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Shire of Dardanup

MINUTES

ROADWISE COMMITTEE MEETING

Held

9 August 2018

At

Shire of Dardanup
ADMINISTRATION CENTRE EATON
1 Council Drive - EATON

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Committee Members:

- Mr Ken Lowth - Chairperson
- Cr. P Perks - Deputy Chairperson
- Cr. P Robinson - Elected Member
- Cr. J Lee - Elected Member
- Cr. J Dow - Elected Member
- Director Engineering & Development Services – Staff
- Engineering Technical Officer – Staff
- Roadwise Road Safety Advisor – South West - Community
- Representative – Main Roads WA – Community
- Representative – Dardanup Primary School – Community
- Representative – WA Police – Community
- Representative – Department of Transport – Community
- Mrs Jill Cross – Community
- Mr Cedric Getley – Southwest Cycling Community

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SHIRE OF DARDANUP

MINUTES OF THE SHIRE OF DARDANUP ROADWISE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 9 AUGUST 2018, AT SHIRE OF DARDANUP – EATON ADMINISTRATION CENTRE, COMMENCING AT 3.30PM.

1 DECLARATION OF OPENING/ANNOUNCEMENT OF VISITORS

The Chairperson, Cr. P R Perks declared the meeting open at 3.30pm, welcomed those in attendance and referred to the Acknowledgement of Country; Emergency Procedure; the Disclaimer and Affirmation of Civic Duty and Responsibility on behalf of Councillors and Officers:

Acknowledgement of Country

The Shire of Dardanup wishes to acknowledge that this meeting is being held on the traditional lands of the Noongar people. In doing this, we recognise and respect their continuing culture and the contribution they make to the life of this region by recognising the strength, resilience and capacity of Wardandi people in this land.

Affirmation of Civic Duty and Responsibility

Councillors and Officers of the Shire of Dardanup collectively declare that we will duly, faithfully, honestly and with integrity fulfil the duties of our respective office and positions for all the people in the district according to the best of our judgement and ability. We will observe the Shire's Code of Conduct and Standing Orders to ensure efficient, effective and orderly decision making within this forum.

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2. RECORD OF ATTENDANCE/APOLOGIES/LEAVE OF ABSENCE PREVIOUSLY APPROVED

2.1 Attendance

Cr Patricia Perks	-	Deputy Chairperson
Cr Peter Robinson	-	Elected Member
Cr James Lee	-	Elected Member
Cr Janice Dow	-	Elected Member
Mr Luke Botica	-	Director Engineering & Development Services
Mr John Herbert	-	Main Roads WA
Mrs Bev Fortescue	-	Dardanup Primary School
Mr Peter Westgate	-	Department of Transport
Mr Barry Spice	-	Cycling Community
Snr Const Craig Cowcill	-	WA Police [3.43pm]
Mrs Peta Nolan	-	Executive Governance Officer

Observers

Ms Nicky Smith	-	Regional Road Safety Adviser
Ms Lee Holben	-	Manager Community Services
Mr Michael Hay	-	Industry Road Safety Alliance
Mr Brett Lowcock	-	Industry Road Safety Alliance
1C Const Annette Kelsall	-	WA Police [3.43pm]

2.2 Apologies

Mr Ken Lowth	-	Chairperson
Mrs Jill Cross	-	Community Member
Mr Cedric Getley	-	Cycling Community Member
Mr Sam Stubbs	-	Engineering Technical Officer

3. PETITIONS/DEPUTATIONS/PRESENTATIONS

3.1 Industry Road Safety Alliance – South West

Chairman, Mr Michael Hay and Deputy Chairperson, Mr Brett Lowcock will present the Industry Road Safety Alliance to the Committee. An Agenda item has been included at 8.3 for the Committee to consider the invitation to join the Industry Road Safety Alliance.

Discussion:

Chairperson, Industry Road Safety Alliance (the Alliance), Mr M Hay presented the background to the formation of the Alliance.

Deputy Chairperson, Industry Road Safety Alliance, Mr B Lowcock presented an overview of what the Alliance is today. He advised it is an Alliance

between member Shires, Industry, plus State Government agencies. It provides an opportunity to network and work on collective projects. Roads are currently being discussed around the Dardanup area.

