

MINUTES

I. WELCOME, ATTENDANCE APOLOGIES

Attendees

Mr Scott Tilyard, Chair

Mr Mick Boyd, 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 Gary Swain, Deputy Secretary Transport Services, Department of State Growth (State Growth)

Apologies

Mr Dion Lester, CEO, Local Government Association of Tasmania (LGAT)

Mr Mark Mugnaioni, CEO, Royal Automobile Club of Tasmania (RACT)

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

Mr Luke Manhood, Inspector, Tasmania Police

I. WELCOME

Scott Tilyard, Chair of the Road Safety Advisory Council (RSAC) welcomed members and observers to the 46th meeting of the Road Safety Advisory Council (RSAC).

The Chair welcomed Mick Boyd to his first meeting of the Council as the new President and representative of the TMC. The Chair also acknowledged the tenure of Paul Bullock, former President of the TMC, for his work on RSAC and for his advocacy for motorcyclists in Tasmania.

2. MINUTES AND ACTIONS OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

RSAC members endorsed the minutes and noted the actions from the 17 August 2021 RSAC meeting. Following up on an action from the last meeting, RSAC noted the design standard

for shoulder width on the Tasman Highway will be one metre. RSAC further noted that the introduction of e-scooters will be reviewed after 12 months, informed by crash data.

RSAC noted that the review of the Motorcycle Graduated Licensing System (GLS) is continuing, and in the absence of a national framework, independent research will be undertaken to examine best practice and the effectiveness of potential measures.

3. AUTOMATED SPEED ENFORCEMENT (ASE)

RSAC noted that tenders have closed for the automated traffic offence enforcement program. The outcomes of the tender process will be circulated to RSAC out-of-session pending completion of procurement processes. RSAC further noted that the Minister for Infrastructure and Transport approved an additional \$5 million of Road Safety Levy funding to increase the scale of procurement to 20 000 annual enforcement hours. RSAC endorsed the revised Steering Committee Terms of Reference. A working group is being established to manage operational matters, such as the deployment strategy. It was noted that a single co-ordinator will be required to manage advice regarding deployment of cameras, especially in response to suggested sites from the community.

The communication strategy and new education campaign were discussed and updates on the communications will be provided as part of reporting to RSAC.

It was agreed that the Chair RSAC be provided with a briefing about the ASE project.

Actions

- The outcomes of the tender process for ASE to be circulated to RSAC out-of-session. (Ange Green)
 - A briefing about the ASE project to be provided to the Chair RSAC. (Ange Green)
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4. RSAC ANNUAL REPORT

RSAC endorsed in-principle the RSAC Annual Report 2020-2021. The Annual Report will be revised and may be provided in digital format.

Actions

- Annual Report to be revised and finalised by State Growth. (Ange Green)
 - State Growth to provide the final Annual Report to members. (Ange Green)
 - Minister to table the Annual Report in Parliament. (Ange Green)
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5. 2022 WORK PROGRAM

The RSAC endorsed the 2022 Work Program under the Towards Zero Action Plan 2020-2024.

RSAC noted that tourist initiatives may be scaled up with the re-opening of Tasmania's borders and requested this be reflected in the Work Plan. RSAC discussed the potential impact of the mid-term review of the Strategy, the National Strategy and Action Plan and recommendations from the Legislative Council Select Committee Inquiry into Road Safety, on the Work Program. RSAC was advised that there has been a delay to the implementation of changes to the Mandatory Alcohol Interlock Program (MAIP) following the review and RSAC will be updated about this in March 2022.

Actions

- State Growth to provide an update on a review of the MAIP to RSAC at its March 2022 meeting. (Martin Crane)
 - 2022 Work Program to be updated to reflect potential changes due to the re-opening of Tasmania's borders. (Ange Green)
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6. 2022 RSAC MEETING DATES

RSAC endorsed the 2022 RSAC meeting dates.

All meetings will be held in the Putalina Room, Ground Floor, Salamanca Building, Parliament Square, Hobart, unless otherwise advised.

11:00am – 2:00pm

- Tuesday, 22 March 2022
 - Tuesday, 24 May 2022
 - Tuesday, 23 August 2022
 - Tuesday, 22 November 2022
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7. AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT ROAD SAFETY PROGRAM

RSAC noted the tranche 1 projects funded under the Australian Government Road Safety Program (RSP) and discussed and endorsed the projects for tranche 3. The preliminary list of projects for tranches 4 and 5 were discussed, noting that Local Government projects will be more prevalent in these rounds and that the funding co-contribution of \$5.5 million is likely to come from State Roads rather than the Levy. There was some discussion around the possibility of the inclusion of cycleway projects in tranches 4 and 5.

8. ROAD SAFETY LEVY BUDGET

RSAC members noted the reprofiling of Road Safety Levy expenditure including funding provided under the Australian Government Road Safety Program (RSP). RSAC discussed the upside and downside risks associated with the budget, particularly in relation to the Learner Driver Mentor Program. It was agreed that an evaluation of the program would be included as part of the mid-term review of the Towards Zero Strategy.

