road. It was agreed to wait until a decision was reached by them before further discussion took place at this meeting.

## **5.2 SAFE ROAD USE**

### **5.2.1 DRIVER REVIVER**

Mrs Smithson reported that grant funding for infrastructure was not currently available from the Road Safety Commission (RSC). It was suggested the Committee wait until any announcements were made by the Federal Government about possible funding for Driver Revivers before considering options.

## **5.3 SAFE ROADS AND ROADSIDES**

### **5.3.1 ADVISORY SIGNAGE – GRAVEL ROADS**

Attachment Two shows an advisory sign which can be used by local governments on roads without having to obtain MRWA approval. Discussion took place about gravel roads in the Shire and positioning the signs to the maximum benefit of motorists.

Mr Lynch advised that as part of the 2019/20 Works program, a number of these signs would be installed on relevant gravel roads within the Shire.

The installation of the signs would be seen as a trial with any feedback reported.

## 6 AGENCY REPORTS

### 6.1 ROADWISE

Mrs Smithson introduced Mr Carl Beck who is the new Great Southern RoadWise Officer. She reported on her attendance at the 'Have a Go' Expo at the Mount Barker Community College (MBCC) in July.

Committee members were reminded they could still take participate in the Road Safety Commission Forum online.

Also, the Great Southern Road Safety Conference is to be held in Cranbrook on 15 October 2019 (see Attachment Three). Mrs Smithson encouraged committee members to attend the free conference.

***Action: Mrs Smithson be requested to follow up with Mr Barrett to advise of the Conference and the possibility of MBCC students attending.***

### 6.2 MAIN ROADS WA

Mr Lenton reported that MRWA are carrying out maintenance and verge works on Albany Highway. He advised work had been completed on the Denmark Mount Barker Road to improve line markings. Members of the Committee complimented Mr Lenton on the improvements the line marking had made to the road.

### 6.3 MOUNT BARKER POLICE

Sergeant Johnson reported recent statistics from the Mount Barker Police for the month of July as follows:

- 199 RBTs;
- 4 speeding fines issued;
- 4 seatbelt infringements; and
- 3 drivers over the limit.

He was pleased that the station was now back to the full capacity of seven staff and advised of the new Incident Command Bus (ICB) which was available to Police in the region.

Sgt Johnson asked that the recent truck crash at the intersection of Pile Road and Muir Highway be noted (see Attachment Four for photos). Mr Lynch advised the Shire of Plantagenet had recently installed some signs on Pile Road advising of the intersection ahead and had also pruned on the western side of the intersection of Muir Highway in conjunction with MRWA. RRPMS were still to be installed.

### 6.4 SHIRE OF PLANTAGENET

Mr Lynch reported that works to repair roads damaged by weather in March 2019 were to start within the month.

### 6.5 MOUNT BARKER COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Mr Barrett was a late apology. Mr Pitt advised he would support the use of the new Police ICB and suggested that any live presentations to

MBCC students would be extremely beneficial to those in the process of obtaining their 'L' plates.

Mrs Smithson advised of a crash re-enactment in Albany by the RAC and that she would send through the invitation to the MBCC.

#### **6.6 COMMUNITY MEMBER**

No report from Mrs Drage.

#### **7 NEXT MEETING**

Thursday 17 October 2019 at 2.00pm.

#### **8 MEETING CLOSURE**

At 3.12pm, Cr Handasyde declared the meeting closed.

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Presiding Member

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Date