He stated that workers live across the region and the Alliance is looking at the network across local governments. The Alliance has also created a lot of excellent promotional material.

Mr Lowcock advised that from a Shire of Collie perspective he see advantages and value to their community. The Alliance employs a Project Officer on a permanent basis who works on communications, projects, grants etc. An example of a recent project is the 2017 road safety calendars.

Mr Hay further advised that there is a campaign coming up targeting ones that you love. This campaign will be focusing on what is the state of a driver before picking up the keys. All Alliance members promote the theme at one time creating a more effective promotion.

Cr Robinson asked if there is an overlap between RRG and the Alliance. Mr Lowcock stated that RRG is more asset focused, whereas the Alliance is more about safety.

Cr. P Robinson acknowledged that the first year is free. He asked whether the member should be an elected representative or a staff member. Mr Lowcock advised that as the Director of Engineering of Collie he sits on the Committee however it would be up to the Shire to nominate a representative. He also advised that the meetings are held bi-monthly.

Cr Dow asked what is the difference between Alliance and Roadwise. Mr Lowcock advised that the Alliance has industry members.

Note: Snr Constable Craig Cowcill and First Class Constable Annette Kelsall joined the meeting [3.43pm].

Mr Lowcock advised that for \$3,000 you get a lot of resources and materials for the community. These can be shared out amongst the workforce. The Alliance has a Facebook page and the networking and consultation is also very valuable, particularly with industry.

Cr. J Dow expressed concern that will all of the promotion etc the road toll is not declining. Cr. P R Perks stated that road safety is a complex issue and needs to be addressed as a multi-pronged approach.

Cr. P Robinson advised that statistics show that the road toll is being reduced. Last year was 161 fatalities which represents a 20 percent reduction. He advised that we are slowly but surely improving.

Department of Transport representative, Mr Peter Westgate advised that they sit on Alliances across the state. These Alliances are very well respected at a state level. It is a bigger picture forum and has a higher level of staff membership from state government organisations.

Cr Dow asked who is currently involved. Mr Lowcock advised that there are currently three member Shires being Collie, Harvey and Boddington. The Shire of Murray are currently considering membership and an invitation has extended to Capel and Donnybrook.

Note: Mr Michael Hay and Mr Brett Lowcock left the meeting [3.50pm].

3.2 Monash University Accident Research Centre (MUARC) Program

Cr Peter Robinson, will provide a brief report about the MUARC Program and follow up road safety activities that he has attended recently.

Discussion:

Cr. P Robinson advised that he joined the South West Regional Road Group following last year's elections and made the following presentation.

When the invitation to the MUARC program arrived I looked at the three days and thought, three days in Perth geez. Our MRWA rep our Tech Chair then Luke our Dir of Engineering encouraged me to attend. So somewhat reluctantly I agreed, and headed off to the big smoke on a Sunday arvo. I have been a councillor for nearly 7 years and attended lots of WALGA training. I have to say that the MUARC program is the best Council related course that I have been to. For me it was brilliant.

Let me briefly explain

We were informed that 7 out of 10 road crashes are the results of mistakes. Not speeding, not drunk or drugs or not wearing a seatbelt. That means 113 of the total 2017 deaths were mistakes based.

We spent quite a bit of time understanding the Towards Zero aspiration, looking at other countries, statistics, graphs and so on.

Then we turned to what for me was the centrepiece piece of the three days, Safe System. Safe vehicles, safe drivers, safe roads and roadside and safe speeds. The MUARC team spent a lot of time on Safe System. The general premise for me was that Towards Zero which is behind target needs the overall support of Safe System. Having taken a good look at Safe System as presented by MUARC, I guess that the aim of the three days was to send participants out into the Road Safety world as disciples of the message.

Each table of about 8 participants was set a task, a task to be tackled over the next year. My group met three weeks ago, most in St George's Tce, George from Kal and me from Dardanup on conference call. We are set to reconvene in a week.

Since returning I have;

- *sent a one page report to all RRG members (elected and technical) our Dardanup Councillors and Roadwise members and my MUARC team,*
- *put forward two agenda items and a report on the course for our Roadwise group,*
- *am formulating a SWRRG item,*
- *joined with our MUARC group's task and*
- *delivered my MUARC report to a RRG Chairs' meeting whilst at WALGA.*

Let's watch this video that Nicky has provided.

