



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 May 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), Mr Greg Sounness – Mount Barker Community College Parents and Citizens Association (Resolution No. 253/13)

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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
Mr G Sounness	Mount Barker Community College P&C Association
Ms M Jeffrey	Department of Transport
Ms B Murphy	Deputy for Ms M Jeffrey

1 DECLARATION OF OPENING / ANNOUNCEMENT OF VISITORS

At 2.35pm Cr Handasyde declared the meeting open.

2 RECORD OF ATTENDANCE / APOLOGIESPresent

Cr Len Handasyde	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

Staff

Ms Amy Chadbourne	Senior Administration/Project Officer Works and Services
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Apologies

Cr Gert Messmer	Council Representative
Cr Chris Pavlovich	Deputy for Cr Messmer
Cr Brett Bell	Deputy for Cr Handasyde
Sgt Alan Keogh	Mount Barker Police
Mr Greg Sounness	Mount Barker Community College P&C Association

3 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Moved: Mr Duffield

Seconded: Ms McDonald-Lee

That the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the RoadWise Committee, held Thursday 6 March 2014, be confirmed.

CARRIED

3.1 BUSINESS ARISING**3.1.1 BLESSING OF THE ROADS**

Committee Members discussed the 2014 Blessing of the Roads event at Mount Barker Community College (MBCC) and commended the organisers. The event was thought to be the best yet. Everyone was pleased the high school students were present. It was hoped the event could be held using the same format next year with a different speaker. The use of statistics was highlighted and it was suggested that crash maps could be used next year to pinpoint the location of the crashes in the Great Southern to make it more 'real' to the students. See Appendix One for media article in the *Albany Advertiser*.

Action: Ms Chadbourne to send a letter of thanks to Mount Barker Community College and request the event be held there again in 2015.

3.1.2 ALBANY HIGHWAY PROJECT – SIGNS QUIZ

Audio of the Albany Highway Signs radio advert was sent to committee Members on 7 March 2014.

3.1.3 SAFE ROAD USE – ACTION PLAN PROGRESS

Quotes are attached at Appendix Two. See further discussion at 6.2.3 – Albany Highway Project.

3.1.4 SAFE VEHICLES – ACTION PLAN PROGRESS

Mr Barrett advised there has been no date set for the *Leaders Alive* course but will bring more information to the next meeting.

Action: Mr Barrett to bring a report on the Leaders Alive course to the RoadWise Meeting on 3 July 2014.

3.1.5 SAFE ROADS AND ROADSIDES

Mr Duffield provided a report from Main Roads following a query from community members via Mr Paterson. See 6.4.1 and 6.4.2.

4 CORRESPONDENCE IN

The following correspondence was tabled. See Appendix Three.

- RAC Risky Roads Survey 2014 – Discussion at 7.2
- Mount Barker Community College P&C Committee

5 CORRESPONDENCE OUT

No correspondence out.

6 REPORTS OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS AND OFFICERS

6.1 SAFE SPEEDS

6.1.1 ACTION PLAN PROGRESS

The SAM trailer was positioned on Albany Highway in Mount Barker for the Easter Weekend with the message 'Don't Drive Tired'.

The trailer has been out of action since then. It has been damaged and requires maintenance and is in the workshop. Mr Le Cerf reported it was a software issue and the message wasn't being translated in full to the screen. He thought the part would have to be sent away for repair.

6.2 SAFE ROAD USE

6.2.1 DRIVER REVIVER

The next Driver Reviver is to be held on the Queen's Birthday Long Weekend which commences on Friday 26 September 2014.

Preparations for the event were discussed. It was agreed the site location would be the established driver reviver site on Albany Highway north of the Cranbrook turnoff.

Committee Members discussed the need to spread the word to a wider audience and see if more volunteers can be attracted to help. Mr Patterson asked if the Shire had a volunteers' contact database which he suggested would be useful for these sorts of events.

Action: Ms Chadbourne to seek site approval from Main Roads.

Action: Mr Le Cerf to speak with Joanne Weekes, Community Emergency Services Manager, for contact names to help out with Driver Reviver.

The Cranbrook RoadWise Committee are planning to hold a Driver Reviver on the June Long Weekend starting Friday 30 May 2014.

6.2.2 ALBANY HIGHWAY PROJECT

Included at Appendix Two are the quotes for equipment for the Driver Reviver program as agreed at the last meeting on 6 March 2014.

Since the last meeting the Cranbrook RoadWise Committee has suggested to Ms McDonald-Lee, the possibility of the remaining funds from the Office of Road Safety Grant be used to help purchase a caravan to be used for Driver Reviver events. The Cranbrook Committee suggested the caravan be shared between the two RoadWise Committees.

