ROAD SAFETY ADVISORY COUNCIL TOWARDS ZERO

Meeting 32 22 May 2018 MINUTES

1. WELCOME, ATTENDANCE APOLOGIES

Attendees:

Mr Garry Bailey, Chair

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

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:

Ms Michelle Harwood, Executive Director, Tasmanian Transport Association Mr Darren Hine, Commissioner, Tasmania Police Dr Ian Johnston, Road Safety Expert

Observers:

Mr Tony Cerritelli, Commander, Tasmania Police Ms Ange Green, Manager RSAC Secretariat, State Growth Mr Craig Hoey, Manager Road Safety, State Growth Mr Luke Sheehan, Senior Policy Analyst, State Growth

1. WELCOME

Garry Bailey, welcomed members and observers to the 32nd meeting of the Road Safety Advisory Council (RSAC). The Chair welcomed Alison Hetherington, the new Tasmanian Bicycle Council representative, to her first meeting of RSAC.

2. MINUTES AND ACTIONS FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

Members endorsed the minutes of the previous RSAC meeting (6 March 2018). Members noted the status of actions from previous meetings.

3. TOWARDS ZERO ENFORCEMENT PROJECT

Members noted the recommendations for the Towards Zero Enforcement Strategy and endorsed the Tasmania Police proposal to investigate the reintroduction of mobile speed enforcement in Tasmania. Recommendations include no increase in the number of fixed speed camera locations, reconfiguration of existing fixed speed cameras, introduction of rear-facing speed cameras and monitoring of mobile Point to Point technology.

RSAC discussed the merits of mobile speed cameras as a general deterrent and in maintaining a presence in rural areas and fully supports reintroduction of mobile speed cameras.

4. FUNDING BUSINESS CASE FRAMEWORK

Members endorsed the format for a budget template to assist Council with deliberations in regard to project funding. Members discussed the addition of provision for a comment on the template about the amount of unallocated Road Safety Levy funds on the template.

Actions

• State Growth to include provision for a comment on the template about unallocated Road Safety Levy funds on the budget template.

5. COMMUNITY ROAD SAFETY GRANTS PROGRAM (CRSGP) REVIEW PRESENTATION

Members noted the presentation in regard to the CRSGP review including that the program is in its final funding round for the period 2015-2018, that consultation has been undertaken with key stakeholders and that a process evaluation of the CRSGP is underway and will be provided to RSAC at its 21 August 2018 meeting, as well a proposal for future funding of the program. RSAC discussed barriers to grant recipients and better promoting the availability of grants to community organisations and schools. The obligation of local councils, as road managers, to improve road safety was discussed and State Growth is to consider working with LGAT and to have a workshop to help councils develop local road safety plans.

Actions

- State Growth to include the CRSGP process evaluation and proposal for future funding on the next RSAC meeting agenda.
- State Growth and LGAT to consider hosting a workshop to help councils develop local road safety plans.

6. CYCLING PASSING DISTANCE SURVEY PRESENTATION

RSAC noted the presentation about the findings of the final road user survey conducted to gauge acceptance and awareness of cycling laws and publicity campaigns. The survey results concluded that the Distance Makes a Difference campaign has been very successful and there is strong support for safe passing distances. Awareness of details of the rules is not as strong and without awareness we cannot achieve compliance. The Road Safety Branch will continue to improve road rules communication methods. It was agreed that the Education and Enforcement Sub Committee (EESC) would consider sharing the road as part of the speed management campaign. In addition, State Growth will consider a further campaign about vulnerable road users.

Actions

State Growth to continue to improve road rules communication methods.

- EESC to consider sharing the road as part of the speed management campaign.
- State Growth to consider a campaign about vulnerable road users.

7. YOUNG DRIVER SYMPOSIUM PRESENTATION

Members noted the presentation about the Young Driver Symposium held in Hobart on 1 May 2018. 170 guests attended the Symposium, including high school students, community houses, youth organisations, driving instructors, Tasmania Police, RACT and councils. Further regional workshops will be conducted and an event will be held in Launceston for Road Safety Week 2019.

8. SPEED MANAGEMENT

Members discussed the speed management framework and working towards a speed moderation strategy for Tasmania. Members discussed the need for capturing the operating speeds across the Tasmanian network, as an immediate first step, and a paper will be provided to RSAC at its 21 August 2018 meeting.

Actions

• State Growth to provide a paper about progressing a program to capture operating speeds across the Tasmanian network to RSAC at its 21 August 2018 meeting.

9. CHAIR'S REPORT

RSAC noted the Chair's Report, including:

Road Toll - 2018 YTD

The Chair provided an update of crash statistics to 20 May 2018.