<https://vimeo.com/141022515>

This is the Tasmanian video that deals with safe system. Narrated by Prof Ian Johnston one of the MUARC team. Quite graphic, well worth the watch. Check it out and share freely.

<http://bryan.westoznet.com/>

This maps the fatalities and serious injuries in the South West. Click on the dots and the details of the incident will appear. It is very interesting. Do you think that there are patterns there? Made by one of our MUARC table members Bryan. Check it out and share freely.

This is the task that our table was set by MUARC. We have met in July and our next meeting is in August.

8. Regional infrastructure and speed limit trade off challenge. An important challenge is recognition that we will never afford gold plated safety for high speed roads everywhere. How do we progress upgrading some roads with available scarce resources to maintain high travel speed, while lowering speed limits on lower safety quality, lower volume roads? How do we make the community aware of the risk reduction impacts of high speed limit reductions and of targeted infrastructure safety investment?

4. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

4.1 Roadwise Committee Meeting Held 7 June 2018

OFFICER RECOMMENDED RESOLUTION & ROADWISE COMMITTEE RESOLUTION

RW 8-18 MOVED - Cr. P Robinson SECONDED – Mr. J Herbert

THAT the Minutes of the Roadwise Committee Meeting held on 7 June 2018, be confirmed as true and correct subject to no corrections.

CARRIED

5. ANNOUNCEMENTS OF MATTERS FOR WHICH MEETING MAY BE CLOSED

None.

6. QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS OF WHICH DUE NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN

None.

7. DECLARATION OF INTEREST

None.

8 REPORTS OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE MEMBERS**8.1 Title: Roadwise Road Safety Advisor – South West Report**

Please find attached the report provided by the Roadwise Road Safety Advisor (Appendix RW:8.1)

For Information.

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8.2 Title: Roadwise Strategic Action Plan – Update**Officer Comment - Mrs Peta Nolan - Executive Governance Officer**

The Roadwise Strategic Action Plan has been updated with the progress on each action to date. The updated Strategic Action Plan is attached at (Appendix RW:8.2) for the Committees discussion and comment.

For Information.

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8.3 Title: Invitation to Join the Industry Road Safety Alliance**Officer Comment – Mr Luke Botica - Director Engineering & Development Services**

As presented at Item 3 of this meeting the Industry Road Safety Alliance has extended an invitation to the Shire to join the Alliance. The details of the invitation and about the Alliance are attached at (Appendix RW:8.3) for your information.

The cost for the Shire to join the Alliance is \$3,000. The Shire has recently submitted an application for a Wespine Grant for a Speed Display Sign (refer to Action Item ACT 09-18 of Item 8.5 of this agenda). If the grant is successful it will require \$2,000 to be sourced from the 2018-2019 Roadwise Budget Allocation of \$2,000. Regardless of the outcome of the grant there is insufficient budget allocation to fund the Alliance annual membership fee. If the Committee believes it to be beneficial for the Shire of Dardanup to join the Alliance it is suggested that the Committee seek Council's approval of unbudgeted expenditure to cover the expenses.

The presentation and information has been provided for consideration by the Committee for recommendation to Council.

OFFICER RECOMMENDED RESOLUTION "A"

THAT the Dardanup Roadwise Committee recommends to Council that Council:

1. Accepts the invitation to join the Industry Road Safety Alliance at a cost of \$3,000 per annum;
2. Increases the expenditure allocation for Roadwise Programs (Account Number 12 1 3002) in the 2018-2019 Budget from \$2,000 to \$5,000;
3. The increase in expenditure of \$3,000 be approved as unbudgeted expenditure;
4. Appoints _____ as its representative to the Industry Road Safety Alliance.
5. Considers whether to continue its membership of the Industry Road Safety Alliance at the 2019-2020 Budget deliberations.

OR

OFFICER RECOMMENDED RESOLUTION "B"

THAT the Dardanup Roadwise Committee recommends to Council that Council receive the correspondence from the Industry Road Safety Alliance and advise that the Shire of Dardanup does not wish to accept the membership invitation.

