
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

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

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

Apologies:

Mr Robin Phillips, Executive Director, Tasmanian Transport Association

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

Ms Penny Nicholls, General Manager Road User Services, State Growth

DISCUSSION

The Chair welcomed members and observers to the 25th 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 (21 June 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

There have been 168 serious casualties (22 fatalities and 146 serious injuries) to 30 June 2016, down 4.0 per cent on the same period last year of 175 serious casualties (15 fatalities and 160 serious injuries) and up 2.9 per cent on the five year average of 163.2 serious casualties.

Minister's approvals

Since the last meeting of RSAC, the Minister for Infrastructure approved the *Towards Zero – Tasmanian Road Safety Strategy 2017 – 2026* (Towards Zero Strategy) 'Stage 2 Public and Stakeholder Consultation report and 'Independent Survey Results' report for public release.

Australian College of Road Safety (ACRS) Conference

The Australasian Road Safety Conference 2016 (ARSC2016) will be held at the National *Convention* Centre, Canberra, from Tuesday 6 – Thursday 8 September 2016. The conference theme is "Agility, Innovation, IMPACT."

Safe System Infrastructure Workshop

Tasmania is hosting the Austroads 'The Safe System in action – challenges and opportunities' workshop in Hobart on 29-30 August. The objectives of the workshop are to disseminate and encourage robust discussion of the content, to identify barriers, challenges and opportunities to integrating Safe System practices into agencies and to identify what is needed to support the implementation of Safe System practices into agencies.

Proposed national road safety forum for state and territory Ministers for Transport and Police

Federal Minister for Infrastructure and Transport, Hon. Darren Chester MP, used his appearance on Sky News Agenda (Friday 5 August) to announce he will be holding a national forum of state and territory road/transport ministers to discuss the rising road toll. Minister Chester also expressed the need to include police ministers from all jurisdictions in the forum.

5. MOTORCYCLE TRAINING REVIEW

DISCUSSION

RSAC noted the presentation by Martin Crane, Registrar of Motor Vehicles, State Growth, in regard to the motorcycle training review. RSAC endorsed the recommendation from the Motorcycle Safety Working Group to adopt the new Victorian Motorcycle Training and Assessment Package and agreed that subject to the Government's decision to adopt the package, a funding allocation of up to \$350,000 from the Road Safety Levy be provided to enable implementation of the recommended new training curriculum for Tasmania.

In addition, RSAC noted that around \$165,000 remains available from the Motorcycle Training and Safety Program allocation and that this is available to undertake comprehensive communications activities which are integral to the success of the new package and in reducing motorcycle serious casualties. RSAC also noted that a communications plan needs to be included in the project implementation plan.

RSAC discussed the possibility of increasing the motorcycle learner age to 17 and will refer this issue to the Working Group. The increase in cost to obtain a licence and possible subsidies and other measures, such as improved administrative processes, to reduce costs were discussed.

Actions

- State Growth to provide a Minute to the Minister with RSAC's recommendation to implement the Victorian Motorcycle Training and Assessment Package and seek approval for funding of up to \$350,000 to implement the package.
- State Growth to ensure a communications plan is included in the project implementation plan.
- State Growth to refer the possibility of increase in motorcycle rider licensing age to the Motorcycle Safety Working Group for advice and report back to RSAC in November 2016.
- State Growth to report back to RSAC in regard to training costs and related issues in February 2017.

6. Draft Towards Zero Strategy 2017-2026

DISCUSSION

RSAC reviewed the draft Towards Zero Strategy 2017-2026 and suggested a number of minor amendments. RSAC endorsed the Strategy subject to those changes.

Actions

- State Growth to amend the draft Towards Zero Strategy as suggested by RSAC members.
 - State Growth to provide a Minute to the Minister to seek Cabinet approval for adoption of the Towards Zero Strategy.
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7. ACTION PLAN 2017-2019

DISCUSSION

RSAC reviewed the draft Action Plan 2017-2019 and suggested a number of minor amendments. RSAC endorsed the Action Plan subject to those changes. Discussion also occurred in relation to formalising speed limit setting guidelines with RSAC indicating a preference for this work commencing in Year 1 of the Action Plan.

Actions

- State Growth to amend the draft Action Plan 2017-2019 as suggested by RSAC members.
- State Growth to provide a Minute to the Minister to seek Cabinet approval for adoption of the Action Plan 2017-2019.

- Ian Johnston to contact Ian Cameron regarding the Austroads speed limit setting project and provide advice to State Growth.
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8. ROADSIDE WORKER SAFETY CAMPAIGN

DISCUSSION

RSAC discussed the proposed public education campaign to improve road safety behaviour at road work sites. The Civil Construction Federation (CCF) and State Roads Division, State Growth are seeking to partner with RSAC to develop the campaign. The CCF contribution is yet to be confirmed, State Roads Division is contributing up to \$100,000 and up to \$50,000 was requested as RSAC's contribution.

