

# **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 13 February 2020

# Rob Stewart CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

### Committee Members

Cr Len Handasyde, Cr Brett Bell - Local Government Elected members, Mr David Lynch - Manager Works and Services, Mr Carl Beck - 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, Mr Leon Pitt, Mount Barker Community College Parents and Citizens Association (Resolution No. 208/19)

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Presiding Member: Cr L Handasyde

**Deputy Presiding Member: Cr B Bell** 

**Membership: Quorum (5)** 

Cr L Handasyde Council Representative
Cr B Bell Council Representative
Cr M O'Dea Deputy for Cr Handasyde

Cr K Woltering Deputy for Cr Bell

Mr D Lynch Executive Manager Works and Services

Mr C Beck 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

#### 1 DECLARATION OF OPENING / ANNOUNCEMENT OF VISITORS

At 2.00pm, Cr Handasyde declared the meeting open.

### 2 RECORD OF ATTENDANCE / APOLOGIES

<u>Attendance</u>

Cr L Handasyde
Cr B Bell
Council Representative
Cr K Woltering
Council Representative
Council Representative
Council Representative
Roadwise Officer

Mr B Lenton Main Roads WA

Mrs E Drage Community Representative

Mr L Pitt Mount Barker Community College P&C

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Mr W Beck Mount Barker Community College

<u>Staff</u>

Ms A Chadbourne Senior Administration, Works and Services

<u>Apology</u>

Mr D Lynch Executive Manager Works and Services

Sgt D Johnson Mount Barker Police Snr Constable K Brown Mount Barker Police

Visitor

Cr M O'Dea Council Representative

#### 3 DISCLOSURE OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS

Part 5, Division 6, Local Government Act 1995

Nil.

# 4 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

# Moved Cr B Bell, Seconded Mrs E Drage;

That the minutes of the Meeting of the RoadWise Committee, held on Thursday 12 December 2019 with the following addition 'In the absence of Cr Handasyde, Cr Bell acted as the Presiding Member', be taken as read and adopted as a correct record.

**CARRIED** 

#### 5 REPORTS OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS AND OFFICERS

# 6.1 SAFE SPEEDS

#### 6.1.1 COURTESY SPEED DISPLAY SIGNS

Mr Carl Beck reported to the committee on the Road Safety Commission's (RSC) funding process for Courtesy Speed Display Signs. Mr Beck advised that currently the RSC were not approving grant funding for these signs but suggested a formal request be made to them on the Shire's behalf.

He advised the signs have been booked for loan for later in the year and it was suggested they be used on Albany Highway between the school crossing and the northern Woogenellup Road roundabout.

Action: Mr Beck be requested to submit a request to the Road Safety Commission to investigate the possibility of grant funding for two Courtesy Speed Display Signs for use on roads within the Shire. The request to include the possibility of sharing the signs with another local Shire.

#### 6.2 SAFE ROAD USE

# 6.2.1 BLOW 0.00 AND WIN OR SOBER SUPER HERO CAMPAIGN

In Sergeant Johnson's absence, Mr Carl Beck reported on the Sober Super Hero campaign. The Shire donated \$200.00 and RoadWise \$300.00 for a total of \$500.00 which was used to purchase \$20.00 vouchers from local food outlets in Mount Barker.

Thanks must go to The Coffee Garden Café for donating extra vouchers. Sgt Johnson advised prior to the meeting that to date, 11 motorists have been rewarded with vouchers.

#### 6.2.2 DRIVER REVIVER

The Driver Reviver is planned for Friday 28 February at the pull-in bay on the eastern side of Albany Highway just north of the northern Cranbrook turn off.

The meeting agreed that the Driver Reviver would run from 2pm to 10pm. Shire staff will set up the site and the signs on the day. Mrs Drage is organising the roster of volunteers to attend on the day.

It was agreed that three volunteers per shift was an appropriate number. Mr Wesley Beck suggested there may be some students from the Mount Barker Community College who could assist at the event. Delivery and pack up of equipment was discussed and a checklist will be provided for the pack-up.

Mr Carl Beck has organised media promotion.

### 6.2.3 BLESSING OF THE ROADS CAMPAIGN

At the RoadWise meeting of 19 April 2018 it was suggested the Mount Barker Community College host the event permanently.

The Committee discussed the organisation of the event for 2020 and the following was noted:

- Mr Wesley Beck would consult with school staff to determine an appropriate date for the event.
- Mr Carl Beck would forward the WALGA RoadWise kit for the event to Mr Wesley Beck once it was finalised.
- Mr Beck offered to contribute \$100.00 from the WALGA RoadWise budget towards morning tea for the event.

#### 6.3 SAFE ROADS AND ROADSIDES

# 6.3.1 MUIR HIGHWAY LEADING TO THE NORTHERN ROUNDABOUT

Mr Lenton advised that Main Roads had installed oversize 'Roundabout Ahead' signs on the Muir Highway approach to the Northern Roundabout on Albany Highway.

