

13. OFFICERS REPORTS**13.1 ROAD SAFETY ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

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SUMMARY

This report seeks Council endorsement for the re-establishment of a Road Safety Advisory Committee for the City of Ballarat.

RESOLUTION:

That the City of Ballarat resolves:

1. Approve the re-establishment of a "Road Safety Advisory Committee" under the terms of reference as detailed in this report; and
2. That Cr Jones and Cr Hudson be nominated as the Councillor Representatives on the Committee.

Moved: Cr. Hudson
Seconded: Cr. Jones

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BACKGROUND

1. Road Safety Strategy 2000

In 2000, Council completed and adopted a Road Safety Strategy for Ballarat. The objective of the strategy was to help protect and improve safety for all people who use roads in the City of Ballarat. The strategy has expired and is in need of renewal.

2. Road Safety Advisory Committee

A Road Safety Advisory Committee was established (Council Meeting 9 April 2003) to oversee the implementation of the Road Safety Strategy 2000. This committee ceased to continue meeting post 2004 due to a number of reasons not limited to;

- A high proportion of the initiatives/actions outlined in the road safety strategy were implemented; and
- A substantial change in staff and roles of those on the committee, including both internal officers/councillors and external stakeholders/partners.

2. Proposed Re-Development of the "Road Safety Strategy 2006/07"

City of Ballarat having been a participant in a fast tracked initiative was the first Municipality in Victoria to adopt a Municipal Road Safety Strategy in 2000. The City of Ballarat has made a significant contribution to improving road safety in the Municipality through the continued implementation of local road safety initiatives. The City of Ballarat can continue to play a key role in contributing to road safety improvements via the improvement of road infrastructure, reviewing speed limits and raising awareness of key road safety issues in the community.

The City of Ballarat is one of many local government areas due to renew the initial Road Safety Strategy. VicRoads have provided specific guidelines for local government to support the re-development of the strategy.

The proposed "Road Safety Advisory Committee" would act as the project steering committee for the delivery of this strategy proposed for 2006/07.

3. RoadSafe Central Highlands

The City of Ballarat is a partner in the *RoadSafe* Community Road Safety Council for Central Highlands which also includes representation from the Central Goldfields, Ararat, Pyrenees, Hepburn and Moorabool municipalities as one of 24 RoadSafe Community Road Safety Councils throughout Victoria.

Additional to Local Government membership, the council includes representatives from emergency services, VicRoads, community organisations and interested individuals.

The role of the council is to develop local community road safety initiatives that support State and Local Government Programs, targeting issues such as drink driving, speed, fatigue, older & young drivers, pedestrians and bicycle safety.

Initiatives include education sessions and road safety promotion through media, sporting and community groups on a regional basis.

ISSUES

Current projects and issues that could be considered by the re-establishment of the Road Safety Advisory Committee include but are not limited to;

1. Development and implementation of the 2006/07 City of Ballarat Road Safety Strategy
2. Current and proposed development of strategic traffic management and transport plans including, Ballarat Road Transport Strategy, CBA Traffic Management & Car Parking Strategy, Review of Ballarat Bicycle Strategy 2007/08, Public Transport Plan (Blueprint Ballarat), etc
3. Support to young driver education programs within the community (Lead On, Ballarat South Rotary Club, etc)
4. Reviewing the modifications to any proposed changes around school zone signage or shopping centres.

Also, the Victorian Police have indicated they would be very supportive of the re-establishment of the Road Safety Advisory Committee.

1. Terms of Reference

The Road Safety Advisory Committee would also be responsible for and will provide advice to Council on a regular basis on:-

1. Supporting the development of the City of Ballarat 2006/07 Road Safety Strategy;
2. Manage the implementation and ongoing review of the 2006/07 City of Ballarat Road Safety Strategy;
3. Review of other Strategic Road Safety Issues and Initiatives;
4. Review of Road Safety Funding Project Bids and priorities in relation to road safety;
5. Review and development of Council policy and procedures in relation to road safety;
6. Improving coordination of road safety efforts in the municipality and region by facilitating and/or supporting education and consultative programs.
7. Improved coordination of reporting on Road Safety Issues/Initiatives with Central Highlands Road Safety Committee, Community Safety Committee, external stakeholders/partners and within Council.

2. Membership

The membership of the Road Safety Advisory Committee would be as follows: -

1. Councillor Representation – Cr Jones (Infrastructure Portfolio Councillor) & Cr Hudson (Chairman, Ballarat Community Safety Committee)
2. Manager Infrastructure, City of Ballarat
3. Team Leader, Traffic Management and Transport Engineering, City of Ballarat
4. Superintendent of Traffic Local Laws and Traffic
5. General Manager, City Wellbeing
6. Victorian Police Representative

7. VicRoads Representative
8. Department of Education & Training
9. SES Representative
10. CFA Representative
11. Community Representatives*
12. Ballarat Safe City Program Representative, Community Safety & Development Officer, City of Ballarat

*Note: 1) The advisory Committee will appoint it's chairperson at its first meeting.
2) The advisory Committee will determine if the community representatives are to be invited or advertised at the first meeting.

3. Committee Meetings & Reporting

It is recommended the committee meet bi-monthly with the ongoing time and venue to be determined by the committee.

The Committee will report to Council on a regular basis on matters under its terms of reference.

RELEVANT POLICIES

1. City of Ballarat: Road Safety Strategy 2000.
2. Council Plan

OPTIONS

1. Re-establish the City of Ballarat, Road Safety Advisory Committee
2. Do not re-establish the City of Ballarat, Road Safety Advisory Committee

SOCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Re-establishing the Road Safety Advisory Committee will endeavour to improve safety and provide a better understanding of road safety issues/initiatives for motorists, cyclists, pedestrians and the wider community.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS

It is considered that there are no environmental implications within this report.

CULTURAL IMPLICATIONS

It is considered that there are no cultural implications within this report.

RISK MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS

The re-establishment of the Road Safety Advisory Committee will endeavour to implement actions that result in overall increased community safety.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

It is considered that there are no major financial implications within this report. The following have been considered;

1. Time provided by council officers is considered as a part of their current roles and responsibilities of their position description and has no budget implications on the draft 06/07 to 10/11 recurrent budget. It is expected the Committee will provide a more effective and efficient means of communication on related road safety issues between internal and external stakeholders.
2. Any advertising, catering &/or marketing expenses will be funded directly via adopted capital or recurrent budget projects being reviewed by the Committee and have been included in the scope of those project estimates.

IMPLEMENTATION AND MARKETING PLAN

It is considered that an implementation and marketing plan is not required. This will be placed on the agenda of the first Committee meeting for further discussion and development.

ATTACHMENTS

Nil.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:-

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