

ROAD SAFETY ADVISORY COUNCIL TOWARDS ZERO

MEETING 64

27 MAY 2026

MINUTES

1. WELCOME, ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES

Attendees

Scott Tilyard, Chair

Assistant Commissioner Adrian Bodnar, Tasmania Police

Mick Boyd, President, Tasmanian Motorcycle (TMC)

Michelle Harwood, Executive Director, Tasmanian Transport Association (TTA)

Alison Hetherington, President, Tasmanian Bicycle Council (TBC)

Paul Kingston, CEO, Motor Accidents Insurance Board (MAIB)

Dion Lester, CEO, Local Government Association of Tasmania (LGAT)

Mark Mugnaioni, CEO, Royal Automobile Club of Tasmania (RACT)

Apologies

Cynthia Heydon, Deputy Secretary Transport and Infrastructure, Department of State Growth (State Growth)

Dr Blair Turner, Road Safety Expert

Observers

Inspector Vanessa Castle, State Road Safety Coordinator, Tasmania Police

Ange Collis, Manager RSAC Secretariat, State Growth

Courtney Hayles, Executive Manager Engagement, Communications and Governance, MAIB

Craig Hoey, Manager Road Safety, State Growth

Yvette Stubbs, Manager Marketing and Communications, State Growth

James Verrier, General Manager Transport Policy and Planning, State Growth

Newton Wiseman, Manager ATE Program, State Growth

State Growth presenters:

Mark Bandick, Policy and Project Officer - Speed, State Growth

Alan Rushworth, Senior Policy Officer, State Growth

Elliot Thorp, Project Officer, State Growth

Newton Wiseman, Manager ATE Program, State Growth

1. WELCOME

The Chair welcomed members and observers to the 64th meeting of the Road Safety Advisory Council (RSAC).

2. PETER FRAZER, SARAH GROUP

This agenda item was cancelled due to Peter Frazer's inability to attend.

3. CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Mark Mugnaioni, CEO, RACT declared a conflict of interest for agenda item 5.

4. MINUTES AND ACTIONS OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

RSAC endorsed the minutes of the 25 February 2026 meeting. RSAC noted the status of actions from the meeting. Most actions have been completed or were for discussion on the agenda. The item on the alternative governance structure has been deferred to August 2026.

5. SROI EARLY INSIGHTS FROM SVA ON DRIVING FOR JOBS

Social Ventures Australia (SVA) presented early insights into the social return on investment (SROI) for the Driving for Jobs program. 264 participants were supported in the 2025 program with 62 participants obtaining a provisional licence and 76 obtaining a learner's licence. The SROI ratio noted a \$3.9 social and economic return for every \$1 invested. The road safety benefit of such a program included improved understanding of road rules and the licensing system and the benefit of receiving driving lessons to obtain a licence.

RSAC endorsed continuing funding for the Driving for Jobs program to the end of the 2027 calendar year. State Growth is to liaise with the Department of Education, Children and Young People (DECYP) to discuss extending the program.

Actions

- State Growth is to liaise with DECYP to discuss extending the program. (Craig Hoey)
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6. AUTOMATED TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT (ATE) PROGRAM – IN-MOTION ENFORCEMENT TECHNOLOGY TRIAL PRESENTATION

RSAC noted the presentation by Elliot Thorp, Project Officer, State Growth about the ATE in-motion enforcement technology trial. In-motion is a new technology and has possible potential to supplement existing enforcement on rural roads, while also delivering broader behaviour change and operational benefit. RSAC discussed delivery of the technology and public communications about the trial, should it proceed.

RSAC considered the \$300,000 funding required to undertake the trial but funding was not recommended as a priority under current budget constraints. Should additional Levy funding become available, funding for the trial should be reconsidered.

7. SPEED MANAGEMENT STRATEGY PRESENTATION

RSAC noted the presentation by Mark Bandick, Policy and Project Officer - Speed, State Growth on the development of the Speed Management Strategy and Implementation and Evaluation Plan. A communications plan is also being finalised. This identifies risks, barriers, opportunities in the Tasmanian context and sets out the type of engagement and communication required. It will include key messages to guide road authorities and managers, practitioners and partners.

