

1. WELCOME, ATTENDANCE APOLOGIES

Attendees:

Mr Jim Cox, Chair

Mr Paul Bullock, President, Tasmanian Motorcycle Council (TMC)

Mr Darren Hine, Commissioner, Tasmania Police

Professor Ian Johnston, Road Safety Expert

Mr Paul Kingston, CEO, Motor Accidents Insurance Board (MAIB)

Mr Harvey Lennon, CEO, RACT

Ms Emma Pharo, President, Tasmanian Bicycle Council

Mr Gary Swain, Deputy Secretary Transport Services, Department of State Growth (State Growth)

Apologies:

Mr Robin Phillips, Executive Director, Tasmanian Transport Association

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

Observers:

Ms Ange Green, Manager RSAC Secretariat, Department of State Growth

Mr Craig Hoey, Manager Road Safety, Department of State Growth

Mr Glenn Frame, Assistant Commissioner, Tasmania Police

Peter Kempa, Graduate Policy Officer, Road Safety, State Growth

DISCUSSION

The Chair welcomed members and observers to the 28th meeting of the Road Safety Advisory Council (RSAC).

2. MINUTES AND ACTIONS FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

DISCUSSION

Members endorsed the minutes of the previous RSAC meeting (22 November 2016). 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:

Statistics to 31 March 2017

Serious Casualties

The number of serious casualties in 2016 was 318, compared to 331 in 2015, a 3.9 per cent decrease. The 2016 figure of 318 is a 6.7 per cent increase on the five year serious casualty average of 298. (2011-2015).

Fatalities

For the 2016 calendar year, there were 37 fatalities on Tasmanian roads which is four more than the 33 recorded in 2015. The figure of 37 fatalities in 2016 is an 18.6 per cent increase on the five year fatalities average of 31.2 (2011-2015).

2017 YTD

There have been 89 serious casualties (5 fatalities and 84 serious injuries) to 31 March 2017, down 2.6 per cent on the same period last year of 108 serious casualties (11 fatalities and 97 serious injuries) and down 2.6 per cent on the five year average of 91.4 serious casualties.

Minister's approvals

Since the last meeting of RSAC, the Minister for Infrastructure has approved funding of \$100,000 from the Road Safety Levy to fund the Bicycle Network's Ride2School Program for the 2017 calendar year. An agreement will be drafted between the Department of State Growth and the Bicycle Network.

Road Safety Week

Road Safety Week was held from 6 – 12 May 2017. Activities included the lighting of buildings, yellow ribbons, crashed car displays, enforcement of the fatal five, a competition to produce a road safety video.

Trauma Tasmania 2017 Symposium

Craig Hoey attended the Trauma Tasmania 2017 Symposium on 25th March, with an exhibitor booth showcasing the Towards Zero Strategy and RSAC's public education campaigns. The inaugural symposium brought together clinicians and stakeholders involved in trauma response and prevention from around Tasmania. \$5000 sponsorship from the Discretionary Activities Fund was provided to the State Trauma Service to support the symposium.

LGAT Breakfast Series

Craig Hoey, delivered an engaging presentation explaining the new Towards Zero Strategy to local councils. The presentation covered the Government's road safety vision, Tasmania's crash problems, evidence behind the Towards Zero Strategy, Tasmania's road safety priorities for the next ten years and upcoming road safety initiatives. Opportunities for local councils to get involved in improving road safety at the local level were also outlined.

Distance makes the Difference campaign

The Distance makes the Difference campaign continues its success. RSAC recently received correspondence from the Lincolnshire Road Safety Partnership in the UK, requesting that they be able to use the creative concept in their own campaign. We have agreed to its use and look forward to seeing their take on the concept. Clemenger Tasmania and RSAC will be credited for the concept in any media surrounding their campaign.

5. REVIEW OF THE GRADUATED LICENSING SYSTEM (GLS)

DISCUSSION

RSAC noted the presentation by Yasmin Maskiell and Jonathan McGuffie from the Road Safety Branch, State Growth, in regard to the review of the Tasmanian GLS.

Members noted the characteristics of the Tasmanian GLS in comparison to the national policy framework's standard, enhanced and exemplar models. Members engaged in discussion about potential initiatives and restrictions and noted that Tasmania is not currently meeting the standard model. A matrix illustrating where Tasmania sits in comparison to other jurisdictions will be provided out-of-session. A package of options for a revised Tasmanian GLS will be presented to RSAC at its 22 August 2017 meeting. RSAC members agreed that this project has the most potential to reduce serious casualties and that RSAC should provide strong advice to the Government in regard to the GLS model.

