

## Minutes of ACRS AGM 27 May 2015 (Teleconference)

### 1 Welcome

The President opened the meeting at 2.10pm and welcomed all who were present.

### 2 Identification of members present for the AGM

#### Members present:

#### ACT:

*Lauchlan McIntosh (President)*  
*Eric Chalmers (ACT Chair)*  
*Keith Wheatley*  
*Laurelle Tunks*  
*Christine Bethwaite*  
*Claire Howe*

#### VIC:

*Jessica Truong (Chair)*  
*Judy Charlton*  
*Melinda Spiteri*  
*David Healy*  
*Marilyn Johnson*

#### NSW (Sydney):

*David McTiernan (Chair)*  
*Liz de Rome*  
*Julie Brown*  
*Brendyn Williams*  
*David Beck*  
*Tony Snap*  
*Jake Olivier*  
*Lisa Keay*  
*Teresa Senserrick*  
*Ben Barnes*  
*David Murray*  
*Harold Scruby*  
*Lori Mooren*  
*Garrett Mattios*  
*Mike Regan*

#### QLD:

*Kerry Armstrong (Chair)*  
*Narelle Haworth*  
*Veronica Baldwin*  
*Joel Tucker*

#### SA:

*Ross McColl (Chair)*  
*Giulio Ponte*

#### WA:

*Paul Roberts (Chair)*  
*Peter Palamara*  
*Brendan Marsh*

#### Apologies (with Proxies):

*Lauchlan McIntosh*  
*Raphael Grzebieta*  
*Graeme Horsnell*  
*Lori Mooren*  
*Bruce Conaghan*

*Keith Wheatley*  
*Kerry Fitzgerald*

*Mike Regan*  
*Gerard Waldron*

#### Other Apologies:

*Graeme Ransley*  
*Mary Lydon*  
*Duncan MacRae*  
*Ruth Lilian*  
*Ian Johnston*  
*Jeremy Woolley*  
*Ioni Lewis*

*Mark King*  
*Lynn Mueleners*  
*Harry Camkin*  
*Pat Knight*  
*Leon Hain*  
*Lisa O'Donnell*  
*Lauren Meredith*

*James Freeman*  
*Anne Williamson*  
*Jack Haley*  
*Colin Grigg*  
*Greg Howard*  
*Nerida Leal*  
*Harry Camkin*

### 3 Quorum

The President declared sufficient members were present or participating via proxy to form a quorum.

### 4 Apologies

As outlined above.

### 5 Confirmation of the Minutes from the 2014 Annual General Meeting

**Motion 1: Adopt the Minutes of the 2014 AGM as a true and accurate record of that meeting.**

**Moved:** Eric Chalmers

**Seconded:** Peter Palamara

**CARRIED**

### 6 Receipt of Annual Reports

#### 6.1 President's Report

*See attachment 1*

#### 6.2 Treasurer's Report & Audited Financial Statements

*See Attachment 2*

**Motion 2: Accept the Audited Financial Statements.**

**Moved:** Lauchlan McIntosh

**Seconded:** Kerry Armstrong

**CARRIED**

#### 7.3 Chapter Reports

Chapter reports were provided by the following (*see Attachment 3*)

- Western Australia (Paul Roberts)
- ACT & Region (Keith Wheatley for Eric Chalmers)
- Victoria (Jessica Truong)
- South Australia (Ross McColl for Jeremy Woolley)
- Queensland (Kerry Armstrong)
- New South Wales (David McTiernan)

## 8 Budget for 2016

The 2016 Budget was tabled for consideration. The Treasurer explained that this budget provided a likely scenario for 2016.

**Motion 3: Accept the Budget for 2016.**

**Moved:** Kerry Armstrong

**Seconded:** Keith Wheatley

**CARRIED**

## 9 Election for National Executive Committee members

The President informed the AGM that 4 Executive Committee members had re-nominated for their positions on the EC, and that one position was vacant. 1 nomination for the Executive Committee had been received for Teresa Senserrick.

The re-nominations of the 4 EC positions and the election of Teresa Senserrick to the Executive Committee were unanimously supported by the meeting, and the President declared all positions filled.

