

SHIRE OF DENMARK
Minutes



ROADWISE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

HELD IN THE COMMITTEE ROOM
953 SOUTH COAST HWY, DENMARK,
TUESDAY, 13 JANUARY 2015, COMMENCED AT 10:05AM.

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Council Committee Meeting

13 January 2015

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1. DECLARATION OF OPENING/ANNOUNCEMENT OF VISITORS

10:05 am Cr Morrell, the presiding person, declared the meeting open.

2. RECORD OF ATTENDANCE/APOLOGIES/APPROVED LEAVE OF ABSENCEMEMBERS:

Cr David Morrell	Shire of Denmark
Ms Erin McDonald-Lee	RoadWise Great Southern
Mr John Schindler	Denmark Over 50's Association
Mr Wayne Austin	Denmark High School
Mr Murray Flett	Main Roads WA
Ms Melanie Benson	Department of Transport

STAFF:

Mr Martin Buczak	Director Infrastructure Services
Erica Sayer	Engineering Administration Officer

APOLOGIES:

Mrs Marion Macdougall	Denmark St John Ambulance
Mr Michael Neunuebel	Denmark Primary School P& C Association
Ms Larrissa Reccichi	Denmark Health Service
Sgt Andrew Dunn	Denmark Police

ON LEAVE OF ABSENCE:

Nil

ABSENT:

Nil

VISITORS:

Nil

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

Name	Item No	Interest	Nature

3. ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE PERSON PRESIDING

Nil

4. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**4.1 COMMITTEE MEETING**

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION	ITEM 4.1
MOVED: Wayne Austin	SECONDED: Erin McDonald-Lee
That the minutes of the RoadWise Advisory Committee meeting held on 18 November 2014, be confirmed as a true and correct record of the proceedings.	
CARRIED	

5. OFFICER REPORTS

5.1 ROAD RIBBONS FOR ROAD SAFETY

The campaign this year ran similar to last where the Shire Admin Office, Denmark High School, Denmark Police and Denmark Health Service all had counter displays of the Road Ribbons for Road Safety.

The campaign has now finished. How does the Committee feel it went in Denmark? Do we feel we were able to promote it in the way we wanted to? Would we want to do anything differently for next year? How did this campaign compare to previous years with the Ribbons being specifically designed for road safety as opposed to plain white ribbons?

All user groups were happy how the ribbons were disseminated and it was visibly easier to determine the difference between the ribbons this year as they have been changed to a grey colour with a broken line down the centre to be similar to a road. Cr Morrell asked if it were possible to have the ribbon designed slightly different ie not a looped ribbon just a straight section of ribbon with a pin at the top being a simpler design it may be worth while giving the feedback to the user group. The Committee agreed to have a banner designed specifically for Denmark and WALGA will provide the funding. This is to be displayed on the banner board near Beveridge St during the Road Ribbons for Road Safety period in November each year. There were no volunteers to take the task on for design.

Outcome: Continue to order Road Ribbons for Road Safety each year and have them available on the counters of existing places (ie Council Admin, Denmark High School, Denmark Police and Denmark Health Service) and for Erica Sayer to email the RoadWise Committee Members for ideas on design for the Road Safety banner.

5.2 ANZAC DISTRACTION QUIZ RESULTS AND REPORT

At the previous RoadWise meeting held in November the winning entries were drawn for this competition and Erin McDonald-Lee took the quiz entries away to collate the results and present to the Committee at this meeting. You will find the results and report attached to the Agenda as Appendix I.

A lot of the drivers appreciated receiving something at the time during the police stop. There were messages about distracted drivers within the showbags handed out and the committee members that attended the stop felt it was a positive move to have the stop. Discussion ensued between Cr Morrell and Erin McDonald-Lee relating to creating a broader audience to achieve better responses. There was no further outcome relating to this item.

5.3 NOVICE DRIVER QUIZ RESULTS AND REPORT

At the previous RoadWise meeting held in November the winning entries were drawn for this competition and Erin McDonald-Lee took the quiz entries away to collate the results and present to the Committee at this meeting. You will find the results and report attached to the Agenda as Appendix II.

Suggestions were made as to the delivery of the message set with the quiz sheets. If this program is to be followed in years to come there should be time made within the presentation for the young people to fill out their quiz responses and deposit the entry forms in the box as they leave the room. This can be facilitated on the day of the next Novice Driver Presentation.

