

An interim review of Victorian municipal road safety strategy development

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TAC at a glance



Annual
vehicle
registration

Premiums



Care for accident victims



Road crashes

TAC Community Road Safety Grants Program

- Government announcement - October 2006
- Managed by TAC
- Initially \$4 million over 4 years
- Program continuing
- Grants initially up to \$20,000
- From 2012/13 up to \$25,000
- Overseen by Reference Group – TAC, VicRoads, Police, Municipal Association of Victoria, LGPro and the RACV



Program objectives

- Encourage community involvement in local road safety programs that are consistent with State road safety strategy
- Provides opportunities for communities to address local road safety issues





‘Substantial benefits can be achieved by involving the community in road safety activities as much as possible.’

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To date

- 10 Rounds of funding
- March 2008 to February 2012
- 326 applications received
- 213 approved projects
- Around \$3.7 million committed



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Eligibility

- Incorporated Association
- Not for profit
- Demonstrate financial viability
- Demonstrate partnerships
- Demonstrate local road safety problem and identify solution
- Evidence based project ideas
- Sustainability

Diverse range of community groups

- Local Councils
- RoadSafe Groups
- Community organisations
- Sporting Clubs
- Schools
- Migrant Resource Centres
- Service Clubs
- Youth and Health Services
- Faith Groups
- Cycling Clubs



Project themes

- Community/municipal road safety strategies
- Reducing drink driving
- Reducing speed
- Pedestrian safety
- Bicyclist safety
- Youth programs
- CALD road safety
- Safety around schools
- Fatigue

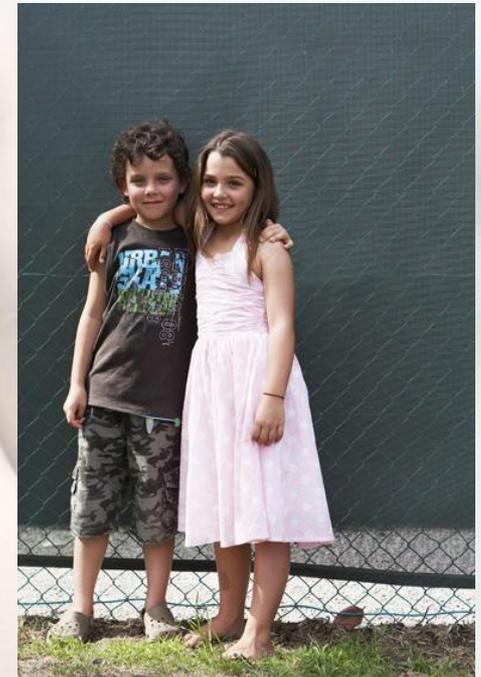


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Monitoring and reporting

- Progress reports
 - activity to date
 - expenditure
 - issues/risks
 - summary
 - activates payments
- Final report
 - includes 'development plan' for sustainability



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Good practice approaches

- Know the issue
 - Data
 - Consultation
 - Surveys
- Understand good practice
 - What works, what doesn't and why
- Partnerships
 - Road safety
 - Community-based