Discussion:

Cr Robinson stated that the first year is free so it is a good opportunity to participate in the Alliance. He asked Director Engineering & Development Services, Mr L Botica whether we have the staff resources. Mr L Botica advised that he would be the member representative for staff and if he could not attend he would delegate one of the managers to attend and therefore this commitment could be accommodated.

The Committee agreed to recommend to accept the invitation to join the Roads Safety Alliance with the option of no costs for members until 30 June 2019 at which time a review of the members would be undertaken. It was agreed that the Director Engineering & Development Services would be recommended as its representative and the following resolution was put.

ROADWISE COMMITTEE RESOLUTION

RW 9 -18 MOVED - Cr. J Dow SECONDED – Cr. P Robinson

THAT the Dardanup Roadwise Committee recommends to Council that Council:

- 1. Accepts the invitation to join the Industry Road Safety Alliance with the option of no cost until 30 June 2019.**
- 2. A review is undertaken prior to the 2019/2020 budget deliberations to determine whether to continue with the membership at a cost of \$3000 per annum.**

3. Appoints Director Engineering & Development Services as its representative to the Industry Road Safety Alliance.

CARRIED

8.4 Title: RAC Helicopter Simulator at the Bull & Barrel Festival

Officer Comment – Mrs Peta Nolan - Executive Governance Officer

Community Member, Mrs Jill Cross has advised that the Bull & Barrel Festival Committee have successfully secured The RAC helicopter simulator for this years' festival. Mrs Cross has suggested that Roadwise could use it to promote safe driving on country roads as the real helicopter attends many road accidents in the South West. Mrs Cross is asking Committee members to put forward ideas and consider Roadwise involvement in this activity.

Details of the RAC helicopter simulator is attached at (Appendix RW:8.4) for your information.

Discussion:

Mrs P Nolan advised that if anyone was interested or had any ideas for Roadwise activities to compliment the RAC helicopter to please contact Jill Cross.

Mrs N Smith suggested that we check with RAC as they have conditions on activities surrounding the helicopter program. She also offered the Roadwise Road Safety Display trailer for the Committee's use.

Cr. J Dow suggested that the Road Safety Alliance may have some materials. Mrs N Smith advised that she works closely with Sarah from the Alliance on promotional projects.

8.5 Title: Dardanup Road Wise Committee Action Sheet

RW RES#	MEETING DATE.	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	ACTION	OUTCOME	STATUS
RW06/17	14-12-17	Luke Botica	Council write to Main Roads WA and request a reduction to the speed limit along Waterloo Road in the vicinity of Harris Road to Ferguson Road from 100kph to 80kph.	Endorsed by Council on 24-02-18. Email/data sent to MRWA 23-02-18. Shire Staff met MRWA staff on site. Awaiting report from Main Roads WA. Further submission under new application process 01-08-18.	Current
RW04/18	08-02-18	Nicola Smith Roadwise	Council approve the provision of a Trial Motorcycle and Scooter Education session; with funding being sourced from the South West Capacity Building Fund (Roadwise program); and requests support and attendance by the WALGA Regional Road Safety Advisor.	Endorsed by Council 07-03-18. Nicola Smith advised of outcome. Planning occurring with the Shires Programs Officer – Contractor is seeking Public Liability as a requirement for Shire Programs 01-08-18	Pending
ACT 05-18	07-06-2018	Peta Nolan Shire EGO	The Committee continue to work with SDERA and encourage the participation of the SDERA program in local schools.	Lisa Gartrell from SDERA to attend the October Meeting.	Current
ACT 06-18	07-06-2018	Peta Nolan Shire EGO	Write to the local schools advising of the Dardanup Roadwise Committee and its functions.	To be actioned	Current
ACT 07a-18	07-06-2018		As per the Council Resolution Item 3, with the design as approved by the Roadwise Committee, that the shared road use signs be fabricated and installed on Harris Road. Director Engineering & Development Services, Mr L Botica work with City of Bunbury for the sign to be installed within the City of Bunbury boundary at the commencement of Harris Road.	01-08-2018 – The sign design has been completed and signs ordered. Contact has been made with the City of Bunbury to request the sign to be installed on the Bunbury end of Harris Road. City of Bunbury have declined the offer for signage in their locality. Signs will be installed within the Shire of Dardanup boundary.	Current