6. GENERAL BUSINESS

6.1 AUSTRALIA DAY BREAKFAST

The Denmark Shire Australia Day Breakfast will be held at Berridge Park again this year. The Denmark RoadWise Committee has a quiz based on Speeding and an entry box along with the quiz sheets will be placed within the Emergency Services area on the

morning of the breakfast. Last year there was a great response to this campaign with 76 entries in total received. There will be a prize of a \$50 fuel voucher for the correct entry drawn on the morning during the presentations.

Would Committee like a short 'blurb' about safe speeds to be presented on the morning prior to the draw? If so who would Committee like to nominate to give the presentation?

Outcome: *Erica Sayer to compile a short speech for Councillor Morrell to deliver, giving information to the community about RoadWise and for the safe speed message to be spoken of prior to the draw of the entries on the day.*

6.2 SPEED INFORMATION

There has been a request by committee to review the traffic count data in relation to assessing the regularity of speeding vehicles.

Infrastructure Services Staff have researched this and provide the following response; Yes the counters are capable of logging vehicle speeds.

In order capture all of the traffic volume, traffic counters are normally placed close to intersections and other bottle necks etc where vehicle speeds are not reflected as per the posted speed limit.

Traffic Counters can be placed on a straight stretch of road to determine vehicle speeds if requested by the Committee or the Community however the accuracy of the traffic counts may be compromised.

Committee members are asked if there are any areas of concern in which we could use the traffic counters to give us further information in order to target these areas.

Martin Buczak explained how Council responds to speed requests by the Community and discussion ensued as per the process involved.

If there are perceived speeding concerns then Community can request the traffic counters be placed to record the speeds.

Murray Flett MRWA also addressed the Committee in relation to speeding and how the percentiles are used to determine if there is an issue in an area. MRWA being the governing body of speed zones.

Outcome: *follow up report on Mt Shadforth Rd speed zone that was set last year to be submitted to Committee for next meeting.*

6.3 SAFE ROADS AND ROADSIDES

This item has been placed on the agenda to allow Committee members time to discuss and share any information in relation to safe roads and roadsides.

Are there any specific road environments that Committee members would like to currently discuss? When black spot funding becomes available for certain projects then they should be advertised as funded projects. It was agreed by Committee that as the funding is awarded it will be advertised via Council Conversations and members will also be notified via the next scheduled Committee Meeting

7. MEMBER REPORTS TO COMMITTEE

Murray Flett MRWA: Announced that McLeod Rd and South Coast Hwy intersection has been put up for funding for the 2015/16 FY. Section between Lights Rd and Little River will have corrective road works done. 29 crashes have been on South Coast Hwy in four years contributable to Kangaroos and MRWA have increased sight lines along the road verges along SCH due to this. There will be another 12 months of verge clearing to be done between the Hay River and Nornalup.

Cr Morrell raised the issue about the Illuminated 40kph school zone for the Denmark Senior High School. Committee has requested Cr Morrell to pursue information relating to the installation of the electronic School Zone Signage.

10:56 am Cr Morrell left the room and did not return

Cr Morrell left the meeting due to an appointment and Wayne Austin assumed the chair.

Erin McDonald-Lee WALGA: reported to Committee that the Road safety newsletter will be starting up again and asked Committee members to please ensure Erin has individual email addresses.

Melanie Benson DoT: nothing to report.

Wayne Austin Denmark High School: also raised concern about the time it will take to install the illuminated 40kph signs in the Denmark High School Zone due to younger children starting at High School on 2 Feb 2015.

John Schindler Denmark Over 50s Assoc: Intersection of South Coast Hwy and Ocean Beach Rd, witnessed a near miss (accident) due to a person stopping to read the banner board on the corner of Ocean Beach Rd and South Coast Hwy. Discussion ensued in relation to the upcoming proposed works on that intersection and it was agreed that with the upgrade of the intersection these issues will be dealt with.

8. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Committee will be held TBA (due to a change in work commitments for members), in the Committee Room.

9. CLOSURE OF MEETING

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 11:12pm.

<p>The Chief Executive Officer recommends the endorsement of these minutes at the next meeting.</p> <p>Signed: _____ <i>Gregg Harwood – Acting Chief Executive Officer</i></p> <p>Date: _____</p> <p>These minutes were confirmed at the meeting of the _____</p> <p>Signed: _____ <i>(Presiding Person at the meeting at which the minutes were confirmed.)</i></p>
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