**Executive Committee membership accepted unanimously**

## 10 Other Business

Other issues raised by AGM attendees included the following:

- Advocacy vs research – Harold Scruby raised this issue and recommended that the College Executive Committee consider scaling up advocacy via social media and other avenues to become more aggressive in our approach.
- Teresa Senserrick requested that the College review its Objectives (as outlined in the Constitution) and update the ACRS website with the revisions. Teresa undertook to lead this task as a newly elected member of the ACRS Executive Committee.
- Brendan Marsh raised the issue of measuring the effectiveness of the College and the sense of purpose. Mr Marsh recommended that the College Executive Committee consider how to measure the effectiveness of the College.

All discussion points were considered by AGM attendees, and it was agreed they would be passed on to the College Executive Committee for further consideration.

**The President thanked all participants and closed the meeting at 3.15pm.**

## Attachment 1

### President's Report

I am delighted to give this report this year and again I would like to thank all who have contributed to the College over the course of 2014.

The Executive Committee, the Chapter chairs, the head office staff, the various volunteers at events, conferences and with the Journal and the many members have made the College successful again this year. Our sponsors in the Journal, at conferences, as supporters of operational tasks and for our national award have contributed to our viability. Thank you to everyone.

Achievements for the 2014 year have been extensive and have included the following:

- Fare-welling our outgoing [Patron](#), Dame Quentin Bryce, and welcoming our new [Patron](#), His Excellency Sir Peter Cosgrove, the Governor-General of Australia.
- Together with our Patron, celebrating outstanding achievements in the road safety sector at the [2014 ACRS Award Ceremony](#). These awards are becoming more and more important as they celebrate and reward the achievements of the many varied sectors working to reduce road trauma. A special congratulations to [Mr Iain Cameron, our new ACRS Fellow](#), awarded for his outstanding commitment and achievements in reducing road trauma, and to the [Amy Gillett Foundation](#), awarded Australasia's most prestigious road safety award for a road safety project that is exemplary. The AGF's Cycle Safe Communities program was judged as the best overall project/program with a focus on innovation, collaboration, community engagement and road safety outcomes. It was also a wonderful opportunity to introduce Sir Peter Cosgrove to our ACRS Fellows and the Executive Committee - thanks to all who were able to join us, and for those who couldn't be with us we hope to repeat this experience over the coming years.
- Presenting our [2014 Submission to the Road Safety Community](#), which informs all stakeholders of the opportunities that are available to address road trauma in Australia. Our submission highlighted the potential social and economic gains to Australia through road trauma reductions. Thank you all for your input to this submission.
- The College also made a [Submission to the current Senate Inquiry on Road Safety](#) and also a [Pre-Budget Submission to the Federal Treasury](#) for a redirection of a very small amount of the road funds to assist in the delivery of the [Coalition Road Safety Policy](#). The College has received a commitment from the Assistant Minister responsible for road safety to respond to the submission and to work more closely together. The President noted this was an important first step in a longer term objective to have the Federal Government more engaged in leading collaborative, successful road safety actions.
- Continuing to enhance the effectiveness of [ACRS Chapters](#) who have been running successful events from '*Motorcycle Safety*' to '*How to best use Road Safety Communications to expedite road trauma*'. A particular thank you to all Chapter Chairs (Eric, Jeremy, Kerry, Jess & Melinda, Paul R & Peter, David M & Paul G)
- Strengthening our networks to achieve better outcomes, including encouraging and communicating to the newly formed [Parliamentary Friends of Road Safety](#) group, providing input to other road safety initiatives such as the [National Road Safety Forum](#) & the [BITRE Workshop and Review of the NRSS](#), the [FIA Global Road Safety Commission event in Melbourne](#), the [TAC Zero Vision Workshop](#) and others.
- Finalising the agreement to merge Australasia's 2 premier road safety conferences, the Australasian College of Road Safety Conference and the Australasian Road Safety Research, Policing, and Education Conference to create the inaugural [2015 Australasian Road Safety Conference](#) and associated [2015 Australasian Road Safety Awards](#). We are thrilled (& relieved!) to have this finally in place. The College will have a lot of work to do over the coming months in conjunction with Narelle & Kerry and our CARRS-Q hosts, but we're planning for this to be the

start of something 'bigger and better' - greater diversity of stakeholders and therefore higher productivity as a result (= more lives and injuries saved).

