

ROAD SAFETY ADVISORY COUNCIL
TOWARDS ZERO

Meeting 36
14 May 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 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

Observers:

Mr Martin Crane, A/General Manager Road User Services, State Growth
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 36th meeting of the Road Safety Advisory Council (RSAC).

2. MINUTES AND ACTIONS FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

Members endorsed the minutes of the previous RSAC meeting (5 March 2019). Members noted the status of actions from previous meetings.

3. TASMANIA POLICE ROAD SAFETY STRATEGY – SPEED ENFORCEMENT

RSAC members noted that Tasmania Police has developed a broad road safety strategy based on the fatal five and that the speed enforcement strategy has been incorporated into the Road Safety Strategy as one of the key pillars. The speed enforcement strategy includes development of a business case for new speed cameras, investigating emerging speed camera technologies, non-speed camera enforcement asset management, road patrol strategy, speeding survey and speed mapping.

RSAC endorsed the priority areas of the speed enforcement pillar of the Tasmania Police Road Safety Strategy.

Actions

- Tasmania Police to bring its final Road Safety Strategy back to RSAC for information.

4. SPEED CAMERA PROGRAM – CONSULTANCY AND ESTABLISHMENT OF STEERING COMMITTEE

RSAC noted that Tasmania Police will seek funding from the Road Safety Levy for an external service provider to inform development of a speed camera program for Tasmania and that a business case will be developed, for the consideration of RSAC at its 20 August 2019 meeting. Further, RSAC endorsed establishment of a Steering Committee to ensure consideration of integration with other traffic technologies involvement of stakeholders, maintenance, funding and successful delivery of the project. Agreement to membership of the Steering Committee will be sought out-of-session from RSAC. Terms of Reference will be developed for the Steering Committee and provided to RSAC for information. Tasmania Police will source work completed in other jurisdictions to inform development of the program.

Actions

- State Growth to determine Steering Committee membership and seek endorsement from RSAC out of session.
- Tasmania Police to provide a business case for a speed camera program to RSAC for consideration at its 20 August 2019 meeting.

5. NATIONAL DRINK DRIVING FRAMEWORK PRESENTATION

State Growth is participating on a national working group to develop a National Drink Driving Framework. RSAC noted the presentation in regard to the framework. RSAC noted that Austroads has undertaken a literature review on the effectiveness of countermeasures. A final report will be provided to the national Road Safety Task Force and the Registration and Licensing Task Force in July, with the Transport and Infrastructure Senior Officials Committee (TISOC) and the Transport Infrastructure Council (TIC) to consider the report later in the year.

Elements of the framework under consideration include: BAC limits; application/understanding of deterrence theory; enforcement; penalties; fines; licence bans/suspensions; imprisonment; alcohol interlocks; drink driver programs; managing repeat offenders and public education and prevention programs.

RSAC discussed the immediacy of penalties, permanent interlocks for those with an alcohol dependency, case management, and evidence for reducing the BAC from 0.05 to 0.02 BAC and correlation to a reduction in serious casualties.

RSAC requested that the discussion paper, showing a comparison between jurisdictions be circulated to members.

Actions

- State Growth to request permission to circulate the National Drink Driving Framework discussion paper to RSAC members.

6. UNMARKED MOTORCYCLE TRIAL PERFORMANCE SUMMARY AND PRESENTATION

RSAC discussed Tasmania Police's unmarked motorcycle enforcement trial that targeted inattention, seatbelt use and behaviour contributing to congestion. The trial has been well accepted by the public with 1000 offences detected over the three month trial. Tasmania Police is now expanding the trial to the North and North West of the State. Tasmania Police also provided information about the high visibility policing strategy for the information of RSAC.

7. INFRASTRUCTURE RISK RATING (IRR) PRESENTATION

RSAC noted the presentation about the Infrastructure Risk Rating Tool and its future application in Tasmania. RSAC discussed how the tool could be used to identify high risk areas on the State road network and inform infrastructure upgrading, speed management and enforcement activity.

8. GRADUATED LICENSING SYSTEM (GLS) - UPDATE

RSAC noted the update in regard to the Graduated Licensing System review and noted that Government approved the recommended changes, with an announcement on 5 May 2019. A Request for Proposal was released on 11 May 2019, seeking proposals from businesses to create a new digital platform and public education campaign to support the improvements to the licensing system. The new learning platform will transform how people engage in learning the road rules and get their licence, as well as support supervising drivers to help learners obtain their licence.

