
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 (TTA)
Ms Alison Hetherington, President, Tasmanian Bicycle Council (TBC)
Mr Jonathan Higgins, Assistant Commissioner, Tasmania Police
Dr Ian Johnston, Road Safety Expert
Mr Paul Kingston, CEO, Motor Accidents Insurance Board (MAIB)
Mr Dion Lester, CEO, Local Government Association of Tasmania (LGAT)
Mr Mark Mugnaioni, CEO, Royal Automobile Club of Tasmania (RACT)
Mr Gary Swain, Deputy Secretary Transport Services, Department of State Growth (State Growth)

Observers:

Mr Martin Crane, General Manager Road User Services, State Growth
Ms Ange Green, Manager RSAC Secretariat, State Growth
Mr Craig Hoey, Manager Road Safety, State Growth
Ms Sally Lord, Marketing Officer, State Growth
Mr Andrew McShane, Sergeant, Tasmania Police

1. WELCOME

Garry Bailey welcomed members and observers to the 43rd meeting of the Road Safety Advisory Council (RSAC).

The Chair welcomed the new representative for LGAT, Dion Lester, to his first meeting.

2. MINUTES AND ACTIONS OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

RSAC members endorsed the minutes and noted the actions from the 17 November 2020 RSAC meeting.

Members requested a list of projects to be funded under the Australian Government Road Safety Program.

Actions

- State Growth to provide a list of projects to be funded under the Australian Government Road Safety Program.

3. TASMANIAN SAFE SYSTEM INFRASTRUCTURE STRATEGY

RSAC noted the presentation in relation to the Safe System Infrastructure Strategy for Tasmania.

The draft National Road Safety Strategy identifies the need for road managers to progressively transform their roads to a Safe System level. The proposed Tasmanian Safe System Infrastructure Strategy would identify the priority road network/s for targeted Road Safety Levy investment and a KPI be developed to measure the rate of Safe System transformation.

Actions

- State Growth to circulate the Tasmanian Safe System Infrastructure Strategy presentation with the RSAC Minutes.
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4. 2020 CRASH STATISTICS

State Growth provided a presentation in relation to the 2020 crash statistics noting the high number of serious casualties although the lowest number of fatal and serious injury crashes since 2013. There was an unusually high number of multiple fatalities, in which 10 people died as a result of just four crashes.

5. RACT MEDIA STATEMENT ON PUBLIC POLICY

The RACT discussed their recent public comments in the media about a failure of public policy in regard to road safety and concerns about the draft National Road Safety Strategy being more of the same, its target of a 50 per cent reduction in fatalities and 30 per cent reduction in serious injuries (per capita) when the previous Strategy's targets were not met.

Whilst the RACT is still advocating for road funding, they would like to see new initiatives from other jurisdictions to address behavioural change. It was acknowledged that data and evidence should still underpin adoption of new initiatives.

RSAC invited the RACT to put forward specific suggestions for inclusion in the Tasmanian Strategy and Action Plan.

RSAC discussed why the National Strategy has not met targets and noted that the inability to implement the Strategy with no accountability for implementation was an issue. It was also noted that there needs to be measures in the National Strategy.

RACT is advocating for the Tasmanian Strategy and Action Plan to be reconsidered to align with the final National Strategy.

State Growth agreed that the Tasmanian Strategy and Action Plan would be reviewed against the final National Strategy.

Actions

- State Growth to review the Tasmanian Strategy and Action Plan against the final National Road Safety Strategy.

- RSAC invited the RACT put forward specific suggestions for inclusion in the Tasmanian Strategy and Action Plan.

6. AUTOMATED SPEED ENFORCEMENT

An update on the Automated Speed Enforcement project was provided to RSAC members. RSAC noted that funding has not been awarded to the project under the Australian Government's Road Safety Program and endorsed the reallocation of \$1.47 million of Road Safety Levy funding from residual funds and low priority initiatives to support the initial procurement and implementation of an enhanced automated speed enforcement program in year one. RSAC noted that this may require the transfer of funds across themes and will occur through the 2021-22 budget approval process.