- In terms of publications, we've sent out the following:
  - 44 ACRS Weekly Alerts - now receiving record numbers of reads of between 1,000 to 3,000+ per newsletter.
  - 4 comprehensive journals put together by our Journal Managing Editor Laurelle Tunks. Laurelle has also worked to obtain peer-review software capable of managing all conference and journal submissions and peer-review processes - thanks very much to Raph, Jeremy and all for your expert assistance with this.
  - Several media releases ranging from World Day of Remembrance for Road Traffic Victims to our award notifications.
- Uploading of the ACRS journal and conference papers to an online searchable database. Thanks to CARRS-Q, MUARC, C-MARC, TARS, CASR and the NRMA-ACT Road Safety Trust for your support in this regard. We will now plan to merge the two online databases now that the conferences have been merged, creating an important repository for road safety related publications and research.

I thank everyone for their considerable input in achieving these important outcomes.

I ask you to continue supporting, encouraging, and developing our existing members as well as finding new members and colleagues. I welcome your ideas and suggestions so we can continue and enhance our contribution to reducing road crashes as well as reducing death and injury from crashes.

Thank you all again for your support, I have been honoured to serve as President.

**Lauchlan McIntosh AM FACRS**

(ACRS President)

27 May 2015

## Attachment 2

### a) Treasurer's Report

The ACRS Treasurer, Kerry Armstrong, reported on the 2014 financial year and was pleased to say that instead of the budgeted loss we had generated a \$8,762 surplus. This was primarily due to an increase in memberships (\$20,503), the Austroads partnership contribution for the combined ARSC Conference, and the collection of registrations for the VIC Chapter's Seminar in July.

The Treasurer's notes and the Budget for the forthcoming year were tabled.

**Kerry Armstrong**  
(Treasurer, ACRS)

### b) Notes for Treasurer (prepared by ACRS Head Office)

Calendar Year ended 31 December 2014 – Budget figures exclude GST.

#### 1. Membership Fees

Covers fees collected for all 2014 ACRS memberships. Pre-payments are included.

#### 2. Conference Income

There was no ACRS Conference held in 2014.

#### 3. Australasian Road Safety Conference Partnership Contribution

Austroads paid the partnership contribution for the combined Australasian Road Safety Conference.

#### 4. 3M Awards

Contribution to award administration not paid during 2014. Received early 2015.

#### 5. VIC Seminar Fees

Head Office administered registrations for the Victorian Chapter's Seminar in July.

#### 6. Journal Income

Covers sponsorship and subscription collected for publication of 4 issues of the journal during 2014. Pre-payments are included.

#### 7. Chapter Reimbursements

\$5,000 was paid to each of the NSW and SA Chapters. This went towards their costs for conducting the ACRS Conferences in their respective States. This reimbursement was also offered to the VIC Chapter.

#### 8. Australasian Road Safety Conference Costs

Costs incurred during 2014 for the 2015ARSC include Public Risk Insurance and a website domain.

#### 9. Seminar Costs

This was mainly expenditure for the VIC Chapter Seminar in July, offset by the registration income.

#### 10. Governor General Presentation Costs

This was the un-budgeted awarding of the 2014 3M-ACRS Diamond Road Safety Awards and the ACRS Fellowship by the Governor-General.

#### 11. Actual Account Balances

These do not accurately reflect the addition of a surplus shown in the budget figures as:

- The budget figures represent all the 2014 memberships and subscriptions, including those that were paid in 2013.
- The bank accounts are based on actual transactions, ie. inclusive of gst.

#### Summary

The 2014 Budget was framed to have a deficit of \$8,785. Instead there was a surplus of \$8,762. This was made up of:

- Higher membership income than anticipated.
- Austroads partnership contribution received for the Australasian Road Safety Conferences.
- Unanticipated registration income from the VIC Chapter Seminar.
- Conference and Seminar expenses were less than budgeted (\$100,000). These now include the unbudgeted OSIT and ARSRPE exhibition booths, Governor General award presentations, VIC Seminar, and Chapter reimbursements (total \$42,268).

	<b>Budgeted</b>	<b>Actual</b>
<b>Income</b>	\$257,015	\$206,770
<b>Expenditure</b>	\$265,800	\$198,009
<b>Surplus/Deficit</b>	-\$8,785	\$8,762

## Attachment 3

### Chapter Reports

#### 1. Western Australia (Acting Chair - Peter Palamara)

In 2014 the WA Chapter of the Australasian College of Road Safety co-hosted two seminar events with the Curtin-Monash Accident Research Centre. The 'Effective Road Safety Communications' Seminar, was well attended and was kindly supported by the RAC.

