



## **ROADWISE STEERING COMMITTEE**

# **MINUTES**

*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, 2.00pm Thursday 25 June 2009.

**Rob Stewart**  
**CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER**

Committee Members

*Julie MacQueen - Main Roads WA, Allan Spicer - Mount Barker Police, Wes Beck - Mount Barker Community College, Andrea Smithson - RoadWise Officer, David Williss - Community member, Ian Bartlett - Manager Works and Services, Cr J Mark, Cr K Clements (Deputy) - Local Government Elected members and Len Handasyde - Mount Barker Community College P & C. (Resolution No. 369/07, 100/08)*

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**Chairperson: Cr J Mark**

**Deputy Chairperson: N/A**

**Membership: Quorum (4)**

Cr J Mark	Council Representative
Cr K Clements	(Deputy)
Mr I Bartlett	Manager Works and Services
Ms A Smithson	RoadWise Officer
Ms J MacQueen	Main Roads WA
Sgt A Spicer	Mount Barker Police
Mr W Beck	Mount Barker Community College
Mr D Williss	Community Representative
Mr L Handasyde	Mount Barker Community College Parents and Citizens

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## 1 DECLARATION OF OPENING / ANNOUNCEMENT OF VISITORS

2.01pm, Cr Mark declared the meeting open. The presiding member Cr Mark informed committee members that he was unable to chair the meeting and requested to be recorded as a non voting guest and that Cr Clements be recorded as a member for the duration of the meeting. Cr Mark was therefore appointed as the Deputy Council Representative and acted in this capacity. Cr Clements was elected unopposed as the presiding member.

## 2 RECORD OF ATTENDANCE / APOLOGIES

### Present

Cr Ken Clements	Chairperson
Mr Ian Bartlett	Manager Works and Services
Mr David Williss	Community Representative
Sgt Allan Spicer	Mount Barker Police

### Guests

Cr John Mark	Deputy Council Representative
Mr Jerry Tan	Main Roads WA
Mr Andrew Duffield	Main Roads WA

### Staff

Ms Sharon Williams	Senior Administration/Project Officer Works & Services
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### Apologies

Nil

## 3 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

**Moved: Mr A Duffield, seconded: Cr J Mark**

**That the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the RoadWise Steering Committee, held Wednesday 8 April 2009 and Thursday 4 June 2009, be confirmed.**

**CARRIED**

## 4 REPORTS OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS AND OFFICERS

### 4.1 SAFE SPEEDS

#### 4.1.1 BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

##### (a) Speed Zoning – Albany Highway

Main Roads WA was asked to reconsider the speed zone assessment for Albany Highway to implement an extension to the current 90 km/h zone south of Mount Barker to Tower Hill Wines. Discussion occurred about the Albany Highway speed environment in comparison with the Muirs Highway 90 km/h zone as this is a similar road environment. Sgt Spicer noted the speed zone did not attribute to the recent fatality on Albany Highway.

Discussion continued about the recent speed changes on Albany Highway near Rocky Crossing Road in Albany. Mr Duffield explained this section of highway included four speed changes (110, 80, 70 and 60 km/h). The speed zones were rationalised and the 70 km/h was removed.

**Action: Ms Williams to produce a letter requesting Main Roads WA to reconsider the speed zone assessment for Albany Highway to implement an extension to the current 90km/h zone south of Mount Barker to Tower Hill Wines. Ms Williams to attach all previous correspondence relating to the speed zone assessment.**

- (b) Increase in penalties for excessive speeds  
Ms Williams advised that the District Traffic Coordinator – Great Southern Police District is not able to give the Committee any feedback on police support for this proposal.

#### 4.1.2 SAM UPDATE

Ms Williams advised that the Final Evaluation Report has been submitted for the Speed Display Trailer. Mr Bartlett noted that the project was successfully varied to allow for the purchase of a solar panel and regulator for the trailer. This will allow the trailer to be used for more extended periods of time and at a greater number of locations.

Ms Williams advised that a nomination is being submitted to the Local Government Road Safety Awards 2009 for the Reducing Travel Speeds in the Shire of Plantagenet project.

Discussion was held regarding a speedometer check for the public. It was agreed that the speed trailer be set up on McDonald Avenue in July and advertised accordingly.

**Action: Ms Williams to liaise with Sgt Spicer regarding a date for the speedometer check for the public and ensure it is advertised accordingly in the Plantagenet News.**

Mr Bartlett requested Main Roads WA to install speed signage in the industrial zone of Mount Barker on Taylor Road and MacDonald Avenue. Sgt Spicer noted the Mount Barker Police would like to see a minimum of 60 km/h on MacDonald Avenue due to the location of sporting facilities.

