

MINUTES

Kingborough Road Safety Committee

Meeting No. 2017-2

Wednesday 22 March 2017

MINUTES of a Meeting of the Kingborough Road Safety Committee (KRSC) held at the Kingborough Civic Centre, Kingston, on Wednesday 22 March 2017 at 9:00a.m.

PRESENT

		PRESENT	APOLOGY
Chairperson	Cr Paul Chatterton	✓	
Members:			
Community Representatives	Mr Neil Broomfield	✓	
	Mr Jack Buzelin		✓
	Mr Henry De Cesare	✓	
	Mr Michael Hughes	✓	
	Mr Peter Leschen	✓	
	Ms Rae Wells	✓	
Kingborough Access Committee			
RACT	Mr Will Oakley Ms Ali Tope		
Kingborough Bicycle Advisory Committee	Mr Richard Langman		✓
Tasmania Police	Sgt Nigel Ransley	✓	
Kingborough Community & Police Liaison Group	Mr Bill Brundle	✓	
Council Officers In Attendance:			
Executive Manager Engineering Services	Mr David Reeve	✓	
Communications Officer	Ms Sarah Wilcox	✓	
Executive Assistant	Ms Julie Summerfield	✓	
In Attendance:			
Mr Craig Hoey	Road Safety Advisory Council / DSG	✓	

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

There were no leave of absences recorded.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

MOVED: Neil Broomfield

SECONDED: Bill Brundle

That the Minutes of the Committee meeting held on Wednesday 18 January 2017, as circulated be confirmed.

Carried

BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

Communications Strategy and Terms of Reference

- Mr Craig Hoey from the Road Safety Advisory Council (RSAC) presented his local government road safety strategy template for the Committee's use. Included was a calendar of events the Committee could refer to. Craig offered to assist the Committee to set up their own template, along with any future campaigns such as a protective clothing display at Channel Court proposed by Mike Hughes.

Bill Brundle discussed the submission from Ross Thomas (see Correspondence) regarding the display of 'L' and 'P' plates outside vehicles. Craig will flag this as an issue for consideration with Department of State Growth.

Craig will include the Committee's details in his database for dissemination of information and also raise at the next RSAC board meeting the possibility of KRSC representatives attending future meetings.

The possibility of holding workshops on a regional basis with other road safety committees was discussed, including KRSC hosting the first meeting.

- The Chair went through Items 4 and 5 of the Committee's Terms of Reference. Members were happy with and understood the aims and objectives of the Committee.
- Council's Communications Officer presented a draft of the Committee's direction and aims for the next twelve months.

It was agreed the Committee's focus for 2017 will be the following:

- National Road Safety Week (7-14 May)
- Distance Makes a Difference (RSAC cycling campaign)
- Inattention

Peter Leschen will be leading the Committee in carrying out the year's plan. Peter will also write a paper on inattention for members to comment on and use for media and communications purposes.

The Committee will consider presenting at community groups with a view to gaining support and awareness.

David Reeve left the meeting at 10.25a.m.

It was decided the Committee will hold a road safety display during Road Safety Week on Friday 12 May 10a.m. until 5p.m. Peter will contact the RACT representatives to gain their support. Council's Communications Officer will seek materials for the display from Craig Hoey.

Rae Wells left the meeting at 10.34a.m.

Kingborough Community and Police Liaison Group Minutes

The minutes from the Group's 7 December 2016 meeting were noted. Peter to consider compiling a media release for Sarah based on the statistics mentioned in the road safety section of the Group's minutes.

CORRESPONDENCE

Inwards

Submission from Mr Ross Thomas of the Kingborough Community and Police Liaison Group suggesting 'L' and 'P' plates be displayed outside vehicles (see attached).

It was agreed that Council's Communications Officer will do a mini campaign on correctly displaying plates.

Bill will report back to Ross Thomas.

Outwards

There was no outwards correspondence.

GENERAL BUSINESS

- Henry de Cesare raised his concerns over driver sight lines at the intersection of Huon Highway and Leslie Road. Henry was advised to put his concerns in writing and send to the Executive Assistant for distribution and action.

