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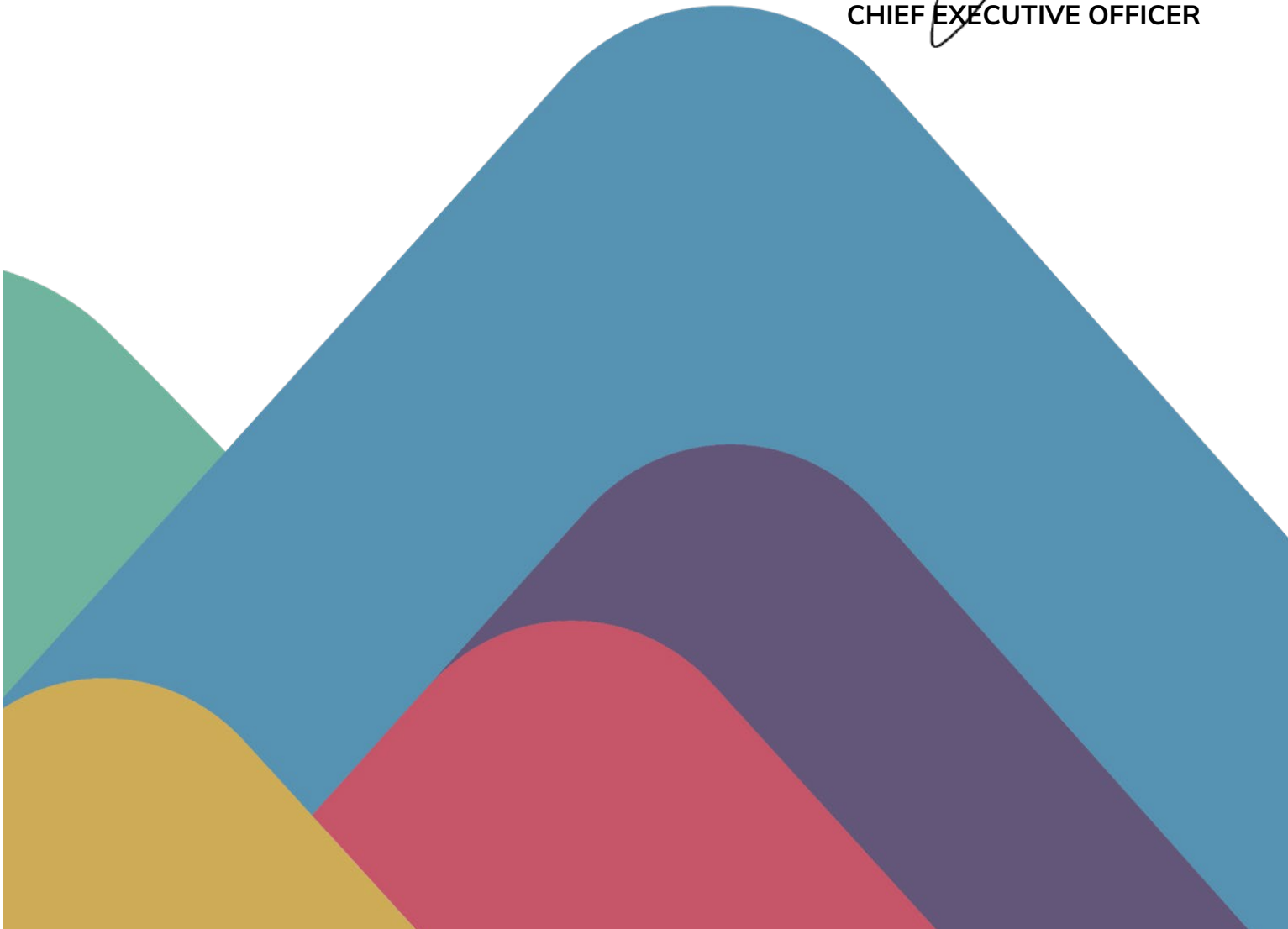
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# ROADWISE COMMITTEE

# MINUTES

A meeting of the Roadwise Advisory Committee  
held in the Committee Room,  
Lowood Road, Mount Barker WA 6324  
at 2:00pm on Thursday 19 December 2024

  
Julian Murphy  
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER



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Presiding Member: Cr B Bell

Deputy Presiding Member: Mr Wes Beck

**Membership: Quorum (5)**

Cr B Bell	Council Representative
Cr W Sheard	Council Representative
Cr R Brown	Council Representative
Mr K Hemmings	Executive Manager Works and Services
M Blackhurst	RoadWise Road Safety Advisor
Mr A Duffield	Main Roads WA
Mr B Lenton	Deputy for Main Roads WA
Sgt D Swain	Mount Barker Police
Sen Cons C Tester	Deputy for Mount Barker Police
Mr W Beck	Mount Barker Community College
Mrs E Drage	Community Representative
Vacant	Mount Barker Community College P&C Association
Vacant	Deputy for the Mount Barker Community College P&C Association

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**1 DECLARATION OF OPENING / ANNOUNCEMENT OF VISITORS**

2.07pm Mr Beck declared the meeting open.

