



## 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 26 February 2009.

**John Fathers**  
**ACTING 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.*

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**Chairperson: Cr J Mark**

**Deputy Chairperson: N/A**

**Membership: Quorum (5)**

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| 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<br>Citizens |

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

2.06pm, Cr K Clements declared the meeting open.

**2 RECORD OF ATTENDANCE / APOLOGIES**Present

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|--------------------|------------------------------------|
| Cr Ken Clements    | Deputy Council Representative      |
| Ms Andrea Smithson | RoadWise Officer                   |
| Mr Ian Bartlett    | Manager Works and Services         |
| Mr David Williss   | Community Representative           |
| Mr Len Handasyde   | Mount Barker Community College P&C |

Staff

|                    |   |
|--------------------|---|
| Ms Sharon Williams | Senior Administration/Project Officer<br>Works & Services |
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Apologies

|                   |               |
|-------------------|---------------|
| Cr John Mark      | Chairperson   |
| Ms Julie MacQueen | Main Roads WA |

**3 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

**Moved: Mr L Handasyde, seconded: Mr D Williss**

**That the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the RoadWise Steering Committee, held Thursday 29 January 2009, be confirmed.**

**CARRIED**

**4 ELECTION OF CHAIRPERSON**

**Moved: Ms A Smithson, seconded: Mr L Handasyde**

**That Cr K Clements be appointed as Chairperson of the RoadWise Steering Committee until the 2009 Councillor elections.**

**CARRIED**

**5 REPORTS OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS AND OFFICERS****5.1 SAFE SPEEDS****5.1.1 BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES****(a) Speedometer Check for Public**

To be discussed at the next meeting as Sgt Spicer was not in attendance.

**(b) Speed Zoning**

Ms S Williams advised that no response has been received from Main Roads WA regarding the letter sent outlining the motions passed through Council relating to speed zoning.

**Action: Ms S Williams to follow up with Main Roads WA regarding a response to the letter sent in relation to speed zoning.**

#### 5.1.2 SAM UPDATE

(a) SAM

Ms S Williams advised the events and roads identified at the last meeting will be incorporated into the SAM proposed calendar.

(b) FESA Exercise

Cr K Clements enquired if FESA have provided information about the mock accident that is being held on 21 March 2009.

Mr I Bartlett advised that no information has been received from FESA. Cr K Clements noted he will make further enquires with the Mount Barker Police.

#### 5.1.3 NEW BUSINESS

(a) Safe Speed Promise

Ms A Smithson tabled then provided an overview of the Community Safe Speed Promise program. The program encourages residents to sign a Safe Speed Promise and commit to driving within the speed limit. The Local Government then provides the resident with a bumper sticker so that they are easily identifiable and can set an example for other motorists to follow. Community Road Safety Grant funding is available and the only cost to Local Government will be staff time to maintain a database of Safe Speed Promise participants and send out bumper stickers.

The Committee supported the Safe Speed Promise initiative. Discussion continued about including a reminder on the bumper sticker about the urban speed limit of 50km/hr.

**Action: Ms A Smithson to assist staff in applying for Community Safe Speed Promise funding for the Shire of Plantagenet.**

## 5.2 SAFE ROAD USERS

### 5.2.1 BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

Nil.

### 5.2.2 NEW BUSINESS

(a) Pour a Standard Drink

Ms A Smithson advised the resources to run a 'pour a standard drink' promotion are still available and the kit can be used at community events.

**Action: Ms A Smithson run a 'pour a standard drink' promotion following a Council meeting.**

(b) Motorbikes

Mr D Willis raised concern regarding safe motorbike road use following an incident that occurred on Carbarup Road. The railway line is used by underage and unlicensed motorbikes as a link to Kendenup. Discussion continued about an education program for motorbike users and how the Police could be involved. Cyclists not wearing helmets should also be addressed.

**Action: RoadWise Steering Committee to raise concerns with the Mount Barker Police regarding underage and unlicensed motorbikes and strategy to address this.**

### 5.3 SAFE VEHICLES

#### 5.3.1 BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

(a) Driving Lights

Ms S Williams confirmed the letter to the Road Safety Council recommending that the fitment of daytime running lights to all new cars in Australia has been sent. Ms A Smithson advised this letter will be circulated to the other RoadWise Committees as she meets with them.

(b) New Car Safety Ratings

Ms A Smithson noted the requirement to affix a new car safety rating is only voluntary within Australia but could become mandatory. This requirement has been legislated in America. The Committee questioned the effectiveness of the new car safety ratings program if it is not mandatory for all manufacturers and car dealers. Ms A Smithson noted the 'Stars on Cars' project encourages car dealers to place point of sale information on their new cars.

#### 5.3.2 NEW BUSINESS

Nil.

### 5.4 SAFE ROADS & ROADSIDES

#### 5.4.1 BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

(a) Street Lighting – Albany Highway

Ms S Williams read aloud and then tabled a response from Main Roads WA in regards to road lighting on Albany Highway. Main Roads WA noted that all road lighting on the town section of Albany Highway is the responsibility of the Shire of Plantagenet. The Committee noted there are black spots near the BP Roadhouse, opposite Caltex and also the Information Centre. The Ranger periodically surveys road lighting and provides feedback to Western Power regarding broken lights.

**Action: Mr I Bartlett to seek further information from Main Roads WA regarding their road lighting policy and contributions for road lighting installations.**

(b) Roadside Signage

Ms S Williams advised that feedback regarding the sign on Woogenellup Road was lodged via the Main Roads WA website. Main Roads WA advised that all new signs are made from class one material. This material is much brighter and also lasts a lot longer. The feedback has been lodged with SRS.

(c) Muirs Highway

Ms S Williams confirmed the letter to Main Roads WA for the significant improvement in road signage through the Muirs Highway roadworks has been sent.

5.4.2 UPDATE – MANAGER WORKS & SERVICES

Mr I Bartlett provided a progress update of Stage Two (2) of the reseal program.

5.4.3 NEW BUSINESS

Nil.

**6 OTHER BUSINESS**

(a) Blessing of the Roads 2009

Ms A Smithson advised the WA Local Government Association's RoadWise Program is once again assisting Local Governments to promote road safety in the lead up to the East long weekend. A *Blessing of the Roads* event was held last year and was a great opportunity to create awareness and also recognise emergency service volunteers. It was agreed that a *Blessing of the Roads* event will be held at 11.00am on Wednesday 8 April 2009.

**Action: Ms S Williams to produce letters of invitation for the *Blessing of the Roads* event.**

(b) 2009 meeting frequency

Following discussion, it was agreed that meetings will be held on a bi-monthly basis on the first Thursday at 2.00pm.

**7 NEXT MEETING**

10.00am, Wednesday 8 April 2009

**8 MEETING CLOSURE**

3.01pm The Chairperson declared the meeting closed.

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