



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 Chambers, Lowood Road, Mount Barker WA 6324,
2.00pm Thursday 31 July 2008.

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)

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

1 DECLARATION OF OPENING / ANNOUNCEMENT OF VISITORS

2.00pm Mr Bartlett – Manager Works and Services declared the meeting open

Election of Chairperson

In the absence of the acting chairperson and deputy, Mr Bartlett sought nominations for the position of Chairperson

Nominated Mr Handasyde, accepted Mr Williss.

That Mr Williss be appointed as Chairperson.

2 RECORD OF ATTENDANCE / APOLOGIES**Present**

Mr David Williss	Community Member
Mr Ian Bartlett	Manager Works and Services
Ms Julie MacQueen	Main Roads WA
Sgt Allan Spicer	Mount Barker Police
Mr Len Handasyde	Mount Barker Community College P & C
Ms Andrea Smithson	RoadWise Officer

Apologies

Cr John Mark	Chairperson
Cr Ken Clements	(Deputy) Council Representative

Guests

Mrs Cobie MacLean	Administration Officer – Development Services
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3 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Moved: Mr L Handasyde, seconded: Mr I Bartlett

That the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the RoadWise Steering Committee, held Thursday 26 June 2008, 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 – Woogenellup Road**

- RoadWise Committee to add this request to the list of roads for investigation by Main Roads staff from Perth.

Action: Mr Bartlett to add to the list and provide background information.

(b) SAM Trailer – Servicing and Calibrating

- Mr Bartlett to liaise with Sgt Spicer regarding the use of tuning forks.

Action: Mr Bartlett to arrange a time with Sgt Spicer regarding the use of tuning forks.

Action: Sgt Spicer to arrange a speedometer check for the public.

- Ms Sounness has forwarded a copy of SAM schedule to Sgt Spicer.

(c) Porongurup Village – Speed Limit

- RoadWise Committee to add this request to the list of roads for investigation by Main Roads staff from Perth.

Action: Mr Bartlett to gather background information before investigation by staff from Main Roads in October / November.

4.1.2 SAM UPDATE

SAM trailer was placed on Oatlands Road at the start of the school term.

Sgt Spicer advised that there was a great response to the trailer and there were no recorded speeding offences through the school zone at the start of the term.

Ms Smithson advised that there is a display in the front foyer at the Shire showing speed and stopping distances. She will also place an article in the Plantagenet News in the next month or so.

4.1.3 NEW BUSINESS

(a) School zone – Woogenellup Road

- Ms MacQueen advised that Main Roads has approved the recommendations for 40km/h signs at the Mount Barker Community College Northern Campus along Woogenellup Road. These signs are to be installed by their contractors either Monday 4 August 2008 or Tuesday 5 August 2008.
- Mr Williss has asked if the 80km/h sign could be stood up again when the contractors are out installing the 40km/h signs as someone has run into it and knocked it over.

Action: Ms MacQueen has noted this and shall pass it on to the contractors.

Action: Ms MacQueen to liaise with the school regarding sending information out to parents regarding the 40km/h zone.

Action: Ms MacQueen to place an article in the Plantagenet News regarding the 40km/h zone.

- Mr Bartlett will place the SAM trailer along Woogenellup Road for a week once the signs are erected. Maybe place the trailer for a week in each direction.

Action: Mr Bartlett to place the SAM trailer along Woogenellup Road once the signs are erected for a period of one (1) week in each direction.

4.2 SAFE ROAD USERS

4.2.1 BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

(a) Speed signage at emergency situations

- Cr Clements to provide update from Local Emergency Management Committee.

Action: Cr Clements to provide update from Local Emergency Management Committee at next meeting.

4.2.2 NEW BUSINESS

(a) Seatbelt Legislation Amendments

Ms Smithson raised the issue of suggested amendments to legislation that is being discussed and asked for the Committee to comment.

Sgt Spicer stated that legislation should be limited to restrict the number of passengers in a car to the number of seatbelts available.

Mr Williss noted that in reality some people carry more passengers especially if circumstances do not allow them to upgrade vehicles to suit their circumstances.

Mr Handasyde noted that there will always be anomalies, i.e. cars with 4 seatbelts but which can seat 6 passengers. Also roads are becoming busier.

