

ROAD SAFETY ADVISORY COUNCIL
TOWARDS ZERO

Meeting 37
20 August 2019
MINUTES

1. WELCOME, ATTENDANCE APOLOGIES

Attendees:

Mr Garry Bailey, Chair
Mr Paul Bullock, President, Tasmanian Motorcycle Council (TMC)
Mr Richard Cowling, Assistant Commissioner, Tasmania Police
Ms Michelle Harwood, Executive Director, Tasmanian Transport Association
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
Mr Martin Crane, A/Deputy Secretary Transport Services, Department of State Growth

Apologies:

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

Observers:

Ms Ange Green, Manager RSAC Secretariat, State Growth
Mr Craig Hoey, Manager Road Safety, State Growth
Mr Alan Rushworth, Policy and Project Officer, State Growth

1. WELCOME

Garry Bailey welcomed members and observers to the 37th meeting of the Road Safety Advisory Council (RSAC).

2. MINUTES AND ACTIONS FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

Members endorsed the minutes of the previous RSAC meeting (14 May 2019). Members noted the status of actions from previous meetings.

3. KIDSAFE TASMANIA FUNDING PROPOSAL 2020-2024

RSAC members noted that a properly fitted child restraint is a very effective safety device protecting young people in a crash. RSAC discussed the Kidsafe proposal to provide a child restraint education and engagement program and endorsed funding of \$50 000 per annum from the Road Safety Levy (the Levy) for the life of the Towards Zero Action Plan 2020-2024. RSAC noted this will include child restraint checks, training for organisations such as child care centres, community transport providers, resources and campaigns.

Council requested information on the status of retailers and their expertise in providing advice on fitting restraints, discussed the possibility of promoting trained retailers as 'Kidsafe

approved retailers' and requested State Growth discuss retailers promoting proper restraint fitting with Malcolm Little of the Tasmanian Automobile Chamber of Commerce.

Actions

- State Growth to provide a Minute to the Minister seeking approval for funding of \$50 000 per annum from the Road Safety Levy, for the five years from 2020 to 2024, for the Kidsafe Tasmania child restraint education and engagement program.
 - State Growth to provide advice back to RSAC about retailers and the promotion of proper child restraint fitting.
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4. ROAD RULES HANDBOOK 2019 FUNDING PROPOSAL

RSAC noted that the entire road rules legislation package, including a number of updates, is to be remade on 1 December 2019. RSAC discussed the proposal for funding of up to \$50 000 from the Levy to support the road rules remake and distribute the revised Tasmanian Road Rules Handbook to the community at no cost for 12 months from 1 December 2019. RSAC endorsed funding as a pilot program for the new digital platform, noting it is a step change and that funding from the Levy should not be extended past the 12 month period.

Actions

- State Growth to provide a Minute to the Minister seeking approval for funding of up to \$50 000 from the Levy to distribute the revised Tasmanian Road Rules Handbook to the community at no cost for 12 months from 1 December 2019.
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5. GLENORCHY CITY COUNCIL FULL GEAR PROGRAM FUNDING PROPOSAL

RSAC members discussed the proposal to provide \$53 525 per annum from the Levy, for the five year period 2020-2024, to fund the Glenorchy City Council, in partnership with Bucaan House to deliver the Full Gear motorcycle safety program. The program assists young at risk riders to gain a motorcycle licence. Council discussed the broader issue of unlicensed riding and expressed support for expansion of the program to other parts of the State where there was a high risk of unlicensed riding. It was noted that the model is successful in the Glenorchy area, due to the involvement of local government and the community house and that this kind of support is crucial in any municipality wanting to adopt a similar program. RSAC endorsed the funding on the basis that the grant deed include development of a program model that would support expansion of the program.

RSAC noted that LGAT is well-placed to promote and facilitate the program in other municipalities. Tasmania Police also identified potential for their involvement through their youth strategy.

Actions

- State Growth to provide a Minute to the Minister seeking approval for funding of \$53 525 per annum from the Levy for the five year period 2020-2024 to enable Glenorchy City Council to deliver the Full Gear motorcycle safety program.
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- State Growth to review the grant deed to include development of a program model to support potential expansion of the program to other parts of the State.
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6. REDUCED SPEEDS AROUND EMERGENCY VEHICLES CAMPAIGN – REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL FUNDING

RSAC endorsed additional funding of \$100 000 from the Levy to undertake additional promotional activities around the new road rule making it an offence for drivers to pass slow-moving or stationary emergency vehicles with lights flashing, at speeds greater than 40km/h. This road rule change is a government election commitment.