The meeting discussed this proposal and expressed interest in the idea.

Action: Cr Handasyde and Mr Le Cerf would liaise with the Cranbrook RoadWise Committee to discuss the suggestion of a shared caravan.

6.2.3 ACTION PLAN PROGRESS

No items from the Action Plan were discussed.

6.3 SAFE VEHICLES

6.3.1 ACTION PLAN PROGRESS

Ms McDonald-Lee referred Committee Members to the Action Plan. The suggestion for May/June was a vehicle checking station. Committee Members discussed the possibility of organising a checking station in Mount Barker. Ms McDonald-Lee advised the Albany RoadWise Committee had organised this event last year and had lots of recommendations as a result. The Albany experience didn't attract many motorists and one of the suggestions of the organisers was that the Police shouldn't be involved otherwise participants are put off.

After some discussion the Committee decided to leave the event for this year and concentrate on a media article instead.

Action: Mr Duffield to write an article about safe vehicles.

Mr Barrett said that more students were now driving cars to school and suggested that an event using this concept could be organised at MBCC in 2015.

Action: Mr Barrett to look into the possibility of Mount Barker Community College running a vehicle checking station for students in 2015.

MR LE CERF LEFT THE MEETING AT 3.30PM

6.4 SAFE ROADS & ROADSIDES

6.4.1 ACCELERATION LANE – ALBANY HIGHWAY

Mr Duffield advised he had looked at the portion of Albany Highway heading north from the Saleyards which a member of the public had expressed concern about. He advised the sight distance was not good and that Main Roads could look at ways to improve it, however, mentioned that funding was quite limited at present.

6.4.2 INTERSECTION OF PILE ROAD AND MUIR HIGHWAY

Mr Duffield advised he had also looked at this intersection. He said the issue was more a road user behaviour problem than a road related one. He said the surface condition of the road was good, the line making was good, the sight distance was good and there was no crash history at the intersection.

Mr Patterson advised he would report back on both these issues to the member of the public who had made the enquiry/report.

6.4.3 RED GUM PASS / LAKE MATILDA ROAD INTERSECTION

An application for Black Spot Funding is being written for this intersection in Kendenup. Mr Le Cerf advised a safety audit is being conducted on this intersection on Tuesday 13 May at 9.00am.

6.4.4 ACTION PLAN PROGRESS

The next Roads and Roadside activity is planned for October. This item will be raised at the September RoadWise meeting.

7 OTHER BUSINESS

7.1 'PLEASE SLOW DOWN CONSIDER OUR KIDS' BIN STICKER PROGRAM

The possibility of 'slow down' stickers for rubbish bins within Plantagenet townsites was discussed further. A community member who is wishing to donate some money towards the purchase of the stickers was still interested in the project.

Ms McDonald-Lee suggested the purchase of the stickers could be included as part of a bigger project within the Shire. She mentioned that she was putting together a generic template with a speed theme. Ms McDonald-Lee said as part of such a project, the Committee could put together a register of roads where people frequently speed and the results be reported to Police and Main Roads.

The Committee decided to hold off with ordering stickers until the generic template has been looked at. See Appendix Four.

Action: Ms McDonald-Lee to bring the draft generic template to the next meeting on 3 July 2014 for discussion so the Committee could adjust the template to suit.

7.2 RAC RISKY ROADS SURVEY 2014

Committee Members discussed the correspondence from RAC advising of the Risky Roads Campaign 2014 – see Appendix Five. It was decided that the Committee wouldn't send a list of roads to the RAC but that individuals could act and enter roads on the RAC website. Cr Handasyde mentioned that the concept fit under Safe Roads and Roadsides and should be an ongoing action for not just members of the RoadWise Committee but all road users.

8 OTHER BUSINESS**8.1 ROADWISE**

See Appendix Six for the RoadWise report for the Great Southern Region.

8.2 MAIN ROADS WA

Mr Duffield spoke about the overtaking lanes on Albany Highway planned for 2014/15. There were three to be constructed in the Great Southern region – heading north near Settlement Road, heading south near Narrikup and north and south both at Tunney. He said Main Roads was having to be mindful of the ANZAC commemorations in Albany in November this year during construction.

8.3 MOUNT BARKER POLICE

No report provided.

8.4 SHIRE OF PLANTAGENET

The Shire's Five Year Road Program is currently being prepared ready for Council endorsement. Two road inspections (east and west) have been conducted by Councillors in the Shire as part of this preparation.

9 NEXT MEETING

Thursday 3 July 2014 at 2.00pm.

10 MEETING CLOSURE

At 4.00pm, the Chairperson declared the meeting closed.

CONFIRMED
PRESIDING MEMBER _____ DATE _____

Appendix Six