RW RES#	MEETING DATE.	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	ACTION	OUTCOME	STATUS
ACT 07b-18	07-06-2018	Luke Botica Shire DECS	Investigate the feasibility of the provision of electronic warning signs for cyclists on Harris Road.	At this stage it has been advised that the cost of the electronic warning signs is approximately \$23,000 . Please refer to link for article and a video an example of how the signs operate http://www.amygillett.org.au/revolutionary-cyclists-ahead-warning-signs-deployed-2	Current
ACT 08-18	07-06-2018		That Regional Road Safety Officer, Mrs Nicola Smith work with Mrs Jill Cross and Shire Staff on a Communications Plan Calendar for implementation.	Communications Plan in progress – further work required.	Current
ACT 09-18	07-06-2018	Luke Botica Shire DECS	Arrange for research to be undertaken into the types of Speed Display Boards available and funding options available for this program.	Funding sources have been investigated and there are currently limited sources of funds for the purchase of the Speed Display signs. The cost per sign is approximately \$6,000. 01-08-18 – A Wespine Grant application is currently being prepared seeking \$3,810 to purchase 1 speed display sign with \$2,000 to be sourced from the Roadwise budget.	Current
ACT 10-18	07-06-2018	Luke Botica Shire DECS	Initiate investigations into the concept of a 150m Courtesy TOOT campaign with initial correspondence to the WA Police, South West Traffic Co-ordinator, Snr Sgt David Hurdle requesting comments about the Road Traffic Act and law enforcement implications of the concept.	Deferred until the October meeting for further discussion. A response has been received from the South West Traffic Co-ordinator advising of the regulation under the Road Traffic Code as follows: 190. Use of horns etc. A person shall not sound the horn or any other warning instrument in or on a vehicle, unless — (a) it is necessary to use the horn, or warning device, to warn other road users or animals of the approach or position of the vehicle; or (b) the horn, or warning device, is being used as part of an anti-theft device, or an alcohol ignition interlock device, fitted to the vehicle. Modified penalty: 1 PU	Current

8.6 Title: Shire of Dardanup – Community Safety & Crime Prevention Plan (The Plan)

Officer Comment – Mr Luke Botica -Director Engineering & Development Services

The Shire has commenced a review of its Community Safety & Crime Prevention Plan. As a part of the consultation process the Manager of Community Services, Mrs Lee Holben has requested that the Roadwise Committee provide comment and input into the Draft Plan with the view of identifying gaps and programs that will address community safety over the next ten years. The draft plan is attached at (Appendix RW: 8.5).

It is suggested that the Committee consider the appropriateness of having the Roadwise Program acknowledged in the Plan as a considerable community safety program provided by the Shire. Reference within the Plan could be made to the Annual Roadwise Strategic Action Plan and its commitment to the State Road Safety Strategy and the principles of the Safe System.

RECOMMENDED ACTION

That the Roadwise Committee provide the following comments to the Manager of Community Services :-

1. Consideration be given to identifying Roadwise as a significant community safety initiative within the Shire;
2. The Annual Roadwise Strategic Action Plan be identified as a key outcome for road safety within the Shire.

Discussion:

Manager Community Services, Ms Lee Holben advised that the Community Safety & Crime Prevention Plan (CSCPP) is currently in draft format and based on the Strategic Community Plan.

Ms Holben referred to Page 8 of the draft plan which shows that there is a decline in crime in the Shire. Almost half the amount of incidents in the Millbridge area. Decline in reported crime.

Ms Holben also referred to Page 10 of the draft plan where the Roadwise initiatives could be included in the Plan. Feedback is being sought from the Roadwise Committee.

Ms Holben advised that information has been received from young people in the community and the Shire is also calling for feedback from Roadwise members

Ms Holben advised that the Police will be consulted throughout the process.