Sergeant Ransley will obtain crash statistics on the intersection and send to the Executive Assistant.

- The Executive Assistant reported that Council's Roads & Stormwater Engineer has ordered a replacement 'Straight Through Only' sign for the Roslyn Avenue/Beach Road traffic signals, with installation expected within the next two weeks.

MATTERS OF GENERAL INTEREST

There were no matters of general interest.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Committee is to be held on Wednesday 24 May 2017, starting at 9:00a.m. at the Civic Centre.

CLOSURE: There being no further business, the Chairperson declared the meeting closed at 10.50a.m.



Kingborough

KINGBOROUGH ROAD SAFETY COMMITTEE

TERMS OF REFERENCE

1. The Committee

The name of the committee shall be the Kingborough Road Safety Committee (hereinafter referred to as the 'Committee') appointed as an advisory committee to the Kingborough Council under Section 24 of the *Local Government Act, 1993*.

2. Definitions

"Council" means the Kingborough Council.

"Committee" means the Kingborough Road Safety Committee.

3. District

The Committee shall operate within the local government boundaries of the Kingborough municipal district.

4. Aims

The intention and purpose of the Committee is:

- (a) To encourage and promote to all road users the safer use of roads.
- (b) To be aware of existing and potential road safety issues and to address these by developing, implementing and evaluating appropriate road strategies.
- (c) To engage and foster community involvement in traffic safety matters.

5. Objectives

The Committee will endeavour to achieve its aims through the following:

- (a) Facilitate community planning, development and implementation of road safety programs and promotions.
- (b) Develop programs and initiatives that target specific groups and road safety issues in the community.
- (c) Identify road safety issues, pursue and review road safety strategies that can be adopted by the Council and other road safety organisations.
- (d) Provide feedback on relevant issues to organisations such as the Department of State Growth, the Road Safety Task Force and Tasmania Police as approved by Council.
- (e) Identify and seek funding opportunities to implement road safety projects.

6. Membership

Members are appointed as an advisory committee to Council and shall comprise of the following:

- (a) Councillor representative from the Kingborough Council appointed by Council as Chairperson
- (b) Department of State Growth representative (1)
- (c) Kingston Police representative (1)
- (d) Kingborough Police & Citizens Liaison Group representative (1)
- (e) Kingborough Access Advisory Committee representative (1)
- (f) Channel Cluster – State schools representative (1)
- (g) RACT representative (1)
- (h) Kingborough Bicycle Advisory Committee representative (1)
- (i) Community representatives (7)

7. Support

The General Manager shall appoint a Council staff member to the Committee who shall act as the Executive Officer to the Committee.

8. Tenure of Appointment

- (a) Terms of office for Councillors shall be in accordance with the *Local Government Act, 1993*.
- (b) Community members shall hold office for a period of two (2) years expiring 31 December from the year of their appointment.

In the event of the resignation of a community member during their term of office, Council may appoint a community representative to complete the term of office.

A member may re-nominate for consecutive terms of office.

- (c) If a member fails to attend three (3) consecutive meetings of the Committee, his/her appointment shall be automatically terminated unless leave of absence has been granted.

9. Management

- (a) The Committee has the authority to establish sub-working committees as required to address specific purposes of the Committee.
- (b) The Committee has authority to second individuals from outside of the Committee on a voluntary basis for their expert advice.
- (c) The Chairperson is responsible for the proper conduct of the Committee.
- (d) The Committee has no delegated powers and has no authority to implement its recommendations without approval of Council.
- (e) The Mayor shall be the spokesperson for any matters for which the Committee may wish to publicise.

10. Meetings

- (a) The Committee will meet on a bi-monthly basis as approved by Council.
- (b) In the event of the Chairperson's absence, an Acting Chairperson will be elected from the Committee members.
- (c) The quorum at any meeting shall be fifty percent (50%) plus 1 of the Committee membership in accordance with the *Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2005*.
- (d) A meeting may only transact business if a quorum is present.
- (e) The Minutes shall as a minimum address each of the sections of the agenda, and record all formal decisions of the Committee.
- (f) Committee Minutes will be provided to Council following each meeting.
- (g) Matters requiring Council consideration will form a recommendation to Council within the Minutes.

