# Alpine Event Risk and Emergency Management Advisory Group NOTES

Apologies: Jason Foote

**2. Bright Rod Run [Pioneer Park, Official Event] - Presenter Rod Run**

**Key Themes discussed:**

Event Scope and Attendance
Traffic Management
Emergency Management and Evacuation Planning
Council Support and Public Safety
Risk Assessment and Risk Ratings
Bushfire Preparedness
Event Organiser Responsibilities

**Tracey & Mike**

- Confirmed the Show and Shine at Pioneer Park is the only official event taking place at the park.
- Merchandise sales will operate from the church on Friday and Saturday.
- No dinner event or set registration time this year.
- Poker Run and Cruise for a Cause will be externally organised and operated.
- No participant vehicles will be located at Pioneer Park.
- Current registrations sit at approximately 100 entries.
- Previous attendance was 300-400 vehicles and 5,000-8,000 spectators.
- This year, approximately 200 vehicles and 5,000 spectators are anticipated.

**David Pratt**

- Raised matters relating to internal traffic management.
- Questioned the costs associated with traffic management arrangements.

**Darren (CFA)**

- Asked how public access to Pioneer Park would be managed if the Place of Last Resort was activated.
- Advised that the event falls within the bushfire risk period and that bushfire risks require further review.

**Zafi (Ambulance Vic)**

- Confirmed marshals would be located at Cobden Street and Hawthorn Lane, with no additional road closures proposed in that area.
- Requested that First Aid arrangements be incorporated into the Emergency Management Plan.

Danny Moloney (DTP)

- Requested a risk assessment to support the Evacuation Plan.
- Asked whether Council supports the event.

Heather

- Yes, Council supports the official event.
- Recognises significant risks due to large visitor numbers who attend both the official and non-official event
- Accommodation is reportedly at 90% capacity, indicating high attendance.
- Supports risk management measures for unofficial activities to maintain order and ensure public safety.
- Focus is on managing the broader impact of visitors, not just the official event.

**Claire Healy (CFA/FRV)**

- Expectation that the Rod Run Committee reviews and updates event risk ratings
- Highlighted that the current fire risk rating of "Low" may not accurately reflect event conditions.
- Asked organisers to review how risk ratings were determined and ensure they are properly justified.

**Travis Harris (CFA)**

Advised that multiple fire risk scenarios should be considered, including:

- Bushfire risk
- Vehicle fire risk
- House fire incidents with delayed emergency response times.

## Actions:

- **Annie** to update traffic management plans to reflect that only two marshals will be stationed at road closures.
- **Keepsake** to incorporate the Place of Last Resort arrangements into the Traffic Management Plan.
- **Melanie / Events Team** to circulate the updated Risk Assessment and Evacuation Plan to stakeholders.

- **Tracey/ Rod Run** include multiple fire risk scenarios into their emergency management plan
- **Tracey/Rod Run** to review and update the current Pioneer Park Emergency Management Plan, including contact details, names, roles, and responsibilities, and distribute the revised version.
- **Tracey/Rod Run** Reviews and updates event risk ratings, ensuring all identified event, traffic management, emergency management, and bushfire risks are appropriately assessed, documented, and incorporated into the Risk Management Plan and associated event planning documentation.

**Traffic Management Plan Review CBD – Traffic Treatment Plan [Keep Safe]**

**Key Themes discussed:**

- Proposed move to a larger anticlockwise traffic loop to improve traffic flow, reduce CBD congestion, and maintain emergency vehicle access.
- Significant discussion around balancing event traffic management with emergency services requirements.
- Concerns raised regarding compliance with the proposed loop, spectator movements, hooning, congestion, and bushfire risk.
- Further review of the Traffic Management Plan (TMP) and risk assessments required.

**Annie (Keepsafe)**

- Noted historical issues around Star Road roundabout closures, particularly impacts on bus access.
- Explained that keeping traffic moving is the primary goal, with opening both sides of the roundabout allowing east and westbound vehicles to turn right and improve flow.
- Suggested traffic controllers manage movements, including access into Anderson Street.
- Aimed to avoid restricting traffic exiting the Great Alpine Road and instead encourage vehicles to complete a larger loop.
- Confirmed the proposed direction of travel would be anticlockwise.
- Advised that the Ireland Street northbound one-way closure has been approved, with emergency access managed through marshals on the ground.

**Hamish (Keepsafe)**

- Supported the larger loop, noting previous congestion issues were partly caused by the smaller William Street loop.
- Confirmed changes may need to be made on the day if required.
- Raised concerns about spectator behaviour and whether additional infrastructure would be necessary for the larger circuit to work effectively.
- Suggested investigating a speed reduction along Coronation Avenue from 80 km/h to 40 km/h.
- Noted the need for strong advertising and marketing to encourage compliance with the loop.
- Advised the route via the Police Station was designed to avoid impacts on the hospital.

**Heather**

- Supported the larger loop as it creates additional space, improves traffic flow, and enhances emergency service access.

- Raised concerns about how compliance o the proposed route rom Hot Rod participants would be achieved.
- Agreed extensive signage, directional in ormation, and pre-event maps or new circuit
- Highlighted the need or improved communication between emergency services and traffic control personnel, noting previous difficulties contacting traffic controllers.

**SES**

- Raised concerns regarding heavy pedestrian movements and questioned how vehicles would merge into the loop while avoiding the CBD.
- Advised dispatch operations are based at the SES shed and changing this process would be difficult due to public amiliarity with existing arrangements.
- Questioned whether vehicles would naturally ollow spectators and whether additional spectator acilities around the wider circuit should be considered to support the proposed larger circuit.

**Ambulance Vic**

- Asked whether contingency plans exist to disperse congestion and expressed a pre erence or planned arrangements rather than ad hoc changes on the day.
- Requested that event risk ratings be reviewed and updated.

**DTP**

- Advised a more detailed review o the Traffic Management Plan is required.
- Committed to providing eedback the ollowing week.

**Vic Pol**

- Supported the larger loop as it provides more opportunities or vehicles to pull over and allow emergency access.
- Raised concerns about potential congestion around the police station, particularly along Bakers Gully Road.
- Noted hooning en orcement would be supported through highway patrol operations.
- Observed that the proposed loop alls outside the alcohol- ree area.
- Requested urther assessment o how the route operates in practice.
- Advised that hooning o ences would be dealt with immediately through en orcement rather than relying on ollow-up ines. (David )
- Raised concerns that additional spectator in rastructure could create hazards through roadside urniture. (David )

- Highlighted bush□re risk considerations and noted that while event cancellation may not be □easible, ongoing discussions through the Emergency Management Team (EMT) and approved tra□□c management processes would continue, with adjustments made i□necessary. (David )

## Actions:

- **Events Team** to share the updated tra□□c management arrangements and new circuit layout with the Rod Run organisers once □nalised.
- **DTP** to review the updated Tra□□c Management Plan (TMP) incorporating the new circuit. **Melanie** to provide the revised TMP.
- **Events Team** to update the Risk Management Plan and risk ratings, ensuring consistency and cross-re□erencing across both relevant risk management documents.
- **Hamish / Annie** to update the TMP (Plan 4), including correcting road names and switching Cobden Street and Coronation Avenue names on the map.
- **ASC** to develop and implement a communications campaign □or the new circuit, including extensive event-day directional signage and distribution o□pre-event maps.
- **Events Team** include multiple fire risk scenarios into their emergency management plan
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