Delivery of the Strategy will cost around \$13.5 million over five years, with \$11.6 million being additional funding for local government. This includes additional funding for the

Vulnerable Road User and Safer Rural Roads programs, funding to contract services for technical speed management, community engagement, communications and a coordinating function within the Road Safety Branch.

RSAC discussed the importance of communications in gaining support for speed management and explaining the science behind it. Media engagement will be crucial in this. RSAC further discussed matching infrastructure design features to speed limits, reviewing speed limit setting and the need for a speed limit assessment and prioritisation plan. Partnerships are also important and will support safer speed policies in workplaces. RSAC noted that Austroads is currently developing a toolkit for communications on speed management.

8. 2026-27 ROAD SAFETY LEVY BUDGET APPROVAL

RSAC noted the presentation in regard to the 2026-27 Road Safety Levy budget and endorsed the committed funding of \$27.5 million. This includes \$250,000 for the development of the next road safety strategy and \$200,000 funding for Driver Mentoring Tasmania.

RSAC noted that as the Government has committed \$1.457 million to the Automated Traffic Enforcement (ATE) Program. Funding of \$8.417 million is therefore required from the Levy to continue the program to 2027-28. RSAC endorsed this funding.

RSAC noted that \$4.17 million is uncommitted for the 2026-27 financial year, but that the current projected deficit is \$3.1 million unless the Road Safety Levy is extended by Government. RSAC noted that until the Levy extension is confirmed, uncommitted funding of \$1.07 million is available for prioritisation.

RSAC considered a range of programs including funding for local government line marking, motorcycle safety audits, the Light Vehicle Safety Strategy, Driving for Jobs, the in-motion ATE technology trial and the AusRAP stage 2 assessment.

RSAC agreed that existing established programs should be funded ahead of new programs. RSAC further agreed that the priorities for funding from uncommitted funds would be the Driving for Jobs Program (\$325,000) and the Stage 2 AusRAP assessment (up to \$600,000). RSAC will reconsider budget priorities should the Road Safety Levy be extended past its 30 June 2027 expiry date. RSAC noted that local government line marking should be a priority should further funding become available.

Actions

- State Growth to provide the final 2026-27 Road Safety Levy budget to RSAC members. (Ange Collis)
 - State Growth to prepare a list of funded and unfunded priorities for RSAC's review should further Levy funding be made available. (Craig Hoey)
 - A Minute to be prepared for the Minister for Infrastructure and Transport recommending RSAC's endorsed 2026-27 budget for consideration. (Craig Hoey)
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9. TOWARDS ZERO QUARTERLY PROGRESS REPORT TO 31 MARCH 2026

RSAC noted the Quarterly Progress Report to 31 March 2026 and endorsed the revised format for the report, with consideration of the addition of a jurisdictional comparison of serious casualties.

RSAC also requested that State Growth revise the budget expenditure forecast for the financial year. State Growth to circulate the revised Progress Report with the RSAC meeting minutes.

Actions

- The Quarterly Progress report to be amended to include a jurisdictional comparison of serious casualties going forward. (Ange Collis)
 - State Growth to circulate the revised Progress Report with the RSAC meeting minutes. (Ange Collis)
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10. AUSRAP PROJECT UPDATE – STAGE 2

RSAC noted the update about the stage 2 AusRAP assessment of the Tasmanian road network.

NTRO has undertaken an assessment of the National Land Transport Network roads (national highways) that make up 80 per cent of travel in Tasmania. Results indicate that approximately 70 per cent of these roads meets the 3-star standard. Upgrades to the Midland Highway has seen the highway increase to 97 per cent at 3-star and above in 2024, compared to 15 per cent in 2013.

A communications plan will be prepared and once approved will be provided to Austroads for publishing. Stage 1 results will be presented to RSAC at its 12 August 2026 meeting.

RSAC agreed that the AusRAP assessment of the remaining road network was a priority for funding under the Levy and endorsed funding of up to \$600,000 to undertake the stage 2 assessment as part of Road Safety Levy budget discussions.

