Minutes of the Ashburton District
Road Safety Coordinating Committee Meeting
Held on 4 June 2013 commencing 9.30am, in Meeting Room 2,
5 Baring Square West, Ashburton

Present
Maureen Bishop (ECAN and Acting Chair), Rachael Boyd (Ashburton District Council Road Safety Coordinator and minute taker), Alisa Davies (ACC), Cr Favel, Grant Russell (NZ Police), Kate Spicer (ACADS), Albert Su (NZTA), David Scarlet (NZTA), Tony MacPherson (ADC), Steve Burgerhout (NZ Police – State Highway), John Skevington (AA), David Leadley (Driver Training), Dean Harker (NZ Police).

Apologies
Alisa Davies (ACC) lateness, Cr K Cutforth, Simon Chapman (CVIU), John Skevington (AA) for lateness, Albert Su and David Scarlet (for lateness), Maureen Bishop (ECAN) for lateness, Dave O'Donnell.

Confirmation of Minutes
That the minutes of the Ashburton District Road Safety Coordinating Committee meeting held on Tuesday 2 April 2013, be confirmed.

Matters Arising
None

Correspondence
Rachael circulated information on the release of “Safer Journeys 2”. www.saferjourneys.govt.nz

Rachael read out an email from John Skevington. John commented that in the last month where AA is concerned, they have spoken to submissions lodged at Christchurch City Council in support of their proposal to spend $69 million on separate, dedicated cycle ways. In the Ashburton District, he has recently spoken to their submission at the Ashburton District Council regarding the West Street/East Street/Walnut Avenue intersection redevelopments, the Tinwald Traffic Light issues and their support for the second bridge. They have also made submissions from the Canterbury West Coast AA Council to the National Office regarding the unfair funding allocation to roading in rural areas such as Ashburton along with a number of additional issues.

Introduction of new members
Maureen welcomed the newest members of the Committee, David Leadley from Driver Training and David Scarlet, (Senior Programme Advisor (Engineering), Planning and Investment) from NZTA who has taken over the representative role from Steve Parry.

Reporting to Road Safety Action Plan
**Alcohol/Drug Impaired**

**State Highway:**  
The following figures are for the 8 months July-April inclusive:

- 12 drink drivers so far this year.
- 1 compulsory impairment test carried out (subject successfully completed the test).
- Over 5408 CBT’s and 3561 MBT’s carried out until the end of April by Ashburton based staff. Both CBT’s and MBT’s still comparing very favourably with the outputs of last year.

**Ashburton Police:**  
Outputs from 1 July 2012-135 drink driving offences, 1809 CBT’s, 3702 MBT’s. The local police have been involved with 6 CAAP operations.

**NZTA:**  
In 2013 to date there have been 0 deaths and serious casualties from crashes involving alcohol.

**ACADS:**  
There is a DWI programme scheduled for June.

2 CAAP Blitz has been run since the last meeting. The first blitz stopped 71 vehicles, with 1 EBA from a woman who returned a reading of 936 mcg/l. The second blitz stopped 76 vehicles with no EBAs recorded.

The Mt Hutt After Ball took place on May 23rd. A total of 135 passes were issued. Twenty parent helpers were present during the evening, plus four security staff and an ACADS team of eight. There were no issues during the event, and everything went very well. The Ashburton After Ball will take place on June 21st.

**Intersections – Fail to give Way or Stop at Intersections**

**State Highway:**  
There have been just under 300 intersection offences to date. Steve stated that he had made an error in reporting last meeting as he previously stated over 300 offences.

**Ashburton Police:**  
There have been 326 safe roads and roadsides related notices.

**NZTA:**  
In 2013 to date there have been 0 deaths and serious casualties from crashes at intersections.

**Ashburton District Council - Engineer**  
Tony reported that the Allenton Upgrade is nearly completed. The Minor Improvement budget now includes bridge replacements so funding allocations have been changed.
Young Drivers

State Highway Patrol:
681 offences issued for breaches of restricted driver licences so far (32% increase from last year). This is a reflection on the increase in local CBT’s that are being carried out.

ACC:
Alisa reported that ACC are currently promoting www.practice.co.nz in a joint venture with the Police Roading Canterbury team (Al Stewart and Brent Cosgrove) and Youth Education (John Hamilton) with all TA’s. ACC is looking to expand the pilot that was run in Waimakariri to across Canterbury utilising police expertise followed by enforcement campaign. ACC is supporting with GDLS/practice quiz and information for training.

A Practice expo package has also been created for use at Young Peoples venues/expos for use by ACC and partners.

NZTA:
In 2013 to date there have been 0 deaths and serious casualties from crashes involving young drivers.

Ashburton District Council – Road Safety Coordinator:
A meeting was held with the Ashburton College to finalise the programme for the Road Crash Day and to discuss the Mock Crash. The College is organising the roster, the workshop groups and the staff cover for the day. All presenters have been confirmed for the event.

