



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 14 June 2018

Rob Stewart
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Committee Members

Cr Len Handasyde, Cr Brett Bell - Local Government Elected members, Mr David Lynch - Manager Works and Services, Position Vacant - RoadWise Officer, Mr Andrew Duffield - Main Roads WA, Sergeant Andy McRae - Mount Barker Police, Mr Roger Barrett - Mount Barker Community College, Mrs Elsa Drage - Community Representative, Position Vacant – Mount Barker Community College Parents and Citizens Association (Resolution No. 96/18)

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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	Manager Works and Services
Position Vacant	RoadWise Officer
Mr A Duffield	Main Roads WA
Mr B Lenton	Deputy for Mr A Duffield
Sgt A McRae	Mount Barker Police
First Class Constable K Brown	Deputy for Sgt A McRae
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 Ms M Ballard

1 DECLARATION OF OPENING / ANNOUNCEMENT OF VISITORS

At 2.03pm, Cr Handasyde opened the meeting.

2 RECORD OF ATTENDANCE / APOLOGIESAttendance

Cr L Handasyde	Council Representative
Cr B Bell	Council Representative
Mr D Lynch	Manager Works and Services
Mr A Duffield	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

Sgt A McRae	Mount Barker Police
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Visitors

Ms K Celenza	Road Safety Advisor, (Metro North)
Ms Deb Smith	Mount Barker Community College

3 DISCLOSURE OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS

Part 5 Division 6 Local Government Act 1995

Nil.

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 19 April 2018 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 ALBANY HIGHWAY SCHOOL CROSSING – 40km/hr FLASHING SIGNS**

Committee members noted the new flashing Wig-Wam lights installed by Main Roads at the school crossing on Albany Highway and thanked Mr Duffield, Regional Manager of Main Roads who was present at the meeting.

Mr Lynch advised the Committee that Main Roads did not support the Shire's request to have the current truck parking bay (opposite United Fuel Station) on Albany Highway widened.

Other options on the northern section of Albany Highway from the Tourist Bureau to the northern roundabout were considered and were narrowed down to the existing tourist bay just south of the northern roundabout. Cr Bell stated that trucks need somewhere to park, particularly during harvest.

Action: The Committee noted that Mr Lynch would look into possible options for an additional truck parking bay between the railway crossing and the northern roundabout on Albany Highway with the focus on the existing tourist pull-in bay. Possible funding options could include Main Roads.

5.2 SAFE ROAD USE

5.2.1 DRIVER REVIVER

Cr Handasyde led the discussion whether a Driver Reviver event could be held on the Queen's Birthday weekend – Monday 24 September.

Mr Duffield highlighted that the civil works at the truck bay on the South West Highway just east of the Albany Highway intersection were complete and the site could be used.

Cr Handasyde suggested the issue would be getting cars to pull off the Albany Highway into the site. Mr Lynch informed the meeting there was no allocation within the Council budget for RoadWise activities and the setting up and preparation for Driver Reviver involved some staff time (administrative and Shire Depot staff). He suggested more volunteers from the RoadWise Committee were needed to help Shire staff prepare for the event.

Action: The Committee noted that Mr Lynch would itemise the cost for Shire staff to organise the Driver Reviver and present at the next Roadwise Meeting in August 2018.

5.3 SAFE ROADS & ROADSIDES

5.3.1 NEW ROADWISE SIGNS IN MOUNT BARKER – DROP TAGS

Mr Lynch advised the drop tags had been ordered by Shire Works and Services administration staff.

5.3.2 MUIR HIGHWAY INTERSECTION WITH NORTHERN AROUNDBOUT

In Response to Cr Bell's request, Mr Duffield advised that all regulation signage was in place to provide advance notice to motorists approaching the northern roundabout on Albany Highway from Muir Highway.

Mr Duffield suggested the 'roundabout ahead' signs could be increased in size and the speed signs could also be larger.

Action: Main Roads be requested to install larger 'roundabout ahead' and speed advisory signs on the Muir Highway approach to the northern roundabout on Albany Highway.

5.3.3 INTERSECTION OF MOUNT BARKER ROAD AND MONDURUP STREET, MOUNT BARKER

The Committee noted a letter from a concerned resident about the Mount Barker Road Mondurup Street intersection (Attachment One).