Director Engineering & Development Services, Mr L Botica requested the above recommended action become a resolution of the Committee as follows:-

ROADWISE COMMITTEE RESOLUTION

RW10-18 MOVED - Cr. P Robinson SECONDED - Mr J Herbert

THAT the Roadwise Committee provide the following comments regarding the Community Safety & Crime Prevention Plan (CSCPP)

- 1. Consideration be given to identifying Roadwise as a significant community safety initiative within the Shire;**
- 2. The Annual Roadwise Strategic Action Plan be identified as a key outcome for road safety within the Shire.**

CARRIED

9. ELECTED MEMBER MOTIONS OF WHICH PREVIOUS NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN

9.1 Title: Trial of 40kph speed limit – Dardanup Townsite

Elected Member Comment - Cr. Peter Robinson

At the Monash University Accident Research Centre (MUARC) Road safety program participants were informed of the real value in a reduction of speed on our roads. A drop of 10kph across our road speed limits would result in a significant lowering of Fatalities and Serious Injuries (SIK). This claim is supported by extensive analysis of crash data over many years.

Currently the default speed limit for the Dardanup townsite is 50kph. Around the schools it is 40kph. As a small townsite the difference in travel time between 50kph and 40kph from, let's say, the Post Office to Dardanup Primary School is minimal. The danger levels of children coming into contact with moving vehicles is low around the schools as they are under the supervision of adults, yet where they might play on front yards, going to and from Carramar and skate park etc, the default speed is higher. The result of a pedestrian or cyclist coming into contact with a moving vehicle at above 30kph and coming off well is very low. At 30kph perhaps not too bad but at 50kph consequences can be very severe. The human body is just not capable of absorbing the energy associated with a car of about 1600kgs moving at 50kph!

I understand that the Town of Vincent is seeking to undertake a similar initiative.

I am seeking support for an approach to the community for this initiative. This could be a first for a regional town.

Officer Comment – Mr Luke Botica - Director Engineering & Development Services

In February 2018 the Shire sent a request to Main Roads WA to review the section of Ferguson Road (near the intersection of Boyanup Picton Road) with the intention of reducing the speed down to 50km/hr or 40km/h. The report attached at (Appendix RW: 8.6) was attached for MRWA consideration.

The following response was received from Main Roads WA:-

“Ferguson Rd is a Regional Distributor Road with a determined speed of 60 km/h. The count supplied shows the 85% speed being 67.32 km/h. The implementation of a lower speed limit in this section would most likely only have a minimal effect on the actual operating speeds chosen by the majority of motorists. If the speed limit does not appear credible, experience has shown that a high percentage of motorists will drive at a speed that they consider to be appropriate, reasonable compliance levels will only be achieved if regular enforcement is undertaken by Police.

Main Roads have reviewed the speed zoning and it has been determined that the 60 km/h buffer speed zone is appropriate at this location, and as such MRWA does not support the request of 40 km/h or 50 km/h speed zone. Main Roads will however install two new 60 km/h signs at the start of Ferguson Rd (off Boyanup-Picton Rd), as these seem to be missing.”

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

That the Dardanup Roadwise Committee seek the support of Main Roads WA and the Road Safety Commission for the development and implementation of a project to trial a 40km/h area speed zone at the Dardanup townsite.

Note: Mrs L Holben left the meeting [4.32]

Discussion:

Cr. P Robinson advised that he would like the Committees support for this project. He is suggesting that the Dardanup townsite be trialled as a 40 kph zone. The Town of Vincent are doing it.

Cr. P Robinson advised that this project would need to go to the community for support and stated that he believes that we can reduce the amount of people who are killed or seriously injured.

Cr. J Dow advised that she does not agree with reducing the speed to 40kph and that roads are for cars and not pedestrians.

Cr P Perks advised that the main area being considered consists of the school, Skatepark and sporting grounds.

Senior Constable Craig Cowcill suggested that the crash statistics need to be considered. Cr. P Robinson advised that to his knowledge there has been one fatality outside of the hall by motorbike. He also advised that Superintendent Mike Hays from the South West District Officer advised that he would support such a trial.

Cr. J Dow stated that such a request should come from the community, not be forced upon them.

Cr. P Robinson advised that he has met with four people recently and four who live in town support the reduction.

Dardanup Primary School representative, Mrs Bev Fortescue expressed her support for the speed reduction. She stated that it is not just locals who know the area and that Ferguson Road is used by visitors, motorbike riders and heavy haulage vehicles who are not aware of area. She feels this trial to

quite relevant. Cr. P Robinson advised that he will need to consult further with the other residents including the residents associations.