Speed

State Highway Patrol:
4224 speed notices issued by the Mid-South Canterbury Highway Patrol so far this year, that’s about 9% more than at the same time last year. 59% of those notices are in the 1-15km/h speed band that has been a focus of RSAP’s in previous years – the percentage is higher than at the same time as last year.

Ashburton Police:
679 speed notices have been issued to date. Of these, 35% were in the 1-15km/h speed band.

NZTA:
In 2013 to date there have been 0 deaths and serious casualties from crashes involving speed to fast for the conditions.

Environment Canterbury:
The winner of the competition run at A&P shows and other events was Mark Wylie from Weston, Oamaru. There were almost 4000 entries over nine events from Kaikoura to Waimate and inland to Fairlie and Hawarden. Mr and Mrs Wylie intended to use their vouchers at Hanmer Springs at Queen’s Birthday weekend.
Ashburton District Council – Road Safety Coordinator:
27 entries have been received for the 2014 Road Safety Calendar Competition so far. The competition closes on 29 June 2013. Advertising of the competition will continue in the Council Notices in the Ashburton Guardian and on the Road Safety web page of the Ashburton District Council Website. After school care facilities have been sent copies of the entry form and the majority of primary schools have indicated that they will put it in their newsletters. There will also be a display in the library over the next school holiday period advertising the calendar competition.

The Road Safety Coordinator in conjunction with ACC and the Council purchased a Viasis III speed display device last financial year. Speed is identified as an area of national concern in the Government’s “Safer Journey” road safety strategy, and as an area of high concern for the Ashburton District in the recent New Zealand transport Agency crash analysis briefing notes. The device will be used in several locations around the Ashburton District. This type of device is used by a number of Councils around New Zealand and feedback indicates they are very successful at reducing speeds at high risk sites. The device is currently operating on State Highway One near the northern entrance to Ashburton. For March 2013, the results show that the Average speed recorded on Racecourse Road was 55km/h and the Maximum speed was 153km/h. This speed was recorded at approximately 10.00pm on a Friday. For April 2013, the results show that the Average speed recorded on Walnut Avenue was 46km/h and the Maximum speed recorded was 151km/h. This speed was recorded at approximately 12.00am on a Wednesday morning.

Motorcycles

NZTA:
In 2013 to date there have been 1 death and serious casualty from crashes involving motorcyclists.

ACC:
National Motorbike Training ticking along with Dan Ornsby delivering ACC subsidized training in Canterbury, Otago and Southland. Ride Forever was the principle sponsor of Methven Mountain Thunder. This was attended in partnership with CCC, ECan, Selwyn DC, Dan Ornsby, NZ Police to promote ride forever messages with a similar package to that at Burt Munroe. It was very successful, spoke directly to over 400 riders and families. Evaluation is currently underway.

Heavy Vehicles

NZTA:
In 2013 to date there have been 0 deaths and serious casualties from crashes involving heavy vehicles.

Distraction

State Highway Patrol:
Steve Burgerhout said there was little to report under the distraction heading for the RSAP with just over 587 offences in this category. This is due to driver duties, obligations and manner offence which can be viewed as indicators of distraction or fatigue.
The Mid-South Canterbury Highway Patrol section issued 203 notices to motorists for using cellphones while driving over the July/April period.

NZTA:
In 2013 to date there have been 0 deaths and serious casualties from crashes involving distraction.

Road Safety Issues
Local Police have issued 134 restraint notices. They have also issued 2771 ION’s and 297 TON’s to date.

Issues not in the Road Safety Action Plan
Pilot of School Bus Management Options
In the Ashburton District, TERNZ propose to install LED 20km/h roundel signs on the front and back of a fleet of 30 school buses which will activate as the bus doors are opened. These will remain in operation throughout Term 3 and 4 of the 2013 school year. To support the trial, an awareness campaign will be launched, prior to the sign trial commencing, to educate and inform local motorists and encourage a change in driver behaviour and will continue throughout the trial stages. Enforcement will be introduced in Term 4 of trial. The awareness campaign aims to educate and inform drivers who are not aware of the 20km/h school bus rule as well as change the culture of drivers who choose not to comply with it. The awareness campaign will commence up to six weeks prior to the signs becoming operational to promote the existing 20km/h school bus road rule. A graphic designer has been contacted and has distributed concept design visuals for consultation to the Pilot working group.

Canterbury Regional Road Safety Coordinator’s Position
The Road Safety Coordinator spoke to the Ashburton District Road Safety Coordinating Committee’s submission to the Environment Canterbury draft Annual Plan 2013/14 at the submission hearings on 13 May 2013. The Ashburton District Road Safety Coordinating Committee submitted against the proposal to cease Regional Road Safety Coordination in the Canterbury Region. The announcement of the decision for this proposal will be late June.