

ROAD SAFETY ADVISORY COUNCIL
TOWARDS ZERO

Meeting 35
5 March 2019
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
Dr Ian Johnston, Road Safety Expert
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

Observers:

Mr Richard Cowling, 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
Mr Luke Sheehan, Senior Policy Analyst, State Growth
Mr Chris Stanwix, Graduate Policy Officer, State Growth

1. WELCOME

Garry Bailey welcomed members and observers to the 35th meeting of the Road Safety Advisory Council (RSAC).

2. MINUTES AND ACTIONS FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

Members endorsed the minutes of the previous RSAC meeting (27 November 2018). Members noted the status of actions from previous meetings.

3. SAFE SYSTEM CAPACITY BUILDING – REQUEST FOR FUNDING

RSAC members endorsed up to \$50 000 funding from the Road Safety Levy (the Levy) to engage a consultant to develop a strategic approach to capacity building in Tasmania to support the next five year road safety Action Plan.

Actions

- State Growth to provide a Minute to the Minister seeking approval of \$50 000 from the Levy to engage a consultant to develop a strategic approach to capacity building in Tasmania to support the next Action Plan.
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4. SCHOOL ELECTRONIC SPEED LIMIT SIGNS – REQUEST FOR FUNDING

RSAC endorsed up to \$100 000 in funding from the Levy to support scoping work and development of a replacement program for the school electronic speed limit signs, which are nearing the end of their operational life. RSAC discussed the potential of broadening the scope to include variable speed limit signs in high use pedestrian shopping zones and urban areas. RSAC also agreed, in-principle, to funding the replacement program from the Levy, subject to funding availability.

Actions

- State Growth to provide a Minute to the Minister seeking approval of \$100 000 from the Levy to support scoping work and development of a replacement program for the school electronic speed limit signs.
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5. ROAD SAFETY LEVY FUNDED SHOULDER SEALING

RSAC endorsed an additional \$2 million funding from the Levy to increase the 2018-19, 2019-2020 shoulder sealing program on Esk Main Road, Lyell Highway and Railton Main Road, to \$9 million. The additional funding will provide for around a third of the Railton Main Road to be improved.

Actions

- State Growth to provide a Minute to the Minister seeking approval of an additional \$2 million from the Levy to increase the 2018-19, 2019-2020 shoulder sealing program on Esk Main Road, Lyell Highway and Railton Main Road, to \$9 million.
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6. TASMANIAN MOTORCYCLE COUNCIL (TMC) – IDENTIFICATION OF CYCLISTS

RSAC discussed the TMC's policy proposal for identification of cyclists. RSAC did not endorse the proposal. Discussions identified that it might be timely to develop a campaign about all road users sharing the roads. RSAC referred this to the Education and Enforcement Sub Committee (EESC) for consideration within its priorities.

Actions

- EESC to consider development of a campaign to promote sharing the roads for all road users.
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7. REDUCED SPEEDS AROUND EMERGENCY VEHICLES

RSAC noted that State Growth has consulted with stakeholders in regard to reducing speeds to 40km/h around emergency vehicles parked on the roadside, following a submission by RACT to include roadside assist vehicles in-scope for the new road rule. RSAC further

noted that the new road rule will not include roadside assist vehicles at this stage, but that the longer term option is to consider expansion of the rule following evaluation of the rule within the current scope. Harvey Lennon noted that he has concerns about roadside assist vehicles not being included in the rule at this time.

8. ROAD SAFETY WEEK 2019

RSAC noted that the planned Road Safety Week event to showcase an autonomous vehicle and vehicle safety technologies will not be proceeding. An event may still proceed at a different time. A variety of other activities are planned for Road Safety Week. Sharing the roads was discussed as a potential theme for Road Safety Week.

Actions:

- State Growth to consider sharing the roads as a theme for Road Safety Week.
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9. ROADSIDE WORKER SAFETY CAMPAIGN

RSAC noted that \$50 000 funding from the Discretionary Activities Fund has been allocated to develop a second campaign to increase motorists' awareness of road works safety risks to improve compliance with posted speed limits. This contribution will be matched by the State Roads Division, State Growth and \$100 000 funding will be provided by the Civil Construction Industry. RSAC noted that this is particularly relevant with a large capital works program and increased night works.

10. TOWARDS ZERO ENFORCEMENT STRATEGY – MOBILE POINT TO POINT PROOF OF CONCEPT

RSAC noted the update in regard to the Mobile Point to Point (P2P) proof of concept trial. Tasmania Police is working with interested technology providers to identify suitable trial locations. The trial is likely to be undertaken in April/May 2019. Management and maintenance of speed cameras was discussed. Gary Swain and Richard Cowling to meet to discuss this issue. RSAC further noted that Tasmania Police is finalising a road safety strategy for the agency and that the Speed Enforcement Strategy will be provided to RSAC at its May 2019 meeting.

Actions:

- State Growth and Tasmania Police to discuss management of speed cameras.
 - Tasmania Police to provide the Speed Enforcement Strategy to RSAC at its 14 May 2019 meeting.
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11. TOWARDS ZERO STRATEGY – ORAL FLUID TESTING

RSAC noted the update in regard to oral fluid testing for analysis of illicit drugs. The new tests no longer require a blood sample for analysis. First time offenders can be issued with a Breath Infringement Notice (BIN). Subsequent detections will result in a court appearance.

12. CHAIR'S REPORT

RSAC noted the Chair's report, including Ministerial approvals since November 2018, media coverage and events attended by the Chair. The Chair discussed opportunities for forming an Alliance for Road Safety with stakeholders and through community networks, potentially supported through a Memorandum of Understanding.

13. ROAD SAFETY EVENT CALENDAR 2019

RSAC noted the road safety event calendar as at 5 March 2019.

14. CORRESPONDENCE BY EXCEPTION

RSAC noted correspondence for the last quarter.

15. TOWARDS ZERO QUARTERLY PROGRESS REPORT

RSAC noted the Quarterly Progress Report to 31 December 2018, under the *Towards Zero - Tasmanian Road Safety Strategy 2017-2026*.

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

RSAC noted the Education and Enforcement Sub Committee's progress report. Paul Kingston discussed the activities of the EESC over the last six months, which included breath testing at festivals. Over the next six months, the EESC will be focussing on speed, drink-driving, inattention and will soon be launching the new Real Mates campaign.

RSAC noted that recommendations for review of the Graduated Licensing System (GLS) are currently with Government. State Growth will provide a draft media release about the changes to RSAC members, when available.

Actions:

- State Growth to provide a draft media release to RSAC members when available.
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17. TOWARDS ZERO ACTION PLAN 2020-24 – WORKSHOP 2

RSAC participated in the second workshop to develop the next five year Action Plan. RSAC reviewed the agreed priority actions, proposed themes, funding allocations within the themes and agreed to the Action Plan budget and the theme templates. The main suggestions by members included using outcome focused language for actions, using personal stories to personalise each of the themes, illustration of serious injury and fatality statistics (where we are at and potential crash savings), inclusion of measures for evaluation purposes and the inclusion of a section specifically discussing inattention/distraction.

Actions:

- State Growth to circulate a copy of the workshop slides with the meeting Minutes.

- State Growth to incorporate RSAC members' suggestions when developing the Action Plan.
 - RSAC members to provide any additional suggestions to the Secretariat.
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18. OTHER BUSINESS

No other business was raised.