The collaborative seminar series will continue in 2015, with Chapter activity ramping up ahead of the 2017 Australasian Road Safety Conference to be held in Perth

The State Annual General Meeting will be held in the near future and will focus on re-invigorating the Chapter and the Executive ahead of ARSC2017.

**Peter Palamara**

(Acting Chair, WA Chapter)

#### 2. Victoria (Jessica Truong)

The Victorian Chapter has enjoyed a successful year, having staged several seminars since the last AGM.

Seminars conducted included the issues of technologies and autonomous vehicles as well as an 'Effective Road Safety Communications' Seminar, both of which achieved a very high attendance. The Chapter is very grateful for the time and effort of presenters that have taken part in the seminars.

I would also like to acknowledge the Victorian Chapter members who have all been a great support in assisting with College matters and preparation and delivery of seminars. We are looking forward to a fantastic year ahead.

**Jessica Truong**

Victorian Chapter Chair

### 3. South Australia (Jeremy Woolley)

The South Australian chapter continues to provide engagement with road safety stakeholders via its lunchtime dialogues and maintains a regular audience of 30 to 50 people at each dialogue. Annually, the chapter aims to hold six dialogues on a diverse range of topics as a free resource for ACRS members and people working in road safety. In the past year, topics included:

*Cannabis & alcohol in road crashes*  
Dr Matthew Baldock (CASR)  
27 June 2014

*Crash coding system (DCA)*  
Emily Cornes (DPTI), Kate Bogan (DPTI), Ross McColl (MAC)  
29 August 2014

*Trauma systems and damage control surgery*  
Dr Rob Atkinson, Dr Peter Bautz  
19 December 2014

*Review of the National Road Safety Strategy*  
Professor Mary Lydon (CASR), Dr Jeremy Woolley (CASR)  
16 December 2014

*Vehicle Technology Update*  
Matthew Leyson (DPTI), Dr Jamie Mackenzie (CASR)  
17 March 2015

*Mad March*  
Craig Kloeden (CASR)

The final scheduled dialogues for the financial year will be:

*The ARRB Driverless Vehicle Initiative: Human Factors Challenges and Opportunities*  
Michael Reagan, ARRB  
17 June 2015

The SA Chapter also contributes behind the scenes in several capacities to national College activity and also state based stakeholder group discussions.

I would like to acknowledge the ongoing sponsorship support received from the Motor Accident Commission that allows the lunchtime dialogues to continue as a free resource to ACRS members and the road safety community in general in South Australia. The Department of Planning, Transport and Infrastructure also provide in-kind support by allowing the use of their conference facilities for the lunchtime dialogues.

I would like to thank the committee and in particular Ross McColl for their contributions during the year and encourage others to become involved with the committee and contribute to efforts to reduce the terrible burden of road death and trauma on our community.

**Ross McColl**  
(for Jeremy Woolley)  
Acting SA Chapter Chair

#### 4. Queensland (Kerry Armstrong)

I am pleased to present the 2015 Annual Report on the activities of the Queensland Chapter of the ACRS. We have held five major seminars. All seminars were well attended and prompted considerable discussion among members and other attendees. I would like to thank all the guest speakers for contributing their time and expertise, including:

March 2014

Rob McInerney, CEO, international Road Assessment Programme (iRAP)

Seminar Topic: *"The need for a road safety target in the new Millennium Development Goals."*

June 2014

Dr Alexia Lennon, Senior Lecturer, CARRS-Q

Seminar Topic: *"Understanding aggressive driving on our roads: where are we and where to next?"*

September 2014

Mr Peter Bilton, co-founder and Director of Point8 Pty Ltd, a specialist traffic and transport consulting firm based in Brisbane.

