
1. WELCOME, ATTENDANCE APOLOGIES

Attendees:

Mr Garry Bailey, Chair
Mr Paul Bullock, President, Tasmanian Motorcycle Council (TMC)
Ms Michelle Harwood, Executive Director, Tasmanian Transport Association
Mr Darren Hine, Commissioner, Tasmania Police
Dr Ian Johnston, Road Safety Expert
Mr Paul Kingston, CEO, Motor Accidents Insurance Board (MAIB)
Mr Harvey Lennon, CEO, RACT
Dr Emma Pharo, President, Tasmanian Bicycle Council
Mr Gary Swain, Deputy Secretary Transport Services, Department of State Growth (State Growth)

Apologies:

Dr Katrena Stephenson, CEO, Local Government Association of Tasmania (LGAT)

Observers:

Ms Sophie Bannon, Graduate Policy Officer, State Growth
Ms Ange Green, Manager RSAC Secretariat, State Growth
Mr Craig Hoey, Manager Road Safety, State Growth
Ms Penny Nicholls, General Manager Road User Services, State Growth
Mr Alan Rushworth, Graduate Policy Officer, State Growth

DISCUSSION

Garry Bailey, in his inaugural meeting as Chair, welcomed members and observers to the 31st meeting of the Road Safety Advisory Council (RSAC).

The Chair thanked Jim Cox for his service as Chair RSAC and acknowledged the contribution Jim made to improving road safety over the twenty year period as Chair RSAC, Minister for Infrastructure, Minister for Police and as Chair of the Launceston City Council Road Safety Committee.

2. MINUTES AND ACTIONS FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

DISCUSSION

Members endorsed the minutes of the previous RSAC meeting (22 November 2017). Members noted the status of actions from previous meetings.

3. CORRESPONDENCE

DISCUSSION

Correspondence for the last quarter was noted.

4. CHAIR'S REPORT

RSAC noted the Chair's Report, including:

Road Toll - 2018 YTD

As at 4 March 2018, there were 55 serious casualties, an increase of 3.8% on the same period in 2017 and down 18.2% on the 5 year average. There were 8 fatalities, an increase of 166.7% on 2017 and up 42.9% on the 5 year average.

A further breakdown of serious casualties to 4 March 2018 is provided at Attachment 1.

Minister's approvals

Since the last meeting of RSAC, the Minister for Infrastructure has approved:

- Review of the funding allocation for transitional arrangements for the implementation of the new Motorcycle Training and Assessment Program (re-allocation of \$133,750 from the Voluntary Training Program to the Mandatory Training Program).
- \$500,000 being allocated from the Road Safety Levy to fund local government line marking maintenance in the 2018-19 financial year.
- An additional amount of \$1 million from the Road Safety Levy to undertake the agreed safety improvements on the Lyell Highway – Ouse to Strickland Road.

MUARC Road Safety Management Leadership Program

Garry Bailey attended the Monash University Accident Research Centre Road Safety Management Leadership Program in Melbourne from 19-24 November, 2017.

Media Coverage

RSAC noted a range of media activity for the last quarter. RSAC members noted that this media activity will be reported regularly in the Chair's report.

5. ROAD SAFETY EVENT CALENDAR

DISCUSSION

A new standing item on the RSAC agenda, RSAC noted the 2018 Road Safety Event Calendar, which will be updated by State Growth and provided to members at each RSAC meeting.

Actions

- State Growth to update the calendar to include Parliamentary sitting dates.
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6. 2017 CRASH DATA OVERVIEW

DISCUSSION

RSAC noted the presentation by Simon Buddle, Manager Crash Data, providing an overview of serious casualty crash data for the 2017 calendar year, in comparison to 2016 and the five year average.

RSAC discussed the involvement of unlicensed, unregistered in serious casualty crashes, noting there has not been an increase in these numbers over the years. MAIB noted that a number of fatalities were due to medical conditions, and that the MAIB and the Registrar of Motor Vehicles were working together with doctors to educate the community in relation to medical conditions and the impact on safe driving. It was noted that this is particularly important in relation to conditions such as sleep apnoea and high blood pressure, which are prevalent but largely undiagnosed within the Tasmanian community.

It was further noted that whilst serious casualties have reduced over the last five years in the young driver cohort (17-25 years), this group comprises only 11 percent of the driving population, and is still significantly overrepresented in road trauma (around 30%).

7. TOWARDS ZERO ENFORCEMENT PROJECT

DISCUSSION

RSAC noted the presentation by Dick Shaw, Principal Project Manager, Department of Police, Fire, Emergency Management (DPFEM), about progress in the project investigating enforcement related actions under the Towards Zero Strategy. (Attachment 2).

Members noted there is limited opportunity for further fixed cameras in Tasmania based on current methodology used to identify locations. As an alternative RSAC noted the opportunity to consider the technical feasibility and business case for integrating speed camera and variable speed technology. The Tasman Highway Variable Speed Limit provides an opportunity as a test bed for considering the feasibility and merits of such an approach.

Actions

- State Growth to circulate the Towards Zero Enforcement Strategy presentation to members.
 - DPFEM to provide a cost comparison between the enforcement options for increased fixed speed cameras and integrated speed camera and variable speed technology.
 - DPFEM to provide an update on the Towards Zero Enforcement Project at RSAC's 22 May 2018 meeting.
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8. TOURIST ROAD SAFETY STRATEGY

DISCUSSION

RSAC noted the current activities under the Tourist Road Safety Strategy and Craig Hoey, Manager Road Safety, provided an overview of the website, which is the repository for targeted, disseminated materials aimed at visiting drivers such as international drivers,

interstate motorcyclists and seasonal workers. The link to the website is <https://www.rsac.tas.gov.au/visitingdrivers/>

9. PEDESTRIAN SAFETY PACKAGE – PEDESTRIAN COUNTDOWN TIMER TRIAL EVALUATION

DISCUSSION

RSAC considered the results of the monitoring and evaluation of the Pedestrian Countdown Timer (PCT) trial and endorsed the recommendation that no further PCTs be installed using Road Safety Levy funding as they provide limited road safety benefits. It was noted that PCTs do provide amenity for pedestrians and this advice should be provided to Local Government road managers.