Mr P Westgate suggested that the Committee consider the Active Transport Program of the Department of Transport which supports pedestrians, cyclist and motorists.

As the Committee felt that further community consultation was required and further research into the implementation the Committee proposed that the Action become a resolution.

ROADWISE COMMITTEE RESOLUTION

RW 11 -18 MOVED - Cr. P Robinson SECONDED - Ms B Fortescue

THAT the Dardanup Roadwise Committee support a 40kph area speed zone trial at the Dardanup townsite and that further planning and consultation is undertaken.

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9.2 Title: Support for Young Drivers Trial – Dardanup

Elected Member Comment - Cr. Peter Robinson Report

Currently young drivers need to clock up 100 hours of accompanied driving experience. This is an arduous requirement. Data suggests that 80 hours brings about the desired improvement in expertise.

The Young Drivers program that is supported by the RAC operates in the metro and some regional cities. It involves the supply of a vehicle, the payment of a fee by young driver and a computer based booking system. I understand the Bunbury scheme is working at close to capacity.

I am interested in investigating the possibility of a smaller scheme, similar to the RAC Young Driver scheme but locally based. Something along the lines of a group of volunteer experienced drivers assisting young drivers in Dardanup and surround. This would involve the establishment of two lists of participants and a set of operational guidelines. There would be a number of 16/17 year olds in the area and hopefully volunteers of suitable experience.

I am seeking support for an approach to the community for this initiative. This could be a first for a small regional town.

Officer Comment – Mr Luke Botica - Director Engineering & Development Services

This initiative could be developed and trialled through the Dardanup Roadwise Committee. It should be noted that the system will need to have a rigorous screening process of volunteers in order to manage the safety of drivers.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

That the Dardanup Roadwise Committee include in its Strategic Action Plan a project to develop and establish a Young Drivers Program in the local community.

Discussion:

Mr Westgate confirmed that learner drivers are required to undertake 50 hours however he did confirm that there is a national drive to get to the 100 hour standard.

Cr. P Robinson advised that with the 50 hour requirement the program may not be as critical however Mr Westgate advised that there are still many young people who need assistance to achieve these hours.

Mrs N Smith advised that the City of Bunbury and City of Busselton are currently adopting the RYDE (Regional Youth Driver Education) Program which is currently an unfunded program. The program matches up people with mentors and is targeted at meeting the needs of young people who are most in need. Mrs Smith advised that this program could be spread to the Dardanup Shire. The program is operated through South West Youth Driver Development who are fully insured.

Mr Westgate advised that many young people experience issues with night driving as this is now a requirement.

ROADWISE COMMITTEE ENDORSED ACTION 11-18:

Mrs N Smith to arrange for a presentation of the RYDE program to the next Roadwise Committee.

9.3 Title: Request for Review of Regularity of Roadwise Meetings and Times

A request has been received by Cr Dow for the Committee to review the meeting times and consider changing the meetings from bi-monthly to quarterly with the meetings commencing at 3.00pm or earlier to ensure the meeting finishes within working hours.

Discussion:

Cr. J Dow requested the Committee consider this proposal considering the commitment of staff time every two months as well as the overtime for staff and representatives if the meetings are lengthy.

Ms Fortescue advised that this issue has been discussed recently and the meeting time was set so that a school representative can attend the meetings.

Cr. P R Perks suggested that she supports keeping the current frequency and times however it is important that the Committee stay on task with discussion and keep the meetings to the specified time.

Cr. P Robinson and Mr Herbert advised they support the current arrangements.

Cr. J Dow advised that following discussion she would withdraw her recommendation.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

That the Dardanup Roadwise Committee change it meeting frequency and time as follows:

Meeting frequency – _____

Meeting time - _____

WITHDRAWN

10. NEW BUSINESS OF AN URGENT NATURE

None.

11. MATTERS BEHIND CLOSED DOORS

None.

12. CLOSURE OF MEETING.

The Chairperson advised that the date of the next Roadwise Committee Meeting will be Thursday 4 October 2018, commencing at 3.30pm at the Shire of Dardanup - Administration Centre Eaton.

There being no further business the Chairperson declared the meeting closed at 4.52pm.