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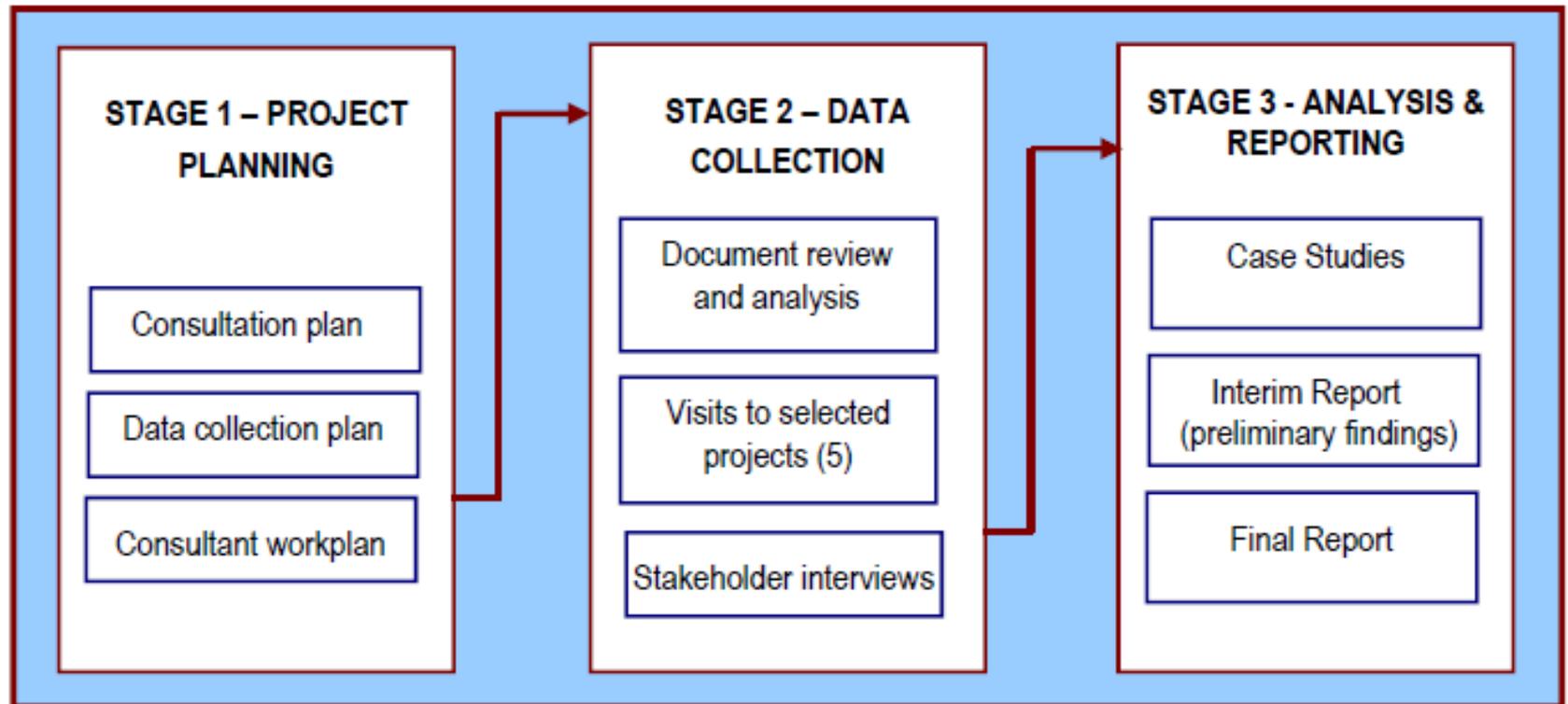
Good practice approaches

- Develop project plan
 - Goals
 - Objectives
 - Activities
 - Timeline
 - Evaluation
- Clear budget
- Realistic timeframes
- Focused and targeted – not trying to do everything
- Sustainable

The review

- 25 of around 200 projects focus on community or municipal road safety strategies
- Project activities include:
 - Review of current strategy
 - Review data (crash & infringement)
 - Consult with stakeholders and community
 - Strategy development
 - Actions determined

Three stage approach



Key findings

Consistent with the CRSG guidelines, the most effective strategies demonstrated:

- **Data** to pin point focus
- High level **community engagement** and consultation
- Effective **partnerships**, with clear communication channels and defined roles
- Council **support** and commitment
- Translation of strategy to **practice**, including **evaluation**

Next steps

- Develop a 'ready reckoner' for Councils to refer to when developing an application
- Include key findings that = high quality applications and strategy development
- Work with TAC key partners – VicRoads, RACV and municipal stakeholders to review and refine policy and guidelines



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