In undertaking the evaluation, findings revealed the potential impact to pedestrian safety caused by the use of mobile phones and resulting distraction.

Council also discussed 'on demand' and automatic crossings and the potential influence on pedestrian behaviour, particularly on mid-block crossing.

Actions

- Chair to write to LGAT to provide advice about PCTs and the amenity benefits for pedestrians.
 - RSAC's Education and Enforcement Sub-Committee to consider the merits of a targeted pedestrian distraction campaign.
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10. BUILDING TASMANIA'S ROAD SAFETY KNOWLEDGE – ENGAGEMENT FRAMEWORK

DISCUSSION

RSAC endorsed the Building Tasmania's Road Safety Knowledge Framework and funding of up to \$50,000 to support attendance for up to 75 people at the Safe System Principles courses offered in 2018, to support the Young Driver Symposium on 1 May 2018 and two more regional workshops in 2018.

Actions

- State Growth to provide a Minute to the Minister seeking approval of up to \$50,000 from the Road Safety Levy to fund the Building Tasmania's Road Safety Knowledge training and regional workshops.
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11. LEARNER DRIVER MENTOR PROGRAM (LDMP) AND DRIVER MENTORING TASMANIA (DMT) EVALUATION

RSAC noted the presentation by Yasmin Maskiell, Manager Policy and Projects, and Alysse Gavlik, Senior Consultant, Community Development and Engagement, State Growth, about the LDMP and DMT evaluation undertaken by Synergistiq.

The key findings of the evaluation include four recommendations:

1. Continue the program
2. Roll over existing funding
3. Re-define the DMT coordinator role
4. Consider a multi-year resource agreement

The LDMP supports potential changes to the Graduated Licensing System. To ensure that the LDMP continues, State Growth has accepted recommendations 1 and 2 and will progress recommendations 3 and 4 over the next 12 months.

12. MOTO-CAP REQUEST FOR FUNDING

RSAC discussed the Moto-CAP program, to test the protective performance and user comfort of motorcycle protective gear which will provide independent information to consumers about the most effective gear to buy. RSAC noted that jurisdictions have been asked to contribute funding based on the number of motorcycle registrations, with Tasmania contributing \$10,955 per annum.

13. 2018 ROAD SAFETY WORK PROGRAM, TOWARDS ZERO ACTION PLAN 2017-2019 AND DRAFT NATIONAL ROAD SAFETY ACTION PLAN 2018-2020 – GAP ANALYSIS

RSAC discussed the gap analysis conducted by State Growth, looking at the 2018 Road Safety Work Program, the Towards Zero Action Plan 2017-2019 and the draft National Road Safety Action Plan 2018-2020.

RSAC noted that under the Towards Zero Action Plan, eight actions have not yet commenced, some work is underway on one action and 11 actions are complete or well underway.

Under draft National Road Safety Action Plan, three actions have not commenced, some work has been undertaken on two actions, and three are underway.

The Safe Roads and Roadsides actions that have not been progressed are due to timing issues and hinge on development of the risk-rating tool to assess the safety of the Tasmanian road network to determine priorities.

Safe Vehicle actions not yet commenced are predominantly lead by the Commonwealth Government. Tasmania is progressing vehicle fleet safety for government and commercial fleets.

In regard to Safe Speeds national actions, some work is being undertaken, but on ad hoc basis. Tasmania has introduced the 80km/h default speed limit for gravel roads, but not a 90km/h speed limit for low-standard rural roads. Some actions have commenced under the Safe Speeds Towards Zero Action Plan actions. Speed setting guidelines are to be developed by State Growth this year and the risk rating tool will determine high risk roads and priorities for infrastructure upgrades or consideration of appropriate speed limits.

14. SPEED MANAGEMENT

RSAC discussed speed management and it was agreed that this issue would become a standing item on the RSAC agenda. State Growth will develop a Speed Management Framework to include all actions being undertaken relating to speed management.

Actions

- Speed management will be added as a standing item on the RSAC agenda.
 - For RSAC's information State Growth will develop a Speed Management Framework to include all actions being undertaken relating to speed management.
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15. DRIVING FOR JOBS PILOT PROGRAM

RSAC noted that Synergistiq is undertaking an evaluation of the Driving for Jobs pilot program. The Jordan River Learning Federation is conducting the program which provides a driver education and training program to students 16-19 years of age. \$25,000 from the Road Safety Levy has been allocated to the evaluation.

Stage 1 of the evaluation, to be held in March, involves a workshop with staff and key stakeholders. An impact evaluation will be conducted in November.

16. TOWARDS ZERO QUARTERLY PROGRESS REPORT

RSAC noted the Quarterly Progress Report to 31 December 2017, under the *Towards Zero - Tasmanian Road Safety Strategy 2017-2026*.

17. PROGRESS REPORT: EDUCATION AND ENFORCEMENT SUB COMMITTEE (EESC)

RSAC noted the Education and Enforcement Sub Committee's progress report. Paul Kingston advised that the advertising tender has been awarded to The20. The20 is currently developing a marketing strategy, which will be provided to RSAC and the EESC.

18. OTHER BUSINESS

RSAC noted information provided under other business, including incoming government election commitments, Premier Gladys Berejiklian's NSW Government's Road Safety Plan and media about wire rope barrier and concerns from Country Fire Association in Victoria.
