



## **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 23 April 2015

**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 Gailene Hamilton - Mount Barker Police (Resolution No 245/14), Mr Roger Barrett - Mount Barker Community College (Resolution No 253/13), Mr Arthur Patterson - Community Representative, Machel Jeffrey – Department of Transport (Resolution No. 253/13), Mrs H Adams – Mount Barker Community College Parents and Citizens Association (Resolution No. 128/14)*

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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 G Hamilton	Mount Barker Police
First Class Constable K Brown	Deputy for Sgt G Hamilton
Mr R Barrett	Mount Barker Community College
Mr W Beck	Deputy for Mr R Barrett
Mr A Patterson	Community Representative
Mrs H Adams	Mount Barker Community College P&C Association
Mr A Fraser	Deputy for Mrs H Adams
Ms M Jeffrey	Department of Transport
Ms B Murphy	Deputy for Ms M Jeffrey

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

At 2.15pm the Presiding Member declared the meeting open.

**2 RECORD OF ATTENDANCE / APOLOGIES**Present

Cr L Handasyde	Council Representative
Mr D Le Cerf	Manager Works and Services
Ms E McDonald-Lee	RoadWise Officer
Mr A Duffield	Main Roads WA
Mr R Barrett	Mount Barker Community College
Sergeant Gailene Hamilton	Mount Barker Police

Staff

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

Cr Gert Messmer	Council Representative
Mr A Patterson	Community Representative

Observer

Ms S Skitt	Student, Mount Barker Community College
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**3 DISCLOSURE OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS****4 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

**Moved Mr Le Cerf, Seconded Ms McDonald-Lee:**

**That the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the RoadWise Committee, held on Thursday 5 February 2015 as circulated, be taken as read and adopted as a correct record.**

**5 REPORTS OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS AND OFFICERS****5.1 ACTION PLAN FOR 2015**

The Department of Transport has advised employees will no longer be part of the RoadWise Committee, effective immediately (26 March 2015). They wrote it was a forum where the Department could not provide any valuable input and did not receive any benefit from being part of the Committee.

The Committee discussed the withdrawal by the Department of Transport and agreed it would be valuable to keep communication open.

***Action: That Ms Chadbourne be requested to write a report to Council advising of the withdrawal of the Department of Transport from the RoadWise Committee.***

## 5.2 SAFE SPEEDS

### 5.2.1 ACTION PLAN PROGRESS

The speed trailer has been used recently on Albany Highway advising of events ahead (Regional Swimming Competition and Plantagenet Wines Festival) with a reduce speed message.

Mr Le Cerf advised the meeting the speed trailer was back in the workshop. Despite being recently repaired the trailer was not working and the Shire mechanics were looking into it.

## 5.3 SAFE ROAD USE

### 5.3.1 DRIVER REVIVER

A Driver Reviver was held on the evening of Friday 28 February at the northern Cranbook turn off on Albany Highway. Despite the number of cars passing there was limited community engagement.

Discussion centred on the following points (see Attachment One).

#### **Development of an Event Plan**

Ms McDonald-Lee suggested the Committee put together a Driver Reviver checklist for organisers and volunteers to ensure all aspects of planning and implementation ran smoothly.

***Action: That Ms Chadbourne be requested to put together a Driver Reviver kit for organisers and volunteers.***

#### **Publicity, Layout and Signage Arrangements**

As discussed in Attachment One, the placing of signs and their stability was an issue. During the event it was discovered the signs had fallen over and motorists couldn't see them. The value of the SAM trailer was emphasised, placement of signs and the benefits of a generic Traffic Management Plan.

### 5.3.2 ALBANY HIGHWAY PROJECT

Two spotlights and tripods have been purchased for use at the Driver Revivers. The grant is now required to be acquitted.

***Action: That Ms McDonald-Lee and Ms Chadbourne be requested to acquit the Road Safety grant.***

### 5.3.3 ACTION PLAN PROGRESS

A media article describing the Driver Reviver was published in the Plantagenet News on 9 March 2015. See Attachment Two.

### 5.3.4 BLESSING OF THE ROADS

The Blessing of the Roads ceremony was held on the Shire Office front lawn on Thursday 26 March. Thirty five people attended with First Class Constable Kevin Loveland speaking about the role of police at accidents. See Attachment Three.

Ms McDonald-Lee highlighted the event was publicised in the WALGA RoadWise Road Safety Newsletter.

