



## **ROADWISE STEERING COMMITTEE**

# **MINUTES**

**SECTION 5.9(2)(c) LGA 1995**

*The functions of the RoadWise Steering 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 Steering Committee held in the Council Committee Room, Lowood Road, Mount Barker WA 6324,  
11.45am Thursday 20 January 2011

**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 Kendra Green - RoadWise Officer, Mr Andrew Duffield - Main Roads WA, Sergeant Allan Keogh - Mount Barker Police, Mr Wesley Beck - Mount Barker Community College, Vacant - Community Representative, Mr Norm Bario – Mount Barker Community College Parents and Citizens Association, Machele Jeffrey – Department of Transport (Resolution No. 307/09 and 181/10)*

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**Chairperson: Cr L Handasyde**

**Deputy Chairperson: Mr D Le Cerf**

**Membership: Quorum (5)**

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| Cr L Handasyde | Council Representative                         |
| Cr G Messmer   | Council Representative                         |
| Mr D Le Cerf   | Manager Works and Services                     |
| Ms K Green     | RoadWise Officer                               |
| Mr A Duffield  | Main Roads WA                                  |
| Sgt A Keogh    | Mount Barker Police                            |
| Mr W Beck      | Mount Barker Community College                 |
| Vacant         | Community Representative                       |
| Mr N Bario     | Mount Barker Community College P&C Association |
| Ms M Jeffrey   | Department of Transport                        |

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**1 DECLARATION OF OPENING / ANNOUNCEMENT OF VISITORS**

11.50am, Cr Handasyde declared the meeting open.

**2 RECORD OF ATTENDANCE / APOLOGIES**Present

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| Cr Len Handasyde   | Chairperson                        |
| Cr Gert Messmer    | Council Representative             |
| Ms Kendra Green    | RoadWise Officer                   |
| Mr Dominic Le Cerf | Manager Works and Services         |
| Ms Machel Jeffrey  | Department of Transport            |
| Mr Norm Bario      | Mount Barker Community College P&C |
| Mr Wesley Beck     | Mount Barker Community College     |

Staff

|                 |   |
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| Ms Sharon Lynch | Administration Officer Works & Services |
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Apologies

|                    |                     |
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| Sgt Allan Keogh    | Mount Barker Police |
| Mr Andrew Duffield | Main Roads WA       |

**3 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

**Moved: Mr Le Cerf, seconded: Mr Bario**

**That the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the RoadWise Steering Committee held on 4 November 2010 be confirmed.**

**CARRIED**

**4 REPORTS OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS AND OFFICERS****4.1 SAFE SPEEDS****4.1.1 SAM TRAILER**

Mr Le Cerf advised the SAM Trailer is operational however issues are still being resolved with programming messages. The SAM Trailer was positioned on Albany Highway in Mount Barker during the Christmas period and McDonald Avenue for Grapes and Gallops. A computer module has also been ordered to allow the SAM Trailer to display multiple messages.

**Action: Ms Lynch to organise for the SAM Trailer to be placed on Woogenellup Road on 31 January 2011 for the commencement of the new school term.**

Mr Le Cerf advised the SAM Trailer will then be positioned further up Woogenellup Road for a calibration check. The Mount Barker Police will be assisting with the check.

## 4.2 SAFE ROAD USE

### 4.2.1 BLESSING OF THE ROADS

The Committee tentatively set Wednesday 13 April 2011 as the date for the Blessing of the Roads ceremony.

**Action: Ms Lynch to ensure the tentative date for the Blessing of the Roads ceremony does not conflict with school holidays.**

Ms Lynch advised the letter to the Mount Barker Community College will be sent to coincide with the commencement of the new school term.

### 4.2.2 WORK WITH LOCAL WINERIES TO PROMOTE THE 'SIGN OF SAFETY'

Ms Lynch advised a list has been compiled of those wineries within the Shire of Plantagenet who have not installed the Sign of Safety signs.

**Action: Ms Lynch and Ms Green to prepare a letter to send to those wineries who have not installed the Sign of Safety signs encouraging them to participate in the program.**

### 4.2.3 ALBANY HIGHWAY PROJECT – PROMOTING DAYTIME RUNNING LIGHTS

Committee members were provided with a copy of the project brief: Targeting fatigued and distracted drivers in the Great Southern.

The Committee discussed the project concept and proposed activities and made the following suggestion:

- The location of the Kojonup sign may take away focus from the 'Deaths in the Great Southern' sign.

The Committee was supportive of the project brief and the proposed next steps.

**Actions:**

- Gain support from key agencies – Main Roads, WA Police, Shire of Cranbrook and Shire of Kojonup.
- Gain support from Albany RoadWise Committee.
- Gain support from Safer Kojonup Committee/Driver Reviver.
- Develop full project plan.
- Submit for funding.

#### **4.3 SAFE VEHICLES**

##### **4.3.1 LOBBY VEHICLE MANUFACTURERS / FEDERAL GOVERNMENT FOR MANDATORY DAYTIME RUNNING LIGHTS**

No discussion occurred.

#### **4.4 SAFE ROADS & ROADSIDES**

##### **4.4.1 ROAD NOISE AND FATIGUE**

Cr Messmer spoke to the Committee about how road noise contributes to fatigue. There is evidence in the industrial area that proves noise contributes to severe fatigue. Discussion continued about the factors that contribute to road noise including pavement material, stone size, tyres, vehicle design, speed etc.

**Action: Cr Messmer to provide a copy of the evidence to Ms Green for review.**

#### **5 OTHER BUSINESS**

##### **5.1 STUDENT PEDESTRIAN CROSSINGS – ALBANY HIGHWAY**

Mr Beck advised he has not received information back from Mr Hoskin regarding the lodging of the Albany Highway student pedestrian crossing application.