RSAC endorsed the funding subject to CCF confirming their contribution amount. RSAC also recommended that CCF be encouraged to undertake internal education for workers as this is also and workplace health and safety issue.

RSAC also requested that the campaign scope be broadened to include other roadside workers such as RACT roadside assistance and emergency workers.

RSAC members also discussed improved future budget analysis and prioritisation of initiatives. Financial reporting will take this into account under the new Towards Zero Strategy progress reporting.

Actions

- State Growth to progress the roadside worker safety campaign in conjunction with CCF and State Roads Division, State Growth.
 - Financial reporting to be reviewed under the new Towards Zero Strategy progress reporting.
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9. COMMUNITY ROAD SAFETY GRANTS PROGRAM, ROUND 2 FUNDING 2015/16

DISCUSSION

RSAC noted the outcomes of the round 2 funding for 2015/16 for the Community Road Safety Grants (CRSG) Program, with seven grants being fully funded from 11 applications. Funding totalled \$86,477.

RSAC noted that future CRSG Program funding rounds will now be conducted annually.

RSAC requested that a high level analysis report be undertaken to determine which type of programs are considered most effective.

Actions

- High level analysis in relation to the CRSG Program to be provided to RSAC in February 2017.
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10. LEARNER DRIVER MENTOR PROGRAM 2016/17 FUNDING

DISCUSSION

RSAC noted the outcome of the 2016/17 funding round for the Learner Driver Mentor Program (LDMP). \$111,840 funding was allocated to Driver Mentoring Tasmania (DMT) to support LDMPs to achieve their current performance criteria. \$497, 931 was allocated to 15 LDMPs.

RSAC further noted that an evaluation of the LDMP will be undertaken later in 2016 with the results presented to RSAC in February 2017.

Actions

- State Growth to present findings of LDMP evaluation to RSAC at its February 2017 meeting.
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11. ROADSIDE CRASH MARKER PROGRAM

RSAC noted that following media reports about the Roadside Crash Marker Program on 25 July 2016, the Minister for Infrastructure requested that State Growth review the Program and report back to RSAC at its November 2016 meeting.

RSAC will then consider the report and make recommendations to the Minister in regard to the effectiveness of the program and whether or not it should continue.

Actions

- State Growth to review the effectiveness of the Roadside Crash Marker Program and report back to RSAC at its November 2016 meeting.
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12. BIKE EDUCATION PROGRAM EVALUATION

RSAC noted Ride2School Program evaluation report submitted by the Bicycle Network. RSAC discussed the one-off nature of the funding provided under the Cycling Safety Package, noting that recurrent funding is not generally provided under the Road Safety Levy.

Emma Pharo advised that funding to continue the Ride2School Program will be sought from Government, likely from the Department of Health and Human Services.

RSAC noted that Government will soon consider the introduction of minimum passing distance legislation for Tasmania.

13. SPEED SHATTERS CAMPAIGN EVALUATION

RSAC noted the evaluation of the Education and Enforcement Sub Committee's (EESC) 'Speed Shatters' campaign. Market research indicated that there was 90% total recall of the campaign by respondents. Most respondents had seen the campaign on television and billboards. Billboards appear to be effective for visual campaigns and the EESC will look to utilising them into the future.

14. PROGRESS REPORT: POLICY AND INFRASTRUCTURE

RSAC noted the Progress Report to 30 June 2016, under the *Tasmanian Road Safety Strategy 2007-2016*. As mentioned in Agenda Item 8, financial reporting will be reviewed under the new Towards Zero Strategy.

15. PROGRESS REPORT: EDUCATION AND ENFORCEMENT SUB COMMITTEE

RSAC noted the Education and Enforcement Sub Committee's progress report. Paul Kingston advised that the new Real Mates campaign will be launched this month. The new campaign builds on the success of the previous four campaigns but introduces new characters, with a new main character who is the Real Mates 'hero'.

16. OTHER BUSINESS

RSAC noted that Craig and Ange recently met with Dr Sandy Zalstein, Interim Director, State Trauma Services (STS), a new area set up under the Department of Health and Human Services, focusing on trauma. The Road Safety Branch, State Growth, will meet with Sandy on a regular basis and look for synergies between the work of the STS and RSAC. The STS is currently planning a symposium for 2017 and has requested participation from RSAC with a small funding contribution and to present about road safety in Tasmania.

17. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Road Safety Advisory Council is to be held:

Meeting 26

9:00am – 1:00pm

Tuesday 22 November 2016

11th Floor Training Room

State Offices Building

To be followed by end of year lunch. Venue TBC.