



WAIRARAPA ROAD SAFETY COUNCIL

Minutes of the Wairarapa Road Safety Council Meeting held in the Rangitumau Room, REAP House, on Thursday 18th April 2019 at 1.00pm

Present: Sandy Walker (RTA - Acting Chairperson), Bruce Pauling (WRSC), Chris Horrocks (AA), Peter McNeur (Connecting Communities), Simon De Wit (Road Policing), Mau Lolo (ACC), Rebecca Vergunst (CDC), Colin Olds (SWDC), Nicky Poona (RPH), Emily Clark (Age Concern), Erin Collins (Regional Cycling Coordinator), Gary McMillen (WFA)

Apologies: Holly Hullena (WRSC), Frazer Mailman (MDC), Nicky Poona (PHO), Nick Pyatt (NZ Fire), Jake Carson (WFA), Marie Long (Idea Services)

Moved to approve apologies: Chris Seconded: Colin CARRIED

Sandy welcomed Erin & Gary to the group.

Health & Safety: Bruce & Peter spoke of Evacuation procedure.

Minutes of the Previous Meeting:

Moved to approve the minutes: Rebecca Seconded: Sandy CARRIED

Conflicts of Interest: Nil

Road Safety Manager Report:

Bruce spoke to his Road Safety Managers Report

The 3 x fatal crashes already this year in Wairarapa were covered off by Bruce. Simon expanded on the crashes but mentioned they were all subject to SCU findings for the Coroner. CDC had undertaken a review of the works carried out on Millars Rd prior to the fatal crash 16 Jan, with findings that all had been carried out correctly.

To date, cause of the 29 Jan fatality on SH2 Tauherinikau, truck vs car is unknown, after a truck crossed the centre-line. Colin mentioned concern around the nearby intersection onto S.H.2. Bruce to discuss with SWDC roading engineers.

Increasing no. of multiple fatality crashes nationally were discussed, with acknowledgment of the toll it takes on 1st responders (Ambulance, Fire & Police).

Gary mentioned the lack of situational awareness of some drivers where they aren't aware of an emergency services vehicle behind them with lights/sirens operating. General discussion around the driving tests and the idea of drivers having to sit a driving test say every 10 years.

Bruce explained this has been raised on occasions over the years, with Govts' not prepared to implement this because it would be so unpopular, and also the capability to implement this system.

Speed: Bruce relayed that NZTA wouldn't be getting back with their proposals for Mstn-Ctn until at least June.

Bruce to cost replacement & faulty SID (speed indicator devices) on Johnstone St & Te Ore Ore Rd.

WRSC ran radio ads over Easter around speed, distraction, alcohol & driving to the conditions.

Bruce also created a two page editorial in the Midweek around safe Easter driving.

Bruce working with local councils & NZTA to identify schools where 40km/h variable speed signs would be of benefit

Young Drivers: Our CDMP is going from strength to strength with other community groups now on board. Bruce delivered a CDMP 'dossier' to Minister Genter at a function in Porirua the week before.

Bruce explained the 3 x councils generous funding input which keeps it sustainable, alongwith NZTA contributions. 65 students have now gained their restricted licences across 4 x colleges.

365 students attended our RYDA programme with great feedback. Bruce mentioned the amazing work done by our local Rotary clubs to support the 3 day event.

12 of our local SADD students attended National conference in Fielding last month.

'Check it day' initiative with Supercheap Auto drew disappointing young driver no's. Discussed taht we could take the initiative 'into the colleges'. Bruce to further explore.

Fatigue/Distracton: Bruce to replenish the WRSC created 'fliers' to local service stations for drivers to uplift.

Bruce keen to have Police conduct a 'cellphone blitz' across Wairarapa, similiar to their last 'seatbelt operation'. Simon stated they were keen to support.

Bruce has introduced NZTA National fatigue Manager to Rodney Fraser (JNL H & SManager), to involve JNL in NZTAs' 'take 15' pilot programme to address crash stats around shift workers.

Seatbelts: Bruce highlighted Hollys' restraint clinics in Masterton & Sth Wairarapa, which are very popular, showing the need for these clinics. General discussion around introducing demerit points for seatbelt offences. Again, this is an area 'untouched' by successive Govts'. There is however a current review looking at the entire demerits points regime.

Motorcycle safety: Bruce informed the m/cycle 'fatigue' stop planned for 10 March was cancelled due to inclement weather.

Ulysses riders have conveyed to Bruce at their monthly meetings their continuing frustration at the state of sealing on S.H.2 near Clareville. Bruce to again raise this with Steve James (NZTA Regional safety engineer) on 2 May.

Bruce to cover costs for some Ulysses riders to complete the next 'ride forever' Gold course in Wairarapa. Mau spoke to ACCs' 'ride forever' April update. (below).