Dated 23 December 2014

Approved by Council Minute No. C420/17-14

**Kingborough Community and Police Liaison Group
Minutes of Meeting
10:30am Wednesday 7 December 2016**

Attendance:

Brian Dale	Chairman
Ross Thomas	Kingborough Community Enterprise Centre Inc.
Bill Brundle	Kingston Beach
Tanya Flakemore	Kingston LINC
Anne Kingston	Kingston High School
Robyn Barratt	Community Member
Dean Winter	Councillor, Kingborough Council
Steve Wass	Mayor
David Wiss	Divisional Inspector, Kingston Police Station

Apologies:

Rod Street	Community Member
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Meeting opened at 10:34am by Chairman Dale

Chairman Dale extended a warm welcome to all present.

The Minutes of the previous meeting as circulated were accepted without change.

Moved:	Bill Brundle
Seconded:	Anne Kingston
All in favour	Carried

BUSINESS ARISING:

- The replacement representative from Illawarra Neighbourhood Watch to attend Kingston Community and Police Liaison Group Meetings will be Robyn Barratt.
- Brian raised the issue of phone scams and asked Inspector Wiss for an update moving forward. Inspector Wiss advised of Scamwatch, an agency separate from Tasmania Police who work nationally and internationally to investigate the mentioned phone scams. Inspector Wiss advised that if there were local members of the public falsely advertising that they were a charitable agency, the police would get involved however all other phone and internet scams generally get reported to Scamwatch.

Ross advised that the number of these incidents have increased since the last meeting including ATO and bank scams. He advised that the AFP are aware of these scams and believe a number of these newly reported scams are Australian based. Ross advised that the most important thing is to educate people to be extremely careful with reports of people that have already lost money.

- The issue of vehicles parking on Tarana Road in Blackmans Bay facing the wrong way was raised by Robyn at the last meeting, Brian asked Inspector Wiss whether Kingston Police have had a chance to follow this up. Inspector Wiss advised that if a member of the public contacts the Kingston Police Station when this is occurring an officer will attend.

IN-COMING CORRESPONDENCE:

- NIL

OUT-GOING CORRESPONDENCE:

- Brian advised that the only out-going correspondence was an email to Rod Cooper requesting a replacement representative from Illawarra Neighbourhood Watch, this has since been answered by Robyn who is filling in for Rod Cooper.

CRIME REPORT:

The following statistics show the number of offences reported to police year-to-date compared to the same period last year. (Please note these figures also include Huonville)

Current Year Period: 01-Jul-16 to 06-Dec-16 As at: 07-Dec-16 08:32

In the chart below, cells in the indicator and reporting period columns, other than those with a grey background are clickable to display more detail.

Indicator	2015-16 YTD	2016-17 YTD	Change		
Total Offences	428	419	-9	-2.1%	Year Comparison
Serious Crime	14	12	-2	-14.3%	Year Comparison
Offences Against the Person	75	84	+9	12.0%	Year Comparison
Public Place Assault	10	15	+5	50.0%	Year Comparison
Offences Against Property	339	313	-26	-7.7%	Year Comparison
Property Damage Offences	44	56	+12	27.3%	Year Comparison
Building Burglary Offences	93	65	-28	-30.1%	Year Comparison
- Home Burglary Offences	40	33	-7	-17.5%	Year Comparison
- Business Burglary Offences	22	9	-13	-59.1%	Year Comparison
- Other Building Burglary Offences	31	23	-8	-25.8%	Year Comparison
Conveyance Burglary Offences	6	21	+15	250.0%	Year Comparison
- Car Burglary Offences	7	21	+14	200.0%	Year Comparison
Stolen Motor Vehicle Offences	13	16	+3	23.1%	Year Comparison
SMVs Recovered	8	7	-1	-12.5%	Year Comparison

Inspector Wiss advised that the crime rate for Kingston is exceptionally low compared to the rest of the state and that the rest of the state's crime has dropped also.

