



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 13 June 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, Mount Barker Community College Parents and Citizens Association (Resolution No. 146/18)

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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
Position Vacant	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 2.03pm, Mr Lynch opened the meeting.

2 RECORD OF ATTENDANCE / APOLOGIESAttendance

Cr B Bell	Council Representative
Cr B Lang	Deputy for Cr Handasyde
Mr D Lynch	Executive Manager Works and Services
Mrs A Smithson	RoadWise Officer
Mr B Lenton	Main Roads WA
Mr R Barrett	Mount Barker Community College
Mrs E Drage	Community Representative

Staff

Ms A Chadbourne	Senior Administration, Works and Services
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Apologies

Cr L Handasyde	Council Representative
Sgt D Johnson	Mount Barker Police
Senior Constable K Brown	Deputy for Sgt Johnson
Mr A Duffield	Main Roads WA

3 DISCLOSURE OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS

Part 5, Division 6, Local Government Act 1995

4 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Moved Cr B Bell, Seconded Mr R Barrett ;

That the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the RoadWise Committee, held on Thursday 11 April 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 COURTESY SPEED DISPLAY SIGNS**

Committee members discussed the Courtesy Speed Display Signs (CSDS) and agreed the temporary installation of the two signs was a good exercise. The possibility of the Shire of Plantagenet having such signs was looked at. Mrs Smithson informed the committee that similar signs cost around \$11,000.00 a pair and explained that the Road Safety Commission (RSC) currently do not support grant funding for signs. Other grant funding possibilities were discussed including making application to the Mount Barker Community Bank (Bendigo).

Moved Cr B Bell, Seconded Mr R Barrett

That Mr Lynch be requested, on behalf of the Plantagenet RoadWise Committee, to write to Iain Cameron, Chairman of the Road Safety Council suggesting that the funding available for project grants be broadened to include signage, in particular speed display signs.

CARRIED

See Attachment One for a report on the two signs.

5.1.2 SPEED LIMITS – MOUNT BARKER TOWNSITE

See Attachment Two for correspondence received highlighting inconsistent speed limits within the Mount Barker townsite.

Mr Lenton from Main Roads WA (MRWA) explained that Oatlands Road was classed as a distributor road and also was rated for Restricted Access Vehicles (RAV) 4 therefore the speed limit of 60km/h was considered suitable.

As part of the meeting, the inconsistent speed limits on Oatlands Road which becomes Porongurup Road at the eastern boundary of the townsite was highlighted. Discussion took place about the extension of the 60km/h speed limit on Oatlands Road to Porongurup Road and the removal of the existing 80km/h speed sign. The speed changes would then fit the standard 60 – 90 – 110km/h pattern.

Mr Lenton also explained that the section of Albany Highway which ran through the Mount Barker townsite was different to that in Williams or Kojonup where the road went through the 'centre' or commercial area of town. Therefore the speed limit was considered suitable at 60km/h.

Action: That Mr Lynch be requested to respond to the applicant advising of the Committee discussion and Main Roads WA advice about the speed limits on Oatlands Road and the section of Albany Highway in the Mount Barker townsite.

5.1.3 LOWOOD ROAD – SPEED LIMITS

Mr Lynch presented recent traffic counter results for different locations on Lowood Road. See Attachment Three.

These counts were taken as part of a report Mr Lynch will be presenting to the Council on options to reduce vehicle speed limits on the section of Lowood Road from Montem Street to the southern railway crossing.

Mr Lynch advised that the process to have draft design plans drawn up for improvements to this section of Lowood Road had commenced and would be presented to MRWA in due course.

5.2 SAFE ROAD USE

5.2.1 DRIVER REVIVER

The Committee agreed that the September Driver Reviver would not take place this year due to the time of year (cold and wet) and statistics showing fewer vehicles using the service. It was agreed that Committee effort be focused on the March long weekend where more vehicles were travelling south to the many events held over that long weekend.

See Attachment Four for statistics from previous Driver Revivers.