Alcohol/Drugs: Bruce helped facilitate the last 'driving forward' recidivist drink driver workshop. 12 x attendees were very engaged with the sessions over 2 days, and hopefully will make the necessary 'culture change' shift to stop reoffending.

General discussion around introducing saliva testing as done in some states in Australia. Bruce explained the 'fish hooks' from the Australian model, and further work the Govt is doing on looking at the best way to tackle drugged driving.

Heavy Transport: Bruce has received two complaints around speeding logging trucks, and loading logs above their stauncheons. Bruce is to make contact with our new Police heavy transport compliance officer. MDC are to also gauge truck speeds and no's using the Masterton eastern route to bypass the congested Opaki Rd/Chapel St route.

Senior Drivers: Bruce to continue to get registrations for 'carfit clinics' and 'staying safe' workshops across the district.

Vulnerable Road Users: Bruce is working with 4 x Wairarapa schools to complete their Bikes in Schools projects & to report back in June.

'Movin March' involved 25 out of 28 Wairarapa primary schools (and M.I.S.). Bruce to pick 5 x winners from these schools, to win a new Micro scooter with helmet. Bruce mentioned the fantastic work being done by Julie Orr, our local School Community Officer, with scooter & bike training in our schools.

Bruce to work with NZTA/Councils around identifying pedestrian crossing improvement areas.

WRSC working with the council walking & cycling groups to identify suitable safe routes for all riders.

Bruce and Rebecca to work toward persuading Ponatahi Christian school to allow CDC to develop a cycle route behind their school.

Moved to approve the RSM reports:

Sandy Seconded:

Chris

CARRIED

Matters Arising:

Nil.

Financial Reports:

Financial Performance for period ended **31 March 2019** was presented at the meeting.

Bruce explained the surplus/carry over funds are resultant from an underspend going back a no. of years, together with Hollys' non spent remuneration from parental leave over 2 ½ years.

Colin and Chris suggested surplus monies could be directed to contracting persons to projects. Bruce to explore.

Moved that the financial report be tabled: Colin Seconded: Chris CARRIED

General Business:

- Colin commented on the increasing traffic volumes on SH53, both domestic and tourist no's. With his networks, they are exploring a safe corridor for cyclists along this corridor. He also discussed the safer roads projects.
- Gary discussed crash causative factors and wondered if all factors were taken into account when reporting. Bruce agreed that traffic crash reports (TCRs) were reliant on accurate data capture by attending Police.
- Chris presented the latest Rotary International magazine, where RYDA was highlighted. He wondered if the 0800 phone no. to report roading issues was publicised enough and understood by the motoring public. Bruce stated that the no. was in his editorials and on WRSC sites. He suggested sticker advertising on trucks. Bruce to explore.
- Discussion around 'watch for cyclists' stickers on car doors. Bruce to supply Erin with a stock
- Sandy explained the great work being done by RTA around attracting young people into the industry. (Currently a massive driver shortage and predicted to worsen exponentially) RTA has invested \$80k into tech pods in a 'Careers coach' vehicle, that can travel to locations and provide info & job prospects to audiences, previously hard to reach.
- The 'left in-left out' provision on Norman Ave off S.H.2 was discussed. Rebecca mentioned that CDC had passed a resolution to allow for this, but any changes will wait till 'safer roads' project team comes back to the community with their preferred safety improvement proposal.
- Emily reiterated that Age Concern can support 'carfit clinics' at Solway Showgrounds. Bruce appreciates this and will aim to gather no's to run a clinic in the near future. (weather permitting as it is an outdoor non-covered venue)
- Mau presented ACCs' 'ride forever' April update for Septembers' Motorcycle Awareness Month ('MAM'), detailing the comms/marketing campaign. WRSC will again fully support the month with radio/print & billboard advertising. (new 'in the moment' billboards will be erected in the region as a reminder to both riders and drivers about checking twice for riders, and safe riding techniques for riders to adopt.

Next Meeting: Thursday 20th June 2019 at 1pm, Rangitumau Room, REAP House.

Meeting Closed: 3.20pm

Chairperson Signature: _____ Dated: 1/5/19

NOTICE OF MEETING

A meeting of the Wairarapa Road Safety Council

Will be held in the **Rangitumau Room** at

REAP House

340 Queen Street Masterton.

Thursday 20th June 2019 at 1pm

AGENDA

Apologies – please forward to Bruce on 377 1379 or rsmanager@wairsc.org.nz

1. Health & Safety
2. Apologies
3. Conflicts of Interest
4. RSM Report
5. Minutes of the meeting held 18th April 2019
6. Matters arising
7. Financial report
8. General Business
9. Next meeting