9. MOBILE POINT-TO-POINT PROOF OF CONCEPT TRIAL - UPDATE

RSAC noted that Tasmania Police will no longer commission a Mobile Point-to Point (P2P) proof of concept trial and will instead deliver a demonstration project. The demonstration and learnings from other jurisdictions undertaking similar trials will inform the potential consideration of a Tasmanian Mobile P2P program. The funds previously requested from the Road Safety Levy will no longer be required to support the project.

10. LEARNER DRIVER MENTOR PROGRAM (LDMP) GRANTS – OUTCOME OF FUNDING ROUND

RSAC noted the allocation of \$756 424 from the Road Safety Levy to the LDMPs for the 2019-20 financial year. This funding will be provided to 16 LDMPs, with an additional \$143 576 funding to Driver Mentoring Tasmania and \$100 000 allocated to fund five new cars.

11. COMMUNITY ROAD SAFETY GRANTS (CRSG) PROGRAM – OUTCOME OF FUNDING ROUND

RSAC noted that 23 applications were received for the CRSG Program with 12 successful applications recommended for 2019-20 totalling funding of \$198 791. These applications met program criteria including alignment with the Towards Zero Strategy, addressing a road safety issue based on evidence, identifying a target group, having support from stakeholders and community and having a budget that aligns with the project.

Of the unsuccessful projects, one project was for infrastructure improvements and therefore directed to the Vulnerable Road User Program, three were for variable message boards but failed to provide adequate scheduling advice, one application was for a video for Chinese tourists and was considered duplication of work undertaken by State Growth and RSAC and six applications were determined to have no road safety benefit.

12. DRIVING FOR JOBS PROGRAM EVALUATION

RSAC noted the evaluation of the Driving for Jobs program, undertaken by Synergistic. Recommendations included:

- Continuing the program as it increases confidence, responsibility, licence status, safe driving knowledge and behaviour, and employability
 - Strengthening reporting mechanisms to improve data, follow up evaluation in six months to track employment outcomes
 - Increasing direct family and parent involvement to further influence safer behaviour in the community, and
 - Consideration of a cluster model if expanding the program to share knowledge and ensure efficient use of funds and resources.
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13. VULNERABLE ROAD USER PROGRAM (VRUP) – OUTCOME OF FUNDING ROUND

RSAC noted the outcomes of the VRUP 2019-20 funding round, with 14 of 20 applications funded at \$523 360. The additional \$23 360 funding was allocated with funds remaining from the 2018-19 funding round. Six projects were not funded as they did not meet guidelines (exceeded threshold or maintenance activity) or were not cost effective compared to other applications.

Alison Hetherington raised the issue of painted lanes being more dangerous for cyclists when cars are parked on the roadside. The need for physical separation on high speed, high volume roads was discussed.

Alison Hetherington provided correspondence to State Growth requesting a review of the VRUP guidelines. RSAC endorsed the review and agreed the program is well-suited to demonstration projects and trials, but did not endorse funding for research from the VRUP.

Actions

- State Growth to undertake a review of the VRUP guidelines prior to the 2020-21 funding round.
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14. ACTION PLAN 2020-2024 UPDATE

RSAC noted the current status and next steps in the development of the Action Plan 2020-2024. The final draft plan will be considered by RSAC at its 20 August 2019 meeting.

15. CHAIR'S REPORT

RSAC noted the Chair's report, including Ministerial approvals since March 2019, media coverage and events attended by the Chair. The Chair outlined current serious casualty statistics. The Chair also discussed speeding and poor behaviour at road works sites and the potential for enforcement activity to improve behaviour.

Actions

- The Chair and Assistant Commissioner Cowling will meet to discuss enforcement at road works sites.
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16. ROAD SAFETY EVENT CALENDAR 2019

RSAC noted the road safety event calendar as at 14 May 2019.

17. CORRESPONDENCE BY EXCEPTION

RSAC noted correspondence for the last quarter.

18. TOWARDS ZERO QUARTERLY PROGRESS REPORT TO 31 MARCH 2019

RSAC noted the Quarterly Progress Report to 31 March 2019, under the *Towards Zero - Tasmanian Road Safety Strategy 2017-2026*.

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

RSAC noted the Education and Enforcement Sub Committee's progress report.

20. OTHER BUSINESS

The Chair noted that this may be the final RSAC meeting for Harvey Lennon, as CEO of RACT. The Chair thanked Harvey for his longstanding contribution to road safety as a member of RSAC and through the RACT's support of road safety more broadly in the community.