Actions

- An evaluation of the LDMP to be included as part of the mid-term review of the Towards Zero Strategy. (Craig Hoey)
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9. 2021 AUSTRALASIAN ROAD SAFETY CONFERENCE

RSAC noted the outcomes of the 2021 Australasian Road Safety Conference, the RSAC award for a presentation relevant to road safety in Tasmania and advances in safety infrastructure including raised safety platforms and rural junction activated warning systems. Information on innovative safety infrastructure to be provided to State Roads and promoted to Local Government through the Vulnerable Road User Program (VRUP).

Actions

- State Growth to provide information on innovative safety infrastructure to State Roads and to be promoted to Local Government through the Vulnerable Road User Program (VRUP). (Craig Hoey)
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10. KEY SAFETY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS (SPIs)

RSAC noted progress on the development of the methodology for measuring key SPIs linked to the Towards Zero Action Plan, with the prioritisation of SPIs linked to speed and the automated speed enforcement project which is RSAC's highest priority under the Action Plan. The SPI for vehicle age in Tasmania has also been identified. RSAC discussed factors affecting the age of the vehicle fleet including the propensity for Tasmanians to hold on to older vehicles as a second vehicle. Speed related SPIs currently relate to 80, 100 and 110 km/h speed zones as traffic counters are placed in these higher speed zones. It was noted that data could be collected in other speed zones on an annual basis.

RSAC noted that the National Road Safety Action Plan is soon to be finalised and the need for some consistency with the national measures. Baseline data relating to other traffic offences may also be able to be collected through the new multi-function cameras.

RSAC agreed that a pragmatic approach should be taken toward the development of SPIs to guide our strategic direction, along with crash data.

RSAC agreed that SPIs and proposed methodologies would be presented to RSAC at its March 2022 meeting.

Actions

- State Growth to present SPIs and proposed methodologies to RSAC at its March 2022 meeting. (Craig Hoey)
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11. FULL GEAR EVALUATION

RSAC noted the evaluation of the Full Gear motorcycle safety program. 47 young people (16-24 years) have participated with 35 participants completing the course and getting a licence.

It was noted that due to poor survey responses the current licensing status of participants was not able to be determined, but there had been a positive change to community perceptions of illegal riding and hooning. Participants said that safety is more important to them now and attitudes and behaviours have changed.

12. LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL SELECT COMMITTEE INQUIRY INTO ROAD SAFETY

RSAC noted the summary of the 93 submissions to the Legislative Council Select Committee Inquiry into Road Safety in Tasmania. SOC noted that the first public hearing was held on 25 October 2021, with further hearings in Launceston on 29 November and Hobart on 9 December, when the Tasmanian Government will be represented.

13. CHAIR'S REPORT

RSAC noted the Chair's report including Ministerial approvals, media coverage and meetings attended in the last quarter.

14. TOWARDS ZERO QUARTERLY PROGRESS REPORT TO 30 SEPTEMBER 2021

RSAC noted the Quarterly Progress Report to 30 September 2021, under the *Towards Zero - Tasmanian Road Safety Strategy 2017-2026*. RSAC discussed the national fatality statistics and requested a comparison between Tasmania and Victoria, excluding Melbourne. RSAC also discussed the national comparison and requested the addition of a footnote explaining why the Northern Territory is not included in the graph.

RSAC further noted that progress on safety improvements to Lake Leake Rd will be progressed in 2021.

Actions

- A comparison between Tasmanian and Victorian fatality statistics, excluding Melbourne for the information of RSAC at its March 2022 meeting. (Ange Green)
 - A footnote explaining why the Northern Territory is not included in the graph to be included in the Progress Report. (Ange Green)
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15. CORRESPONDENCE BY EXCEPTION

RSAC noted correspondence for the last quarter.

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

RSAC noted the Education and Enforcement Sub Committee's progress report. RSAC discussed the North West Football League sponsorship and the commitment shown by the League in promoting the anti-drink driving message to young males. The EESC has approved continued sponsorship of the NWFL for the 2022 season. RSAC also discussed the new low-level speed campaign which has two phases focussing on education and then enforcement to coincide with the roll out of the new speed cameras. RSAC noted that the triennial attitudinal tracking research has recently been completed. State Growth will develop high level fact sheets to capture the key points from the research. The fact sheets will be provided to RSAC for information.

Actions

- State Growth to develop high level fact sheets to capture key points from the triennial attitudinal tracking research and to provide to RSAC for information. (Ange Green)
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17. TASMANIA POLICE TRAFFIC OUTPUTS REPORT

RSAC noted the Tasmania Police Traffic Outputs Report. Assistant Commissioner Higgins advised that Tasmania Police is restructuring its traffic services in July 2022. More information will be provided at the next meeting. RSAC requested advice on why the number of crashes listed with 'unknown' locations has increased significantly.

Actions

- State Growth to provide advice on why the number of crashes listed with 'unknown' locations has increased significantly. (Ange Green)
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18. OTHER BUSINESS

No other business was raised.