
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
Ms Alison Hetherington, President, Tasmanian Bicycle Council
Mr Paul Kingston, CEO, Motor Accidents Insurance Board (MAIB)
Mr Harvey Lennon, CEO, RACT
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 Darren Hine, Commissioner, Tasmania Police
Dr Ian Johnston, Road Safety Expert

Observers:

Mr Glenn Frame, Assistant Commissioner, Tasmania Police
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

1. WELCOME

Garry Bailey, welcomed members and observers to the 33rd meeting of the Road Safety Advisory Council (RSAC).

2. MINUTES AND ACTIONS FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

Members endorsed the minutes of the previous RSAC meeting (22 May 2018). Members noted the status of actions from previous meetings.

3. SAFE ROADS AND ROADSIDES LEVY INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAM AND RISK RATING OF THE TASMANIAN ROAD NETWORK

RSAC Members noted the paper and presentation by Craig Hoey, Manager Road Safety, on the development of the Infrastructure Risk Rating (IRR) tool and its effectiveness in accurately predicting crash risk on the Tasmanian road network. RSAC endorsed funding of up to \$80 000 from the Road Safety Levy (the Levy) to extend the IRR and high risk curve

analysis across the whole of the State road network, and to undertake preliminary high risk curve analysis on local government roads. LGAT indicated support for this.

State Growth indicated that a workshop would be held at the next RSAC meeting, to discuss infrastructure, speed and enforcement and appropriate levels of funding in the context of a strategic three to five year program.

RSAC further endorsed up to \$7 million in Levy funding to progress a program of shoulder sealing in 2018-19 and noted that \$1 million Levy funding has been allocated to local government line marking maintenance and the Vulnerable Road User Program (VRUP) in 2018-19. Allocation of the \$7 million funding will be prioritised against shoulder sealing work on Esk Main Road (Fingal to St Marys), Railton Main Road (Latrobe to Railton) and Lyell Highway (Hamilton to Ouse). These safety projects have been identified as priorities by State Growth engineers.

Actions

- State Growth to provide a Minute to the Minister to endorse funding of \$80 000 from the Levy to extend the IRR and high risk curve analysis across the whole of the State road network, and to undertake preliminary high risk curve analysis on local government roads.
 - State Growth to provide a Minute to the Minister to endorse funding of up to \$7 million in Levy funding to progress a program of shoulder sealing in 2018-19, noting potential safety projects including shoulder sealing work on Esk Main Road (Fingal to St Marys), Railton Main Road (Latrobe to Railton) and Lyell Highway (Hamilton to Ouse).
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3.A SAFE MOBILITY INNOVATION POSITION – REQUEST FOR FUNDING

RSAC endorsed funding of up to \$127 000 per annum for three years from the Levy for the appointment of a senior position within State Growth to lead and manage the delivery of a program of work under the Safe Roads and Roadsides and Safe Speeds key directions and actions under the Towards Zero – Tasmanian Road Safety Strategy 2017-2026 (Towards Zero Strategy).

Actions

- State Growth to provide a Minute to the Minister to seek approval for funding of up to \$127 000 for a senior position within State Growth to progress safe mobility innovation under the Towards Zero Strategy.
 - State Growth to progress the recruitment process for a senior position within State Growth to progress safe mobility innovation under the Towards Zero Strategy.
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4. SPEED MANAGEMENT – OPERATING SPEEDS ACROSS THE TASMANIAN ROAD NETWORK

RSAC noted that work is progressing on collecting vehicle travel speed data for Tasmania and that further research will be undertaken to determine an appropriate speed data collection system. Further funding may be required to progress this work.

5. COMMUNITY ROAD SAFETY GRANTS PROGRAM (CRSGP) PROCESS EVALUATION AND PROPOSAL FOR FUTURE FUNDING

RSAC noted the completion of a process evaluation of the CRSGP and that nine recommendations have been made in regard to the program. RSAC noted the recommendations were relatively minor in nature and will not materially change the grant program. RSAC endorsed the continued funding of \$200 000 per annum from the Levy for the next three years. RSAC noted that the funding would be directed to the grants and that recommendations and business improvement would be funded internally by State Growth.