### 5.3.5 RAC – REVIEW OF ROAD SAFETY GOVERNANCE IN WESTERN AUSTRALIA

The Committee discussed the RAC's response to the *Review of Road Safety Governance in Western Australia*. See Attachment Four.

## 5.4 SAFE VEHICLES

### 5.4.1 ACTION PLAN PROGRESS

No actions to report.

## 5.5 SAFE ROADS & ROADSIDES

### 5.5.1 SMALL MESSAGES

Ms McDonald-Lee advised she had contacted Vic Roads with no success and requested more information.

***Action: That Cr Handasyde be requested to provide additional information and pictures of the small message signs at the next meeting in June.***

Mr Duffield stated Main Roads had no relevant sign policies. He said they would consider any proposal made by the RoadWise Committee particularly if the signs were to be positioned in an area with a crash history.

Grant funding was discussed and Ms McDonald-Lee highlighted the need for supporting evidence for such an application.

### 5.5.2 INTERSECTION OF LANGTON ROAD AND MARMION STREET

See Attachment Five for copy of correspondence sent to Main Roads WA requesting a formal signage review of the Langton Road and Marmion Street intersection.

Mr Le Cerf presented an email from Lindsay McCartin at Main Roads advising that two advance warning signs would be installed on Langton Road ensuring motorists would have ample warning and sufficient time to reduce speed when coming into Mount Barker. See Attachment Five.

***Action: That Ms Chadbourne be requested to write a media article noting the new signs and the contribution of the RoadWise Committee towards having them installed on Langton Road.***

### 5.5.3 PARDELUP BRIDGE – TRUCK ROLL OVER

See letter of response from Main Roads re Pardelup Bridge at Attachment Six.

Mr Duffield explained how Main Roads has applied for funding in the 2015/16 budget for the design and delivery of a realignment of that section of Muir Highway. Some land would need to be acquired to complete the works and funding of at least \$1.5 million.

### 5.5.8 ACTION PLAN PROGRESS

Sarah Skitt, a Mount Barker Community College student requested the Committee consider a Safe Roads and Roadsides competition and stall to be held outside the IGA later this year – similar to the one organised by Ms McDonald-Lee and Mr Barrett in October last year.

Ms Skitt suggested the activity could be used to help promote the cross walk on Albany Highway.

***Action: Ms Chadbourne to determine a suitable date for the Safe Roads and Roadsides Stall and book a position with the Mount Barker IGA.***

## 6 AGENCY REPORTS

### 6.1 ROADWISE

Ms McDonald-Lee presented the report from RoadWise. She mentioned the Safe Roads and Road Sides kit was now available for user groups. Mr Duffield said the report was a credit to Ms McDonald-Lee's efforts.

**6.2 MAIN ROADS WA**

Mr Duffield presented the report from Main Roads. He stated it was the end of the construction season. The new season would start again in October and would focus on four major projects one of which included improvements to sections of Chester Pass Road. \$14 million was to be spent on this project over a couple of years.

Mr Le Cerf complimented the recently completed overtaking lanes on Albany Highway and said how it improved the trip to and from Albany.

**6.3 MOUNT BARKER POLICE**

Sergeant Hamilton from Mount Barker Police said the police were currently targeting drink and drug drivers. Drug drivers are currently more prevalent than drivers who are over the blood alcohol limit. Sergeant Hamilton then noted hoon behaviour had decreased in the area.

Sergeant Hamilton also advised of the availability of two speed cameras and operators from Albany.

**6.4 SHIRE OF PLANTAGENET**

Mr Le Cerf discussed the upcoming review of the Shire's Rural Roads Hierarchy Policy. The recent road trip by Councillors to inspect Shire roads was mentioned and the draft Five Year Road Program. The Shire will be looking at a comprehensive plan for road construction in the 2015/16 year.

Mr Duffield pointed out the number of advertising signs in and around town, particularly those on Albany Highway. Mr Le Cerf stated the Shire has an advertising sign policy and the ranger was responsible for actioning this aspect of it. Mr Duffield agreed there had been some improvement but that more action from the Shire is needed.

**7 NEXT MEETING**

Thursday 4 June 2015 at 2.00pm.

**8 MEETING CLOSURE**

At 3.00pm, the Presiding Member declared the meeting closed.



## **Attachment Six**

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