1. Minister's approvals

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

- the expenditure of \$50 000 from the Road Safety Levy to support community road safety activities including a state-wide training program, a Young Driver Symposium and regional workshops.
- Appointment of Alison Hetherington, as new Chair Tasmanian Bicycle Council, to represent cyclists on RSAC.
- Subject to government approval processes, changes to the Government Vehicle Fleet Safety Policy, effective from I July 2018 to stipulate that:
 - all passenger and light commercial vehicles on the Tasmanian Government Vehicle Fleet Contract to have a 5-star ANCAP safety rating.
 - where no operationally suitable vehicle exists, agencies can provide a business case detailing the reason/s that precludes the fulfilment of this requirement for operational purposes. Head of agency approval of a business case is to be provided directly to the Department of Treasury and Finance.

Inquiry into the National Road Safety Strategy 2011-2020

Garry Bailey advised that he had had a discussion with Jeremy Woolley to contribute to the Inquiry into the National Road Safety Strategy 2011-2020.

Media Coverage and events attended

RSAC noted a range of media activity and events attended by the Chair for the last quarter.

10. MANDATORY ALCOHOL INTERLOCK PROGRAM (MAIP) REVIEW

RSAC noted that a review of the MAIP has been completed with the recommendations that the administrative operation of the MAIP be enhanced and that increasing participation be prioritised. Initial funding to resource MAIP review implementation will be funded from existing allocated MAIP funding, with additional funding expected to be needed once further work has been undertaken.

11. RISK-RATING TOOL

This agenda item was not addressed at the meeting.

12. EVALUATION OF MAIB FUNDING OF RSAC 2014-2016

RSAC noted the recommendations from the Evaluation of the MAIB Funding of the RSAC 2014-2016, conducted by the Centre for Automotive Safety Research (CASR). Paul Kingston advised that the independent advice is that there is evidence that MAIB's investment in road safety is making a positive difference and should be continued. Many of the recommendations are underway, and supports that RSAC initiatives are on track. A key finding from the evaluation is that mobile speed cameras should be reintroduced in Tasmania. A further recommendation is to investigate social media and new approaches to enhance the effectiveness of road safety campaigns.

13. BICYCLE NETWORK BIKE RIDER FATALITY REPORT 1998-2017

RSAC noted the Bicycle Network Bike Rider Fatality Report 1998-2017 and that an examination of crash statistics shows that whilst other jurisdictions' statistics remain the same or are increasing, Tasmania's are decreasing.

14. ROAD SAFETY EVENT CALENDAR

RSAC noted the Road Safety Event Calendar as at 22 May 2018.

15. CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondence for the last quarter was noted.

16. TOWARDS ZERO QUARTERLY PROGRESS REPORT

RSAC noted the Quarterly Progress Report to 31 March 2018, 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 acknowledged the success of Road Safety Week, the excellent media coverage, and thanked Neil Spark and Andrea Morris for their work in organising the events for the week.

18. OTHER BUSINESS

A. AUSTRALIAN AUTOMOBILE ASSOCIATION (AAA) BENCHMARKING THE PERFORMANCE OF THE NATIONAL ROAD SAFETY STRATEGY

Harvey Lennon tabled the AAA Benchmarking the Performance of the National Road Safety Strategy report noting that Tasmania is not performing well and that Government has a key role in improving road safety and that we need to continue to adapt road user behaviour. It was noted that the report focuses on fatalities only and that the focus must also be on serious injuries, and should look at an average over five years. It was noted that a wide range of measures is needed to improve road safety. AAA is lobbying for national consistency on the reporting of serious injuries.

B. GOVERNMENT COMMITMENTS SCHEDULE

RSAC noted the Government commitments related to road safety including increased funding and continuation of the Learner Driver Mentor Program, continuation of the Rotary Youth Driver Awareness program, upgrading of the Graduated Licensing System and funding of \$190,000 per annum for four years to the RACT and the Bicycle Network to grow participation in road safety education programs.

C. NSW SPEED ADVISER SMARTPHONE APP

Gary Swain discussed the availability of the NSW Speed Adviser Smartphone App and the possibility of digitising the mapping of speed zones on the Tasmanian road network under a co-funding arrangement between State Growth and RSAC. Members discussed the road safety benefits of the digitised mapping and Gary agreed to report back to RSAC in August.

Actions

 State Growth to report back to RSAC at its 21 August 2018 meeting about digitised mapping of speed zones on the Tasmanian road network.

D. TASMANIA POLICE MEDIA RELEASES - MOTORCYCLISTS

Tasmania Police's focus on motorcyclist enforcement was noted.

Tasmania Police advised that Commissioners and the Minister met with a focus on motorcyclist serious casualties, and the possible introduction of high visibility clothing. Advice to the Minister will highlight the need for protective clothing, the prevalence of single vehicle motorcycle crashes and the need to educate motorcyclists about behaviour.