

Shire of Denmark
Minutes



ROADWISE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

HELD IN THE RECEPTION ROOM,
953 SOUTH COAST HIGHWAY, DENMARK,
THURSDAY 13 MAY 2021.

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1. DECLARATION OF OPENING

10.20am – *The Presiding Person, Cr Roger Seeney, declared the meeting open.*

2. RECORD OF ATTENDANCE/APOLOGIES

MEMBERS:

Cr Roger Seeney	Council Representative (Presiding Person)
Ms Melanie Benson	Department of Transport
Ms Angela Willey	Denmark Senior High School
Ms Courtney Lockyer	Denmark Primary School P & C
Sergeant Matt Hartfield	OIC Denmark Police
Mr Brad Lenton	Main Road Western Australia
Sergeant Dave Murphy	OIC Walpole Police

STAFF:

Mr David King	Director Assets & Sustainable Development (DASD)
Ms Lisa Sanders	Executive Support Officer

APOLOGIES

Marion Macdougall	St John Ambulance
WALGA Road Safety Advisor	Great Southern Representative
WA College of Agriculture	Denmark

ABSENT

Nil

3. ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE PRESIDING PERSON

Cr Roger Seeney congratulated Angela Willey on her wedding and noted change of name to Mrs Angela Kendall.

4. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

4.1 COMMITTEE MEETING – 18 FEBRUARY 2021

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION	ITEM 4.1
MOVED: ANGELA KENDALL	SECONDED: COURTNEY LOCKYER
That the minutes of the RoadWise Advisory Committee meeting held on the 18 February 2021, be confirmed as a true and correct record of the proceedings, subject to noting that due to conflicting meetings, the 15 April 2021 meeting was postponed and rescheduled for 13 May 2021.	
CARRIED: 7/0	

5. REPORTS

5.1 SOBER SUPER HERO CAMPAIGN UPDATE

Sergeant Matt Hartfield advised that the *Sober Super Hero Campaign* was completed and that there had been positive feedback from the community on the programme. Sgt Hartfield said that the Denmark Police would be interested in supporting next years' campaign.

Sgt Hartfield noted that during the campaign many of the same people had been pulled over for roadside testing and suggested that perhaps a change to future campaigns could be considered to wider the participation.

Cr Seeney thanked Sergeant Hartfield for all the hard work undertaken by his staff.

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION	ITEM 5.1
<p>MOVED: SERGEANT MATT HARTFIELD That the Committee Secretary arrange a letter of thanks to be provided to all businesses who supported the programme.</p>	<p>SECONDED: MELANIE BENSON</p>
<p>CARRIED: 7/0</p>	

5.2 COURTESY SPEED SIGNS UPDATE

The Director of Assets and Sustainable Development advised that the signs had been applied for and had been due to arrive 22 March 2021 however, they had not been received by the Shire until 1 April 2021. Mr King said that because of the delay in receiving the signs and Depot Staff being on leave, it had meant they had not been erected in time for the Easter break.

Mr King advised that officers would be providing feedback to WALGA regarding the length of time to receive the Speed Signs.

Cr Roger Seeney enquired about requesting the signs in advance in light of the freight delays or the possibility of the Shire acquiring their own signs.

OUTCOME

- *Officers to provide feedback to WALGA and investigate the option of the Shire obtaining their own signs.*

6. GENERAL BUSINESS

6.1 LETTER FROM THE NORNALUP RESIDENTS AND RATEPAYERS ASSOCIATION

Cr Roger Seeney presented the Committee with a letter received from the Nornalup Residents and Ratepayers Association and suggested that independent agencies be approached by the Nornalup Residents and Ratepayers Association (eg. Main Roads WA) to request letters of support for their requested works. Cr Seeney also suggested that the Committee ask Council to write letter of support as Cr Seeney can see the safety issues and feels they need addressing immediately.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION	ITEM 6
<p>MOVED: ANGELA KENDELL That the Roadwise Advisory Committee recommend that Council PROVIDE a letter of support to Main Roads WA regarding the issues raised in the letter from the Nornalup Residents and Ratepayers Association.</p>	<p>SERGEANT: MATT HARTFIELD</p>
<p>CARRIED: 6/1</p>	
<p><i>Mr Lenton chose not to vote on the matter due to his employment with Main Roads WA as the issues raised would need to be considered by Main Roads WA in due course.</i></p>	

6.2 FATALITY STATUS

Mr Lenton advised that in 2020 there had been 11 fatalities in the Great Southern and to date, in 2021, there had been 12.