CRIME REPORT cont...

Bill asked Inspector Wiss what the breakdown is at Kingston Station between uniform and CIB. Inspector Wiss advised that Kingston Station has about 15 uniform police officers working in shifts and 4.5 police officers in the CIB.

Inspector Wiss advised that there have been a number of reports of people driving around yelling at people on the streets, especially at females causing unnecessary fear and apprehension. One female has made a complaint to the Office of Equal Opportunity which is currently being investigated.

Brian asked Inspector Wiss whether there has been any increase in drug related crimes. Inspector Wiss advised that most home and business burglaries have a drug related aspect to them. He advised that although people have different motivators there is a clear linkage between crime and drugs. He advised that it is up to the health authorities to try harm minimisation and the police authorities to apprehend people committing crime.

Staffing

Inspector Wiss advised that Kingston Station have an additional two police officers since this time last year which corresponds with the increasing population in the Kingborough area.

The Bruny Island Contingency Plan has been in place for a few months now, this puts a second police officer on the island in December, January and February. During these months there is two people to patrol for safety and effectiveness as far as responding to jobs and also allows the radio operator to dispatch a helicopter with more people if required. Inspector Wiss advised that a recommendation will be made to the Commissioner's Office in January that a second police officer is permanently stationed on Bruny Island. The recommendation will be for two additional police officers for Kingston Division, one that will be stationed on the island and the other position will remain at the Kingston Station.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

Chair Person 2017

Brian advised that this time of year according to the terms of reference a new chair person needs to be appointed for the next 12 months. General discussion was had in relation to the position of chair before appointing Brian to the position for the next 12 months and Bill for stand in chair if required.

Motor Vehicles on Myuna Road

Brian raised on behalf of Rod Street.

Rod is concerned with the number of vehicles that are turning right out of Myuna Road, which is marked with a 'no right' sign. Inspector Wiss advised that he will organise to a police car to monitor this for an hour.

ACTION: *Inspector Wiss to organise a police car on Myuna Road to witness cars turning right at no right sign.*

Residing in Vehicle

Brian advised of a person that appears to be living out of a motor vehicle in the Kingborough area. Inspector Wiss advised that although this is undesirable it is legal.

Parking on Footpath

Brian asked Inspector Wiss whether a caravan can be stored on the road using the footpath to the point where people cannot walk past the caravan. Inspector Wiss advised that people generally park up on the footpath to leave more room for people driving on the road. Inspector Wiss advised that police do not usually intervene in these cases unless a vehicle is parked in a blind spot or could cause an accident.

– **Road Safety**

Total 191

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- 21/04/2016 - Channel Highway, Oyster Cove. Head-on, 4.30 p.m. crash factor unknown
- 25/04/2016 - Southern Outlet, run off, 1.30 a.m. affected by drugs/alcohol
- 29/04/2016 - Channel H'way, Margate, head-on, 9.05 p.m. wet, excess speed for the conditions

- Serious: 13. 7 on state roads, 3 on unsealed, 2 night, 3 wet, 1 motorcycle, 1 pedestrian.
- First aid only: 13. 12 on state roads, 1 unsealed, 4 night, 2dusk/dawn, 3 wet, 3 motorcycle, 1 bike
- Minor: 37. 20 state roads, 5 unsealed, 7 night, 9 wet, 5 motorcycle, 1 heavy
- Damage only: 120. 10 unsealed, 22 night, 10 dusk/dawn, 20 wet, 3 icy, 5 motorcycle, 1 heavy
- Concern also raised regarding two occasions observed of vehicles attempting a left-hand turn from Beach Road into Roslyn Avenue despite a "No left turn" sign on the farthest traffic light standard. Bill suggested another on the left hand Beach Road standard at around drivers' eye level or immediately below the lights.
- He also expressed the committee's concern at the blanket Council ruling that advisory committees be held only on alternate months due to the need for council staff to attend to the detriment of other duties. Due to the gap in meetings and the consequent lack of progress in road safety initiatives, morale has dropped and attendance is gravely low. Unless Council can be persuaded this committee is concerned with public safety and saving lives and needs to meet on a monthly basis, consideration is being given to holding informal meetings in the "off" month with minutes being sent to the responsible Council officer.