Actions

- State Growth to provide a matrix illustrating where Tasmania sits in comparison to other jurisdictions out-of-session.
 - State Growth to provide a package of options for Tasmania's GLS to RSAC at its 22 August meeting.
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6. MOTORCYCLE PROTECTIVE GEAR PROJECT

DISCUSSION

RSAC noted commencement of the motorcycle protective gear project aimed at shifting attitudes, by encouraging riders to cover their bodies in full motorcycle protective gear. The project will be undertaken in two stages. RSAC endorsed funding of \$75,000 for stage one of the project.

Stage 1 will include development of a short video on motorcycle protective gear, to be included as part of the curriculum of the new Motorcycle Training Program. A number of communication activities will also target motorcycle riders at point of purchase. A series of competitions will encourage riders to think critically about their current choices of gear and entrants will be asked to respond to a survey question to measure attitudes towards wearing full motorcycle protective gear.

Stage two will incorporate the star rating system for laboratory tested gear, currently being developed in NSW.

Actions

- State Growth to provide a Minute to the Minister seeking approval of \$75,000 from the Road Safety Levy to undertake stage one of the Motorcycle Protective Gear Project.
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7. SAFE ROADS AND ROADSIDES PROGRAM

DISCUSSION

RSAC endorsed a review of Tasmania's road network to identify projects to meet the targets and aspirations of the Safe Roads and Roadsides Program under the Towards Zero Strategy. State Growth will develop a methodology to prioritise lower cost infrastructure improvements on both State and local government owned roads. Contributions from local government road owners will be looked upon favourably in determining infrastructure project priorities.

A risk assessment model will be developed for higher speed roads based on crash risk, road and roadside characteristics.

A package, focusing on lower cost mass action infrastructure treatments, will be presented to RSAC for endorsement.

Actions

- State Growth to develop a methodology to assess the Tasmanian higher speed road network and provide the Safe Roads and Roadsides Program package to RSAC for endorsement.
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8. LYELL HIGHWAY – REQUEST FOR FUNDING

DISCUSSION

RSAC endorsed the allocation of \$3 million from the Road Safety Levy for the continuation of safety improvements on the Lyell Highway, from Ouse to Strickland. Work will include shoulder sealing and edge line marking to reduce run-off road crashes. This work continues improvements on the Lyell Highway, with shoulder sealing and widening south of Hamilton, endorsed by RSAC in May 2015. Funds will come from unallocated funds from the Safe Roads and Roadsides 2016/17 allocation.

Actions

- State Growth to provide a Minute to the Minister seeking approval of \$3 million from the Road Safety Levy to undertake safety improvements on the Lyell Highway, from Ouse to Strickland.
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9. PEDESTRIAN SAFETY PACKAGE

DISCUSSION

RSAC noted the sites selected for the pedestrian countdown timer (PCT) trial in Hobart and Launceston. UTAS will monitor selected sites to gather baseline data and post installation

data and provide an evaluation report to RSAC in November 2018. PCTs will be installed by State Growth during July-August 2017.

Emma Pharo, as co-ordinator of the UTAS evaluation declared a conflict of interest. RSAC agreed that this was immaterial.

10. SAFE SYSTEM CAPACITY BUILDING

DISCUSSION

RSAC noted the Road Safety Branch is progressing a number of activities to support 'Safe System Capacity Building' and will develop a formal program when resources permit. Current activities include Safe System workshops, promoting awareness of the Towards Zero Strategy and actively promoting road safety training opportunities as they arise.

11. REQUEST FOR FUNDING – PROJECT MANAGER, DPFEM

RSAC endorsed the funding request for \$131,642 from the Road Safety Levy, from the Department of Police, Fire and Emergency Management to appoint a Project Manager to progress actions under the Towards Zero Strategy, including: greater use of rear facing automated speed cameras; increased fixed cameras in urban areas; and introduction of point-to-point speed cameras on high risk rural roads. In addition, DPFEM will continue to work on increased motorcycle focused enforcement and enforcement of high risk behaviours.

Paul Kingston advised that installation of ANPR cameras on fixed speed camera infrastructure will occur and Tasmania Police advised that they are also looking to increase the number of ANPR cameras used.

Professor Ian Johnston advised that Max Cameron from Monash University Accident Research Centre (MUARC) is a national expert on cameras.

