

Roadwise Advisory Group

Meeting

Eaton Administration Centre – 1 Council Drive, Eaton
Wednesday, 24 March 2021

Notes

Attendance

Elected Representatives

Cr. P Robinson	Chairperson
Cr. P Perks	Advisory Group Member
Cr. T Gardiner	Advisory Group Member

Key stakeholders and Community

Mr. Cedric Getley	Community
Ms. Katherine Celenza	Road Safety Adviser
Snr Sgt Mike Bickford	WA Police – Acting Officer in Charge Australind police Station
Ms. Margo Collins	Main Roads WA

Staff

Mr. Luke Botica	Director Infrastructure
Ms. Troy Williamson	Manager Assets
Ms. Peta Nolan	PA – Director Infrastructure

Apologies

Ms. Jill Cross	Community
Mr. Peter Westgate	Department of Transport
Mr. James Broughton	School Drug Education & Road Aware

Welcome and Acknowledgment of Country by Chairperson, Cr. P Robinson.

Declaration of Interest

The following members declared a proximity interest:- Nil

The following members declared an impartiality interest:- Nil

Bunbury Outer Ring Road Presentation Update

Presentation – Representative – Main Roads WA – PowerPoint Presentation to be provide with notes.

- Update – The project is moving in to the delivery phase.
- Safer Systems Approach discussion
- Cyclists and Heavy Haulage discussion

Discussion

- *Future Fast Train – allowance has been made for this project.*
 - *Are Cyclists able to use the BORR? – The assumption is that cyclists will be able to use the BORR.*
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- *The speed limit will be 110kph.*
 - *As much local support will be used as possible for the project – There is a link on Main Roads WA website. There is also a Community Hub in Victoria Street, Bunbury which is an excellent resource for any enquiries. There are currently 370 local businesses registered.*
 - *There are also some aboriginal employment opportunities for individuals and businesses. The Alliance has been asked to also encourage to provide job opportunities for long term unemployed.*
 - *There will be leaflets coming soon that the Shire can hand out to residents.*
 - *Roadside Memorials are being considered and MRWA are working with the Shires.*
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Roadwise Update

Katherine Celenza – Road Safety Advisor

- *The Blessing of the Roads Program is coming up over the Easter Period.*
 - *Road Safety Performance Report – the next five year period will be released soon. This will provide a comparison for Roadwise.*
 - *SW local governments – the Fatigue Campaign was delivered to community in 2020. The campaign included a pre and post campaign survey. There were 354 responses to the initial survey and 88 post survey responses. A report will be included with the notes.*
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Dardanup Roadwise Strategic Action Plan 2020

- The group is asked to comment on any changes and then finally endorse the action plan.
- **Safer Roads and Roadsides** – Cedric Getley asked for consideration of an improved maintenance program by Main Roads WA of cycling lanes on major roads. There was discussion about litter within the 1 metre of the road that affects the cyclists. Roadside Maintenance of roadside verges is considered essential for safety.

A potential solution could be to approach the companies who are contributing to this issue, including the trucks using the Port.

Main Roads WA roads and local roads are to be considered. The Shire has the ability to target some areas with the street sweeper. The sweeper is not operational permanently.

Action: Cedric Getley to provide a list of areas that need sweeping to the Shire and Main Roads WA for them to action.

- Toot campaign discussion (Cedric Getley) – In 2018 this campaign was tabled to the Roadwise Committee however not been actioned. The idea is that there will be a gentle toot to warn cyclists that they are coming. Dardanup Roadwise is being requested to initiate this campaign to improve the relationship between the vehicles and the cyclists. This needs to be supported at the Commissioner level.

Action: Police to investigate the possibility and legalities of this project.

Action: Cedric to consult with the broader cyclist groups to get a state wide approval to proceed.
To be brought back to the next meeting.

- Dardanup 40kph Speed Project (Cr Robinson) – this project has been on hold due to staffing
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resourcing issues.

Courtesy Speed Sign Displays – the first location for the new signs is Pratt Road which were installed today. We will report back to the group on the data collected and the effectiveness of the program. The speed displays can be used across Shire roads.

The Group endorsed the Action Plan for implementation in 2021.

Agency Updates

- **Police** – Snr Sgt Mike Bickford WA Police – Acting Officer in Charge Australind police Station

SW Traffic staff have not got any major issues to report at this stage. In relation to the Safe Speeds in the action plan, Police get a number of complaints about the point to point cameras along the Forrest Highway. There was discussion about drivers and what can be done about this.

Hooning on Crooked Brook Road – Should this be reported? Absolutely. It is about being consistent with reporting by residents and this is the way to get results.

It is suggested to bring back the campaigns such as “Drop Five Save Lives”. Move away from the shock tactics and undertake more positive campaigns.

Action: Cr. Patricia Perks to undertake research campaigns for the Dardanup Community and bring ideas back to the next meeting.

Single Headlights is an issue and Police advise that they will stop vehicles if they see the issue.

- **Main Roads WA** – Ms. Margo Collins Main Roads WA

Easter period coming and there will be a big campaign about roadworks and the busy traffic over the holiday period.

- **Department of Transport** – Nil
- **SDERA** – Nil
- **Community Members** – Nil
- **Shire – Luke Botica - Director Infrastructure**

Henty Road - Black Spot funding to improve safety – this project has been shortlisted for funding. As a part of this project we have applied for Road Safety Funding to seal the shoulders. The Blackspot funds will get the road widened and hazards removed and then the shoulder sealing with occur.

- **Stage 1 of Ferguson Road** - 6km to Gnomesville. Next year the design will commence to widen the road. This project will include audible edge lines.

Close 5.00pm