Cr Bell commented on the effectiveness of the signs. Cr Handasyde thanked Main Roads for the installation of the signs.

#### 6.3.2 CARBARUP ROAD

The Committee discussed the report below from Sergeant Johnson.

'On Tuesday 28 January 2020, we attended a single vehicle crash on Carbarup Road x Kalgan River bridge (north of Pellew Road). After assessing the scene and speaking to the driver (only occupant) it is apparent that this was an accident, no offences identified. The driver's account was that he was travelling southbound, his left-hand wheels hit some gravel, his ABS kicked in and he has over corrected resulting in his vehicle running off the road on the bridge.

He has impacted with the concrete culvert causing the left-hand front wheel to be ripped off, turning the vehicle sideways into a tree impacting with the rear right-hand side. The vehicle came to a rest off the road. No injuries sustained. In my opinion the driver was very lucky not to sustain any injuries.

This is the third crash in that approximate location.

1 March 2018 – car v tree, approx. 1km south of Collins Road. No injuries.

25 May 2019 – car v scrub, significant damage. Collins Road (Carbarup Mine). No injuries.'

See location map at Attachment One.

It was suggested the respective accidents were caused by speed and inattentiveness of the driver. Ms Chadbourne highlighted traffic counts which indicated that many vehicles were travelling on sections of Carbarup Road well over the regulated limit of 90km/hour.

Action: Mr Lynch be requested to organise a Road Safety audit of Carbarup Road with focus on the northern approach to the floodway crossing.

Ms Chadbourne advised the Shire had ordered and were to install advisory chevron signs on the northern approach to the floodway on the eastern side of Carbarup Road. Also some 'flippy' guide posts, similar to those at the Woogenellup Road floodway crossing, were to be installed on each side of the floodway crossing.

### 6.3.3 THE SPRINGS ROAD

See Attachment Two for a letter requesting work be carried out to The Springs Road and the response from the Shire's Executive Manager Works and Services. It was agreed this was a Shire operational matter and it had been dealt with appropriately.

#### 6 AGENCY REPORTS

#### 7.1 ROADWISE

See report from Mr Beck at Attachment Three.

Mr Wesley Beck advised there has already been five fatalities in the region this year. Due to the cases being single vehicles (one driver) it was suggested fatigue was a factor. He reported that last year there were 11 killed in the Great Southern, mainly on local roads.

Mr Beck reported on the local CRC's application for a grant to present on road safety to the community. He also reminded the committee of the Livestream 2020 Road Safety Research Form event on 26 February which the committee or members of the public are welcome to attend at the Shire Administration offices.

Cr O'Dea highlighted the section on towing in Mr Beck's report and discussion took place about caravans on roads within the Shire. It was suggested that the public toilets at the Mount Barker Visitors Centre was a good location for promotional posters relating to this subject due to the

number of visitors which use the facilities. The Town Hall and the Mount Barker Caravan Park were other options.

Mr Beck reminded committee members about the RoadWise Newsletter and if they weren't already on the mailing list they could subscribe.

#### 7.2 MAIN ROADS WA

Mr Lenton noted the completion of road construction at the Albany Highway Beverley Road intersection. He also highlighted the pavement repairs currently taking place on Albany Highway.

Mr Lenton commented on the increasing number of advertising signs on the Albany Highway median strip in the Mount Barker townsite and suggested the Shire monitor these signs.

Main Roads is looking at fatigue stopping points. Mr Lenton advised of new signs he is organising, 'Stop, Revive, Survive' which are going to be installed at some strategic parking bays. Some locations suggested were pull-in bays on Albany Highway at Wilcox Road, Sturdee Road and the Cranbrook Driver Reviver site. See Attachment Four.

#### 7.3 MOUNT BARKER POLICE

Both representatives were apologies for the meeting.

#### 7.4 SHIRE OF PLANTAGENET

Ms Chadbourne reported on the sealing due to start next week for sections of Mount Barker Road and Wilson Road respectively. These sections will be new seals. She also advised of recent cement stabilisation repairs which have taken place to Woogenellup Road, Mount Barker Road, O'Neill Road and St Werburghs Road.

A Black Spot project which has been carried over for a number of years is hoped to be completed this year. This is the intersection realignment of Lake Matilda Road and Red Gum Pass Road in Kendenup. Regulatory requirements have caused the project's delay.

### 7.5 MOUNT BARKER COMMUNITY COLLEGE

The Mount Barker Community College has been asked to nominate a new representative to the Committee. In the meantime Mr Wesley Beck will attend as the Deputy Committee Member.

#### 7.6 COMMUNITY MEMBER

Mrs Drage advised she had nothing to report at this meeting.

#### 7 NEXT MEETING

Thursday 9 April 2020 at 2.00pm

# ORDINARY ROADWISE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES 13 FEBRUARY 2020

8	MEETING CLOSURE				
At 3	At 3.12pm, Cr Handasyde declared the meeting closed.				
Pre	siding Member	Date			

# **ATTACHMENT FOUR**