Gary Swain advised that the National Heavy Vehicle Regulator is also undertaking work on the use of ANPR cameras.

Actions

- State Growth to provide a Minute to the Minister seeking approval for \$132,000 funding from the Road Safety Levy to appoint a Project Manager to progress initiatives under the Towards Zero Strategy.
 - Project Manager to contact Max Cameron as appropriate in progressing initiatives.
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12. VULNERABLE ROAD USER PROGRAM

RSAC endorsed the extension of the Vulnerable Road User Program (VRUP) to 30 June 2022, an increase in funding allocated to the Program from \$500,000 to \$1 million per annum, and an increase in the maximum amount that can be allocated to a single project from \$250,000 to \$500,000.

Members of the Program Steering Committee requested that all business be conducted by email.

Actions

- State Growth provide a Minute to the Minister seeking approval for extension of the Vulnerable Road User Program to 30 June 2022, an increase in funding allocated to the Program from \$500,000 to \$1 million per annum, and an increase in the maximum amount that can be allocated to a single project from \$250,000 to \$500,000.
 - All VRUP Steering Committee meetings to be conducted via email.
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13. REQUEST FOR FUNDING – ENFORCEMENT CAMPAIGN

RSAC endorsed the funding request for \$350,000 from the Road Safety Levy, to fund a long-term two-staged enforcement campaign. The first stage focuses on speeding, drink-driving and inattention, the second stage focuses on mobile drug testing. The campaign would be used in the lead-up to holiday periods when there is an increase in enforcement activities and increased media interest in road safety.

RSAC noted that MAIB funding allows for two major campaign each calendar year. This year the Real Mates and anti-distraction campaigns will be funded. A portion of the Road Safety Levy is available for public education. The campaign will also include an educative component for internal Tasmania Police use, focusing on enforcement as a major component in reducing serious casualties.

RSAC noted that the creative concept for the campaign will progressed through the Education and Enforcement Sub Committee.

Actions

- State Growth to provide a Minute to the Minister seeking approval for \$350,000 funding from the Road Safety Levy for a two-stage enforcement campaign.
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14. DEFERRED ITEMS

RSAC noted that two items have been deferred to future meetings:

- Roadside Crash Marker Review
 - Motorcycle rider licensing age.
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15. RURAL ROAD POLICING STRATEGY REPORT

RSAC noted that Tasmania Police has a strong commitment to the policing on rural roads and that it has now become a part of their normal business. Data demonstrates higher levels of enforcement on rural roads. It was noted that numbers provided in the table in the paper were incorrect and the revised table is provided over page.

Baseline data	12 month calculation based on 3 months	2015	2016
Rural locations			
Active AVL hours	73,388	97,235	104,412
Traffic Infringement	24960	23,817	24,123
Traffic operations	172	474	664
Drink and drug drivers	668	554	586

16. MUARC – ROAD SAFETY MANAGEMENT LEADERSHIP PROGRAM

RSAC noted a presentation, particularly the role leaders have in committing to aspirational goals (ie. Towards Zero), by Craig Hoey, Manager Road Safety, State Growth, in regard to the MUARC Road Safety Management Leadership Program he attended. The program focused on leadership, enhancing leadership effectiveness, adaptive leadership and the latest thinking in each pillar of the Safe System.

RSAC discussed the possibility of providing scholarships for people working in local government, State Roads, Police or for external consultants to attend the program. The possibility of a short 1-2 day course to be held in Tasmania was also discussed.

Actions

- State Growth to progress opportunities for attendance at the MUARC course off-line.

17. PROGRESS REPORT: POLICY AND INFRASTRUCTURE

RSAC noted the Quarterly Progress Report to 31 March 2017, under the new *Towards Zero - Tasmanian Road Safety Strategy 2017-2026*. The progress report has been revised to complement the Towards Zero Strategy.

18. PROGRESS REPORT: EDUCATION AND ENFORCEMENT SUB COMMITTEE

RSAC noted the Education and Enforcement Sub Committee's progress report. Paul Kingston advised that Real Mates is being redeveloped and refreshed and will be delivered through various media channels. Paul Kingston advised that Road Torque is nearly complete for this year and sought members' assistance in identifying real genuine stories for future series of Road Torque. RSAC further noted the Distance makes the Difference campaign is to be evaluated.

Actions

- RSAC members to contact Paul Kingston if they are able to assist in identifying suitable people for future Road Torques series.

19. OTHER BUSINESS

No other business was raised.