Actions

- State Growth to provide a presentation on the results of the AusRAP stage 1 assessment to RSAC at its 12 August 2026 meeting. (Craig Hoey)
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11. ROAD SAFETY STRATEGY DEVELOPMENT UPDATE

RSAC noted the update in regard to the development of the next road safety strategy. RSAC discussed the public and key stakeholder consultations, which will be facilitated by Kenn Beer. RSAC further discussed the deliberative democracy model for consultation and consideration of this model will be referred to the Road Safety Strategy Development Steering Committee for consideration.

RSAC discussed the required Levy funding of \$250,000 to develop the Strategy and endorsed the funding under the 2026-27 Levy budget approval.

Actions

- The Road Safety Strategy Development Steering Committee to consider adoption of the deliberative democracy model for consultation. (Craig Hoey)
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12. MINISTER'S ROAD SAFETY ISSUES

RSAC noted that the issues previously raised by the Minister with RSAC included the safety of e-bikes and ATVs, training methods for young drivers, infrastructure safety measures such as pull-off bays and signage to cater for the increasing number of vans and campervans, crashes on country roads, the use of new technologies for line marking and other countermeasures, and the role of fixed speed cameras.

While many issues will be considered through the development of the next strategy, RSAC would like to progress some issues sooner and explore opportunities to increase the number of pull-off bays and tourist signage.

13. ATE PROGRAM UPDATE

RSAC noted the update on the ATE Program. A number of issues relating to the ATE Program are currently being considered by Government, including the draft Strategy and Action Plan, funding, the in-motion technology trial and potential expansion of the program. RSAC also discussed the need for a review of the fixed camera program.

14. E-BIKES PUBLIC EDUCATION CAMPAIGN

RSAC noted the development of a campaign to raise public awareness about whether e-bikes are street legal or not. Tasmania Police and local government are engaged on this issue and offered support in promoting this campaign at the local level.

Actions

- State Growth to liaise with Tasmania Police and local government to promote the e-bike public education campaign. (Craig Hoey)
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15. TARGETED REVIEW OF QUAD BIKE AND SIDE-BY-SIDE VEHICLE SAFETY

RSAC noted that State Growth is currently undertaking a targeted review of quad bike and side-by-side vehicle safety and that a public consultation paper and supporting background paper will be shared with RSAC upon its release.

Actions

- State Growth to provide RSAC with the public consultation paper and supporting background paper for the review of quad bike and side-by-side vehicle safety. (Craig Hoey)
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16. RACT YOUTH ROAD SAFETY PROGRAM PROJECT UPDATE

RSAC was provided with an update on the development of the RACT's Youth Road Safety Program.

17. ROAD SAFETY LEVY BUDGET YEAR-TO-DATE UPDATE

The Road Safety Levy budget to 31 March 2026 was noted by RSAC. It was noted that amendments to the budget were required prior to publishing the Progress Report.

Actions

- State Growth to make amendments to the budget prior to publishing the Progress Report. (Ange Collis)
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18. CHAIR'S REPORT

RSAC noted the Chair's report for the last quarter.

19. CORRESPONDENCE

RSAC noted correspondence for the last quarter.

20. EDUCATION AND ENFORCEMENT SUB-COMMITTEE PROGRESS REPORT

RSAC noted the key activities of the Education and Enforcement Sub-Committee for the last quarter, including the activities undertaken as part of National Road Safety Week 2026.

21. TASMANIA POLICE TRAFFIC OUTPUTS REPORT

RSAC noted the Tasmania Police Traffic Outputs report as at January 2026.

22. OTHER BUSINESS

Michelle Harwood advised that the Tasmanian Transport Association conducted truck driver health checks during National Road Safety Week, the testing indicated a number of drivers may be at risk of not meeting the medical requirements to hold an unconditional heavy vehicle driver licence. Follow-up support will now be provided.

Alison Hetherington advised that the Tasmanian Bicycle Council hosted a National Road Safety Week event in Nubeena.