Road treatments and regulatory signs (stop sign) were confirmed as being appropriate for the intersection. After some discussion about the intersection the Committee agreed it was driver behaviour that meant motorists were not stopping at the stop sign and that it was an enforcement issue.

Action: The Committee noted that Mr Lynch would write to the Mount Barker Police requesting they consider focusing on the Mount Barker Road / Mondurup Street intersection and driver behaviour at the particular site.

Action: The Committee noted that Mr Lynch would write to Mr Radford to advise him of the outcome of his submission to the RoadWise Committee about the Mount Barker Road / Mondurup Street intersection.

5.3.4 PEDESTRIAN CROSSING ON LOWOOD ROAD, MOUNT BARKER

Cr Bell expressed his concern over pedestrians crossing on Lowood Road.

Mr Duffield summarised the history of the 'wombat crossing' (raised hump) which encourages pedestrians to cross at Nic's Café over to the IGA car park. He advised Main Roads had never approved the hump which had been installed by the Shire a number of years ago and that it didn't meet the warrants for a 'wombat' or a 'zebra crossing'. 'Give way' signs for pedestrians were installed by the Shire in 2016 as recommended by Main Roads.

Suggestions to improve the site where pedestrians were crossing included lowering the speed on the section of road to 20km/hr, removing the hump to reduce confusion to pedestrians and motorists and/or modifying the approach to the crosswalk.

Mr Duffield suggested the Council needs to clarify the issues it has with pedestrians crossing at this section of Lowood Road before the Shire took the matter any further.

Action: The Committee noted that Mr Lynch would hold a workshop with the Council to discuss options for the section of Lowood Road from the 'top roundabout' to Short Street and to include in this workshop, consideration for where pedestrians should cross Lowood Road.

It was agreed this item would remain on the Agenda until further notice.

5.4 SAFE VEHICLES

5.4.1 VEHICLE CHECKING STATION

It was agreed to remove this item from the Agenda.

6 AGENCY REPORTS

6.1 ROADWISE

Ms Katherine Celenza, Road Safety Advisor Metro North attended the meeting as a representative for WALGA RoadWise. She advised that Ms Andrea Smithson would be filling the position on a casual basis whilst Mrs Erin Miller was on maternity leave.

Ms Celenza informed the meeting of the Local Government Road Safety Awards which were designed to acknowledge outstanding achievements by Local Governments in the area of road safety. Nominations were open until 22 July 2018 and she encouraged the Shire of Plantagenet to nominate.

Ms Celenza also discussed the Community Electronic Speed Signs which are available from WALGA RoadWise and can be booked from them.

Action: The Committee noted that Ms Chadbourne proposed to follow up on the availability of Electronic Speed Signs with WALGA.

6.2 MAIN ROADS WA

Mr Duffield reported on completed projects by Main Roads which include the Cheynes Beach intersection and the Amelup section of Chester Pass Road.

In Albany, the section of Chester Pass Road starting at the Albany Highway roundabout was near completion with maintenance time recently spent on storm damage response and repairs.

Main Roads would be delivering a full budget in 2017/18 and looking to a similar budget next year. Mr Duffield advised the maintenance contract was currently out to tender and they were looking at a new model.

Mr Duffield highlighted to the meeting the Traffic Map available on the Main Roads website. Traffic counts and speed data could be obtained on roads managed by Main Roads through this website.

6.3 MOUNT BARKER POLICE

No report from the Mount Barker Police.

6.4 SHIRE OF PLANTAGENET

Mr Lynch advised WANDRRA storm damage repairs were due to be completed within the Shire in the next two weeks. He advised the budget for 2018/19 would place more focus on sealed road maintenance and replenishment sealing.

6.5 MOUNT BARKER COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Mr Barrett reported the Mount Barker Community College (MBCC) was extremely pleased with the Wig-Wam flashing lights at the school crossing on Albany Highway. He advised that Leavers Alive was coming up and a date was to be decided.

6.6 COMMUNITY MEMBER

Mrs Drage advised she had no report.

7 NEXT MEETING

Thursday 9 August 2018 at 2.00pm

8 MEETING CLOSURE

At 3.30pm, Cr Handasyde closed the meeting.

Presiding Member

Date