Actions

- State Growth to provide a Minute to the Minister seeking approval to extend the CRSGP and for associated funding of \$200 000 per annum for three years from the Levy.
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6. TOWARDS ZERO ENFORCEMENT PROJECT – FUTURE FUNDING

RSAC noted the update in regard to the Towards Zero Enforcement Project and endorsed funding of up to \$130 000 to extend the Principal Project Manager position for 12 months, to 1 October 2019. Assistant Commissioner Glenn Frame outlined the scope for the project for the next 12 months including potential trial/use of mobile Point-to-Point speed cameras, use of unmarked motorcycles focussing on mobile phone usage, a trial of the effectiveness of reconfiguring fixed cameras to rear-facing, development of a Speed Enforcement Strategy, the most effective automated technology to encourage speed compliance, and the alignment of technology use to where the greatest risk is on the road network. Paul Kingston also requested that data from police use of ANPR be fed back to the Motor Registry System.

Actions

- State Growth to provide a Minute to the Minister seeking approval to extend the Principal Project Manager position for 12 months, to 1 October 2019.
 - Tasmania Police to provide ANPR data to State Growth's Motor Registry System.
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7. SAFETY AROUND SCHOOLS PROJECT

RSAC noted that the Minister for Infrastructure wrote to State Growth on 12 June 2018 requesting advice on how the Tasmanian Government could extend ongoing public education efforts to promote safe road behaviour around buses and the school environment. RSAC further noted that State Growth will work with the Department of Education (DoE), LGAT, RSAC and Tasmania Police to develop the Safety around Schools campaign and will provide a strategic approach and update to RSAC at its November 2018 meeting. RSAC

endorsed up to \$300 000 from the Levy to research, develop and implement a safety around schools project for the next three calendar years 2019-2021.

RSAC discussed the major focus of the project being a call to action to slow down in the school environment. Members also discussed the need to promote the 40km/h speed limit on the approach to school buses. Lower safe system speeds at school zones were also discussed.

RSAC members noted their strong support for the Minister's initiative to protect our most vulnerable road users.

Actions

- State Growth to provide a Minute to the Minister seeking approval for Levy funding of \$300 000 to research, develop and implement a Safety around Schools project for the next three calendar years 2019-2021.
 - State Growth to develop the Safety around Schools campaign and to provide a strategic approach and update to RSAC at its November 2018 meeting.
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8. DIGITISED MAPPING OF SPEED ZONES ON THE TASMANIAN ROAD NETWORK

RSAC noted that digitised mapping of speed zones on the State road network is now complete. RSAC endorsed Levy funding of up to \$120 000 to fund a project officer for up to 12 months to map local government road speed zones. Digitised mapping would provide information to ensure consistency in the speed regime across the state, a tool for Local Government to assess the appropriateness of speed limits on their roads, support the IRR roll out and would future-proof ready for implementation of vehicle safety features and automated vehicles. RSAC noted that, separately, the Transport Commissioner will review business processes so that speed zone changes are updated as they occur across the whole network to ensure ongoing accuracy.

Actions:

- State Growth to provide a Minute to the Minister seeking approval for Levy funding of up to \$120 000 to fund a project officer for up to 12 months to digitally map local government road speed zones.
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9. FUTURE VEHICLES SUMMIT 2018 PRESENTATION

RSAC noted the presentation by Anna Stevens, National Policy Officer, State Growth, in regard to her attendance at the Future Vehicles Summit 2018. The Summit included the key themes of automated vehicles, electric vehicles, mobility as a service, and smart infrastructure.

Actions:

- State Growth to provide the Future Vehicles Summit presentation to RSAC members.
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10. 2018 RSAC ADVERTISING STRATEGY

RSAC noted the presentation by Michael Thompson, from The20 advertising agency, in relation to the strategic direction for RSAC advertising and marketing. Key points from the presentation included the effectiveness of integrated campaigns, the need for a call to action and the Tasmania-is-different theory not being applicable to driving.

11. CHAIR'S REPORT

RSAC noted the Chair's report and current crash statistics. The Chair advised that he had met with the new Minister for Infrastructure and that he would be sending a letter of support to the Hobart City Council's call for submissions about the draft Transport Strategy.

12. MOTORCYCLE SAFETY DEMONSTRATION PROJECT

RSAC noted the upcoming Motorcycle Safety Safe System Demonstration Project on the Lake Leake Road. This will include a motorcycle specific safety audit of the road and a Safe System stakeholder workshop. This methodology may then be used to address motorcyclist safety on similar high-risk roads.