Seminar Topic: *"Planning Road Safety: Development of the Gold Coast Road Safety Plan"*

December 2014

Dr Ashim Debnath, Post-doctoral Research Fellow, CARRS-Q

Seminar Topic: *"Improving safety at roadworks: Understanding the views of workers, motorists, and transport professionals"*

March 2015

Dr Ray Bingham, Professor, UMTRI

Seminar Topic: *"Development and Evaluation of an Evidence-based Parent Coaching Guide for Learner Teen Drivers"*

#### ACRS-Q AGM:

Held 27<sup>th</sup> May 2015. The following members were elected – Dr Kerry Armstrong (Chair), Dr Mark King (Deputy Chair), Veronica Baldwin (Secretary/Treasurer). Committee: Professor Narelle Haworth, Joel Tucker, Dr Ioni Lewis, Dr Ashleigh Filtner, Dr Nerida Leal, Lisa-Marie O'Donnell, Dr James Freeman.

I look forward to my last year as Qld Chapter Chair and hope to provide members with opportunities to meet and discuss current and emerging issues of importance to road safety.

**Kerry Armstrong**

QLD Chapter Chair

## 5. New South Wales (David McTiernan)

### 2015 NSW Chapter Report

This is the first year for me as Chair of the NSW Chapter Committee and I would like to thank the other members of the Committee for their input and support. I would also like to thank our respective employers for the continued support in allowing the Committee members time to participate in Chapter activities.

The NSW Chapter Committee membership consists of:

- David McTiernan (Chair), ARRB Group
- Teresa Senserrick (Deputy Chair) TARS, UNSW
- Lauren Meredith (Secretary), Neura
- Lisa Keys (Treasurer), George Institute
- Ben Barnes, NSW Centre for Road Safety
- Julie Brown (Seminar organiser), Neura
- Jack Haley, NRMA
- Duncan McCrae, YouthSafe

The NSW Chapter Committee meet on the last Tuesday of each month, either face-to-face or via video/teleconference. Reflecting the competing demands upon Committee members for their time from work, family and activities, this last 12 months has been a relatively quiet period for the Chapter, with few organised engagements or seminars being arranged.

The Chapter have been involved or represented at the following activities:

- Seminar at UNSW – *An Update on Road Safety Research Activities in Europe*, with two invited presenters – Professor Andrew Morris of University of Loughborough Design School, in the UK and Dr Nicole van Nes from the National Road Safety Research Institute, SWOV, in the Netherlands. This seminar was made available to Chapter members via GoToMeeting as a live and interactive webinar (Thanks to Professor Mike Regan for organising the speakers and venue).
- ACRS Executive Committee meetings
- Scientific Committee for the 2015 Australasian Road Safety Conference.

**David McTiernan**  
NSW Chapter Chair

## 6. Australian Capital Territory & Region (Chair - Eric Chalmers)

### Ongoing objectives

- Support the promotion of road safety in the ACT and surrounding areas.
- Translate into practical activities the research and projects coming out of the NRMA-ACT Road Safety Trust (The Trust) and other research fields.
- Act as an informal mechanism for coordination of other bodies with an interest in delivering road safety outcomes in industry or the community as a whole.
- Organise seminars, workshops, and regional events to showcase and share research and practical activities.
- Advocacy - provide an independent opinion on road safety in the ACT and the surrounding regions and influence community leaders, legislators and industry on road safety issues.

The ACT and Region Chapter of the Australasian College of Road Safety completed another successful year in 2014. This report outlines the activities undertaken in 2014 and the early part of 2015. It also discusses the challenges facing the Chapter following the ACT Government's decision to wind down the NRMA-ACT Road Safety Trust.

The success of the year was again due to the support of committee members and other Chapter members and external organisations actively involved in our activities. Thank you.

### 2014 AGM

The Chapter held its AGM on 7 May 2014 and the following office holders were elected:

#### Executive

Eric Chalmers	President & National Exec Rep
Keith Wheatley	Secretary
Stephen Lake	Treasurer

#### Members

Eddie Wheeler , Linda Cooke, Geoff Davidson, Melisa Weller, Claire Howe, Laurelle Tunks & Chris Lazzari.

### Seminars

#### 1 *Live longer Drive Safer*

As reported last year, in conjunction with the Council of the Ageing (COTA) and organizers of the 2014 ACT Senior Citizens Week, the Chapter ran two seminars (Woden & Belconnen) for senior drivers. Hopefully COTA will continue these seminars on a regular basis in future.

#### 2 *Motorcycle safety – Whose responsibility is it?*

This was a joint initiative with MRA ACT held on 22 October 2014. It was very successful and around 50 people attended. The Chapter is very grateful for MRA's cooperation.

