

This communique highlights key discussions and considerations from the Road Safety Council meeting held on 15 September 2023. The meeting's focus was a mid-year financial review.

Chair's Report

Council noted the Chair's activities since the last meeting and welcomed new member Ms Margaret Butcher, representative for ICWA while Shanaeya Mehta is on parental leave.

Annual Report on Council's Activities

Council endorsed the draft Annual Report on Council's Activities 2022-23, which will be provided to the Minister for Road Safety to table in Parliament.

Mid-Year Financial Review

The Mid-Year Financial Review will be conducted out of session.

New Driving Change Action Plan

The current Driving Change Action Plan 2021-23 concludes at the end of this year and development of the next Action Plan has commenced. Council members discussed initiatives for the new action plan, focussing on:

- Behaviour
- Data Procurement and Linkage
- Driver Training
- Enforcement
- Evaluation of Road Safety Programs
- Funding Priorities
- Local Roads and Intersections
- Regional Roads
- Vehicle Safety

Evaluation of RTTA-funded Programs

Council received an update on the evaluation of three RTTA-funded programs: Road Trauma Support Services, P.A.R.T.Y. Program and Impaired Driving and Detections (Alcohol and Drug). Each are in the scoping, consultation and agreement phase and are progressing well. A further update will be provided to Council in six months.

LG Stars Safety Ratings Tool

WA Local Government Association provided an overview of their new *LG Stars Safety Ratings Tool for Local Government Roads*. The tool is available to local governments free of charge and can assist them to assess the safety of their roads, and inform strategies and investment decisions for reducing and preventing death and serious injuries going forward.

Unregistered Vehicles and Unlicensed Drivers

Insurance Commission of WA advised a proposal is being developed to minimise the number of unlicensed motorists and driving of unregistered vehicles. Council members will work with ICWA in the coming months to assist with developing strategies.

Next meeting: 8 December 2023

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