General discussion was had in relation to the Road Safety trailers. Bill advised that there would be one on Bruny Island December – January. Steve asked Inspector Wiss whether it was possible to fasten the road safety messages on the trailers as when you are driving toward these signs at the recommended speed you don't always get to read all of the messages. Inspector Wiss advised that he will discuss this with the traffic inspector.

Kettering Community Association

Dean advised that he attended the recent Kettering Community Association meeting. He advised that their main concern was cars speeding along Ferry Road early in the mornings which was mentioned by a number of people at the meeting. Inspector Wiss advised that the Woodbridge police officer will attend with a speed detection device. The committee also advised of the concerns with people queuing out onto the channel highway, Inspector Wiss advised that he is aware of this and Kingston Station are working in the area over the Christmas New Year period.

Dean advised that a few members mentioned people speeding in the afternoons past the childcare centre on Beach Road Kingston. Inspector Wiss suggested that Kingston Police will send a car to Beach Road in the coming weeks.

Hooning

General discussion in relation to a dirt bike rider that speeds of an evening at approximately 9.15pm - 9.45pm along Osborne Esplanade. Inspector Wiss advised that police should be contacted when this is occurring.

Community service notice

Tanya advised that Orange Sky Laundry are providing services at the adult education building each Saturday morning from 9.30am – 12pm for anyone in the area requiring these facilities.

Kingborough Community & Police Liaison Group Meeting Dates 2017

Brian advised of the proposed meeting dates for 2017. Meeting date for December moved forward from 20th to 13th. All other dates confirmed:

15th February
19th April
21st June
16th August
18th October
13th December

Inspector Wiss thanked everyone on the Kingborough Meeting, all of the information provided has been very helpful to Tasmania Police.

Meeting closed at 11.28am.

The next meeting of the KC&PLG will be held on

Wednesday 15th February 2017 commencing at 10:30am
at the Civic Centre, Kingborough Council Chambers

This submission is part of an e-mail sent to Bill by Ross Thomas, a fellow member of the Kingborough Community and Police Liaison Group.

Ross is involved in the "Gearing Up" program based at Huon Valley Council (and supported by Kingborough Council) where several mentors help learner drivers who do not have the support of family and friends and cannot get their driving hours up due to lack of vehicle and instructor.

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"Our mentors use a supplied vehicle to take them out and give them practice and instruction. One of the by-products of this has been an increased awareness of the needs of learner (and less experienced) drivers when they get on our roads.

In the main I think our drivers are respectful of learners and P Platers but there is a problem in not being able to identify them due to the design of many of today's vehicles, where the windscreens (and particularly rear windows) are raked at such an acute angle the plates cannot be seen until we are very close to them. There have been numerous near-incidents due to this problem, and even in the learner car, which has very open glass areas, other drivers do not notice the learner until quite late.

At the moment the law states that a learner and probationary driver must display the appropriate plate in the front and rear of the car, and behind the windows are quite lawful. I believe this is also inadequate, and often dangerous.

The suggestion is the plates are displayed in a suitable place OUTSIDE the vehicle such that they can be clearly seen from a distance of at least 50 metres in front and behind.

Most existing plates are flimsy plastic that need to be stuck to the windows – they often come adrift and simply cannot be seen through raked or tinted glass. There is a new type of plate that sits on the roof of the car (it is magnetic and stands up), or there are solid plastic plates that sit in cradles front and rear. All are inexpensive, easy to fit, and can be seen from a reasonable distance.

By having plates clearly displayed, other drivers will be more aware of an inexperienced driver and take extra care when driving with and around them, but I also believe our probationary drivers will be a little more exposed and may take a little more care to follow the rules. Being a bit more exposed just might get them to behave a little better."