The outcomes of the seminar were fed into the community views at the Vulnerable Road User Forum in February 2015.

### 3 *Vulnerable Road User Forum*

The Vulnerable Road user Forum was held on 23 February 2015. However, much of the planning occurred in 2014. The Chapter organized the Forum for the ACT Justice and Community Safety Directorate (JACS). A report of the Forum was prepared for the ACT Government and a number of initiatives have been instituted since the Forum.

#### Translate NRMA-ACT Road Safety Trust research findings

The motorcycle safety seminar called upon a Road Safety Trust report and our submission to the Vulnerable Road User Inquiry drew upon Trust reports.

#### Advocacy

Reports were released during 2015 on the Vulnerable Road User Inquiry and the ACT Speed Camera Performance Audit entitled *Speed Cameras in the ACT*. As reported previously, the Chapter made submissions to both of these inquiries.

#### Other Activities

##### 1 *You don't have to be speeding – to be driving too fast on country roads*

The Chapter supported the Yass Valley Council, which is an active member of the Chapter, is running *You Don't have to be speeding – to be driving too fast on country roads* campaign launched by the Yass Valley Council prior to Christmas 2014. The campaign was designed to address the problem of speed crashes in the Yass Valley Council region.

The project is a great example of what can be achieved by cooperation. Yass Valley Council participated in the Chapter's May 2013 Seminar, "Trauma on ACT & surrounding NSW roads". The council then built on studies undertaken by the NRMA-ACT Road Safety Trust on crashes involving ACT drivers in regions outside the Australian Capital Territory. The Trust is assisting in funding the campaign. It has involved cooperation in the region and may be extended to other parts of New South Wales.

##### 2 *First Meeting in Regional New South Wales*

The Chapter held its first committee meeting in regional New South Wales at the Yass Valley Council Chambers on 11 November 2014. It is hoped to have similar meetings in future at Yass and other regional locations.

##### 3 *Presentation to Australian Driver Trainer's Association*

On 20 September 2014, the Chapter made a presentation to the Australian Driver Trainers' Association Annual General Meeting in Canberra. The interaction suggested that ADTA state organizations might try to participate in ACRS activities.

#### Funding

Base funding for 2013-14 and 2014-15 was secured through an NRMA-ACT Road Safety Trust grant of \$12,000. The Chapter also entered into an agreement with the Justice and Community Safety Directorate (JACS) to develop and manage the Vulnerable Road user Forum in February 2015. The fee for this was \$4,500.

The Chapter has lodged an application for a final grant allocations being offered by the NRMA-ACT Road Safety Trust. Any funds received must be used on the approved project by 30 June 2016.

#### The NRMA-ACT Road Safety Trust

On 3 December 2014, the ACT Attorney-General Simon Corbell announced that the NRMA-ACT Road Safety Trust would be wound down after new insurers had entered the territory's compulsory third party insurance market.

ACRS both at the national and its ACT Region Chapter level owe the Trust a great deal of gratitude for the support it has given to our voluntary organisations to help place road safety issues before the community, our elected political leaders, and those who have been prepared to take up the challenge of cutting the level of road trauma. The Chapter developed an active mutual relationship with the Trust. We have all benefitted from and are indebted to Prof Don Aitkin and his Trust team.

While the ACT Government has indicated that some form of financial assistance will continue, it has not spelt out any detail as yet.

#### The Future

The immediate issues facing the Chapter relate to the winding down of the NRMA-ACT Road Safety Trust. As noted above, the Trust has been a long-time supporter of the Chapter.

Although the Chapter has sought a Trust grant for 2015-16, there will no doubt be a high demand on available funds from other organizations for available funds. In the medium term, the Chapter will await ACT Government announcements on the nature of replacement arrangements that may be implemented.

The Chapter will also seek alternative means of funding its programs into the future with support from government and non-government organizations, and to develop short and long term funding partnerships. This will be a matter of high priority for the incoming committee. To some degree, our management of the Vulnerable Road User Forum for JACS was an initial step in this direction.

Although funding is important, the Chapter is nevertheless confident that it will be able to maintain its level of support into the future for the safety of our communities on ACT and surrounding region roads.

**Keith Wheatley**

(Secretary, ACT & Region Chapter)