

## ACRS ACT Chapter Chapter Meeting Minutes

Time 4PM AEDT (ACT Time)

Thursday 20/11/25 Conference Room 0.031 480 Northbourne Ave, Dickson ACT and via Teams

### Attendees:

#### In Person

Leanne Woolfe  
Frances Stanford  
Rod Katz  
Andy Hughes  
Lauchlan McIntosh  
Meryl Hinge  
Cecily Michaels  
Hooman Alenoori  
Ingrid Johnston  
Anne Napier

#### On line

Kate Beck  
Jen Woods  
Steve Lake  
Lesa O'Leary

### Apologies:

Katherine Buttsworth  
Oleksandra Molloy  
Carla Hoorweg

### 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. Report from Chapter Chair

Update on proposals for a forum on enforcement for early 2026: Minister Paterson positive. Would be desirable to also involve Minister Cheyne. Forum Focus issues for consideration include:

- Learnings from Op Snap. Possibility of expanded / simpler interface for reporting other road safety issues especially affecting pedestrians and cyclists
- Regulation and enforcement with respect to e-devices
- Impairment issues especially in the context of "medicinal" cannabis.

Work on a Road User Assessment Program (RUAP) is continuing with UC including submission for an Australian Research Council grant to help develop an AI tool.

Potential for ACT to host the 2027 ARSC.

#### 2. Report from CEO

Discussed expectations on local committee regarding hosting ARSC include scoping social functions, consulting on conference theme and plenary speakers. ACT hosting yet to be confirmed and is subject to negotiations, importantly with respect to sponsorship etc. 2026 ARSC to be in Sydney. Possibilities for the ACT to involve local government in the region as well as Federal reps.

Other major developments include the Capacity building project. This is making good progress but requires further funding.

The grant funded ACRS rebranding consultancy is nearing completion and we will soon see the results.

ACRS has an open letter regarding default speed limits on unsigned rural roads closing today and would encourage all to sign. There is a considerable amount of misunderstanding about the application of the proposal and some concern that voices pushing back against safe speeds will flood the conversation.

3. *Other updates*

LO'L: noted recent experience in NZ including with hydrogen powered vehicles.

SL : updated on 3 ACT grant funded projects including older drivers, at risk youth, and year 9 school pre-licensing programs.

KB: updated on truck safety forum.

JW: Noted recent Motor Cycle Rider Safety Forum. A lot of effort. Numbers not as good as hoped but very good presentation on MotoCAP. Perception among many riders is that they don't "need" additional training. LM noted that that is typical among many road users including caravaners who often lack insight into the dangers posed through lack of skills, knowledge and awareness. Reinforces need for a RUAP.

Toy Run is being held on 6/12.

LW and FS noted the early data from seat belt cameras is showing a significant number of not worn or incorrectly worn seatbelts into the enforcement stage. Very early days but there is clear room for improvement.

AH: confirmed significant interest in the Heavy Vehicle Safety Network with over 60 signing up.

HA: noted the work being done to update the ACT's AusRAP ratings. He further noted the motorcycle design course for ACT employees being run by Safe System Solutions on 13/4/26 (see [here](#)).

4. **Next Meeting**

Next meeting proposed for 19/2/26.