6.3 DENMARK PRIMARY SCHOOL PARKING

Ms Lockyer discussed progress with plans for parking around the Primary School to improve safety and capacity. Ms Lockyer said that she believed that the Department of Education had written to the Shire requesting costing/draft concept plans for Thornton Road and Brazier Street.

OUTCOME

- *The Director of Assets and Sustainable Development will search for the request from the Department of Education and notify the Committee of any progress at the next meeting.*

The Committee implied their support plans for parking upgrade due to the safety and the ongoing issues raised with lack of parking.

Discussion ensued and Zone signs around the school were also discussed. Mr King has noted that there appears to be lack of signage at the Barnett Street/Brazier Street intersection and will action a request with Main Roads.

6.4 DENMARK HIGH SCHOOL EXIT ROAD WIDENING

Mrs Kendell queried widening of the exit from the School for busses, due to the impact of busses crossing over lanes when existing onto South Coast Highway.

Mr King suggested organising an independent road safety review to assess options available which could then be referred to Main Roads WA.

7. NEXT MEETING

The date of the next meeting of the Roadwise Advisory Committee to be held on Thursday, 10 June 2021 at 10.00am in the Shire of Denmark Committee Room.

8. CLOSURE OF MEETING

11.25am - There being no further business to discuss the Presiding Person, Cr Roger Seeney, declared the meeting closed.

The Director Assets & Sustainable Development recommends the endorsement of these minutes at the next meeting.

Signed: _____
David King – Director Assets & Sustainable Development

Date: _____

These minutes were confirmed at the meeting of the RoadWise Committee

Signed: _____
(Presiding Person at the meeting at which the minutes were confirmed.)



NORNALUP RESIDENTS AND RATEPAYERS ASSOCIATION INC

11th May 2021

TO: Cr Roger Seeney.

Chair Denmark Road Wise Committee.

PEDESTRIAN AND CYCLE ACCESS – NORNALUP WALPOLE

The Nornalup Residents and Ratepayer's Association (NRRRA) wishes to raise with the Shires of Denmark and Manjimup, Main Roads WA, and WA Police and other authorities, the dangerous lack of pedestrian access across the Frankland River at Nornalup.

Access across Frankland River at Nornalup is currently via a narrow two lane bridge, with no pedestrian walkway. The bridge is necessarily used by a variety of vehicles, including heavy freight trucks, TransWA buses and local and tourist traffic including caravans. With increasing tourist interest in the area, a growing number of residents on the west side of the bridge, and no alternative river crossing within a reasonable distance, the bridge is increasingly being used by pedestrians, and with the 70km speed limit across the bridge it, is only of time before a serious injury or fatality occurs.

The NRRRA has been in discussion with the Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions (DBCA) about the proposal to establish an upgraded walk trail between the Walpole and the Valley of the Giants, as part of Covid related stimulus expenditure. At present, aside from the bridge at Nornalup, the only option for the trail to cross the Frankland River is via Sappers Bridge, well upstream from Nornalup, and which would require a lengthy deviation. Additionally, this route would bypass Nornalup and deprive the town of tourism opportunities and make it impractical for Nornalup residents and visitors to access the trail. Furthermore, the objective of DBCA to make the proposed trail suitable for all abilities would be hampered by a river crossing at Sappers Bridge.

NRRRA believes that – subject to detailed engineering design and MRWA endorsement – a cantilevered, separated, road level walkway on the north side of the Frankland Bridge and Nornalup would remedy the current situation. This will both assist in making the river crossing safer and contribute to the tourism potential of Nornalup.

We therefore request that you urgently consider this matter. We would be happy to meet with all parties to discuss the matter and expedite a resolution.

Yours Sincerely

John Yeates

On Behalf of The Committee of The Nornalup Residents and Ratepayers Association