**Action: Mr Beck to speak with Mr Jonathan Hoskin to determine if the application for a student pedestrian crossing on Albany Highway has been submitted.**

##### **5.2 ROAD AND BIKE SAFETY EDUCATION**

Ms Lynch advised a letter has been received from the Great Southern Aboriginal Health Service Advisory Council. The Advisory Council raised concerns regarding the safety of school children crossing the Albany Highway and Woogenellup Road in Mount Barker. They would like to see a manned foot crossing on the highway where the children could cross safely and further education for the school students on road and bike safety.

Ms Lynch advised a letter had been sent to the Advisory Council providing history about the crossings and outlining the process the Community College needs to undertake for the student pedestrian crossing on Albany Highway.

Ms Green confirmed there are currently no bike education programs being offered in the Great Southern, with the only programs for bike education being offered in the metropolitan area. The Physical Activity Taskforce came down from Perth and attended a program development meeting with a range of Great Southern agencies to try and get a proposal for bike education in the Great Southern off the

ground. This is a long term project and may take some time however many agencies are working towards this proposal.

Mr Beck said this is a safety concern as many children are riding bikes to school without helmets.

**Action: Mr Beck to speak with Mr Jonathan Hoskin regarding possible bike education being undertaken by the College.**

5.3 ALBANY HIGHWAY/BEVERLEY ROAD INTERSECTION – TRAFFICABLE REFLECTIVE DEVICES AND LINEMARKING IMPROVEMENTS

Ms Lynch advised the letter to Main Roads WA has been drafted and will be sent shortly.

5.4 SPEED ZONE REDUCTION – RED GUM PASS ROAD

Mr Le Cerf advised a second count was taken on Red Gum Pass Road during December 2010. The traffic count data has been compared with the data from September 2010 and there are still counts appearing in categories 10, 11 and 12. Mr Le Cerf said the Technical Officer has replaced the rubber hoses so the equipment is in good working condition.

**Action: Mr Le Cerf to organise to borrow a traffic counter from a neighbouring shire and take another count from Red Gum Pass Road. Mr Le Cerf to then compare the three sets of data.**

5.5 GRANTS APPROVED FOR CAR RESTRAINT HIRE

Ms Lynch advised the Community Road Safety Grants Program has partitioned \$50,000.00 of funding to provide assistance in establishing car restraint hire and loan schemes. The new child care restraint legislation requires restraints to be used up until the age of seven – previously restraints were only mandatory for the child's first 12 months.

**Action: Ms Lynch to prepare letters to not-for-profit organisations advising them of the funding available to allow for the purchase of child car restraints that can be hired or loaned to families.**

5.6 SUMMARY OF ISSUES RAISED FROM WORKSHOPS – TOWARDS ZERO WHAT DOES IT MEAN FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Ms Lynch advised the Western Australian Local Government Association held a 'Towards Zero: what does it mean for Local Governments?' workshop at the Shire of Plantagenet. A brief summary of the issues that emerged from the two workshops held in the Great Southern region in August 2010 has been received.

**Action: Ms Lynch to circulate to the Committee the brief summary of the issues that emerged from the two 'Towards Zero: what does it mean for Local Governments?' workshops.**

5.7 DRAFT NATIONAL ROAD SAFETY STRATEGY 2011-2020

Ms Lynch advised the Federal Government's Department of Infrastructure and Transport has released the draft National Road Safety Strategy 2011-2020 for public comment. The Shire of Plantagenet has made a submission to the Department of Infrastructure and Transport.

**Action: Ms Lynch to circulate to the Committee the Shire of Plantagenet's submission on the draft national Road Safety Strategy.**

5.8 REGIONAL ROAD SAFETY OFFICER REPORT

Ms Green provided a copy of the finalised Priority setting and action plan 2010/2011. The action plan brings together the work the Committee has done over the last 12 months. The action plan will be a working document and will be updated as progress is made in the priority areas.

**Action: Ms Green and Ms Lynch to determine how the priority areas identified in the action plan will be incorporated into the RoadWise Steering Committee agenda.**

5.9 ADMINISTRATION SUPPORT

Mr Le Cerf advised there will be a change in administration support for the RoadWise Steering Committee following the next meeting as Ms Lynch will be going on maternity leave.

5.10 ANCAP

Mr Beck advised he has found a number of ANCAP clips which may interest Committee members. He will post the clips to his website and advise members of the web link.

5.11 EMERGENCY VEHICLES

Mr Beck spoke about a situation where he was following a TransWA bus in an emergency vehicle. The TransWA bus didn't hear or see the emergency vehicle and therefore the vehicle was not able to pass.

The Committee agreed this was a timely reminder that some motorists don't know how to act in an emergency situation.

**Action: Ms Green to include a media article regarding motorists and emergency vehicles into the action plan.**



**5.12 GRAPES AND GALLOPS – POLICE INVOLVEMENT**

Mr Bario complemented the Mount Barker Police on their involvement with the Grapes and Gallops. Mr Bario asked if a letter of thanks could be sent acknowledging their presence at the event.

**Action: Ms Lynch to prepare a letter to the Mount Barker Police thanking them for their presence at the Mount Barker Grapes and Gallops.**

**6 NEXT MEETING**

2.00pm, Thursday 3 March 2011

**7 MEETING CLOSURE**

1.03pm, The Chairperson declared the meeting closed.

CONFIRMED: CHAIRPERSON \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_/\_\_/\_\_