RSAC endorsed the procurement of four mobile speed cameras under a fully outsourced service agreement model, with the option of expanding the size and scope of the program in the future.

RSAC noted that the Education and Enforcement Sub Committee held a dedicated speed enforcement workshop at its 9 March 2021 meeting. RSAC endorsed the revised Terms of Reference for the Automated Speed Enforcement Steering Committee.

7. AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT ROAD SAFETY PROGRAM

Under the Australian Government Road Safety Program, \$44 million is available to Tasmania, with \$33 million in the first tranche. RSAC noted the projects proposed for funding under the Australian Government Road Safety Program and the risk that a number of projects proposed for tranche one may not be completed within the specified timeframe and the subsequent impact on total funding available to Tasmania. Discussions will occur with the Commonwealth to discuss funding and progress made.

A list of projects under the Australian Government Road Safety Program was requested under agenda item 2.

8. SAFE SYSTEM CYCLING DESIGN TRAINING

RSAC members noted that the Strategy Oversight Committee approved a request from the Tasmanian Bicycle Council for funding to deliver an online training session for Tasmanian engineers and planners in designing Safe System compliant cycling lanes and paths.

RSAC noted that the online workshops will benefit programs such as the Vulnerable Road User Program, the Safer Rural Roads Program and the Blackspot Program.

9. NATIONAL ROAD SAFETY STRATEGY 2021-30 AND ACTION PLAN 2021-25

RSAC noted that the draft National Road Safety Strategy 2021-30 has been released for public consultation until 23 March 2021. The first Action Plan will be provided to the Infrastructure and Transport Ministers' Meeting in May 2021.

RSAC noted that the new Strategy does not have speed as a pillar, but that it is embedded across other pillars and that the targets have changed from absolutes to rates per capita.

10. REDUCED SPEEDS AROUND EMERGENCY VEHICLES – CAMPAIGN EVALUATION

RSAC noted the report about quantitative market research on the *See Red and Blue, Know What to Do* public education campaign which showed that awareness and understanding of the Road Rule is high, the key messages were very clear and that the campaign had been effective in changing behaviour. RSAC further noted that evaluation of Road Rule 79A will be provided to RSAC in May 2021.

RACT noted that it is still strongly advocating for the Road Rule to be applied to its roadside assist workers.

11. ROAD RULES HANDBOOK FUNDING

RSAC noted that the \$50 000 funding for free Road Rules Handbooks, to coincide with the December 2019 remake of the Road Rules, has now been exhausted.

12. CHAIR'S REPORT

RSAC noted the Chair's report detailing Ministerial approvals, media activity, meetings and events for the last quarter.

13. TOWARDS ZERO QUARTERLY PROGRESS REPORT TO 31 DECEMBER 2020

RSAC noted the Quarterly Progress Report to 31 December 2020, under the *Towards Zero - Tasmanian Road Safety Strategy 2017-2026*.

14. CORRESPONDENCE BY EXCEPTION

RSAC noted correspondence for the last quarter.

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

RSAC noted the Education and Enforcement Sub Committee's progress report. RSAC noted current and upcoming events including sponsorship of the North West Football League, a new pedestrian safety campaign, Road Safety Week from 16-23 May and Road Torque in July 2021. RSAC also noted that the EESC held a speed workshop on 9 March 2021.

16. TASMANIA POLICE TRAFFIC OUTPUTS REPORT

RSAC noted the Tasmania Police Traffic Outputs Report and discussed Random Breath testing, drug-driving detection and the targeting of high-risk behaviours.

Actions

- State Growth to circulate the December 2020 report with the RSAC minutes.
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17. OTHER BUSINESS

RSAC discussed the Safe System Guiding Principles for Local Government and noted that the guidelines will be revised in light of the final National Road Safety Strategy.