RACT noted they would like the law extended to include all roadside workers. RSAC further noted that light vehicle drivers should be made aware that when they slow to comply with the law, following heavy vehicles require a greater stopping distance.

Actions

- State Growth to provide a Minute to the Minister seeking approval for additional funding of \$100 000 from the Levy to undertake additional promotional activities supporting the reduced speeds around emergency vehicles campaign.
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7. TOWARDS ZERO ACTION PLAN 2020-2024

RSAC noted the presentation about the next five year Action Plan. RSAC members discussed a number of revisions, including:

- Driving for work, extending the need for safer vehicles to private fleets, and working with WorkCover to promote safe vehicles as a workplace.
- A greater focus and narrative on speed as an issue and speed moderation, including reducing 100 km/h speed limits where it is not possible to drive at 100 km/h and reducing any remaining 60 km/h speed zones to 50 km/h.
- Include narrative around the national highway being built to Safe System standards and Levy funding being used to target those roads that will not attract State or Commonwealth funding.

Actions

- State Growth to revise the Action Plan to include RSAC's suggested amendments.
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8. YOUNG DRIVER LICENCE HOLDERS PRESENTATION

RSAC noted the presentation and licensing data presented to the Young Driver Licensing Workshop held in May 2019.

Actions

- State Growth to circulate the Young Driver Licence Holders presentation with the RSAC minutes and actions.
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9. TASMANIA POLICE ROAD SAFETY STRATEGY

RSAC noted Tasmania Police's Road Safety Strategy which focuses on the 'Fatal Five' high risk behaviours.

10. GRANT FUNDING OUTCOMES 2018-2019

RSAC noted the outcomes of the grant funding for the RACT, Bicycle Network and the Rotary Youth Driver Awareness Programs for 2018-19. \$100 000 was provided to the RACT to deliver the 'Roadsafe Program' for primary students, the 'Ready for the road program' for high school students and the 'Years Ahead' and 'CarFit' programs for older drivers. The Bicycle Network was provided with \$90 000 to deliver the Ride2School program and \$100 000 was provided to deliver the RYDA road safety education program.

11. AUTOMATED SPEED ENFORCEMENT STEERING COMMITTEE - UPDATE

RSAC noted that the Automated Speed Enforcement Steering Committee (ASESC) met on 1 July 2019. The ASESC noted the Terms of Reference and endorsed the project plan, project timeframes and the Consultancy Brief to procure an external provider.

12. NATIONAL ROAD SAFETY STRATEGY

RSAC noted the outcome from the Transport and Infrastructure Council (TIC) meeting of 2 August 2019 including that road safety would be a standing item for TIC meetings.

13. CHAIR'S REPORT

RSAC noted the Chair's report, including Ministerial approvals since May 2019, media coverage and events attended by the Chair.

14. ROAD SAFETY EVENT CALENDAR

RSAC noted the road safety event calendar as at 20 August 2019.

15. CORRESPONDENCE BY EXCEPTION

RSAC noted correspondence for the last quarter.

16. TOWARDS ZERO QUARTERLY PROGRESS REPORT TO 30 JUNE 2019

RSAC noted the Quarterly Progress Report to 30 June 2019, 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. RSAC further noted the adaptation of TAC campaigns for the Tasmanian market and the current development of an anti-speed campaign. Tasmania Police will undertake enforcement to coincide with the release of the campaign.

18. OTHER BUSINESS

Tasmania Police advised that the Acusensus and Mobile Point to Point demonstrations have been completed. Tasmania Police to provide information about the demonstrations to RSAC and the Automated Speed Enforcement Steering Committee.

Actions

- Tasmania Police to provide information about the Acusensus and Mobile Point to Point demonstrations to RSAC and the Automated Speed Enforcement Steering Committee.
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Craig Hoey advised RSAC that the \$100 000 formerly endorsed by RSAC to investigate the replacement program for school electronic speed limit signs is no longer required as the project will be managed and funded by the State Roads Division of State Growth.

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