**2 RECORD OF ATTENDANCE / APOLOGIES**Attendance

Mr W Beck	Mount Barker Community College
Cr W Sheard	Council Representative
Cr R Brown	Council Representative
Mr K Hemmings	Executive Manager Infrastructure & Assets
Mr B Lenton	Deputy for Main Roads WA
Mrs E Drage	Community Representative
Ms M Blackhurst	WALGA RoadWise Road Safety Officer

Visitor

Nil

Staff

Mrs H Buffham	Executive Assistant Infrastructure & Assets
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Apologies

Cr B Bell	Council Representative
Mr A Duffield	Main Roads WA
Sgt D Swain	Mount Barker Police
Sen Cons C Tester	Deputy for Mount Barker Police

**3 DISCLOSURE OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS**

Part 5, Division 6, Local Government Act 1995

**4 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

**Moved Mr Hemmings, Seconded Mrs Drage;**

**That the minutes of the meeting of the RoadWise Committee, held on Thursday 8 August 2024 be taken as read and adopted as a correct record.**

**CARRIED**

**The Meeting of 10 October 2024 was counted out as there was no quorum present.**

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## **5 REPORTS OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS AND OFFICERS**

### **5.1 SAFE SPEEDS**

#### **5.1.1 SPEED RESTRICTION – LOWOOD ROAD**

The request for a restricted speed of 40km/h within the Mount Barker town centre was discussed, in particular, Lowood Road from the Post Office to the Bakery.

Mr Lenton suggested the Shire put a case together with supporting documentation surrounding the request for reduced speeds on Lowood Road to submit to Main Roads WA for consideration.

Mr Hemmings advised that the Shire would provide a submission to Main Roads WA with a focus on Lowood Road.

### **5.2 SAFE ROAD USE**

#### **5.2.1 DRIVER REVIVER**

Mr Hemmings provided an update on the Driver Reviver trailer that is currently being prepared for the wrap to be applied. The artwork has been sent to the State Roads Commission for approval, prior to being applied in early 2025.

Mr Lenton suggested the Committee consider taking the Driver Reviver trailer to Tunny, working in partnership with the food van currently using the Tunny pull in bay or alternatively inviting the food van to join them at Tenterden.

### **5.3 SAFE VEHICLES**

Nil.

### **5.4 SAFE ROADS AND ROADSIDES**

Mr Hemmings advised that almost \$300,000 has been invested in mulching of roads for the 2024/2025 Road Construction programme to achieve the required standards.

Mr Hemmings reported that several concerns has been raised about the locations of the 40km/hr signs at the school crossing on Albany Highway.

Mr Lenton advised that the signs are temporary and will be replaced with the electronic speed limit signs (ESLS), being rolled out through the School Zones and Children's Crossings Improvement Program.

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See **Attachment One** for a Project Update/Fact Sheet from Main Roads WA.

## **6 AGENCY REPORTS**

### **6.1 ROADWISE**

Michelle Blackhurst introduced herself to the Committee and outlined ways to assist the Shire and the Roadwise Committee working in areas such as grant funding and road safety audits.

Ms Blackhurst advised that the LG Stars programme is a safety rating tool for Local Governments that can help to provide another piece of evidence to assist with funding opportunities.

Mr Hemmings requested Ms Blackhurst schedule a visit to conduct a safety audit of Lowood Road in late January or early February 2025 and will provide the locations prior to the visit.

### **6.2 MAIN ROADS WA**

Mr Lenton advised that work on Albany Highway is almost complete and no other major work is being done. Shoulder sealing work on Muir Highway is coming up and maintenance continues unabated.

Mr Lenton wished the Committee a Merry Christmas and safe travels on the roads.

### **6.3 MOUNT BARKER POLICE**

Sgt Swain was an apology and no report submitted.

### **6.4 SHIRE OF PLANTAGENET**

Mr Hemmings reported that reseals will be completed by Fulton Hogan after Christmas with a second coat seal on Eulup-Manurup Road and some of the smaller roads.

The clearing permit approval is expected in early 2025 for the preparation and sealing of Newman Road. O'Neill Road has been resheeted and will be sealed in 2025. Shoulder widening for Yellanup Road and failure's will be addressed on Woogenellup and Settlement Roads. Gravel resheets continue as part of the road construction programme for 2024/2025.

Mr Hemmings advised that works to Carbarup Road will complete the full extent of widening of this road in preparation for centre line marking.

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**6.5 MOUNT BARKER COMMUNITY COLLEGE**

Mr Beck advised that Leanne Prior is currently the acting Principal at the Mount Barker Community College.

**6.6 COMMUNITY MEMBER**

Mrs Drage did not present a report.

**6.7 MOUNT BARKER COMMUNITY COLLEGE P & C**

Position vacant.

The Mount Barker Community College P & C will advise of nominations for the position of Member and Deputy Member.

**7 NEXT MEETING**

Thursday 13 February 2025.

**8 MEETING CLOSURE**

2.45pm Mr Beck declared the meeting closed.

CONFIRMED: Presiding Member: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_

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# ATTACHMENT ONE

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