13. COMMUNITY ROAD SAFETY

RSAC noted the status of community road safety initiatives under the Towards Zero Strategy and the Road Safety Work Program. This included Government commitments totalling almost \$6 million over the next four years. In addition, updates about individual programs were provided, including:

Community Road Safety

- Recruitment of a Community Engagement Project Officer for 3.5 years.

Community Road Safety Grants Program – 2018/19 funding round

- \$143 869 awarded to 13 successful applicants
- One unsuccessful applicant referred to Vulnerable Road User Program.

Learner Driver Mentor Program – 2018/19 funding round

- \$1 million funding per annum for four years
- \$1 million funding to include:
 - \$702 000 direct funding
 - \$145 000 to Driver Mentoring Tasmania
 - \$100 000 for six new 5-star rated cars
 - \$10 000 to improve data reporting
 - \$43 000 to implement recommendations from evaluation.

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- State Growth has identified a requirement for an additional \$25 000 per year (total of \$100 000 per annum) to operate the program at an optimal level.

RACT & Bike Network

- \$100 000 funding from the Levy for the 2018-19 financial year to RACT to support road safety programs for primary aged students, promote the dangers of distraction

to high school students, delivery of the Years Ahead program for older drivers and CarFit sessions for maturing drivers.

\$90 000 funding from the Levy has been allocated to the Ride2School program for primary aged students and new bike safety program for years 7 to 9.

Actions:

- State Growth to provide a Minute to the Minister seeking approval for additional funding to support community road safety programs.
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14. AUSTRALIAN BUREAU OF STATISTICS (ABS) MOTOR VEHICLE CENSUS 2018

RSAC noted the release of the ABS Motor Vehicle Census, which found that Tasmania continues to have the oldest vehicle fleet in Australian with an average vehicle age of 12.8 years and the lowest attrition rate of all states and territories. RSAC noted that a 2017 study found that vehicles built before 2001 accounted for 20 per cent of the vehicle fleet yet were involved in 36 per cent of fatalities and that newer vehicles accounted for 31 per cent of the vehicle fleet but were involved in 12 per cent of fatalities.

15. ROAD SAFETY EVENT CALENDAR

RSAC noted the Road Safety Event Calendar as at 21 August 2018.

16. CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondence for the last quarter was noted.

17. TOWARDS ZERO QUARTERLY PROGRESS REPORT

RSAC noted the Quarterly Progress Report to 30 June 2018, under the *Towards Zero - Tasmanian Road Safety Strategy 2017-2026*.

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

RSAC noted the Education and Enforcement Sub Committee's progress report.

19. OTHER BUSINESS

A. ACRS CONFERENCE

RSAC noted the Australian College of Road Safety Conference is the pre-eminent road safety conference in Australia and will be held from 3-5 October 2018 in Sydney.

B. VULNERABLE ROAD USER PROGRAM

RSAC noted that the process for determining grants for the Vulnerable Road User Program will now include initial assessment by State Growth Traffic Engineering and Road Safety representatives and final approval by the Department's Strategy Oversight Committee (SOC), rather than the former Steering Committee.

Actions

- State Growth to revise the process for assessing grant applications for the Vulnerable Road User Program to include approval by SOC, rather than the former Steering Committee.
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C. LANE FILTERING FOR MOTORCYCLISTS

The Tasmanian Motorcycle Council requested that further public education be made available to motorists in regard to the new laws around motorcycle lane filtering. A paper including indicative costs and recommendations will be provided to RSAC for consideration at its 27 November meeting.

Actions

- State Growth to provide a paper including indicative costs and recommendations on promotion of lane filtering for motorcyclists will be provided to RSAC for consideration at its 27 November meeting.
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D. REPORTING OF BREACHES OF MINIMUM PASSING DISTANCE FOR CYCLISTS TO POLICE

The Tasmanian Bicycle Council discussed the need for a 'How to' guide for cyclists for when drivers breach the minimum passing distance law, including how to report to police and what information is required.

Actions

- State Growth to request information from Tasmania Police for the Tasmanian Bicycle Council to circulate to members.
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E. NATIONAL ROAD SAFETY PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM – HEAVY VEHICLE INDUSTRY

The Tasmanian Transport Association (TTA) advised that they have been contacted to participate in the National Road Safety Partnership Program. The TTA will follow up with State Growth outside of the RSAC process.

Actions

- TTA to discuss participation in the National Road Safety Partnership Program with State Growth.