

1. WELCOME, ATTENDANCE APOLOGIES

Attendees:

Mr Jim Cox, Chair

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

Mr Peter Edwards, Acting Assistant Commissioner, Tasmania Police

Professor Ian Johnston, Road Safety Expert

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

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

Ms Emma Pharo, President, Tasmanian Bicycle Council

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

Apologies:

Mr Darren Hine, Commissioner, Tasmania Police

Mr Robin Phillips, Executive Director, Tasmanian Transport Association

Mr Harvey Lennon, CEO, RACT

Observers:

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

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

DISCUSSION

The Chair welcomed members and observers to the 23RD 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 (17 November 2015).

Members noted the status of actions from previous meetings.

3. CORRESPONDENCE

DISCUSSION

Correspondence for the last quarter was noted.

4. CHAIR'S REPORT

Statistics

The number of serious casualties in 2015 was 332, compared to 302 in 2014, a 9.9 per cent increase. The 2015 figure of 332 is a 14.6 per cent increase on the five year serious casualty average of 289.6 (2010-2014).

For the 2015 calendar year, there were 34 fatalities on Tasmanian roads which is one less than the 35 recorded in 2014. This is a 9.7 per cent increase on the five year fatalities average of 31.0 (2010-2014).

Minister's approvals

Since the last meeting of RSAC, the Minister for Infrastructure has approved funding from the Road Safety Levy of:

- up to \$10,000 to develop a campaign to increase public awareness of commonly misunderstood road rules and provide basic road safety advice;
- up to \$10,000 to produce a campaign aimed at educating drivers about rules for securing loads on light vehicles and encouraging them to be responsible for securing their cargo in an appropriate manner or potentially receive significant monetary penalties; and
- up to \$90,000 over the next three years to support an "Back to School" road safety awareness campaign targeting students, parents/guardians and the general community.

Transport Accident Commission (TAC) visit

On 15th February 2016, members of the RSAC Sub-Committee were hosted by the Victorian Transport Accident Commission (TAC) in Geelong. The purpose of the visit was to gain a better understanding of TAC's strategic direction, hear first-hand about current Victorian road safety marketing initiatives, and continue to foster a close working relationship with this important road safety stakeholder.

Right to Information Request

An Application for Assessed Disclosure in accordance with the *Right to Information Act 2009* was received in January from the Examiner Newspaper requesting:

Any correspondence between any rental car company and the Road Safety Advisory Council relating to 'Asian tourists' or 'Asian Drivers' between January 1, 2015 and December 20, 2015.

All documentation located was provided with personal information redacted.

The Chair advised that he had been invited to a forthcoming meeting of the Tourism Industry Council to discuss possible road safety opportunities targeting visitors to the state.

5. ROAD SAFETY DISCRETIONARY ACTIVITIES FUNDING

DISCUSSION

RSAC endorsed the proposal to create a funding source for discretionary activities including small road safety campaigns, program evaluations and facilitation of/or attendance at workshops.

Actions

- State Growth to provide expenditure and progress on projects from this fund through the quarterly Tasmanian Road Safety Strategy Progress Report.
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6. CYCLING BASELINE DATA REPORT

DISCUSSION

RSAC noted the findings of the community attitude/knowledge survey undertaken to gauge acceptance and awareness of recent legislation changes and advertising campaigns regarding cyclists and endorsed the public release of the survey on the RSAC website.

RSAC noted that the CARRS-Q evaluation of the Queensland One Metre Trial may be released in early April 2016.

Actions

- State Growth to make Cycling Baseline Data Report available through the RSAC website.
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7. DEVELOPMENT OF THE TOWARDS ZERO STRATEGY

a) STAGE 1 PUBLIC & STAKEHOLDER CONSULTATION PRESENTATION

DISCUSSION

RSAC noted the presentation by Ashlea Carr, Project Officer, Department of State Growth, in relation to stage 1 of the public and stakeholder consultation as part of the development of the Towards Zero Strategy.

b) INDEPENDENT RESEARCH REPORT FINDINGS

DISCUSSION

RSAC noted the presentation by Jonathan McGuffie, Senior Policy Analyst, Department of State Growth, outlining the findings of the independent research report conducted by the Centre for Automotive Safety Research (CASR).

c) DISCUSSION PAPER AND FEEDBACK SURVEY PRESENTATION

DISCUSSION

RSAC noted the draft Towards Zero Strategy Discussion Paper and the feedback survey.

Members agreed that a two-page summary flyer of key findings should be developed and made available alongside the online copy of the paper. It was also noted that the feedback survey was quite long and that it could be sectioned into parts to ensure at least a partial response.

Paul Bullock noted that motorcycle training was not mentioned in the Discussion Paper. It was suggested this proposal be included in the submission from the Tasmanian Motorcycle Council.

RSAC agreed that the paper needs to emphasise a sense of urgency and highlight that more still needs to be done to reduce road trauma.

Members discussed minor changes to the paper and survey including having a section in the feedback form to indicate participant's predominant form of road use.

RSAC endorsed the Discussion Paper and Feedback Form subject to minor changes discussed.

Actions

- State Growth to update paper reflecting changes as discussed.
- State Growth to contact members for any final comments prior to finalising the Discussion Paper.
- Tasmanian Motorcycle Council to provide a submission in response to the Discussion Paper suggesting motorcycle training review as an initiative.

d) STAGE 2 PUBLIC AND STAKEHOLDER CONSULTATION

DISCUSSION

The RSAC noted and endorsed the update and proposed format for stage two of the external stakeholder and public consultation.

8. PROGRESS REPORT: POLICY AND INFRASTRUCTURE

RSAC noted the Progress Report to 30 December 2015, under the *Tasmanian Road Safety Strategy 2007-2016*.

9. PROGRESS REPORT: EDUCATION AND ENFORCEMENT SUB COMMITTEE

RSAC noted the Education and Enforcement Committee progress report.

10. OTHER BUSINESS

Craig Hoey advised that in the future, RSAC meeting papers and other documents will be provided through StateGrowthFiles, a web based service for transferring large files between State Growth and external stakeholders.

In the lead up to the next meeting members will be provided with instructions on how to access StateGrowthFiles and place a document on the site for members to test the system.

The Chair noted that Donna Adams has been appointed to the position of Deputy Secretary for the Business and Executive Division, DPEM. RSAC thanked Donna for her commitment to and support for road safety in Tasmania.

11. NEXT MEETING

Please note the 17 May 2016 meeting has been cancelled.

Instead, a workshop to prioritise initiatives for the Towards Zero Strategy and its first action plan will be held on 21 June 2016.

Meeting 24
9:00am – 1:00pm
Towards Zero Strategy Workshop
Tuesday 21 June 2016
11th Floor Training Room
State Offices Building
10 Murray Street, Hobart.