(b) Child Car Restraints Legislation Amendments

Ms Smithson raised the issue of proposed amendments to legislation relating to car restraints and ages of children sitting in these restraints and front seats of cars. Current legislation states that a child up to twelve (12) months must be in a child restraint which means a child over this age can sit in a normal seatbelt. The amendment states that children under the age of seven (7) must be in a child restraint with a harness or a booster seat.

Ms MacQueen stated that in some circumstances this is just not possible due to the size of the child under that age.

Action: Both items to be held over until next meeting for further discussion.

4.3 SAFE VEHICLES

4.3.1 BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

(a) Gophers

- Ms Smithson has registered the Committee's strong interest in the Gopher Workshops with Kim Buttfield at the Public Health Unit.
- Ms Smithson advised that the Public Health Unit is likely to run a workshop early in the new year.
- Ms Smithson advised that she emailed HACC regarding this matter and HACC responded with a letter. A copy of this letter is attached to these minutes.

4.3.2 NEW BUSINESS

Ms Smithson advised that there had been media releases and reports about the Shire's Safer Vehicles Purchasing Policy.

4.4 SAFE ROADS & ROADSIDES

4.4.1 BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

(a) Raised Traffic Device – Lowood Road

- Ms MacQueen advised that she was unable to obtain a copy of the letter received by Main Roads as it was sent from one minister to another but could advise that the content was nothing that the Shire did not know about.

Action: Mr Stewart to write an article for the Plantagenet News as an update regarding the raised traffic device.

- Mr Bartlett has arranged 'Give Way' signs for pedestrians at the raised traffic device.
- Mr Bartlett advised that the signs should be installed next week. They are currently at the depot.
- Sgt Spicer advised that he had been down to the raised traffic device a couple of times but did not stay long as there were very few road users about due to the incredibly cold weather.

(b) Community College Car Park

- Mr Stewart to write a letter to the Education Department expressing the Committee's concerns regarding traffic flow in the car park and suggesting an alternative route (a road parallel to McLeod Drive). Mr Stewart to send a copy of the map provided by Mr Beck with the letter.

Action: follow up at next meeting as Mr Stewart was not present.

- Mr Beck to make enquiries regarding the number of children walking to school once the Southern Campus closes.

Action: follow up at next meeting as Mr Beck was not present.

(c) List of Road Shortfalls

- Mr Bartlett has placed the following roads on the list to be reviewed by Main Roads staff:

Woogenellup Road – review extent of 80km zone.

Mount Barker Road – review of speed zone.

Mount Barker-Porongurup Road – review of speed zone through village.

Mitchell Street – review extent of 60km zone.

Albany Highway – review extent of 90km zone.

- Mr Williss asked about the 90km/h zone along Carbarup Road and Ms MacQueen advised that this is a matter of installing repeater signage.

Action: Ms MacQueen to follow this up.

Action: Mr Bartlett to source background information relating to each of the requests for Main Roads staff from Perth and forward to Ms MacQueen before September 2008.

Action: Ms MacQueen to find the traffic counts for the crest near the Albany Highway, O'Neill Road intersection and provide them to us.

Action: Mr Bartlett to follow up suggestion for traffic count data to be collected on O'Neill Road.

- Ms MacQueen advised that the investigators from Main Roads would not have time to meet with the RoadWise Committee as they only have limited time available.

4.4.2 UPDATE – MANAGER WORKS & SERVICES

Mr Bartlett advised that he had very little to report as he has been busy attending to storm damage from two (2) weeks ago. He has been busy keeping wood off the roads and has already spent about \$35,000.00 on this.

4.4.3 NEW BUSINESS

Nil.

5 OTHER BUSINESS**(a) Muirs Highway – Between Clearhills Road and Hay River Road**

Ms MacQueen has advised the Committee that a request has gone out to Heavy Vehicle Operators to reduce speed in this section due to the rapid deterioration of the resealing. An email detailing this has been attached to these minutes.

(b) Signage

Ms MacQueen has advised that Main Road WA will be installing signage at the entry roads into Mount Barker – Mount Barker Northern Bypass, Woogenellup Road and Albany Highway – asking truck to restrict the use of exhaust breaks. At this point in time the signs still need to be designed.

6 NEXT MEETING

Thursday 28 August 2008, 2.00pm.

Sgt Spicer has advised he will be on leave for this meeting however a representative will come in his place.

7 MEETING CLOSURE

2.57pm The Chairperson declared the meeting closed.

CONFIRMED: CHAIRPERSON _____ DATE:...../...../.....