

ACRS ACT Chapter

Chapter Meeting Minutes

Time 4PM AEDT (ACT Time)

Thursday 19/02/26 Conference Room 0.031 480 Northbourne Ave, Dickson ACT and via Teams

Attendees:

In Person

Leanne Woolfe
Rod Katz
Lauchlan McIntosh
Meryl Hinge
Cecily Michaels
Ingrid Johnstone

Online

Kate Beck
Lesa O'Leary
John Ryan
Amanda George
Ram Subramanian

Apologies:

Katherine Buttsworth
Steve Lake
Andy Hughes

1. Welcome, Acknowledgement of Country, Quorum

Apologies were noted.

2. Minutes of last meeting

- Noted
- Action items: None outstanding

3. Events and updates since last meeting

1. Proposed Forum on enforcement for road safety

Update on proposals for a forum on enforcement for early 2026: See attached email from Minister Paterson's office noting Minister Cheyne to take carriage of this matter. **Action item: Follow up with Minister Cheyne's office.**

2. Rebranding

Ingrid gave a short presentation on the rebranding background and process and unveiled the proposed name and logo for consideration and adoption. (slide deck attached). There are many good reasons to support the rebranding exercise to provide new impetus to the work of the ACRS. **Action item: send any comments on rebranding to Ingrid.**

3. Road User Assessment Project

Work on a Road User Assessment Program (RUAP) is continuing. Ram advised that UC advice regarding success or otherwise on ARC funding applications is expected in coming weeks. The very good article published today in The Conversation on driver distraction written by Ram and colleagues (see [here](#)) was also noted. An article on the RUAP is also in preparation.

4. Driver licensing in the ACT

Rod noted press reports regarding difficulties in achieving sufficient practice hours for GDL logbooks. Also noted private correspondence with Steve Lake where ACT Government actions on driver trainer accreditation are leading to severe disruption in the industry. Discussion noted that there are questions about quality assurance for regular driver training

instructors and Kate noted that this extends to the heavy vehicle driver trainers as well. One problem is with candidates shopping across jurisdictions to obtain licenses. Calls for a harmonisation between States and Territories are ongoing. Merryl noted the significant work being done in NSW regarding supervising driver education and other aspects of graduated driver training.

5. *Potential involvement of students to seek sponsored speakers for road safety fora*
Lauchlan shared his experience with the Geology Society where students took it upon themselves to seek sponsorship for events to promote interaction between commercial entities and students. The attached pdf provides some details on the nature of the approach.

6. *Other issues and events raised for information*

- ACT government has not adopted suggestions for a virtual fencing trial in the ACT to reduce wildlife crashes, noting that the evidence for the effectiveness of this as a road safety intervention is not demonstrated.
- ACRS is meeting with Thomas Emerson MLA to discuss 30km/h speed limit trials
- We are continuing to explore the viability of the ACT hosting the 2027 ARSC
- There are currently a number of dangerous driving cases being reported on in the press including the Matthew McLuckie case and the hit and run case of the boys crossing Canberra Ave to get to St Eddies.
- Pedal Power is having a women's ride on 8/3 (all welcome) and Minister Paterson is expected to be in attendance
- ACRS is participating in a Black Spot funding round meeting next week
- Safe System Solutions is providing motor cycle infrastructure training in April and May (see ACRS events page for details)

4. Next Meeting

Next meeting proposed for 22/4/26.

Attachment 1.



PATERSON

RE: Road safety enforcement forum

To: Rod Katz, Cc: CHEYNE, Ingrid Johnston, PATERSON

13 January 2026 at 3:51pm



[Details](#)

OFFICIAL

Good afternoon Rod,

I hope you had a nice Christmas and happy new year.

I am just getting back to you on the road safety forum. Minister Cheyne's office has accepted carriage of this as they are the lead office for road safety in the Territory.

Kind regards,
Kai Plunkett

Advisor – Office of Dr Marisa Paterson MLA

Member for Murrumbidgee

Minister for Police, Fire and Emergency Services

Minister for Women

Minister for the Prevention of Family and Domestic Violence

Minister for Corrections

Minister for Gaming Reform



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From: ACRS ACT Chapter <act@acrs.org.au>

Sent: Tuesday, 25 November 2025 9:46 AM

To: PATERSON <PATERSON@act.gov.au>

Cc: CHEYNE <CHEYNE@act.gov.au>; Ingrid Johnston <Ingrid.Johnston@acrs.org.au>

Subject: Road safety enforcement forum

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Dear Minister Paterson,
Attached is a letter following up on previous discussions.

See More

ACT Chapter Chair

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Sponsorship Opportunities

The Canberra Student Chapter is only able to operate successfully and achieve our goals of building a strong foundation in 2026 by collaborating with industry partners on a sponsorship basis.

For 2026, the Chapter offers four sponsorship levels: **Platinum**, **Gold**, **Silver** and **Bronze**. However, we are more than happy to provide flexible options to suit your needs and ensure meaningful collaboration. Our current priority is to increase industry engagement therefore please still reach out if you'd like to participate in any of our events without providing financial support.

*All prices are excluding 10% GST which is required to be charged by the AusIMM.

		Platinum >\$1,500*	Gold \$1,000*	Silver \$500*	Bronze <\$500*
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Minor Event Sponsor		✗	✗	✓	✓
Booth & Complimentary Tickets		✓	✓	✓	✓
Presentation & Speaker		Key Note Presentation	10 minute Presentation	10 minute Presentation	5 minute Presentation
New Leaders Summit & APAC Mining Games		Extra Large	Large	Large	Medium
Sponsor Logo on Team Polo					
Promotion of Vacation & Graduate Programs		✓	✓	✓	✓
Social Media					
Sponsor Exclusive Event		✓	✓	✓	✗