The possibility of obtaining funding for a fit-for-purpose caravan was discussed. The idea of it being a shared resource with other RoadWise Committees was looked at:

Moved Cr B Bell, Seconded Mrs E Drage;

That the Plantagenet RoadWise Committee host one Driver Reviver Event per year being on the March long weekend.

That Mrs Smithson research funding opportunities for a fit for purpose caravan for use at Driver Reviver events.

CARRIED

5.3 SAFE ROADS AND ROADSIDES

5.3.1 TURNING VEHICLE SIGN REQUEST – PORONGURUP ROAD

Two turning vehicle advisory signs are to be installed on Porongurup Road either side of the Porongurup Shop.

5.3.2 SIGNAGE AT TRUCK BAY ON ALBANY HIGHWAY OPPOSITE UNITED FUEL STATION

At the previous meeting, Cr Bell highlighted the current signage at the truck bay on the west side of Albany Highway opposite the United Fuel Station. Cr Bell advised that on occasion he has seen cars parking in the bay which makes it difficult for trucks to use the area. See Attachment Five.

Action: Mr Lynch be requested to organise for the sign in the middle of the parking bay ‘Truck Parking Only’ to be turned to the south (currently facing east) and a white line be painted in the middle of the bay to mark the two bays.

5.3.3 ADVISORY SIGNAGE – GRAVEL ROADS

Mr Lynch to discuss the advisory signs ('Gravel road ahead – drive to the conditions') being corflute and mobile so they can be placed on strategic Shire gravel roads. Committee to discuss the possibility of funding the signs in conjunction with WALGA RoadWise. This item is to be carried over to the August 2019 meeting.

6 AGENCY REPORTS

6.1 ROADWISE

Mrs Smithson advised she would attend the 'Have a Go Volunteer Expo' on 4 July 2019 at the Mount Barker Community College (MBCC) and would think of an appropriate activity. She requested that an inside position be provided.

Mrs Smithson highlighted the consultation process by the RSC which is underway. Committee members are encouraged to take part in providing feedback to help shape the next road safety strategy for Western Australia. The link to the website is <https://imaginezero.rsc.wa.gov.au/>

The 2019 Regional Road Safety Conference will once again take place in Cranbrook on 15 October. More information will follow when available.

6.2 MAIN ROADS WA

Mr Lenton advised that construction work had finished for the 2018/19 year. Work would commence next season with the sealing of the Kojonup South project and the upgrade of the Martagallup Road Albany Highway intersection.

Mr Lenton tabled a document from Safe System Solutions, '*Speed Limit Myths – Busted*' which is shown at Attachment Six. The document discusses the correlation between speed reduction and fatal crashes.

6.3 MOUNT BARKER POLICE

Sergeant Johnson and Senior Constable Brown were apologies for the meeting.

Sergeant Johnson reported traffic actions had recently been conducted within the Mount Barker townsite focusing on the reinforcement of the 50km/hr speed limits.

Two road sessions were conducted with one speeding infringement and six cautions (vehicles travelling between 51km/h and 60km/h).

6.4 SHIRE OF PLANTAGENET

Mr Lynch advised that the Shire of Plantagenet budget for the next two year allowed for extensive external funding. The 2019/2020 budget will involve more resealing as compared to the 2018/2019 year which has included some replenishment sealing.

6.4.1 MBCC P&C POSITION - VACANT

The MBCC P&C Committee Member position is still vacant despite a request being sent to the MBCC P&C. Mr Barrett advised he would speak with members of the committee about the position.

6.5 MOUNT BARKER COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Mr Barrett updated the Committee of the Defensive Driving Course which has received funds from the Mount Barker Community Bank (Bendigo). It is anticipated the event will be held at the Mount Barker Saleyards in September. School students must provide their own vehicle.

6.6 COMMUNITY MEMBER

No report from Mrs Drage.

7 NEXT MEETING

Thursday 8 August 2019 at 2.00pm.

Cr Bell advised he will be an apology.

8 MEETING CLOSURE

At 3.20pm, Mr Lynch declared the meeting closed.

Presiding Member

Date

Attachment Five