**Action: Ms Williams to produce a letter to Main Roads WA outlining the request to install speed signage in the industrial zone of Mount Barker on Taylor Road and MacDonald Avenue.**

#### 4.1.3 NEW BUSINESS

Nil.

### 4.2 SAFE ROAD USERS

#### 4.2.1 BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

##### (a) Motorbikes

Cr Clements advised a motion was passed at the Council meeting held Tuesday 9 June 2009 to change the purpose of Reserve 10751 Woogenellup Road from 'Stockyards' to 'Recreation' with a management order in favour of the Council. Once the purpose of the Reserve is changed then the Council could consider a proposal by a motocross group to lease the land and develop a facility. Sgt Spicer noted the Mount Barker Police would be supportive of the proposal.

Mr Willis provided an overview of the incident that involved a motorbike on Carbarup Road. Sgt Spicer explained infringements will be given to motorbike drivers not obeying the law on the road but it is difficult to police motorbikes using reserve areas.

#### 4.2.2 NEW BUSINESS

Nil.

### 4.3 SAFE VEHICLES

#### 4.3.1 BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

##### (a) Driving Lights

Ms Williams read aloud and then tabled a response from the Road Safety Council regarding the mandating of daytime running lights in Australia.

Mr Duffield noted that Main Roads WA hard wire fleet vehicle headlights to ensure their vehicles are visible on the road. Mr Bartlett confirmed the Shire is also encouraging all staff to turn on headlights when driving a Council vehicle.

**Moved: Mr A Duffield, seconded: Cr J Mark**

**That the response from the Road Safety Council be received.**

**CARRIED**

#### 4.3.2 NEW BUSINESS

##### (a) Poor visibility – Muirs Highway/Denmark-Mount Barker Road

Mr Duffield confirmed an order has been placed for the installation of a "Caution – High Speed Traffic" sign on Muirs Highway at the intersection with the Denmark-Mount Barker

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Road. The recent State Budget has made an allocation of \$5million in 2009/2010 for the continuation of the Muirs Highway reconstruction project from the Hay River Bridge to the Denmark-Mount Barker Road intersection. It is Main Roads WA intention to reconfigure this intersection this coming summer.

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

##### **4.4.1 BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES**

###### **(a) Street Lighting – Albany Highway**

Mr Duffield advised that a street lighting subsidy is only available to a local government for street lighting on a main road/highway if that street lighting meets Main Roads WA standards for street lighting. The current subsidy is for 50% of the operating cost. The street lighting on Albany Highway does not comply with Main Roads WA standards for street lighting.

##### **4.4.2 UPDATE – MANAGER WORKS & SERVICES**

Mr Bartlett advised this will be his last meeting as he has secured a position with the Shire of Northam.

Staff are currently undertaking local maintenance until the 2009/2010 budget is adopted in a few weeks.

Funding has been secured under the Federal Government's National Building Package to upgrade the intersection of Lowood Road and Mondurup Street. Cr Clements sketched a diagram of how the intersection will be realigned.

The Carbarup Road (railway crossing area) and Woogenellup Road (floodway) Black Spot projects have now been completed.

Mr Bartlett thanked the Committee for their support and recognised the achievements that have been made since the commencement of the Committee.

##### **4.4.3 NEW BUSINESS**

Nil.

#### **5 OTHER BUSINESS**

##### **(a) Road Work Signage**

Discussion occurred regarding road work signage displayed on Albany Highway near the saleyards. Mr Williss requested that appropriate road work signage is displayed while works are occurring and that signs are removed when no works are occurring. Mr Duffield advised that the nature of these works is fast moving therefore the signage needed to be set at appropriate stopping distances. Mr Duffield emphasised that road work signage feedback needs to be submitted directly to Main Roads WA at the time of the incidence to ensure it can be followed up.

(b) Regional Cabinet Meeting

Mr Duffield noted the regional Cabinet meeting is being held in Albany on 29 June 2009.

(c) Traffic Incidents on Main Roads

Mr Duffield asked members to advise him of any traffic incidents that occur on main roads within the Shire of Plantagenet. Guide posts will be replaced on Muirs Highway where the log truck rolled near Rocky Gully.

(d) Road Safety Officer

Ms Williams advised Kendra Green has been appointed as the new Road Safety Officer – Great Southern. She will commence in the position on 6 July 2009 for induction and will be in the region from 13 July 2009. Kendra will be based at the Shire of Plantagenet.

**6 NEXT MEETING**

2.00pm, Thursday 3 September 2009

**7 MEETING CLOSURE**

2.47pm The Chairperson declared the meeting closed.

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